

Fishers Island Ferry District

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners Fishers Island Ferry District October 14, 2014

A Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District (the "Ferry District") was called to order on October 14, 2014 at 4:30 PM by Commissioner Edwards at the Fishers Island Community Center.

Present were Commissioners Edwards, Rugg, Ahrens, and Parker. Present were Asst. Manager Gordon Murphy, Asst. Manager RJ Burns and Jane Ahrens. Public included Mildred Peringer, Jamie Rogers, Pyrite Peringer, Nancy Tirabassi, Peter Gaillard, Ellen Parker, Nancy Parsons, and Paul Evans.

Commissioner Edwards opened the meeting and declared a quorum present. Everyone in attendance pledged allegiance to the flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mildred Peringer requested her Fishers Island Ferry District resident card be reinstated and sighted the reasons. Pyrite Peringer, Nancy Tirabassi, and Jamie Rogers were all present to confirm she is a long-time resident of the island. Commissioner Edwards acknowledged that the request will be taken under consideration.

Nancy Hunt commented it would be good to have someone living in the Whistler Ave. house, or any available year-round housing. She also inquired about the Theater work and any plans to have it open next summer. Mr. Murphy and Commissioner Edwards explained the Ferry continues to work with the Town. Commissioner Parker added he would like to hear from the Friends of the FI Theater Committee. *(It was noted that during the Town Update at the ICB Meeting 10/11/14 it was announced that the Theater would be open next summer.)*

CORRESPONDENCE:

Jamie Rogers's letter to the Commissioners, requesting the opportunity to rent the house on Whistler Avenue, was acknowledged. He explained his reasons for the request. Commissioner Edwards reported the public hearings on the property leases would be held in November after which the BOC will make decisions.

REVIEW OF MEETINGS and MINUTES:

Minutes of the meeting held on September 8, 2014 were approved.

MOVED by: Commissioner Parker

SECONDED by: Commissioner Rugg

AYES: All

NAYES: None

REVIEW OF MEETINGS and MINUTES:

Minutes of the meeting held on September 25, 2014 were approved.

MOVED by: Commissioner Parker

SECONDED by: Commissioner Rugg

AYES: All

NAYES: None

WARRANTS:

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A list of outstanding obligations of the Ferry District was received and discussed. All invoices were declared to abide by Procurement Policy. Following a discussion, a resolution was made to pay the outstanding obligation totaling \$63,945.47

MOVED by: Commissioner Rugg
SECONDED by: Commissioner Parker
AYES: All
NAYES: None

BUDGET MODIFICATIONS:

RESOLVED that the Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby amend the 2014 Fishers Island Ferry District budget as follows:

Decrease Appropriations

SM.5710.4.000.950 Training/Education	<u>\$ 3,000</u>
Total	\$ 3,000

Increase Appropriations

SM.5710.4.000.000 Other/Misc.	<u>\$3,000</u>
Total	\$3,000

MOVED by Commissioner Rugg
SECONDED by Commissioner Parker
Ayes: All
Nays: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee: Commissioner Rugg, Finance Committee Chair, reported he is looking for additional members for this committee and is in the process of vetting and interviewing interested individuals. The BOC had reviewed the spreadsheets and Commissioner Rugg reviewed changes to the 2015 Budget prior to the vote including fund balance, capital expenditures and the \$26,000 surplus. Several revisions were made at the request of the Town of Southold to align with municipal accounting including, removing all pennies, and a minor change to show a balanced budget of \$4.485 million.

Commissioner Rugg presented the 2015 budget of \$4,485,461 in revenue and expenses for Commissioner Parker. Commissioner Parker motioned to resolve that the Board of Commissioners accept the 2015 budget.

MOVED by Commissioner Parker
SECONDED by Commissioner Ahrens
Ayes: All
Nays: None

A copy of the 2015 budget would be attached to the minutes.

Property Management: Commissioner Ahrens, Property Management Committee Chair, acknowledged he is looking for lay-people to join this committee who have real estate and property management knowledge. He reported he and Mr. Murphy have toured all the properties owned by Southold and managed by the Ferry District, are reviewing rent rolls and leases and some new ideas may be presented in the coming months. Public hearings on open leases will be held in November. Most properties have been assessed in the last 2-5 years.

