

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Fishers Island Ferry District
June 24, 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 June 24, 2019 at 4:30 PM.

Commissioners Heather Burnham, William Bloethe, Peter Rugg and Dianna Shillo were present. Also in attendance were Geb Cook, Gordon Murphy and Deanna Ross. Diane Hansen and RJ Burns were present via telephone. No members of the public were present.

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. Chairman Ahrens would like to congratulate Commissioner Rugg for his 2019 IOD World Championship. Commissioner Burnham forwarded a fax received from Joanne Burr to the BOC and management regarding ferry resident status. Discussion ensued. The necessary application and proof of residency must be received prior to any approved authorization. There was no public comment.

Enabling Act Update - Commissioner Rugg updated the BOC. The portion of the Enabling Act regarding the change in bonding limit was passed by both the Assembly and Senate in Albany, NY. The next step is Governor Cuomo’s signature. Mr. Cook reported that he reached out to NY Assembly Member Anthony Palumbo and left a detailed message regarding the Enabling Act and is awaiting a response.

Warrant

RESOLUTION 2019 - 102

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated June 24, 2019 in the amount of \$95,233.24.

Moved by: Commissioner H. Burnham

Seconded by: Commissioner P. Rugg

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

Nays: None

Traffic - Mr Cook and the BOC reviewed quarterly traffic volume. Discussion ensued. The decrease in commercial traffic compared to 2018 is largely due to the Big Club project completion. Moving forward, Commissioner Rugg and the BOC have asked management for a traffic breakdown of Silver Eel operations, including a load factor and labor costs. Mr. Cook reviewed the to-date Profit & Loss sheet for Silver Eel. As of June 21, 2019, 300 passengers were transported on the Silver Eel. Management and members of the BOC continue to hear overwhelmingly positive comments. Mr. Cook reported that as of now, the busiest times for the Silver Eel are 6:45pm on Friday night and 3:45pm on Sunday. Both of these times match up to an Amtrak train. There has been expressed interest in a 6:00pm trip that will

be added this coming week. Mr. Cook will continue to have conversations with the Utility Company, Fishers Island School and Race Rock regarding commuting passengers.

Management Reports

Marine Update - Mr. Cook reported that specifications, as well as pricing for new mufflers for Munnatawket are in progress. Silver Eel was hauled out to change oil last week and salt water was found in one of the lower units due to one of the screws being only hand tight. A spare unit was on-hand and swapped. Chairman Ahrens asked if the outboards of Silver Eel could be replaced or overhauled when they reach a maximum of hours. Mr. Cook responded that they will typically need to be replaced at 3,000 hours. Mr. Burns reported that Cummins Northeast visited last Thursday, June 20th, for a warranty claim on Munnatawket. Cummins Atlantic along with their manager took the opportunity to do a site visit. Cummins is one consolidated company now so there is no cost advantage from one franchise to another. Race Point has been running fine mechanically and all new seasonal hires have been working out great. Deckhands are being rotated through for training on Silver Eel.

Airport - Mr. Murphy updated the BOC. As part of the 2019 ACIP, two grant applications went through for the Electrical Vault and Runway Paving Design. Baseline King was awarded the Electrical Vault bid at the last BOC meeting. C&S Engineers are moving forward with the design work of the Runway and will be meeting with the FAA regarding the details and funding of the project. These projects require the FD to front the entire amount but the District is only responsible for 5% of the final project cost.

RESOLUTION 2019 - 103

Whereas the 2019 Airport Capital Improvement Program (“ACIP”) has been approved; and

Whereas there are two FY 2019 Grant Projects within the ACIP; Runway 12-30 Rehabilitation Design and Rehabilitate Electrical Building (construction); and

Therefore it is RESOLVED to approved the two FAA grant applications in the amount of \$88,500.00 and \$326,000.00 respectively; and

It is further resolved to recommend that the Town of Southold as the Airport Sponsor to approve the two grant applications, execute the documents subject to review by Town Counsel and deliver them to the FAA and C&S Engineers.

Moved by: Commissioner A. Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner D. Shillo

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

Nays: None

RESOLUTION 2019 - 104

Whereas the Airport Wide Obstruction Survey and Evaluation project (“Obstruction Project”) and grants were previously approved in the 2018 - 2023 Airport Capital Improvement Plan (ACIP) for Elizabeth Field Airport; and

Whereas the Ferry District as Airport Manager requires that a project design and manager for the Obstruction Project be selected; and

Whereas in accordance with FAA regulations the airport manager is responsible to determine whether the Obstruction Project agreement is economically reasonable;
Therefore it is RESOLVED for management to notify the FAA and the Town of Southold that the Ferry District finds the C&S Engineers, Inc.'s Consultant Agreement ("Agreement") acceptable for the design of the project including project management, preliminary and final analysis reports and direct expenses not to exceed \$168,000, to authorize management to execute the Agreement and any ancillary documents and further recommends that the Airport Sponsor (the Town of Southold) also execute said Obstruction Project agreement, subject to review by counsel.

Moved by: Commissioner D. Shillo

Seconded by: Commissioner A. Ahrens

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

Nays: None

Property Update - Mr. Cook reported that Walsh Park has their permits and contract and are ready to start.

Theater Update - Mr. Murphy reported that FIS graduation was held at the theater.

Blank Rome Retainer - Management and the BOC have agreed to table at this time.

Other - The BOC has agreed to not accept old tickets for exchange. The deadline was October 1, 2018. Discussion ensued regarding 8 month rent pricing for Whistler Avenue. Management will negotiate and bring to the BOC for approval. Mr. Cook reported that he is working on dredging alternatives and supplying housing for the contractor may bring the price down.

Executive Session - The BOC has agreed that no executive session is needed at this time.

Next Scheduled Meeting – Monday, July 8, 2019 at 4:30 pm at the Fishers Island Community Center.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, and on motion made by Commissioner W. Bloethe, seconded by Commissioner H. Burnham, the meeting was adjourned at 5:46 pm.