

FISHERS ISLAND FERRY DISTRICT

August 1, 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 August 1, 2016 at 4:35 PM by Chairman Ahrens at the Fishers Island Community Center.

Commissioners Andrew Ahrens, William Bloethe, and Peter Rugg were present. Diane Hansen, Marcia Marien, RJ Burns and Gordon Murphy were also in attendance.

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

Public Comment

No correspondence or public comment.

Minutes

RESOLUTION 2016-158

RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby approves the minutes of the July 5th, July 18th and the July 25th, 2016, meetings as presented.

Moved by: Commissioner P Rugg
Seconded by: Commissioner W Bloethe
Ayes: A. Ahrens, W. Bloethe and P. Rugg
Nays: None

Warrant

The Board reviewed and discussed a list of outstanding financial obligations provided by D. Hansen. It was asked if the insurance invoices could be broken into quarterly ones. Ms. Hansen said that she would look into this. Mr. Burns reported on a Connecticut grant for docks and terminals that he is researching.

RESOLUTION 2016-160

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated August 1, 2016, in the amount of \$126,130.09.

Moved by: Commissioner P Rugg
Seconded by: Commissioner W Bloethe
Ayes: A. Ahrens, W. Bloethe and P. Rugg
Nays:

Budget Modification

RESOLUTION 2016-161

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RESOLVED that the Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby amend the 2016 Fishers Island Ferry District budget as follows:

Decrease Appropriations

SM5710.4.000.300	Fuel Oil, Vessels	\$29,200
	Total	\$29,200

Increase Appropriations

SM.1310.4.000.000	Accounting/Finance	\$15,000
SM1910.4.000.300	Workers Comp	\$14,200
	Total	\$29,200

MOVED by Commissioner A Ahrens
 SECONDED by Commissioner P Rugg
 Ayes: A. Ahrens, W Bloethe and P. Rugg

Nays:

At 4:55PM Marcia Marien of O'Connor Davies LLP the Ferry District's auditor presented the 2015 audited financial statements and ancillary documents. Ms. Marien discussed the unique details of municipal accounting and how three presentations are required. She also reviewed the manager's report and material weaknesses. A discussion on since the state report noted areas to be improved on the responses should be similar as there was an overlap in the various areas. Discussion also included establishing a special operating statement for accruing for capital expenses and special projects. Ms. Marien discussed local CT grants and that she would look into the CT grant programs and help the Ferry District establish and account for these funds. At the end of the presentation it was noted that since only the management responses would be edited, and the numbers and the footnotes would not be changing, it was agreed to approve the audit subject to a review and ratification of the edited management responses.

Mr. Murphy reported on the budget and noted that the CapEx and a few other items remained to be completed before the August 15th public hearing. A discussion of boat schedules and ticketing options ensued.

Mr. Burns reported on the requirement to work on the ferries' bulwarks and that the design phase was well along for the Race Point. Mr. Burns also reported on the USCG's plans to redo their seawall on Fishers and noted that the Ferry District had not been advised or consulted on this and that it looked as if it would affect ferry operations. Mr. Burns was in contact with the USCG to follow up on this matter.

Mr. Burns then reported on the *Sea Legs* sailing program, requesting ferry transport of several students to Fishers and back to support this inner-city sailing program. The Board approved two free trips per participant and student rates for additional trips, and noted that discounted passage requests must be made in advance.

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Finally Mr. Burns reported on preparations for the Southold Town Board round trip to Orient Point on the Munnatawket on August 3.

Ms. Marien noted that there were Small City Block grants available in Connecticut and that she would send information on them to Messrs. Burns and Murphy.

Mr. Murphy gave an election update. He was expecting a light turn out, and arrangements were made for the election to be held in the ICC multipurpose room.

Mr. Murphy reported on the airport. The Town will be approving the final FEMA related document for the lighting and signage project.

Executive Session

At 6:10 pm, the following resolution was proposed:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners move into executive session for the purpose of discussing matters relating to the employment of particular persons.

Moved by: Commissioner P Rugg
Seconded by: Commissioner W Bloethe
Ayes: A. Ahrens, W. Bloethe, P. Rugg
Nays: None

That business being concluded, at 6:40 pm, the following resolution was proposed:

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

Moved by: Commissioner P Rugg
Seconded by: Commissioner W Bloethe
Ayes: A. Ahrens, W. Bloethe, P. Rugg
Nays: None

HR

RESOLUTION 2016-159

Whereas resolution 2016-157 incorrectly used a District internal payroll ID number, 9930, to identify an employee; and

Whereas the Town of Southold employee number is 76848.

Therefore it is RESOLVED to amend resolution 2016-157 by replacing 9930 with 76848.

Moved by: Commissioner A Ahrens
Seconded by: Commissioner P Rugg
Ayes: A. Ahrens, W. Bloethe and P. Rugg
Nays:

Election

RESOLUTION 2016-162

It is RESOLVED; the Board of Commissioners appoints Ellen M. Parker and Robert Goodwin to be

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Election Inspectors for the August 9th election at a rate of \$11.00 per hour.

It is further RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners amends resolution 2016-147 with the correct wage rate of \$11.00 per hour for S. Malinowski and M. Strunk as Election Inspectors for the August 9th election.

Moved by: Commissioner P Rugg
Seconded by: Commissioner W Bloethe
Ayes: A. Ahrens, W. Bloethe and P. Rugg
Nays: None

HR

RESOLUTION 2016 - 163

Whereas on 28 July 2016 Employee 30621 was placed on suspension without pay.
RESOLVED, Employee 30621 is for cause hereby terminated effective August 1, 2016.

Moved by: Commissioner A Ahrens
Seconded by: Commissioner W Bloethe
Ayes: A. Ahrens, W. Bloethe and P. Rugg
Nays: None

Audit

Resolution 2016-164

Whereas the 2015 financial audit was completed and the auditor, O'Connor Davies presented their findings to and their report to the Finance Committee and the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers island ferry District.

Therefore it is RESOLVED to accept the financial audit of 2015 subject to management responses to be confirmed at the next meeting directs management to address and report on the findings no later than the end of 2016 and have the audit placed on the website and made available in the business office.

Moved by: Commissioner P Rugg
Seconded by: Commissioner A Ahrens
Ayes: A. Ahrens, W. Bloethe and P. Rugg
Nays: None

Commissioner Rugg requested that the property committee define the restrictions needed to maintain and preserve the area for the salt barn and eventual Highway Dept. move to Whistler and Airport roads and report back to the BOC. In addition he asked that the BOC to summarize the status of the potential airport hanger project.

Adjournment

There being no other business to discuss, Chairman Ahrens reminded those present that the next meeting would be on Monday, August 15, 2016, at 4:30 pm, with the budget presentation. There may be a 3:30 pm working session, at the Community Center.

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At 6:47 pm, Commissioner W. Bloethe moved to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Ahrens seconded, and in a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.