

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Fishers Island Ferry District
February 5, 2018

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 February 5, 2018 at 4:30 PM.

Commissioners Peter Rugg and Dianna Shillo were present. Also in attendance were Geb Cook and Gordon Murphy. Diane Hansen was present via phone. Commissioners Heather Burnham and William Bloethe were absent.

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

Correspondence/Public Comment – Mr. Cook reported that correspondence was received from Sarah Porter regarding the Island Community Center Fireworks Cruise. This will be discussed as an agenda item during the meeting. There was no public comment.

Warrant

RESOLUTION 2018 - 016

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated February 5, 2018, in the amount of \$73,217.86.

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

Management Reports

Munnatawket/Race Point Update - Mr. Burns is en route back from Fairhaven Shipyard and Mr. Cook updated the BOC. The Munnatawket is returning to the New London terminal from Fairhaven Shipyard on February 6, 2018. The vessel will remain docked for approximately two weeks to continue work outside of the shipyard package. In addition, some of the bridge windows did not fit properly and once the new windows are received, Fairhaven will return and address. A series of change orders were received and clarified last Friday and approved late today and a resolution will follow at the next BOC meeting. Discussion ensued regarding ways in which to encourage passengers to make vehicle reservations as well as ideas to discount small sized vehicles but charge more for larger vehicles. The Race Point has been running fine and no issues reported.

Airport Hangar Update - Mr. Cook updated the BOC. Mr. Cook sent FD attorney, Martin Finnegan an example from Gabreski Airport where there is a leased facility built on public land for public benefit. Mr. Cook has not received any response from Mr. Finnegan.

Docko/SEC Dredging - Mr. Cook updated the BOC. The FIFD has received approval from the DEC to move ahead with the sampling plan from the rack. Three samples will be obtained from the rack and sent for analytical testing. Once sampling results are back then the FIFD can move forward with the permits.

Burn Plan 2018- Chairman Ahrens updated the BOC. In efforts to conserve native grasslands and maintain airport safety, controlled rotational burns take place annually around Elizabeth field. A proposed plan has been submitted to the DEC requesting that a permit be granted at the DEC's earliest convenience in order to allow for the largest window of time allowing for favorable burn conditions, coordination of personnel and the completion of all burning prior to May 1, 2018 so as not to interfere with birds nesting in the preserve. Mr. Ahrens will inquire about possible dates for burning at the monthly Fishers Island Fire Department meeting February 6, 2018.

Island Community Center Fireworks Cruise 2018 - The Island Community Center has requested a ferry charter on Saturday, July 14, 2018 for its annual Fireworks Cruise during Sailfest.

Hovercraft - Mr. Cook updated the BOC. Mr. Tom Murray has reached out to Mr. Cook and is asking if the FIFD is interested in working together for the 2018 season. Mr. Murray has stated that he would only be operating one hovercraft with a 12 person capacity and 2 crew members. Management has recommended that the BOC agree to one more year. Discussion ensued regarding the season length, cancellations and notifications to passengers in the event of cancellations, as well as modifying the current business model to allow for guaranteed revenue. Mr. Cook will respond to Mr. Murray and discuss these specific issues raised by the BOC.

FIFD 2017 Achievements and 2018 Plans - Mr. Cook distributed and reviewed FIFD 2017 Achievements and 2018 Draft Goals.

BOC 2018 Goals - Commissioner Rugg reported that he has received responses via email from most BOC members regarding their satisfaction with the 2018 BOC goals.

Legal

Fireworks Cruise

RESOLUTION 2018 - 017

WHEREAS, the Island Community Center has for many years chartered a ferry so that interested community members might watch New London's SailFest's fireworks on July 14th; and

WHEREAS, the Island Community Center has requested the same this year;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Island Community Center may charter a ferry and crew for the purpose of a fireworks cruise on Saturday, July 14, 2018, at the price of \$1,900.

Moved by: Commissioner D. Shillo

Seconded by: Commissioner A. Ahrens

Ayes: A. Ahrens, P. Rugg and D. Shillo
Nays: None

Conservancy

Resolution 2018 - 018

WHEREAS, the Ferry District manages the airport and parade ground lands and has previously contracted with the Fishers Island Conservancy to maintain trails and develop the grasslands within this area; and

WHEREAS, the Fishers Island Conservancy has again agreed to provide these services in 2018 as an independent contractor, at no cost to the FIFD or the Town of Southold, and

WHEREAS, the Fishers Island Conservancy has provided a 2018 Grasslands Management Plan to the BOC detailing the services to be provided in 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the FIFD approves the Fishers Island Conservancy 2018 Grasslands Management Plan and authorizes the Fishers Island Conservancy to carry out the Plan upon the provision of a Certificate of general liability insurance with limits of not less than \$1 million per occurrence and naming the Town of Southold and the FIFD as additional named insured, subject to the approval of Ferry District Counsel.

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

Project Administration Services

RESOLUTION 2018 - 019

Whereas the channel into Silver Eel Cove has silted in and requires dredging; and

Whereas permitting from the NYDEC requires specific sampling and surveying prior to dredging and disposal;

Therefore it is resolved that the Ferry District accepts Docko, Inc.'s time and material proposal for up to \$2,800 for administrative services related to the survey and sampling activities required for permitting.

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

Executive Session

At 17:56, the following resolution was proposed: RESOLVED, that the Commission move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations conducted pursuant to the Taylor Law involving the CSEA and employment matters.

Moved by: Commissioner P. Rugg

Seconded by: Commissioner A. Ahrens

Ayes: A. Ahrens, P. Rugg and D. Shillo

Nays: None

At 18:19, the following resolution was proposed:

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

Moved by: Commissioner P. Rugg

Seconded by: Commissioner A. Ahrens

Ayes: A. Ahrens, P. Rugg and D. Shillo

Nays: None

HR

RESOLUTION 2018 - 020

WHEREAS the Ferry District requires Freight Agents (FIFD);

Therefore it is RESOLVED to appoint, with effect February 15, 2018, Anne Worsencroft as a part-time Freight Agent (FIFD) at a rate of \$15.00 per hour.

Moved by: Commissioner A. Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner D. Shillo

Ayes: A. Ahrens, P. Rugg and D. Shillo

Nays: None

Next Scheduled Meeting – Monday, February 20, 2018 at 4:30pm at the Island Community Center.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, and on motion made by Commissioner P. Rugg, seconded by Commissioner A. Ahrens, the meeting was adjourned at 6:24 pm.