

**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 **Tuesday, January 5, 2010** at 4:30 PM.

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

Minutes of the previous meeting held on December 17, 2009 were distributed to the Board. After a lengthy discussion the minutes were tabled.

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: **\$31,176.50** as represented by vouchers **#529 through #564**, dated January 5, 2010 was;

Moved by Commissioner duPont,

Seconded by Commissioner Burnham;

Vote of the Board of Commissioners:

Ayes: Commissioners: Brooks, Burnham, duPont and Edwards.

Nays: None

**Correspondence**

1. A letter of thanks from the Fishers Island Fire District, for continuing their charge account, was distributed to the Board.
2. A year round application for Harris and Elsie Parsons was MOVED by Commissioner Brooks but not seconded. The application was tabled.
3. A request by the Ferguson Museum to use the New London Terminal meeting room on January 31, 2010 was granted by the Board.

**Old Business**

1. The Board reviewed the year round list and removed a number of names before approving the list. The application was modified to include the possession of a valid New York State driver's license with a Fishers Island address to be required as further proof of year round status. Applicants will have until June 1, 2010 to provide the license or a valid New York State ID with a Fishers Island address in order to maintain their year round status.

2. Final approval of the Employee Handbook was **MOVED** by Burnham and **SECONDED** by duPont. **AYES:** Brooks **ABSTAIN:** Edwards. Motion carried.
3. Final approval of the Employee Benefits was **MOVED** by duPont and **SECONDED** by Burnham. **NAYS:** Brooks **ABSTAIN:** Edwards. Motion carried.
4. A 2010 Ad Hoc committee was established for a term of six months. The committee is to focus on the budget and make a report at the second meeting of each month. Deb Shillo and Chris Rafferty were appointed as members. Paul Giles was asked to serve on the committee but declined. Mr. Giles feels the work of the committee should be done by the District Board and management.

### **New Business**

1. A request to attend the annual Passenger Vessel Association meeting in Tampa, FL at a cost of \$1,800.00 was denied by the Board. The Board was reminded that a representative has attended the annual Meeting since the District joined the Association back in 2002. The meetings provide up to date information regarding rules and regulations, as well as being instrumental in obtaining the \$78,000 grant that was awarded to the District last year. Captain Easter had attended a Northeast Regional meeting in the fall of 2009.
2. A Budget Modification for the 2009 Budget was **MOVED** by duPont; **SECONDED** by Edwards; **AYES** Burnham and Brooks. Motion carried.

### **Public Comment**

1. Paul Giles stated that he felt it was a mistake by the Board not to send a District representative to the annual Passenger Vessel association meeting. It is vital to keep current with Homeland Security rules and regulations as well as interacting with personnel from other ferry companies. In addition, the \$1,800.00 which was spent last year turned out to be a good investment, since it resulted in obtaining a Federal Grant for \$78,000.00.

Next scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 26, 2010 at 4:30 PM at the Fishers Island Community Center.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 6:20 PM and adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Thomas F. Doherty  
Manager/Secretary  
Fishers Island Ferry District

