

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Fishers Island Ferry District
July 23, 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 July 23, 2018 at 4:36 PM.

Commissioners William Bloethe, Heather Burnham and Peter Rugg were present. Also in attendance were Geb Cook, Gordon Murphy, Diane Hansen and Richard Miller, Esq. Commissioner Shillo was absent.

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

Correspondence/Public Comment – Mr. Cook reported that he had received a letter from Mr. Robert Evans asking if the ferry still operated the lock box at the gate to leave keys (and vehicles) after the facility closed. Mr. Cook replied to Mr. Evans that for various reasons from security to liability the FD had discontinued the practice of allowing cars to be left outside of its gates. Mr. Cook then discussed that he had met with Ms. Lucinda Herrick wrt the parking lot park. She mentioned that fund raising had begun. Mr. Cook discussed the dredging time-line and area. The BOC asked if parking would be impacted and he responded that yes many spots would be lost. Conversation turned to grading the lot. Mr. Cook replied that this would be done after the dredging so as not to have to do it twice. Finally Mr. Cook mentioned that Mr. Dirk Harris had not been afforded the medical ticket pricing. The BOC agreed that Mr. Harris should be allowed an abatement, however he needs to submit the request in writing.

Minutes

RESOLUTION 2018 - 133

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the minutes of the June 25, 2018 meeting.

Moved by: Commissioner Rugg
Seconded by: Commissioner Ahrens
Ayes: Ahrens, Bloethe, Burnham and Rugg
Nays: None

RESOLUTION 2018 - 134

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the minutes of the June 28, 2018 meeting.

Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens
Seconded by: Commissioner Bloethe
Ayes: Ahrens, Bloethe, Burnham and Rugg
Nays: None

RESOLUTION 2018 - 135

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the minutes of the July 9, 2018 meeting.

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Moved by: Commissioner Rugg
Seconded by: Commissioner Bloethe
Ayes: Ahrens, Bloethe, Burnham and Rugg
Nays: None

Warrants

RESOLUTION 2018 – 136

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated July 23, 2018, in the amount of \$62,132.11

Moved by: Commissioner Rugg
Seconded by: Commissioner Ahrens
Ayes: Ahrens, Bloethe, Burnham and Rugg
Nays: None

Warrant - A
RESOLUTION 2018 – 137

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated July 23, 2018, in the amount of \$1,301.62.

Moved by: Commissioner Rugg
Seconded by: Commissioner Burnham
Ayes: Ahrens, Bloethe, Burnham and Rugg
Nays: None

Finance and Traffic

Commissioner Rugg reported for the Finance Committee that they are working on several projects including ticketing technology, the MU replacement, and passenger only service. A discussion ensued on freight operations and pricing. On passenger only it was decided to look at all options and be receptive to opportunities, including providing support to other parties. A discussion also ensued on the June traffic report; noting that the on-time performance had slipped. Commissioner Rug recommended that +/- 5 minutes be considered on-time and that the “bump and run” trips be removed from the on-time performance calculations.

New London Custom House

The BOC agreed to Mr. Burns’ request to provide reduced fares (resident rates) for the New London Custom House Museum request for fare abatement to make their annual trips to the HL Ferguson Museum.

FI Conservancy

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Chairman Ahrens reported on the FI Conservancy's request to place a storage shed near the demonstration garden to house equipment. Mr. Ahrens noted that the shed size was yet to be determined and the Conservancy was aware of the permitting requirements based on size. It was also noted that the Conservancy requests water and electricity be supplied to the shed.

Management Reports:

C Edwards Settlement

RESOLUTION 2018 – 138

Resolved to rescind resolution 2018-069.

Moved by: Commissioner Bloethe

Seconded by: Commissioner Rugg

Ayes: Ahrens, Bloethe, Burnham and Rugg

Nays: None

RESOLUTION 2018 – 139

WHEREAS, the District was presented with a claim by Catherine Edwards for the sum of \$1,301.62 as reimbursement for damage to her vehicle on December 13, 2017 caused by the error of District staff; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District has determined that it is in the best interests of the District to resolve this claim to avoid the expense and uncertainties of litigation;

Therefore be it RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District approves the settlement of this claim, and directs management to make payment of the settlement amount of \$1,301.61 subject to the approval of District counsel and the Southold Town Attorney.

Moved by: Commissioner Bloethe

Seconded by: Commissioner Rugg

Ayes: Ahrens, Bloethe, Burnham and Rugg

Nays: None

RESOLUTION 2018 - 069

WHEREAS, the District was presented with a claim by Catherine Edwards for the sum of \$1,251.62 as reimbursement for damage to her vehicle on December 13, 2017 caused by the error of District staff; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District has determined that it is in the best interests of the District to resolve this claim to avoid the expense and uncertainties of litigation; therefore be it RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District approves the settlement of this claim, and directs management to make payment of the settlement amount of \$1,251.62 subject to the approval of District counsel and the Southold Town Attorney.

Moved by: Commissioner D. Shillo

Seconded by: Commissioner A. Ahrens

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Ayes: A. Ahrens, W. Bloethe and D. Shillo
Nays: None

Hay Harbor Transportation

RESOLUTION 2018 – 140

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners authorizes the special use of the ferry to transport Ferry District employees from New London to Fishers Island for the purpose of the annual softball match between Hay harbor Club and the Ferry District on July 26, 2018.

