

FISHERS ISLAND FERRY DISTRICT
September 12, 2016

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Fishers Island Ferry District
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Commissioner Ahrens at the Fishers Island Community Center called a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District (the Ferry District”) to order on September 12, 2016 at 4:30 PM.

Commissioners Dianna Shillo, William Bloethe and Peter Rugg were present. Also in attendance were Diane Hansen, Deanna Ross, RJ Burns and Jon Haney and members of the public. Commissioner Burnham and Mr. Murphy were absent.

Commissioner Ahrens established that a quorum was present. Everyone in attendance pledged allegiance to the flag.

Correspondence/Public Comment

Commissioner Ahrens reviewed the Woolston letter and discussion ensued regarding idling of diesel vehicles. Chairman Ahrens will respond to Mrs. Woolston and the FIFD will take steps to remedy the idling issue.

Polly Ford asked the BOC if there has been any movement or discussion with regards to the advancement ladder. The BOC assured Ms. Ford that the BOC would make that item a priority.

Minutes

RESOLUTION 2016-175

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the minutes of the August 1, 2016 meeting as proposed.

Moved by: Commissioner D. Shillo
Seconded by: Commissioner P. Rugg
Ayes: Ahrens, Bloethe, Shillo, and Rugg
Nays: None

RESOLUTION 2016-176

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the minutes of the August 15, 2016 meeting as proposed.

Moved by: Commissioner P. Rugg

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Seconded by: Commissioner A. Ahrens
Ayes: Ahrens, Bloethe, Shillo, and Rugg
Nays: None

RESOLUTION 2016-177

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the minutes of the August 29, 2016 meeting as proposed.

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

Warrants

RESOLUTION 2016-178

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated September 12, 2016, in the amount of \$35,936.66.

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

Managers Report

RJ Burns reported that free Narcan training is scheduled for next Wednesday and that all captains would participate. Mr. Burns concluded that he would develop a policy regarding the administration of Narcan.

Mr. Burns reported that the FI School will participate in a safety training exercise this Thursday.

Assistant Manager Jon Haney reviewed the year to date ferry traffic figures. Commissioners asked that the necessary traffic and operating data be distributed in advance of meetings with the financial report.

Assistant Manager Haney also reported to the BOC of recent grant money received to upgrade lighting at the New London terminal which is estimated to reduce electricity cost by 1/3 to 1/2.

RJ Burns submitted a proposed yard package for the Race Point. The BOC reviewed the scope of the work and estimated cost. The BOC expressed their desire to move forward with an earlier dry dock period starting in October.

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Airport Closing

Chairman Ahrens reported that the airport closure is scheduled for 9/26 – 10/16 for FEMA funded repair of lighting and signage damaged in Superstorm Sandy. Mr. Ahrens reported that the scheduled contractor asked the FIFD of possibility of starting the work in November. The BOC agreed that this would not be acceptable.

Public Hearing

The Public Hearing scheduled for 9/26 regarding Airport Fees, Charter Fees and Touch Fees, as well as a proposal to lease ferry property has been posted.

OSC – CAP

The BOC and Ferry Management continue to work towards a full response to the State Audit.

Executive Session

At 18:02, the following resolution was proposed: RESOLVED, that the Commission move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel issues

Proposed by: Commissioner D. Shillo
Seconded by: Commissioner W. Bloethe
Ayes: Ahrens, Bloethe, Shillo, and Rugg
Nays: None

At 18:28, the following resolution was proposed:

RESOLVED, that the Commission exit from Executive Session and resume Public Session.
Proposed by: Commissioner P. Rugg
Seconded by: Commissioner W. Bloethe
Ayes: Ahrens, Bloethe, Shillo, and Rugg
Nays: None

HR

RESOLUTION 2016-179

WHEREAS, the Ferry District resolution 2016-172 incorrectly named Richard P. Water as Rick Waters;
and,

WHEREAS, management wished to amend resolution 2016-172 to correct Mr. Waters name, therefore
be it

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RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the FIFD appoints Richard P. Waters as part-time Deckhand (FIFD) at the rate of \$10.99 per hour with effect September 7, 2016 and Dylan Hoyt as full-time Deckhand (FIFD) at the rate of \$14.93 per hour with effect September 7, 2016.

Moved by: Commissioner P. Rugg

Seconded by: Commissioner A. Ahrens

Ayes: Ahrens, Bloethe, Shillo, and Rugg

Nays: None

WHEREAS the Ferry District requires additional part-time Deckhands (FIFD); and

WHEREAS Timothy K. Hoch and Chase Lettrich were appointed as seasonal Deckhands (FIFD); and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Mr. Hoch and Mr. Lettrich be appointed as permanent part-time Deckhands (FIFD) effective September 19, 2016 at a rate of \$10.99 per hour.

Moved by: Commissioner P. Rugg

Seconded by: Commissioner D. Shillo

Ayes: Ahrens, Bloethe, Shillo, and Rugg

Nays: None

RESOLUTION 2016-180

RESOLVED, That the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District affirms employee #34899 will return to work on September 21, 2016.

Moved by: Commissioner W. Bloethe

Seconded by: Commissioner D. Shillo

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Gilbert Associates

RESOLUTION 2016-181

WHEREAS the continued operations of the Fishers Island Ferry District (FIFD) are dependent upon the safe and efficient operation of its two marine vessels, the Munnatawket and the Race Point (the vessels); and

WHEREAS the structural integrity, stability, and mechanical condition of the vessels is subject to review and inspection by the US Coast Guard; and

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WHEREAS the FIFD has an established relationship with Gilbert Associates, Inc. (Gilbert) a naval architecture and marine engineering firm in Hingham, MA; and

WHEREAS Gilbert has provided professional engineering services to the FIFD on an ongoing basis to evaluate and provide guidance and recommendations on repairs and improvements required to maintain the vessels, ensure compliance with Coast Guard regulations and avoid interruption of services; now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District approves the Professional Services proposal dated September 7, 2016 (MX-M264N 20160907) and authorizes assistant manager RJ Burns, to execute any and all other documents to secure the services of Gilbert Associates, subject to review by FIFD counsel.

Moved by: Commissioner P. Rugg
Seconded by: Commissioner A. Ahrens
Ayes: Ahrens, Bloethe, Shillo, and Rugg
Nay: None

Meeting Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, and on motion made by Commissioner W. Bloethe, and seconded by Commissioner D. Shillo, the meeting was adjourned at 6:33 PM.