

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Fishers Island Ferry District
May 2, 2017

Commissioner Ahrens at the Fishers Island Community Center called a meeting to order of the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District (“the Ferry District”) on May 2, 2017 at 4:30 PM.

Commissioners William Bloethe, Heather Burnham and Dianna Shillo were present. Also in attendance were Gordon Murphy, Geb Cook, Deanna Ross and Jane Ahrens. RJ Burns and Diane Hansen were present via phone. Commissioner Rugg was absent.

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

Correspondence/Public Comment – No correspondence was received. Mrs. Jane Ahrens presented various logo designs for consideration on FIFD apparel. Members of the BOC reviewed them and Mr. Murphy asked Mrs. Ahrens to place the images on a pdf so he could circulate to staff and crew members.

Minutes

RESOLUTION 2017 - 075

RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby approves the minutes of the April 3, 2017 meeting as proposed.

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

Warrants

RESOLUTION 2017- 076

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated May 2, 2017, in the amount of \$40,029.55.

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

Mr. Cook reported to the BOC that he and Ms. Hansen will be attending a NY State government purchasing workshop in Albany. Vendors will be there representing all facets of industry, including IT web developers that Mr. Cook is interested in exploring.

Sea-legs

RESOLUTION 2017 – 077

Whereas Sea-Legs, Inc. is a not-for-profit organization that offers boating experience to boys and girls who, because of their circumstances, may not have access to the water; and

Whereas advanced sailors in the program stay active year round through an apprentice program where they earn wages while learning to become shipwrights and;

Whereas program participants are particularly suited to apprenticeships at the Fishers Island Ferry District, and the District wishes to encourage such apprenticeships and;

Whereas Sea-Legs, Inc. is a non-profit organization under section 501(c)3 of the tax code. Therefore, it is

RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District agrees to supply round trip passage at no charge for 5 sailors and their teacher/chaperone on three Thursdays between May 22 and August 17, 2017.

Moved by: Commissioner H. Burnham

Seconded by: Commissioner D. Shillo

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

Nays: None

Commissioner Burnham has suggested that the Sea-legs program be publicized in a future Fog Horn issue and to inform Mrs. Ahrens when the program gets underway.

HR

RESOLUTION 2017 - 078

WHEREAS James Moore has resigned from his position as Cashier (FIFD) with the Fishers Island Ferry District effective May 10, 2017;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners accepts the resignation of Mr. Moore with effect May 10, 2017 and wishes him well.

Moved by: Commissioner W. Bloethe

Seconded by: Commissioner H. Burnham

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

Nays: None

RESOLUTION 2017 - 079

WHEREAS the Ferry District requires additional full-time Cashiers (FIFD) and Deckhands (FIFD) during the peak season between May 15, 2017 and September 17, 2017; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Ms. Darcy Scroxton be appointed temporarily as a seasonal full-time Cashier (FIFD) effective May 15, 2017. On September 17, 2017, Ms. Scroxton will terminate her summer seasonal position and on September 18, 2017 be re-appointed as a part-time Cashier (FIFD).

It is further RESOLVED to temporarily appoint with effect May 15, 2017 the following Deckhands (FIFD) from part-time to full-time summer seasonal status; Ryan Jennette, Steven Conary, Chase Lettrich, Vince Harring, Chris Bridgman, Mark Boehm and Nathan White. On September 17, 2017, they will terminate their summer seasonal positions and on September 18, 2017 be re-appointed to a part-time Deckhand (FIFD)s.

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

RESOLUTION 2017 - 080

It is RESOLVED to increase the hourly wages of the following Deckhands (FIFD); Ryan Jennette from \$12.11 to \$12.61, Steven Conary from \$12.11 to \$12.61, Chase Lettrich from \$11.10 to \$11.60, Vince Harring from \$10.99 to \$11.60, Chriss Bridgman from \$11.68 to \$12.18, Mark Boehm from \$12.11 to \$12.61 and Nathan White from \$11.68 to \$12.18 all with effect May 11, 2017.

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

Management Reports – Mr. Burns informed the BOC that he, Mr. Haney and Keith Neilson from Docko will be doing a site visit to Fishers Island on Tuesday, May 3, 2017, along with five vendors interested in bidding on the dolphins and pilings project.

Mr. Burns informed the BOC of road closures scheduled for Tuesday, May 3, 2017 due to water main repairs on State Street in New London. Mr. Burns was notified earlier today of the closure and has reached out to Eversource and the water company regarding future timely notifications of scheduled road closures that would impede Ferry operations. Mr. Burns has informed the FI School and has placed closure announcements on both ferries, ticket offices and social media.

Diane Hansen informed the BOC that 2016 audit work is moving forward and expects that the audit team will be on site to begin their field work at the end of May or beginning of June. Ms. Hansen expressed that she is looking forward to the upcoming conference in Albany.

Next Scheduled Meeting – **Monday, May 15th, 2017 at 4:30pm** with a 3:30 working session at the Island Community Center.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, and on motion made by Commissioner H. Burnham, seconded by Commissioner W. Bloethe, the meeting was adjourned at 4:53 pm.