

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

Commissioners Heather Burnham, Peter Rugg and Dianna Shillo were present. Also in attendance were Geb Cook, and Deanna Ross. Members of the public included Louisa Evans. RJ Burns was present via telephone. Commissioner William Bloethe was absent.

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

Correspondence/Public Comment – Mr. Cook reported that a notice of audit letter for three prior years of New London personal property tax filings was received from the City of New London. Louisa Evans presented a proposal by the Town of Southold regarding a new highway barn to be sited near the salt barn. Discussion ensued and management and the BOC will put suggestions in writing to the Town. Louisa will present the proposal to the ICB in October.

Minutes

RESOLUTION 2019 - 142

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the minutes of the July 22, 2019 meeting.

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

RESOLUTION 2019 - 143

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the minutes of the August 5, 2019 meeting.

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

Warrant

RESOLUTION 2019 - 144

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated September 30, 2019, in the amount of \$61,571.80.

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

Budget Modification

RESOLUTION 2019 - 145

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

SM5710.4.000.000	Other/Miscellaneous		<u>\$3,000</u>
		\$3,000	

Increase Appropriations

SM5710.4.000.800	Uniforms		<u>\$3,000</u>
			\$3,000

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

Finance Committee Minutes 9/26 Meeting - Mr. Cook distributed the Finance Committee Minutes and reviewed them with BOC members.

Proposed Fare Increase - Extensive discussion took place between the BOC and management with regard to the proposed fare increases. The BOC would prefer one rate structure for the entire year. No final decision will be made at this time and management will continue to draft proposals to be reviewed by the BOC with a proposed implementation date of January 1, 2020.

Lumber Rates - Mr. Cook informed the BOC that he has had several discussions with some contractors regarding the lumber surcharge. The BOC agrees that there should be a cap on the surcharge per flat. Mr. Burns stated that in cases where there are multiple vendors, the charge is divided among the vendors accordingly. In addition, vendors are encouraged to use a truck delivery when possible.

Enabling Act Update - Mr. Cook contacted Representative Palumbo's office requesting that the amendments to the Enabling Act that were not passed by the legislature in the last session be written and submitted for passage in the next session. Palumbo's staff has agreed to do this.

Management Reports

Marine Update - RJ Burns updated the BOC. Mr. Burns reported that two very good shipyards bid on the yard package and for the first time, the district is seeing a downward trend in expenses. The budget was

for \$243,000 and Fairhaven came in at \$179,900 that included a 15% overage. The yard package will include the installation of the new silencers, rechecking of the shaft alignment and cleaning and painting of the engine room bilge. The District received notice that the VW grant was accepted as a complete package by the State of Connecticut. The grant has not been awarded at this time.

Munnatawket Yard Package

Resolution 2019 - 146

WHEREAS, the MV Munnatawket must be hauled out for biennial US Coast Guard inspection and certain required maintenance; and

WHEREAS proper public notice of the RFP was placed in The Day newspaper noting the specifics and contact details; and,

WHEREAS, on September 30, 2019 sealed bids were received and opened by the District Manager in the presence of one member of the District Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Marine Operations Manager reviewed the bid received, assessed the value to the District, deemed it a bid favorable to the District, advised the Board of Commissioners of the terms of the bid and his recommendation to accept the bid from Fairhaven Shipyard Companies, Inc. in New Bedford, MA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the District approves the bid from Fairhaven Shipyard Companies, Inc., in the amount of \$156,435.00 with contingency charges on a time and materials basis not to exceed \$23,465.00; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Management is directed to execute the contract and any ancillary documents subject to review by District counsel and to pay all amounts when properly invoiced and approved by Management.

Moved by: Commissioner D. Shillo

Seconded by: Commissioner H. Burnham

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

Nays: None

Mr. Burns visited State Pier that is now managed by Gateway to confirm they will supply a place to put the District's ferries in case of a hurricane. In the event of an evacuation, Race Point is able to carry 857 passengers and Munnatawket is able to carry 508 passengers. Mr. Burns has engaged the District's marine architect to determine carrying capabilities of Silver Eel in the event of an emergency. Mr. Burns informed Mr. Bob Brooks of this capacity information for the purposes of emergency management. There have been continued talks with management and Fishers Island School Principal Christian Arsenault, with regard to interest in using Silver Eel for school functions.

Dredge Update - Mr. Cook updated the BOC. There may be potential for Suffolk County to pay for the dredging of Silver Eel. Keith Nielson from Docko has sent all the dredging permits to Suffolk County and Mr. Cook is awaiting a response from Legislator Krupski.

PVA Meeting

RESOLUTION 2019 - 147

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby grants permission to District Manager Geb Cook to attend the PVA Conference November 4 – 6, 2019 in Alexandria, VA. All expenses for registration and travel, including meals, not to exceed \$1,500.00, will be a legal charge to the 2019 District budget.

Moved by: Commissioner A. Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner D. Shillo

Ayes: A. Ahrens, H. Burnham and D. Shillo

Nays: None

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

Next Scheduled Meeting is Tuesday, October 15, 2019 @ 4:30 pm at the Fishers Island Community Center.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, and on motion made by Commissioner H. Burnham, seconded by Commissioner P. Rugg, the meeting was adjourned at 6:11 pm.