

**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, March 2, 2010** at 4:30 PM.

Present were Commissioners: Brooks, Burnham, duPont and Edwards.
2 members of the crew and 9 members of the community attended.

Minutes of the meeting held on February 18, 2010 were discussed by the Board. After much deliberation and proposed editing, the minutes were TABLED until further revision.

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: **\$104,783.88** as represented by vouchers **#672 through #701**, dated March 9, 2010 was;

Moved by Commissioner Edwards,

Seconded by Commissioner Brooks;

Vote of the Board of Commissioners:

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

Nays: None

Correspondence

1. A letter from Diane Dexter thanking the Board for waiving her NY driver's license requirement was distributed to the Board.
2. Mildred Peringer sent a letter requesting a waiver for her NY drivers license requirement which was approved by the Board.
3. A request by IPP to use the NL meeting room on 3/6 was approved by the Board.

Old Business

1. Captain Easter sent a letter requesting raising the charter rates. After discussion the Board decided against it, since it may confuse the issue of the 9:00 AM weekday boats which could possibly run during the summer season.
2. A spreadsheet reflecting the current rental payment schedule was distributed to the Board. Leases expire on May 31, 2010. Requested measurements of various properties will be furnished by the next meeting. Attorney Brian Egan has forwarded copies of a generic commercial and private lease.
3. The COLA raise was again discussed. Various interpretations of the CPI were introduced, with no final solution. Burnham MOVED a 2% increase for all employees. Motion was not seconded and DIED. Edwards proposed a one time, 2% stipend. John Cushman will be contacted as to the legality of such a stipend.

4. Peak season schedules were discussed. It was decided to run the 4:40/5:40 boat on Mondays only during the PEAK season and all of the other runs would remain the same. The 9:00/10:00 boat, Tuesday-Friday will run on an "as needed basis". The schedule will run from June 24th through September 8th. The new schedule will be reconfigured and sent to all Commissioners via e-mail. PEAK season fares were tabled until the next meeting.
5. Commissioner Burnham suggested that because of time constraints, the remaining agenda items should be limited to 10 minutes per item. The Board agreed.
6. Year round ID cards have been issued to about 80% of the residents. One more picture night is scheduled for March 3rd and then new ID's will be required for ticket purchase. The Board decided to rescind the NY driver's license requirement.
7. The uniform contract was distributed to the Board. The contract expires in May, 2011. Edwards suggested that the crew start thinking about future uniforms.
8. Mary Center proposed a new dental plan identical to the previous plan, but without the large premium increase. The Board accepted the new plan by Standard Insurance; however, Edwards stated that the crew should approve the change first.
9. The credit card vendor continues to be Flagship Merchant Services. They have agreed to waive the monthly batch fee starting with the April statement. The February batch fee was \$19.14.

New Business

1. A letter from TB-Rogstad Consulting was distributed to the Board. The company, approached at the 2010 PVA meeting, will be happy to provide consulting services to the District; however they would like to know the scope of work that the Board would require and also a budget figure that they need to work within.
2. Manager Doherty gave a report on his trip to the 2010 PVA annual meeting. The trip was very beneficial and covered such items as future maritime grants, TWIC deployment, insurance coverage and Homeland Security awareness.
3. The Attorney for the District has yet to send new wording concerning the Employee Handbook and Employee Benefit package.
4. The parking lot was briefly discussed. It is hoped that remaining material from various jobs around the island could be used to level out the parking area.
5. Traffic reports from January and February, as well as the annual comparison spreadsheet, were distributed to the Board.
6. Pay roll projections for 2010, previously distributed to the Board, were discussed.
7. January and February payroll details were distributed to the Board.
8. Asst. Manager Schmid discussed a leak at her house. The roof is slate and needs a specialist to look at it. duPont and Edwards will contact a roofer that they know.
9. The District fuel oil provider called to ask about paying CT excise tax. Out of state municipalities are not exempt, however if the deliveries are made in New York State the tax does not apply. The matter needs to be further investigated.
10. Freight numbers for January and February were distributed to the Board. These numbers will be updated after the monthly billing cycle.

Public Comment

1. Cynthia Riley stated that she had heard that the District was contemplating different starting dates for the year round PEAK season fares and the regular Peak season fares. Cynthia hopes that Board would not institute different starting dates since it
2. would appear to set different class structures on the island. She feels that we are all part of an island community, living and making it work together.
3. John Morgan stated that he thought the District was losing a lot of revenue as a result of people coming to the island in private boats and returning for free on the ferry. Edwards agreed and claimed the entire system needs to be reviewed.

Next scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 16, 2010 at 4:30 PM at the Fishers Island Community Center.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Thomas F. Doherty
Manager/Secretary