

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Fishers Island Ferry District
March 4, 2019

Chairman 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 March 4, 2019 at 4:30 PM.

Commissioners William Bloethe, Peter Rugg and Dianna Shillo were present. Also in attendance were Geb Cook, Gordon Murphy, Diane Hansen and Deanna Ross. Commissioner Heather Burnham and RJ Burns were present via telephone. Members of the public included Mere Doyen.

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

Correspondence/Public Comment – Mr. Cook reported that no correspondence was received. There was no public comment.

Minutes

RESOLUTION 2019 - 029

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby proves the minutes of the December 10, 2018 meeting.

Moved by: Commissioner W. Bloethe

Seconded by: Commissioner D. Shillo

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

Nays: None

Budget Modifications

RESOLUTION 2019 – 030

RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby amends the **2018** Fishers Island Ferry District budget as follows:

Decrease Appropriations

SM5709.2.000.100	Repairs, Other: Rental Building	\$2,100
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Increase Appropriations

SM7155.4.000.000	Repairs, Other: Theater	\$2,100
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		\$2,100

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

RESOLUTION 2019 - 031

RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby amends the **2019** Fishers Island Ferry District budget as follows:

Decrease Appropriations

SM5710.1.000.000	Ferry Operations, P.S.	\$7,000
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		\$7,000

Increase Appropriations

SM5710.1.000.300	Vacation Earnings	\$7,000
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		\$7,000

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

Warrant

RESOLUTION 2019 - 032

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated March 4, 2019, in the amount of \$163,691.23.

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

Nays: None

Management Reports

Marine Update - Mr. Burns updated the BOC. Mr. Burns will be meeting with the new Fishers Island USPS Postmaster to discuss protocols for US mail. M/V Munnatawket is on track and scheduled to return on March 26, 2019. Mr. Burns would like to extend his compliments to Mr. John Paradis and Mr. Mike Franco. M/V Race Point has been operating well. Mr. Burns informed the BOC that consideration for a mid-life overhaul of the M/V Race Point is back on the table. The mid-life overhaul would include new engines, transmissions, generators and all associated systems. Mr. Burns will be meeting with one engine vendor this Friday and additional vendors next week. This would be a two-year project prior to implementation. Estimated cost is approximately \$1 million and would most likely require M/V Race Point to be out of service for 6 months. Mr. Cook is looking ~~into~~ to MJ Bradley for [assistance in finding a possible grant](#).

Passenger Ferry

RESOLUTION 2019 – 033

It is resolved to rescind Resolution 2019-027

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

RESOLUTION 2019 – 027

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District (“BOC”), in accordance with the provisions of the Enabling Act of the Fishers Island Ferry District, has the authority and duty to control and supervise ferry operations; and

WHEREAS, the BOC has identified the need to provide the residents and taxpayers of the District with a high speed passenger only trips New York and Connecticut and other services; and

WHEREAS, the BOC has previously received a proposal from Kirby Perkins Construction, Inc. (“Seller”) for the sale of a twenty passenger certified ferryboat for the purchase price of \$460,000, with a refundable deposit of \$10,000.

WHEREAS, the BOC now wishes to proceed with a Bareboat Charter Agreement in anticipation of receiving bond proceeds that will allow for the execution of a Vessel Purchase Agreement towards said twenty passenger U.S. Coast Guard certified ferry boat.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the BOC authorizes and directs Ferry Manager Geb Cook to execute the Bareboat Charter Party Agreement and the Vessel Purchase Agreement subject to review and approval of District Counsel and the Town Attorney.

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

RESOLUTION 2019 – 034

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District (“BOC”), in accordance with the provisions of the Enabling Act of the Fishers Island Ferry District (“District”), has the authority and duty to control and supervise ferry operations; and

WHEREAS, the BOC has identified the immediate need to provide the residents and taxpayers of the District with passenger only ferry service between Fishers Island, New York and New London, Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, the BOC has received a proposal from Kirby Perkins Construction, Inc. (“Seller”) for the sale of a twenty passenger certified ferry boat named “Bangerang” for the purchase price of \$460,000, subject to the authorization of the Town Board of the Town of Southold for the financing of said purchase by way of municipal bonding; and

WHEREAS, pending the authorization and availability of funding for the purchase price, the Seller has agreed to grant a Charter Lease of the Bangerang to the District for a term not to exceed six (6) months and to apply the Charter payments to the purchase price of the Bangerang; and

WHEREAS, the BOC has determined that the Chartering and eventual purchase of the Bangerang is in the best interest of the District, its residents and taxpayers.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the BOC authorizes and directs Ferry Manager Geb Cook to execute a Bareboat Charter Party Agreement and a Vessel Purchase Agreement for an amount not to exceed \$460,000, subject to review and approval of District Counsel and the Town Attorney.

