

FISHERS ISLAND FERRY DISTRICT

April 11, 2016

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners Fishers Island Ferry District

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District (the "Ferry District") was called to order on April 11, 2016 at 2:55 PM by Chairman Ahrens at the Fishers Island Community Center.

Commissioners Andrew Ahrens, William Bloethe, Harry Parker, and Dianna Shillo were present. Commissioner Peter Rugg was absent. RJ Burns, Diane Hansen, Gordon Murphy, and Elizabeth Burnham also attended.

Chairman Ahrens opened the meeting and established that a quorum was present. Everyone in attendance pledged allegiance to the flag.

Public Comment

The Board reviewed its correspondence and tabled discussion of correspondence from the CSEA regarding granting of sick time. There was no other correspondence.

Minutes

The Board reviewed and discussed the minutes from its March meetings.

RESOLUTION 2016-53

RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby approves the minutes of the March 14, 2016, meeting as proposed.

Moved by: Commissioner D. Shillo

Seconded by: Commissioner W. Bloethe

Ayes: A. Ahrens, W. Bloethe, D. Shillo

Nays: None

Abstain: H. Parker

RESOLUTION 2016-54

RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby approves the minutes of the March 28, 2016, meeting as proposed.

Moved by: Chairman A. Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner W. Bloethe

Ayes: A. Ahrens, W. Bloethe, D. Shillo

Nays: None

Abstain: H. Parker

NYSHIP Presentation

The Board invited Phil Lupe to speak as a representative of the New York State Health Insurance Plan for State and Local Government. It also invited employees of the district to join the Board in questioning Mr. Lupe on the potential implementation of NYSHIP within the Ferry District.

Recess

RESOLUTION 2016-55

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RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby recess this meeting of the Board of the Commissioners at 4:12 PM until the regular 4:30 PM meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

Moved by: Commissioner D. Shillo
Seconded by: Commissioner W. Bloethe
Ayes: A. Ahrens, W. Bloethe, H. Parker, D. Shillo
Nays: None

RESOLUTION 2016-56

RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby reconvenes the 2:45 pm meeting of the Board of the Commissioners at 4:30 PM.

Moved by: Chairman A. Ahrens
Seconded by: Commissioner H. Parker
Ayes: A. Ahrens, W. Bloethe, H. Parker, D. Shillo
Nays: None

Warrant

The Board reviewed and discussed a list of outstanding financial obligations provided by D. Hansen, then passed the following resolution.

RESOLUTION 2016-57

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated April 11, 2016, in the amount of \$113,256.57.

Moved by: Commissioner D. Shillo
Seconded by: Commissioner W. Bloethe
Ayes: A. Ahrens, W. Bloethe, H. Parker, D. Shillo
Nays: None

Budget Modification

The Board discussed and approved the following 2015 budget modification provided by D. Hansen.

RESOLUTION 2016-58

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby amends the 2015 Fishers Island Ferry District budget as follows:

<u>Decrease Appropriations</u>		
SM5711.4.000.000	Office Expense	\$2,200
	Total	<u>\$2,200</u>
<u>Increase Appropriations</u>		
SM1420.4.000.000	Legal Fees	\$2,200
	Total	<u>\$2,200</u>

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Moved by: Commissioner H. Parker
Seconded by: Chairman A. Ahrens
Ayes: A. Ahrens, W. Bloethe, H. Parker, D. Shillo
Nays: None

Management Reports

G. Murphy reported that 2016 passenger, vehicle, and commercial traffic continued to exceed 2015 rates.

D. Hansen reported that the 2015 audit was nearly complete, and that the District was continuing to work with the state comptroller's office on the 2014 audit. Commissioner Parker requested that management schedule a working session to review the 2015 audit when complete.

RJ Burns reported that the Munnatawket was scheduled to complete its yard period with sea trials by April 15th, and would return to New London shortly thereafter. Once the Munnatawket returns to service, the Race Point will go to the shipyard for a one week period. With the Munnatawket yard period and Race Point scheduled repairs complete, Mr. Burns will update the long-term maintenance plan.

Mr. Burns also reported that he and J. Haney were continuing to work on a grant to upgrade the electronics suites on both ferries, and to improve lighting in the New London terminal parking lot.

Fishers Island Theater

The Board of Commissioners invited Louisa Evans, Town Justice and Fishers Island representative to the Southold Town Board, to speak. Justice Evans reported that the Town Attorney believed the Town might be able to sell the Fishers Island Theater through a permissive referendum, but that he would only work on the matter should the Ferry District indicate its openness to a sale. After discussion, the Board resolved the following:

RESOLUTION 2016-59

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners is willing to consider the sale of the Fishers Island Theater building to a local entity for a cultural purpose, and requests that the Town Attorney continue to explore the legal mechanism to do so.

Moved by: Commissioner H. Parker
Seconded by: Commissioner D. Shillo
Ayes: A. Ahrens, W. Bloethe, H. Parker, D. Shillo
Nays: None

Dental and Life Insurance

G. Murphy reported that Empire Blue Cross/Blue Shield had offered a two-year contract in place of the one-year quote that had been accepted in Resolution 2016-46 on March 28, 2016. The Board confirmed that the longer term was still acceptable under Resolution 2016-46.

The Board then reviewed the life insurance and accidental death and dismemberment coverage quote received, and resolved the following:

RESOLUTION 2016-60

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WHEREAS the current contract with Shelterpoint Life Insurance Company for life insurance and Accidental Death and Dismemberment coverage expires on May 1, 2016, one quote was received, and management recommends renewing its contract with Shelterpoint Life Insurance Company based on best value;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby accepts the quote from Shelterpoint Life Insurance Company for a one-year contract, directs and authorizes Mr. Gordon Murphy to execute the contract, and authorizes management to pay invoices consistent with that quote when properly invoiced and approved by management.