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MANAGER'S REPORT:

FI Terminal Rehab Grant

Mr. Murphy shared that the District has received a grant for approximately \$180,000 to refurbish the terminal building including painting, improving the restrooms, and inspecting and repairing the furnace, visiting the camera system, improving building security and reinstalling the outside lights. Mr. Murphy has to confirm with the DOT and engineers that work done will be covered under the grant.

Enabling Act Update

Mr. Murphy confirmed the BOC has contracted with a law firm to review the District's Enabling Act, including the qualifications to run for Commissioner. BOC is asked to submit any other points that should be reviewed.

FI Ramps Repairs

Mr. Burns reviewed the repairs due on the ferry ramps in Silver Eel Cove. He is working with contractors to get estimates to replace and/or repair the wear strips on the dolphins, and overhauling the corner ramp, which may include work on the bulkhead. The District has spare parts for lift cables where needed. An April-May work schedule is under consideration.

HR Training & Scheduling Update

Mr. Burns reported the training is scheduled to begin on October 15 and the Commissioners will be in attendance with staff and crew.

Yard Visit for Race Point Dry Dock

Mr. Burns added that he has visited one yard that may bid on the Race Point package. No bids have been received to date.

Advantech 2 Ticketing/Reservations System

Mr. Murphy announced plans to introduce the new ticketing system this winter. This will include software and hardware upgrades, with the District's website being where it will be most noticeable. The kiosks will be redeployed. The cost is in the budget, expected to come in at \$20,000. Once installed the additional systems options for the program will be accessed. Commissioner Edwards asked if this was something that might be covered in grant money, perhaps from Homeland Security.

Work List from District Management

Mr. Murphy and Mr. Burns are completing their goals and objectives for the BOC. This will include any policies clarifications or additions (ex. Last boat waits for last train).

A discussion followed on the traffic report – commercial, people and cars – for September which will be compared to same time last year.

ENTERING EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 5:24 the following resolution was proposed:

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RESOLVED, that the Commissioners move to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation and personnel.

Proposed by Commissioner Rugg
Seconded by Commissioner Parker
Ayes: All
Nays: None

EXITING EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 6:38 the following resolution was proposed:

RESOLVED, that the Commissioners exit Executive Session.

Proposed by Commissioner Ahrens
Seconded by Commissioner Rugg
Ayes: All
Nays: None

RESOLUTIONS:

At the October 14, 2014 meeting of the Fishers Island Ferry District Board of Commissioners, the following resolutions were brought by the Board.

WHEREAS, the Fishers Island Ferry District requires the services of Clerks to manage reservations at the Fishers Island terminal.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that Kathryn Peabody is hereby appointed to the position of part time Clerk at a rate of \$10.56 per hour to commence on 15 October 2014.

MOVED by Commissioner Parker
SECONDED by Commissioner Ahrens
Ayes: All
Nays: None

WHEREAS, the Fishers Island Ferry District requires the services of Deckhands and Clerks to staff the maritime operations.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that Matthew Molinski is hereby appointed to the position of part time Deckhand at a rate of \$10.53 per hour to commence on 15 October 2014.

MOVED by Commissioner Parker
SECONDED by Commissioner Ahrens
Ayes: All
Nays: None

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that James Moore is hereby appointed to the position of part time Clerk at a rate of \$10.56 per hour to commence on 15 October 2014.

MOVED by Commission Ahrens
SECONDED by Commissioner Parker
Ayes: All
Nays: None

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RESOLVED that the Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby accept the resignation of Jane Ahrens with effect October 20th and acknowledge their appreciation of the work Jane Ahrens performed in her role as BOC Secretary, creating and managing the District's Facebook page www.facebook.com/FishersIslandFerryDistrict, and in her work photographing and writing stories documenting the activities of the District.

MOVED by Commissioner Parker
SECONDED by Commissioner Rugg
Ayes: All
Nays: None

RESOLVED that the Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby increase Mr. Murphy's salary to \$88,825.00 per annum with effect 1 November 2014. The increase is to acknowledge the increased duties and responsibilities he assumed during the Manager's vacancy.

MOVED by Commissioner Rugg
SECONDED by Commissioner Parker
Ayes: All
Nays: None

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners Fishers Island Ferry District will be held Monday, November 10, 2014 at 4:30 pm at the Fishers Island Community Center. This will be preceded by a work session at 2:00 pm.

Meeting Adjournment:

There being no further business to discuss, and on motion made by Commissioner Rugg, seconded by Commissioner Parker, and unanimously adopted, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM.