

Fishers Island Ferry District

*Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Fishers Island Ferry District
July 20, 2015*

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District was called to order on July 20, 2015 at 4:30 PM by Commissioner Peter Rugg at the Fishers Island Community Center.

Present were Commissioners Ahrens, Rugg, and Parker. Present were Assistance Managers RJ Burns, Gordon Murphy, and Diane Hansen. Members of the Public included Peter Gaillard.

Commissioner Peter Rugg was nominated as meeting chairman and officially called the meeting to order at 4:30PM; everyone in attendance pledged allegiance to the flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE:

There was reference to an email sent to RJ Burns.

A letter was sent to the ferry from George Guimaraes thanking the crew that volunteered to help provide transport to him and his wife a couple weeks ago. Richard Bartels, representing Goose Island addressed the fact that he does not want to have to charter an entire ferry to have gasoline, fuel, or oil sent over to the island. He would rather it just be carried on passenger ferries because he supplies on a seven day a week basis and it is costing his business too much.

REVIEW OF MEETING & MINUTES:

Upon review of the June 8, 2015 meeting minutes it was agreed to approve them as amended.

Moved by: Commissioner Parker

Seconded by: Commissioner Ahrens

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Upon review of the June 22, 2015 meeting minutes it was agreed to approve them as amended.

Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner Parker

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Upon review of the July 6, 2015 meeting minutes it was agreed to approve them as amended.

Moved by: Commissioner Parker

Seconded by: Commissioner Ahrens

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Review of /Salt Facility

Salt Facility: there is a location issue due to the fact that the size is larger than once anticipated. This will be discussed with the Town and its supervisor in August.

Health Insurance Approvals

No final quotes at this time.

Commercial and Marine Insurance Lines

In need of authorization to proceed with ramp update.

There is a coverage issue and a raised concern about another hurricane or another bad storm. Management was instructed to review this with broker for quotes. Management was also instructed to execute policies and ancillary documents as needed.

TOS Legal Fee Reimbursement

Claim made against town and ferry. Management was asked to determine where the Town's monies were coming from.

Town Meeting

The annual Town meeting will be held on Fishers Island on August 5, 2015.

2015 Election

An election will be held on Fishers Island on August 11, 2015.

Election inspectors include: Ellen Parker, Sarah Malinowski, Mary L. Stunk, and Leslie Tomabari.

Resolution moved.

Moved by: Commissioner Rugg

Seconded by: Commissioner Ahrens

Ayes: All, except Harry Parker who abstained.

Nays: None

MANAGEMENT

Ferry Updates:

Last week there happened to be a car fire in the parking lot with no injuries or facility damage.

The engine on the Munnatawket has been replaced in a very smooth procedure and the Board wishes to thank all those who made this happen.

Fairhaven has been contacted in regard to an oil leakage on the ferry which turned out to be nothing serious. Replacements were made at no charge. Yard package has been started for next yard period. There were errors in last invoice but that too has been addressed and dealt with. Spare engine is in fact back home!

There was a problem with the wheel locking up on July 19, 2015, where the crew had to back into the slip and could not depart on time. The crew handled it wonderfully and made sure to notify passengers before they successfully fixed the problem.

As for deferred maintenance, two out of three AC units stopped working Friday in the NL terminal. Now they just have one in the ticket/waiting area working.

WARRANTS:

A list of outstanding obligations of the Ferry District were received and discussed. There being no further discussion, a resolution was made to pay the outstanding obligation totaling \$166,278.67

Moved by: Commissioner Parker

Seconded by: Commissioner Rugg

Ayes: All

Nays: None

BUDGET MODIFICATION

RESOLVED that the Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby amend the 2015 Fishers Island Ferry District budget as follows:

Decrease Appropriations

SM5710.4.000.300 Fuel Oil, Vessels \$57,100.00

Total \$57,100.00

Increase Appropriations

SM1950.4.000.000 Property Tax NL \$12,100.00

SM5710.2.000.100 Munnatawket \$45,000.00

Total \$57,100.00

Moved by: Commissioner Parker

Seconded by: Commissioner Rugg
Ayes: All
Nays: None

Financial Reports

Requested a summary for this month versus that of last month, a one page monthly finance report along with traffic data and on-time performance.

Theater - Letter of Support for Grant:

The Ferry District received a letter from the Fowlers regarding the Fishers Island movie theater but those concerns have since been worked out.

Fuel Transport

Going back to the public comments and the concerns voiced regarding the step to put all fuel transport on its own boat...the move the ferry made towards this was a necessary one. It is a case of insurance coverage. Anything flammable such as the oil, gas, fuel etc. can not be on a ferry with more than sixteen passengers.

Ideas were discussed regarding combining cargo only boats with flammable traffic in order to be more efficient and having two trips a week, one during a week day and one during a weekday evening.

ENTERING EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 6:22PM, the following resolution was proposed:

RESOLVED, that the Commission move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Human Resource issues and the labor contract.

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

EXITING EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 6:47PM, the following resolution was proposed:

RESOLVED, that the Commission exit from Executive Session and resume Public Session.

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

HR

With effect July 23, 2015 Mr. Andrew Viens is hired a seasonal Deckhand (FIFD) at \$10.56 per hour. On September 15, 2015 Mr. Viens will revert to a part-time call in Deckhand (FIFD).

Moved by: Commissioner Parker

Seconded by: Commissioner Rugg

Ayes: All

Nays: None

With effect July 31, 2015 Mr. Donald Brown is released from his labor position.

Moved by: Commissioner Rugg

Seconded by: Commissioner Parker

Ayes: All

Nays: None

With effect August 1, 2015 Mr. Derek Scroxton is released from his summer seasonal Laborer position and is rehired as a full-time laborer.

Moved by: Commissioner Rugg

Seconded by: Commissioner Parker

Ayes: All

Nays: None

With effect, 2015 Mr. Louis Barone is released from his Deckhand position.

Moved by: Commissioner Parker

Seconded by: Commissioner Rugg

Ayes: All

Nays: None

With effect Tuesday, July 28th, 2015 Mr. Colin Orlinski is hired as a summer seasonal Deckhand (FIFD) at \$10.56 per hour and will be released from this seasonal position on September 15, 2015 to remain a part-time Deckhand (FIFD).

MOVED by Commissioner Parker

SECONDED by Commissioner Rugg

Ayes: All

Nays: None

After reviewing the relevant Federal regulations, guidance from the Coast Guard, the Ferry District's insurers and studying the practices of similar ferry operations, the Commissioners directed management to move fuel, other bulk hazardous material, and other cargo on non-passenger, cargo trips, at regular commercial tariffs, in order to comply with current and expected regulations and to work with all island vendors to minimize impact to their operations practicable. In addition, the Commissioners approved the purchase of new fire suppression systems for transport of these cargos safely.

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

It was noted that this cargo service would be reviewed after 3-6 months to assess economic viability.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Fishers Island Ferry District Board of Commissioners will be held August 3, 2015 at 4:30PM at the Fishers Island Community Center.

There being no further business to discuss, and on motion made by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Rugg, and unanimously adopted, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55PM.