Moved by: Commissioner Rugg
Seconded by: Commissioner Bloethe
Ayes: Ahrens, Bloethe, Burnham and Rugg
Nays: None

Mr. Cook addressed the BOC on the Friends of FI Theater's letter. He has crafted a response with Chairman Ahrens. A discussion ensued and the board asked Mr. Cook to work with Mr. Cashel of the Finance Committee and Mr. Murphy to draft a term sheet for the theater.

Mr. Burns reported that both ferries were running well. The RP is experiencing engine cooling issues. The issue is not as much as in previous years, as the keel coolers were worked on last yard period. He noted that this was due mainly to the warmer waters and that for some reason the keel coolers had be halved in capacity during initial vessel construction. He did not feel that this was a big concern but he was monitoring the situation. Mr. Burns also reported that SailFest went very well and the City was very helpful. The Island Community Center's fireworks charter well. Attendance was up this year on the charter.

Mr. Burns reported that New England Seafood had not been fishing in NY waters for various reasons and this was why catches were not being dropped at the FI terminal. A discussion ensued on several matters and it was agreed to table any changes until catches were to be landed at Fishers.

Mr. Cook reported that the Town had requested that if 357 Whistler Ave residence were rented to non-FD personnel then a property tax assessment and payment would be required. The BOC instructed Mr. Cook to reach out to the Town to confirm if this would be permanent or only for periods when it was occupied by tenant other than FD personnel.

Mr. Cook briefed the BOC on the latest hanger status noting that a change to the agreement had been presented containing certain issues like health of the owner or airport closure occurred, i.e., could a commercial enterprise sub-lease. Mr. Cook was instructed to follow up on this.

Mr. Cook reported on an extraordinary freight issue involving late freight arrivals and much extra labor. A discussion ensued and it was decided not to change the invoice.

Building 209 / Freight Building / Walsh Park

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Mr. Cook reported on the latest draft lease and the BOC requested that Mr. Cook refer several items to counsel for review and that the resolution to authorize the lease be tabled.

The BOC decided to hold a special meeting on Friday, July 27th at 8:00 AM in the Business Office to discuss the lease.

Executive Session

At 6:00 PM the following resolution was proposed:

RESOLVED, that the Commission move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing matters of personnel and for the purposes of seeking legal advice from a BOC attorney.

Moved by: Commissioner Rugg

Seconded by: Commissioner Ahrens

Ayes: Ahrens, Bloethe, Burnham and Rugg

Nays: None

At 6:15PM the following resolution was proposed:

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

Moved by: Commissioner Burnham

Seconded by: Commissioner Bloethe

Ayes: Ahrens, Bloethe, Burnham and Rugg

Nays: None

HR

RESOLUTION 2018 – 141

Whereas resolution 2018-129 referenced Ms. Curbelo's title as agent;

Therefore it is RESOLVED to amend resolution 2018-129 replacing "agent" with "Cashier (FIFD)".

Moved by: Commissioner Burnham

Seconded by: Commissioner Rugg

Ayes: Ahrens, Bloethe, Burnham and Rugg

Nays: None

RESOLUTION 2018 – 129

Whereas Karina Curbelo has exceeded all expectations as an agent; and

Therefore it is RESOLVED for increase Ms. Curbelo's wage rate from \$12.75 to \$13.00 with effect July 5, 2018.

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*Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens
Seconded by: Commissioner Rugg
Ayes: Ahrens, Bloethe, Burnham, Rugg and Shillo
Nays: None*

RESOLUTION 2018 - 142

WHEREAS Ryan Miner has resigned from his position as Deckhand (FIFD) with the Fishers Island Ferry District effective June 30, 2018;

THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners accepts the resignation of Mr. Miner with effect June 30, 2018. Mr. Miner has no paid time off accruals and no further payments are due to him.

Moved by: Commissioner Rugg
Seconded by: Commissioner Ahrens
Ayes: Ahrens, Bloethe, Burnham and Rugg
Nays: None

RESOLUTION 2018 - 143

WHEREAS Chase Lettrich has resigned from his position as Deckhand (FIFD) with the Fishers Island Ferry District effective July 15, 2018;

THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners accepts the resignation of Mr. Lettrich with effect July 15, 2018, thanks him for his dedicated service and wishes him well in his new career. Mr. Lettrich has no paid time off accruals and no further payments are due to him.

Moved by: Commissioner Burnham
Seconded by: Commissioner Bloethe
Ayes: Ahrens, Bloethe, Burnham and Rugg
Nays: None

RESOLUTION 2018 - 144

WHEREAS management recommends employee # 67392 be terminated for cause;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the employment of employee #67392 is terminated effective July 23, 2018. Employee #67392 has no paid time off accruals and no further payments are due to this employee.

Moved by: Commissioner Rugg
Seconded by: Commissioner Ahrens
Ayes: Ahrens, Bloethe, Burnham and Rugg
Nays: None

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RESOLUTION 2018 - 145

WHEREAS management on July 13, 2018 placed employee #80590 on suspension and management recommends this employee's termination for cause;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the employment of employee #80590 is terminated effective July 23, 2018. Employee # 80590 has no paid time off accruals and no further payments are due to this employee.

Moved by: Commissioner Rugg

Seconded by: Commissioner Ahrens

Ayes: Ahrens, Bloethe, Burnham and Rugg

Nays: None

Next Scheduled Meeting – Monday, August 6, 2018 at 4:30 PM with a 3:30 PM working session at the Island Community Center.

August 8 the Town Board is over.

August 14 is the FD election

August 17 is the annual budget hearing in the ICC at 4:30 PM

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, and on motion made by Commissioner Bloethe, seconded by Commissioner Burnham, the meeting was adjourned at 6:18 PM