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

Property Tax Update - Mr. Cook informed the BOC that letters to lease holders would be completed ~~to-~~
~~morrow~~[March 5th](#). Leaseholders will be invited to come to the ~~next~~-BOC meeting on March 18, 2019 to address any questions or concerns regarding the new property tax. Commissioner Burnham asked if the Tax Assessor completed the new assessment allocation with current identified leaseholders. Mr. Cook stated that this should be finalized by ~~tomorrow~~[March 5th](#).

Theater Update - Mr. Murphy updated the BOC. ~~Chris from The~~ BD electrician should have his report completed this week. Mr. Chris Finan has agreed to come to the next BOC meeting. To date, management has not gone forward with a FFIT Agreement to operate the theater for the 2019 season.

Dredging Update - Mr. Cook informed the BOC that the permit is for May 31, 2019. RFPs are being finalized. A projected start date is scheduled for mid to late April 2019. Dredging should take approximately 5 days and all spoils will be placed along the berm. Commissioner Burnham reminded the BOC and management of the need for a master plan for parking. Management will start identifying owners of vehicles in order to clear the lot in preparation for dredging.

Comment [DKH1]: Permits are for a period of time, not one day.

2019 – 2024 ACIP - Mr. Murphy reviewed highlights of the rolling five year 2019 - 2014 Airport Capital Improvement Program (ACIP) for Elizabeth Field. Mr. Cook informed the BOC that he has spoken with Mr. Brad Burnham and he has expressed continued interest in moving forward with the hangar.

2019 – 2024 ACIP

RESOLUTION 2019- 035

Whereas the Ferry District is required by the Federal Aviation Administration (“FAA”) to review and annually approve a rolling five year Airport Capital Improvement Program (“ACIP”) for Elizabeth Field Airport; and

WHEREAS, the C&S Engineers (“C&S”) has recommended the 2019 – 2024 ACIP schedule of grant projects;

WHEREAS, the BOC of the FIFD concurs with the C&S’s recommendation.

Now, therefore be it RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Ferry District approves the 2019 – 2024 ACIP for Elizabeth Field Airport subject to the review of the Town Attorney and District Counsel and further requests that the Town of Southold as the sponsor of Elizabeth Field Airport approve the 2019 – 2024 ACIP for Elizabeth Field Airport.

Moved by: Commissioner P. Rugg

Seconded by: Commissioner W. Bloethe

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

Nays: None

RESOLUTION 2019- 036

Whereas the Design of the Airfield Electrical Vault Rehabilitation was approved in the ACIP for FY2018; and

WHEREAS, the C&S Engineers (“C&S”) has prepared a Lump Sum Consultant Agreement (“Agreement”) to design the electrical vault and management has reviewed and recommends this Agreement;

Therefore it is RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approves the Lump Sum Consultant Agreement to Design the Airfield Electrical Vault not to exceed \$28,550 and further authorizes management

to execute the Agreement and any ancillary document is subject to review by the Town Attorney and District Counsel;

It is further resolved to request that the Town of Southold as the sponsor of Elizabeth Field Airport execute the Agreement.

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

Other - Mr. Murphy informed the BOC that the DEC burn permit was received. Five areas were identified to burn. Chairman Ahrens will be speaking with members of the Fire Department this week to discuss possible dates.

HR

Resolution 2019- 037

Whereas, the Town of Southold received notification via mail on July 9, 2018 from the NYS Retirement System concerning the retirement of Adolph C. Ricker effective September 20, 2018; and

Whereas, the Town Board of the Town of Southold on July 17, 2018 acknowledged the retirement of Adolph C. Ricker for the Fishers Island Ferry District effective September 20, 2018.

Therefore it is RESOLVED the Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby acknowledges the retirement of Adolph C. Ricker effective September 20, 2018.

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

BOC Calendar Changes - The BOC has agreed to cancel the April 15, 2019 meeting due to multiple commissioner absences. April BOC meetings will take place on April 1 and April 29, 2019. The April 29, 2019 meeting will take place at the New London Terminal at 1:45pm.

Executive Session

At 17:21, the following resolution was proposed: RESOLVED, that the Commission move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters.

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

At 17:42, the following resolution was proposed:

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

Moved by: Commissioner P. Rugg

Seconded by: Commissioner D. Shillo

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

Nays: None

Next Scheduled Meeting – Monday, March 18, 2019 at 4:30 pm at the Island Community Center.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, and on motion made by Commissioner W. Bloethe, seconded by Commissioner A. Ahrens, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm.