

**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 FI Community Center on **Tuesday, June 1, 2010** at 4:30 PM.

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

Minutes of the meeting held on May 4, 2010 were discussed by the Board. After some discussion, the minutes were **MOVED** by Burnham; **SECONDED** by Brooks. Ayes: ALL.

Minutes of the meeting held on May 17, 2010 were discussed by the Board. After some discussion, the minutes were **MOVED** by Edwards; **SECONDED** by Burnham. 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: **\$38,379.22** as represented by vouchers **#837 through #857**, dated June 1, 2010 was;

Moved by Commissioner duPont,

Seconded by Commissioner Edwards;

Vote of the Board of Commissioners:

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

Nays: None

Correspondence

1. A request from Mary Panciewicz concerning the first boat round trip for Monday mornings was distributed to the Board. After some discussion the Board agreed to the request for medical visits only. A doctor's note must accompany the signed round trip form in order to receive the discounted rate.
2. A copy of the lease renewal letter sent to tenants was distributed to the Board.

Old Business

1. Leases were discussed. The final decision on a choice for the new lease will be made after the report from the appraiser is received. Currently two appraisers have responded to the bid request and will be visiting the island shortly.
2. Final paving project figures were distributed to the Board. The District realized approximately \$104,000 in additional revenue from the charters and the touch fees. The District costs for the operation will be supplied at the next meeting.

3. The new Charter Cancellation policy was distributed to the Board. The new policy is a part of these minutes.
4. Henry McCance has been contacted concerning a review of ferry operations by the Harvard Business School. Although Henry has never been involved in anything like this before, he has offered his assistance. Information will be sent to him regarding the overall operation of the ferry that he will forward to some professors at the school asking for their assistance and input.
5. Property at South Beach was discussed. The Board is awaiting plans and pictures of the property to decide about portioning off parcels in order to move some of the existing open air leases.
6. Bids for certain roof repairs within the District were opened. After some discussion it was decided by the Board to award the bid to Z&S Contracting for the entire large project for \$36,882.00. The resolution is a part of these minutes.
7. The much anticipated traffic sign for the New London Terminal has been ordered and should be delivered before the PEAK period begins.

New Business

1. The use of year round passes for commercial reservations was discussed. In the past, senior/child or year round passes were not allowed for use when making commercial reservations. The problem arose concerning ticketing, which is not allowed, nor will be in the future, in the commercial reservation process.
2. A memo From C&S Engineering concerning the proposed additional airport paving project was distributed to the Board. The Board agreed with the recommendations of C&S, who suggested additional crack repair and sealing. A letter will be sent to the FAA requesting additional funding for the project.
3. A list of landing fees and tie down fees for Elizabeth Airport for the 2010 season was distributed to the Board.
4. Asst. Manager Schmid reviewed the rules and regulations regarding "Touch and Goes" at the airport. Basically it is the decision of the Board as to what they would like published in a NOTAM. After some discussion it was decided to allow "Touch and Goes" on the long runway of 12/30, which should keep the airplane traffic from flying over the inhabited houses on the island.
5. Preparations for the budget of 2011 have begun. Work sheets were handed out to the Commissioners. May 2010 numbers will be available at the next meeting. The Commissioners asked that the Manager and Operations Manager submit their preliminary budget figures for the upcoming year.
6. A COLA increase for part time employees was tabled until the next meeting.
7. Commissioner Edwards asked about installing Wi-Fi on the boats. The request will be looked into and reported back.

Public Comment

1. Captain Easter was asked about the mats for the AED's. He explained that the mats are not necessary on the deck in the main cabin because it is cement, but that they are needed on the auto deck which is obviously steel.
2. Jay Parsons suggested contacting Groton Tower as to the "Touch and Go" landings. He also suggested the wording of "pilots needing to use a downwind pattern" when issuing the NOTAM.
3. Deb Shillo asked about making first boat round trip reservations on the internet. She was told that if she went to the reservation office on Fishers Island, the girls could make those reservations for her.
4. Paul Giles suggested to the Board that since the unexpended balance continues to grow, the Board should be vigilant in paying down the BAN. It was explained that this year's payment has already been made, but the Commission would review the situation at the end of the year.

Next scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, June 14, 2010 at 4:30 PM in the Fishers Island Community Center.

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM.

Thomas F. Doherty
Manager/Secretary