

**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 at the Fishers Island Community Center on **Tuesday, July 6, 2010** at 4:30 PM.

Present were Commissioners Brooks, Burnham, duPont and Edwards and six members of the public.

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, June 14, 2010 were read, amended and approved;
Moved by Commissioner duPont,
Seconded by Commissioner Edwards;
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: **\$67, 011.53** as represented by vouchers **#910 through #929**, dated, July 13, 2010 was;

Moved by Commissioner Edwards,
Seconded by Commissioner Burnham;
Ayes: All

Correspondence

- a. Request for year round status by Samantha Ahlgren was approved. A letter from the Brims supporting Mr. Fortin's application for year round status was tabled again. The Board agreed to adopt a policy that from now on, any one petitioning for year round status must fill out the application and attend a Commissioners' meeting to apply.
- b. A letter from Greg Erb, Appraisor was submitted stating he will not be providing appraisal services for the Ferry District properties.
- c. An email from Michael Roberts was submitted by Brooks regarding the late departure of the ferry from FI on Monday, July 5, 2010 and the subsequent impact that had on passengers trying to connect with the 8:20 p.m. train in New London. The Commissioners' asked that Captain Easter get back to them on this matter.

Old Business

- a. Waste Management – An email dated June 29, 2014 to the Commissioners from Cynthia Riley, chair of FI Waste Management, was submitted expressing her disappointment that she had not received a response to her initial inquiry of June 14, 2010 requesting information about chartering 4:30 a.m. ferries to facilitate waste removal from the island.

The Board responded that they are inclined not to provide these charters, even at a premium due to the scheduling implications, but would be willing to look at the proposal and get back to Ms. Riley no later than July 13, 2010.

- b. Part-time COLA Increase – The Board was provided numbers showing the total 2009 full time 2% increase aggregate, along with what the same increase would amount to for part-timers if done on a percentage basis. The Board requested a compilation of all part-timers, dates of hire, hourly rates for consideration at the next meeting.
- c. Budget 2011 Preparations – The Board was provided with a draft budget for review purposes, with input from Mgr. Doherty and Capt. Easter and which was reviewed line item by line item. It was decided to hold a Budget Workshop Wednesday, July 14, from 2 to 4pm at the Business Office for purposes of preparing the final budget for presentation on August 20, 2010.
- d. CT Excise Tax Update – According to Brooks, he has hired an attorney personally to handle this situation. Brooks informed the Board that the attorney he contacted, Henry E. Knoblock III, said the IRS sent out a form to this office June 15, 2010. It has not yet been received by the Business Office. Nina Schmid informed the Board that Santa Buckley called today and asked when the Jan, Feb and March taxes would be paid. They were told Commissioner Brooks had contacted an attorney and was waiting for counsel on how to proceed. Chairman duPont indicated that if there is any danger we may not receive a fuel delivery from Santa Buckley, the taxes must be paid immediately with a resolution later on any reimbursement from the State of Connecticut. There was some question as to how the IRS form would help with a CT Excise Tax issue.
- e. Election Update – Nina Schmid reported that all was on schedule as indicated in the calendar presented to the Board at the June 14, 2010 meeting. Nancy Hunt commented that the voting guidelines were not posted anywhere; Edwards informed her that they are “all over the place”.
- f. Stager/Freight Personnel – Edwards asked if there are any non-island employees doing staging or freight on FI. Schmid responded that to the best of her knowledge, only island employees are performing these duties, with the exception of an emergency, when someone from New London may have to cover. Concerns for the safety and smooth operation of staging were expressed by board members for both terminals and will be addressed at the next meeting with input requested from Captain Easter.
- g. Parking Lot Behind Annex – It was suggested that Ron Swaney of CCG be contacted to see if he would be willing to back blade and fill the potholes in return for allowing his fill materials to be stored on Ferry property, using that fill to patch the holes.
- h. Billet Change/Advancement-Shore Personnel – Edwards requested an update on policy and procedures regarding opportunities for shore personnel from Capt. Easter.
- i. Wifi for Boats – Have any quotes been obtained regarding this item? Nina said Tom Doherty was working on it
- j. Leases – No appraisal proposal has been received from Bob Silverstein. Gregg Erb declined, as noted above.

New Business

- a. Airport Runway Project, Part 2 – An email from Chris Brubach of C&S Engineers was submitted explaining Phase II of the Runway Crack Sealing cannot be funded by the FAA in 2010, Part D, AIP at this time, but in 2011, with a reminder to cover the local share (2.5%-approx. \$7500.00) in the 2011 budget. Brooks asked what the original design cost?
- b. NY State DOT Approval for Acceptance of Funding-Airport Layout Plan Update PIN 0913.15 – said resolution being a part of these minutes.
- c. Movie Theater Painting Bids – Three bids were received. The bid was awarded to HBH in the amount of \$4475.00; said resolution being a part of these minutes.
- d. Airport Lighting Bids – No bids were received. The job will be re-bid when the installation procedures are determined.
- e. Movie Theater Personnel- Rehired for the 2010 season; Resolution made a part of these minutes.
- f. Ferry District/Hay Harbor Softball Game – Capt. Easter will be bringing the Munnatawket over on July 14, 2010 for the annual softball game.
- g. Authorization to Allow Public into NL Terminal for Sailfest Fireworks July 10 - Approved.
- h. 2010 Health Insurance Renewal – A preliminary package of material was included at this meeting for the Sept. 1 renewal. With United Health Care buying out Health Net, employees enrolled in the 30/50 EPO plan will be migrated to the Oxford Liberty EPO plan unless other plans from other companies are considered. The Board is inviting Mary L. Center of Tzedakah House, our current broker, along with HGC Services and Skyline to submit plans for review at the next meeting. A decision must be made by August 3rd.

Public Comment Session

Ellen Parker spoke to her concerns regarding safety, chaos and inconvenience at FI staging, pick up and drop off areas over 4th of July weekend and in general. Mrs. Parker feels things need to be tightened up to avoid a pedestrian accident. She inquired what the State Trooper's role is and why they can't be of more assistance to the Ferry District.

Executive Session: Personnel

Commissioner Edwards made a motion to go in to executive session at 6:42 pm; Seconded by Commissioner Brooks. Ayes All.
A motion was made by Commissioner duPont to come out executive session at 6:52 p.m.; Seconded by Commissioner Burnham. Ayes All.

The next meeting was set for July 21, 2010 at 4:30 p.m., FI Community Center Adjournment.

Nina Schmid, Asst. Mgr.

