

**Minutes of the Meeting  
Of the  
Board of Commissioners  
Of the  
Fishers Island Ferry District**

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District was held in the Fishers Island Community Center on **Monday, November 16, 2009** at 4:30 PM.

Present were Commissioners: Brooks, Burnham, duPont and Edwards.  
3 members of the community attended.

Minutes of a Public Hearing held on October 28th were distributed to the Board. After a brief discussion and one minor correction the new minutes were submitted and approved.  
Moved by Commissioner Brooks;  
Seconded by Commissioner Burnham,  
Ayes all.

Minutes of a Work Session held on October 29th were distributed to the Board. After a brief discussion and one minor correction the new minutes were submitted and approved.  
Moved by Commissioner duPont;  
Seconded by Commissioner Edwards,  
Ayes all.

Minutes of the previous meeting held on November 3<sup>rd</sup> were distributed to the Board. After a brief discussion and one minor correction the new minutes were submitted and approved.  
Moved by Commissioner Edwards;  
Seconded by Commissioner Brooks,  
Ayes all.

A listing of the outstanding obligations of the District was distributed to the Board for audit and discussion. At the conclusion of the discussion, a resolution to pay the outstanding obligations of: **\$28,571.43** as represented by vouchers **#458 through #482**, dated November 16, 2009 was;  
Moved by Commissioner Edwards,  
Seconded by Commissioner Burnham;  
Vote of the Board of Commissioners:  
Ayes: Commissioners: Brooks, Burnham, duPont and Edwards.  
Nays: None

## **Public Comment Period**

1. It was pointed out that there is no scheduled increase in Social Security payments for the upcoming year of 2010.
2. Marilyn Yakaitis asked if all of the future meeting could be held on the same day and the same time. She was told it is sometimes difficult to do because of the conflicting schedules of the commissioners, but the Board would try.

## **Correspondence**

1. A proposal from Schultz Associates to repair the Annex Roof was distributed to the Board. Due to financial constraints nothing will be done at this time and the issue will be revisited in the spring of 2010.
2. A letter from past Commissioner Lillie Ahman, thanking the Board for her gift certificate, was distributed to the Board.

## **Old Business**

1. The Ad Hoc Committee will have a full report at the next meeting.
2. Upcoming lease renewals were discussed. Time is running out on the existing leases and the Board has decided to extend the current leases until May 1, 2010. A letter will be sent out to all lessees extending the leases, pending a decision by the Board as to which leases will be renewed and exactly what specific terms and conditions will be applied.
3. New freight rates were reviewed. Commissioner duPont has proposed a list of new rates, combining the existing rates and the proposed Ad Hoc Committee rates. After some discussion and input from Bill Bloethe, it was decided to e-mail to the Board a copy of Commissioner duPont's rates along with the proposed new rates so that comparisons may be made. The issue will be discussed again next meeting.
4. Captain Easter reported on his trip to the PVA meeting in New Jersey. Various Coast Guard regulations and TWIC updates were a part of the meeting. The PVA meetings are informative and help the District with Homeland Security issues.
5. An up to date year round resident list was distributed to the Board. The list should be reviewed for final passage at the next meeting. New resident cards will be distributed in January, 2010. The application form also needs to be revised, as there are a number of questions as to what constitutes a "year round resident??"
6. Jim Ski has suggested contacting HO Penn to get an appraised price for the backhoe. Commissioner Brooks will do so, if the information is sent to him.
7. The oil bid is being prepared for publication. Captain Easter explained the reasoning behind asking for 7,000 gallon deliveries. Some Commissioners feel it is too restrictive and the bid should be opened to all. A question as to why Hess in Groton was not mentioned in the bid will be looked into by Captain Easter.

## **New Business**

1. The parking area and junk cars were discussed as per public comment at the last meeting. There are currently 3 junk cars in the lot. One will be leaving, one will be used by the Fire Department for training and one will be picked up in the spring. Commissioner Edwards noted that there are too many cars parked in the small front parking lot and asked for “No Overnight Parking” signs to be installed.
2. The notice for advertising the dry docking of the Munnatawket was distributed to the Board. Captain Easter described the particulars and a motion to go to bid was moved and approved. The motion is a part of these minutes.
3. October ticketing and reservation numbers were distributed to the Board. The numbers are about 3% higher than last October. John Cushman numbers will be sent to the Board members within the week.
4. Chesterfield Associates has contacted Captain Easter and asked to moor a barge in Silver Eel Cove for a couple nights over the upcoming weeks. The barge will stay out of the way of any of the operations of the Ferry District. After discussion, the Board acknowledged they don’t own the cove and agreed to allow the request.
5. Commissioner Edwards asked for a copy of the FIDCO proposed land mitigation for the committee he is serving on. He was told that there is not one available at the meeting; however he should contact Bill Ridgway of FIDCO to get a copy.

## **Public Comment**

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None.

Next scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 1, 2009 at 4:30 PM at the Fishers Island Community Center.

Meeting adjourned at 3:50 PM.

Thomas F. Doherty  
Manager/Secretary  
Fishers Island Ferry District