Moved by: Commissioner H. Parker

Seconded by: Commissioner D. Shillo

Ayes: A. Ahrens, W. Bloethe, H. Parker, D. Shillo

Nays: None

Salt Barn

The Board reviewed a flood map and additional materials provided by the Town, and discussed placement of the salt barn, but tabled a vote until all members were present. Chairman Ahrens will draft a resolution.

The Board directed management to review what property the District needs long-term for its own operations, and to provide that report to the Property Management Committee.

Human Resources

The Board returned to correspondence from the Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA) regarding the granting of sick days to employees in the first year after hiring. There being some question of whether the contract was inconsistently applied, management was directed to work with CSEA to identify the circumstances around any inconsistencies and develop recommendations.

Executive Session

At 5:58 pm, the following resolution was proposed:

RESOLUTION 2016-61

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners move into executive session for the purpose of discussing the hiring of particular persons and the compensation of others.

Moved by: Commissioner H. Parker

Seconded by: Commissioner A. Ahrens

Ayes: A. Ahrens, W. Bloethe, H. Parker, D. Shillo

Nays: None

That business being concluded, at 6:18 pm, the following resolution was proposed:

RESOLUTION 2016-62

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners exit executive session and resume public session.

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Moved by: Commissioner H. Parker
Seconded by: Commissioner D. Shillo
Ayes: A. Ahrens, W. Bloethe, H. Parker, D. Shillo
Nays: None

Human Resources

The following resolutions were proposed and accepted:

RESOLUTION 2016-63

WHEREAS, the Ferry District requires an increased number of deckhands during the peak season, and has advertised for applicants; and,

WHEREAS, management recommends the following candidates,

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the FIFD appoints Chase Lettrich, John Castodio, and Timothy K. Hoch as part-time Deckhands (FIFD), with wages of \$10.99 per hour, effective April 21, 2016.

Moved by: Commissioner W. Bloethe
Seconded by: Commissioner H. Parker
Ayes: A. Ahrens, W. Bloethe, H. Parker, D. Shillo
Nays: None

RESOLUTION 2016-64

WHEREAS, the Ferry District has an opening for a year-round, part-time Deckhand (FIFD), and has advertised for applicants; and,

WHEREAS, management recommends the following candidate,

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the FIFD appoints Ryan J. Healy as a part-time Deckhand (FIFD), with wages of \$10.99 per hour, effective April 21, 2016.

Moved by: Commissioner D. Shillo
Seconded by: Commissioner H. Parker
Ayes: A. Ahrens, W. Bloethe, H. Parker, D. Shillo
Nays: None

RESOLUTION 2016-65

WHEREAS, the Ferry District requires a full-time Account Clerk Typist (FIFD), and,

WHEREAS, Jeffrey J. Nossek has performed satisfactorily in his position as full-time Purser (FIFD) and meets the requirements to be Account Clerk Typist (FIFD), and

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WHEREAS, management recommends Mr. Nossek be hired as a full-time Account Clerk Typist (FIFD) and retain his Purser (FIFD) title on a part-time basis,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Mr. Nossek be hired as a full-time Account Clerk Typist (FIFD) at \$18.00 per hour, with effect April 21, 2016, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mr. Nossek move from full-time Purser (FIFD) to part-time Purser (FIFD) at \$14.93 per hour, with effect April 21, 2016.

Moved by: Commissioner H. Parker

Seconded by: Commissioner D. Shillo

Ayes: A. Ahrens, W. Bloethe, H. Parker, D. Shillo

Nays: None

RESOLUTION 2016-66

WHEREAS John Paradis has performed with merit in his duties as Marine Mechanic (FIFD), and

WHEREAS his manager has recommended such action,

RESOLVED, that Mr. Paradis's wages be increased from \$33.14 per hour to \$34.64 per hour with effect April 21, 2016.

Moved by: Commissioner D. Shillo

Seconded by: Chairman A. Ahrens

Ayes: A. Ahrens, W. Bloethe, H. Parker, D. Shillo

Nays: None

RESOLUTION 2016-67

WHEREAS Michael Franco has performed with merit in his duties as Marine Mechanic (FIFD), and

WHEREAS his manager has recommended such action,

RESOLVED, that Mr. Franco's wages be increased from \$25.59 per hour to \$27.09 per hour with effect April 21, 2016.

Moved by: Commissioner W. Bloethe

Seconded by: Chairman A. Ahrens

Ayes: A. Ahrens, W. Bloethe, H. Parker, D. Shillo

Nays: None

RESOLUTION 2016-68

WHEREAS Nicholas Espinosa has performed with merit in his duties as Maintenance Mechanic II (FIFD), and

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WHEREAS his manager has recommended such action,

RESOLVED, that Mr. Espinosa's wages be increased from \$20.65 per hour to \$22.15 per hour with effect April 21, 2016.

Moved by: Chairman A. Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner D. Shillo

Ayes: A. Ahrens, W. Bloethe, H. Parker, D. Shillo

Nays: None

Adjournment

There being no other business to discuss, Chairman Ahrens reminded those present that there would be a conference call for the airport committee on April 12th at 10 am, and that the next meeting would be on Monday, April 25, 2016, at 4:30 pm, at the Community Center.

At 6:29 pm, Commissioner H. Parker moved to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner W. Bloethe seconded, and in a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.