

Fishers Island Ferry District

*Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Fishers Island Ferry District
April 15, 2015*

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District was called to order on April 15, 2015 at 4:30 PM by Commissioner Parker at the Fishers Island Community Center.

Present were Commissioners Parker, Ahrens, and Diana Shillo. Commissioner Rugg joined via telephone. Present were Assistant Managers Burns and Murphy.

Diana Shillo agreed to serve as a new Commissioner, completing Chris Edwards' term until the August election. This motion was resolved at the March 16, 2015 meeting subject to a positive review of the requirements.

Mr. Murphy opened the meeting and asked the Commissioners present to elect a meeting chairman. It was agreed that Commissioner Parker would chair the meeting. Commissioner Parker officially called the meeting to order at 4:30 and everyone in attendance pledged allegiance to the flag.

The Commissioners addressed Harold Cook's resignation letter. Commissioner Parker proposed the acceptance of his resignation with effect April 6, 2015.

Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens
Seconded by: Commissioner Shillo
Ayes: All
Nays: None

The Commissioners addressed the requested revision of Chris Edwards' resignation letter from December 12, 2014. Motion was made to amend the minutes for the resignation of Chris Edwards to reflect the date of resignation

Moved by: Commissioner Shillo
Seconded by: Commissioner Ahrens
Ayes: All
Nays: None

PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE:
No correspondence.

REVIEW OF MEETINGS & MINUTES:

Upon review of the March 16, 2015 meeting minutes it was agreed to approve them as amended.

Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner Shillo

Ayes: All

Nays: None

WARRANTS:

A list of outstanding obligations of the Ferry District were received and discussed. There being no discussion, a resolution was made to pay the outstanding obligation totaling \$212,633.45.

Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner Shillo

Ayes: All

Nays: None

BUDGET MODIFICATION:

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

Decrease Appropriations

SM5710.4.000.200	Utilities-Fishers Island	\$1,300
SM5710.4.000.700	UPS Freight Charges	\$1,200
SM5710.4.000.400	Printed Materials	\$300
SM9010.8.000.000	NYS Retirement, Benefits	\$4,800
	Total:	\$7,600

Increase Appropriations

SM5710.4.000.100	Utilities-New London	\$2,800
SM9050.8.000.000	Unemployment Benefits	\$2,000
SM9060.8.000.000	Medical Insurance Benefit	\$2,800
	Total:	\$7,600

Moved by: Commissioner Shillo

Seconded by: Commissioner Ahrens

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MANAGER'S REPORT:

RP Yard Period

Mr. Burns reported that the Race Point has returned to the New London ramp and completed a successful sea trial. Munnatawket is due for a coast guard inspection and a coast guard sea trial (engineering check to make sure everything is functioning properly). Mr. Burns voiced his concern with the way Thames Shipyard has managed the yard period and the billing.

Commercial Rates

No action was taking on commercial rates at this time but rather pushed to the May meeting where a discussion will take place regarding a surcharge for commercial trips during peak season. A public hearing was set for May 12th

Merchant Services

Management would like to use the same credit card servicing as Cross Sound Ferry. This switch will only affect transactions. Credit/debit has been costing a huge fee. It was requested by Commissioner Shillo to add it to the resolutions to test/check results in a year's time to make sure it is not costing more than originally. On a motion it was agreed that Mr. Murphy could continue to negotiate with Mercury Card Services and if proper terms were agreed he is authorized to executer on behalf to the District. In addition he is instructed to review rates semi-annually.

Moved by: Commissioner Shillo

Seconded by: Commissioner Parker

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Dental and Life Plan Renewals

If the FD renews with the current renew Empire plan compared to the current dental plan, there will be a 6% increase in the premiums. Mr. Murphy recommends an alternative Empire plan which there will only be a 2.7% increase. This plan will give employees oral and basic services. There have been limited providers due to the dual location and size of the workforce in New York and Connecticut. Dental services are separate from medical. Approved dental benefits but requested to review broker and analyze the big health package.

Moved by: Commissioner Shillo

Seconded by: Commissioner Ahrens

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Airport Administration

Pushed airport administration discussion to the May 12th meeting with a public hearing.

OTHER

CSEA Update

There will be a meeting held next week with a quick call to legal council.

Legal Update

L&B call in at 5PM: Legal matter discussed concerning former employee.

HR

At the April 16, 2015 meeting of the Fishers Island Ferry District Board of Commissioners, the following resolutions were brought by the Board:

With effect April 3, 2015, Catherine Nowakoloski, Nathan White, Leo Pelletier, Steven Conary, Ryan Jennette, Jeffrey Potter, Anthony Long and Jeffery Nossek are appointed to part-time deckhands (FIFD) with a starting rate of \$10.56 per hour.

Moved by: Commissioner Parker
Seconded by: Commissioner Ahrens
Ayes: All
Nays: None

With effect April 2, 2015, Mr. Steven Burke, after 37 years of service to the Fishers Island Ferry District has asked to retire. The board is grateful for his many years of service and wishes to thank him for all that he did for the Ferry District and wishes him well retirement.

Moved by: Commissioner Parker
Seconded by: Commissioner Shillo
Ayes: All
Nays: None

To clarify the March 15th resolution, Ms. Hansen was appointed to the position with effect on March 1, 2015 and would be added to the Ferry District's payroll on April 1, 2015.

Moved by: Commissioner Parker
Seconded by: Commissioner Shillo
Ayes: All
Nays: None

At the recommendation of Mr. RJ Burns, Manager of Marine Operations, and with effect April 16, 2015, the Ferry District has appointed Mr. William Wendland from a part-time deckhand to a full-time deckhand (FIFD) at a rate of \$14.35 per hour.

Moved by:
Seconded by:
Ayes:
Nays:

OLD BUSINESS

FEMA- C&S Contract

The goal was to get the town's board approved. The FEMA project will start once the Town and the FD approve the C&S contract naming them as the project

This was necessary as the District is only the manager of the airport whereas the Town of Southhold is titled owner of the airport.

A majority of the airport lights are in need of replacement. There is currently a \$350,000 FEMA grant which will require reimbursable cash flow and a District payment of 10%. Cameras are to be bought to track landing and eventually help automate a billing system and to keep an eye out for vandalism.

Proposal on landing fees, signage, etc. This will be moved to the May 12th meeting.

South Ramp Project Status

What was an original six week project has been pushed into a 4 week window. The goal is to get much of the work done before Memorial Day. Both ramps need to be serviceable before Memorial Day as well. Projects are behind due to the weather we had this past winter.

At 6:35 hours, the following resolution was proposed:

RESOLVED, that the Commission move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing matters of employment and salary of certain employees of the Ferry District

Proposed by Commissioner Parker

Seconded by Commissioner Ahrens

Ayes: All

Nays: none

EXITING EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 6:42 hours, the following resolution was proposed: RESOLVED that the Commission exit from Executive Session and resume Public Session.

Proposed by Commissioner Ahrens

Seconded by Commissioner Shillo

Ayes: All, except

Nays: none

The next scheduled meeting of the Fishers Island Ferry District Board of Commissioners will be held Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at 2:00 PM at the Fishers Island Community Center. There will be a working session in advance of the meeting from 12:45-1:45 PM.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

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