

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners  
Fishers Island Ferry District  
July 22, 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 July 22, 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, RJ Burns and Deanna Ross. Members of the Finance Committee included Tom Cashel.

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

**Correspondence/Public Comment** – Chairman Ahrens received an email from Candy Whitman requesting permission to improve accessibility to the bonfire area of South Beach near Hay Harbor. The BOC has no objections. Mr. Murphy will reach out to Hay Harbor and Chairman Ahrens will respond to Candy. Mr. Burns presented Chairman Ahrens with a hand-made gift of the old Munnatawket engine control from management and staff to acknowledge all his hard work as chairman of the BOC. Chairman Ahrens expressed his gratitude.

**Budget Modification**

RESOLUTION 2019 – 112

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

SM.5709.2.000.200	Docks & Terminals	\$11,000
		\$11,000

Increase Appropriations

SMS.5710.4.000.400	Printed Materials	\$1,000
SM.9050.8.000.000	Unemployment Benefit	\$10,000
		\$11,000

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

**Warrant**

RESOLUTION 2019 - 113

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated July 22, 2019 in the amount of \$141,608.71.

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

RESOLUTION 2019 - 114

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant A dated July 22, 2019 in the amount of \$14,208.00..

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

**Management Reports**

**Marine Update** - Mr. Burns updated the BOC. Mr. Burns reported that there has been ongoing safety concerns regarding close proximity of yacht regattas in the ferry's fairway using the buoys as a turning mark. Mr. Burns finally received an email from the USCG who reached out to all the yacht clubs in the area to change their course to avoid the ferry route. Mr. Burns reported that Mr. Haney and his wife are doing well after the birth of their new daughter and looking forward to his return at the end of the month. Management is continuing to work towards a solution for the noise on Munnatawket and pricing mufflers and installation. The newly installed engines are consuming 1 gallon of lube oil for every 200 hours; whereas, the old engines consumed 5 quarts of lube oil for every 20 hours. This is both a positive environmental and economical impact. Silver Eel is going well and receiving positive response. Management continues to work on qualifying all the captains to run the boat. Mr. Burns is working on the Munnatawket's Yard package list and plans to pull the boat in October.

**Fast Passenger Ferry Update** - Mr. Cook reported that a 730 am trip was added to the Silver Eel schedule. To date, there have been 8-9 charters. Discussion ensued regarding the schedule, pricing and ticketing, as well as, opportunities to market and build up interest and increase charters. Management remains uncertain if Silver Eel will run throughout the winter months.

**Airport** - Mr. Murphy updated the BOC. The runway lights remains off from dusk to dawn at the airfield due to a malfunction. Mr. Murphy is awaiting a call back from the electrician. Chairman Ahrens will reach out to Mr. Hubert regarding management of the facility at Elizabeth Field Airport.

**Property** - Mr. Cook informed the BOC that the Hanger is moving forward. Jim Ski is the project manager and waiting for planning and zoning from the TOS. Commissioner Burnham reported that Walsh Park received an update from the contractor regarding their progress and will continue to keep the ferry informed of any potential impact on operations.

### **Insurance**

#### RESOLUTION 2019 - 115

Whereas Hilb Group reviewed the current policies with several underwriters for each insurance category; and

Whereas the rates from the incumbent underwriters were within expectations and competitively priced; and

It is therefore RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners authorizes Mr. Murphy to execute all policies with Great American Insurance Co., Manufacturers Alliance Insurance Co. American Equity Underwriters and American Longshore Mutual and any ancillary documents necessary to renew the Fishers Island Ferry District's 2019-2020 Property /Liability/Marine/Workers Compensation insurance policies, administered by the Hilb Group.

Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner Burnham

Ayes: Ahrens, Bloethe, Burnham, Rugg and Shillo

Nays: None

**Blank Rome Retainer** - The BOC has agreed to table the current legal retainer until more information is received. Mr. Cook will attempt to reach out to Senator Lavalley at the upcoming TOS meeting on Fishers Island.

### **D Doucette Settlement**

#### RESOLUTION 2019 – 116

WHEREAS, the District was presented with a claim by Deborah Doucette for the sum of \$699.25

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; 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 \$699.25 subject to the approval of District counsel and the Southold Town Attorney.

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

## **HR**

### RESOLUTION 2019 – 117

The Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District accepts the resignation of employee Sean Healy with effect May 1, 2019. Mr. Healy does not have any accruals. The BOC and management wish Sean their thanks for his service to the Ferry District and now to the nation.

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

### RESOLUTION 2019 - 118

WHEREAS the District ratified the Jan 1, 2018 – Dec 31, 2021 agreement with CSEA, Inc. Local 1000, AFSCME, AFL-CIO; and

WHEREAS said Advancement Ladders define qualifications and minimum wages for certain positions and;

WHEREAS, on July 10, 2019 Mary Kirby, a Deckhand (FIFD), met the qualifications to be advanced to junior captain as listed in the Ferry District's advancement ladder, and

WHEREAS her manager has recommended such action, it is therefore

RESOLVED with effect July 10, 2019, Mary Kirby is promoted to part-time Captain (FIFD) at the rate of \$22.00 per hour when performing the duties of Captain. Ms. Kirby will retain her title of part-time Deckhand (FIFD) at the rate of \$18.36 per hour when performing the duties of Deckhand (FIFD).

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

### RESOLUTION 2019 - 119

WHEREAS the District ratified the Jan 1, 2018 – Dec 31, 2021 agreement with CSEA, Inc. Local 1000, AFSCME, AFL-CIO; and

WHEREAS said Advancement Ladders define qualifications and minimum wages for certain positions and;

WHEREAS, on July 10, 2019 Ryan Healy, a Deckhand (FIFD), met the qualifications to be advanced to junior captain as listed in the Ferry District's advancement ladder, and

WHEREAS his manager has recommended such action, it is therefore

RESOLVED with effect July 10, 2019, Ryan Healy is promoted to full-time Captain (FIFD) at the rate of \$22.00 per hour when performing the duties of Captain (FIFD). Mr. Healy will retain his title of part-time Deckhand at the rate of \$19.29 per hour when performing the duties of Deckhand (FIFD).

Simultaneously Mr. Healy is released from his full-time Deckhand (FIFD) position and appointed as a part-time Deckhand (FIFD) at the rate of \$19.29 per hour when performing the duties of Deckhand (FIFD).

Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner Burnham

Ayes: Ahrens, Bloethe, Burnham, Rugg and Shillo

Nays: None

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

**Other** - Management will address Ms. J. Burr regarding her request for a residency card.

Mr. Cook reported that Mr. Tom Cashel is taking over as Chairman of the Finance Committee. Mr. Murphy would like to commend Ms. Diane Hansen and her team for a very smooth annual audit. The BOC would also like to commend and thank Ms. Hansen and her team for all their hard work for a successful audit.

**Next Scheduled Meeting – Monday, August 5, 2019 at 4:30 pm, election on August 13, 2019 and Public Budget meeting on Friday, August 16, 2019 @ 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 5:56 pm.