

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners  
Fishers Island Ferry District  
November 12, 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 November 12, 2019 at 4:30 PM.

Commissioners William Bloethe, Heather Burnham and Dianna Shillo were present. Also in attendance were Geb Cook, Gordon Murphy and Deanna Ross. Members of the public included George DeMenil and Bob Evans. Commissioner Peter Rugg 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 no correspondence was received. There was no public comment.

**Minutes**

RESOLUTION 2019 – 157

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the minutes of the October 29, 2019 meeting.

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

**Warrant**

RESOLUTION 2019 - 158

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated November 12, 2019, in the amount of \$45,280.96.

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

**Management Reports**

**Marine Update** - Mr. Cook updated the BOC. Mr. Cook reported that Munnatawket is at Fairhaven shipyard and work is moving along. The muffler install is about 90% complete and should return in late December. Race Point will be out of service tonight for the 6:15/7pm run while crew replaces a piece of pipe on the engine. Silver Eel will be running in its place.

**Silver Eel Update** - Mr. Cook reported that there is no service at this time and the vessel is awaiting hauling for winter storage. Management is looking into options for storage. A final data analysis of Silver Eel is forthcoming.

**Resident Discount Program** - Mr. Murphy reported that in December residents will be able to receive their new cards. Photos will not need to be replaced. The new cards will be required by January 1, 2020.

**Airport Update** - Mr. Murphy updated the BOC. Contracts for the electrical vault have been signed by the Town of Southold and now reside with the FAA. A start date for the electrical vault work is unknown at this time. A few lights are out and will be addressed. In addition, there is continued work on building up the South Beach sea wall. The removal of most of the obstructions on the ferry property has been completed. There are still two trees that need to be addressed. Mr. Murphy will report back to the FAA by the end of December. Mr. Murphy would like to push back on the FAA mandated repaving project as it would require \$71,000 up front to cover the grant. Management is continuing to work on alternate ways to capture airport fees and is working with FareHarbor ticketing system that would allow for online payment.

**Fare Update** - Mr. Cook reviewed the newly proposed fare rates that included a blended rate and % change. Rates were analyzed and discussion ensued. Mr. Cook has agreed to hold informal public meetings with regard to the proposed fare increases and the BOC will finalize at the next meeting. Mr. Cook will also present at the ICB meeting.

## **H Lynch Settlement**

RESOLUTION 2019 – 159

WHEREAS, the District was presented with a claim by Holland Lynch for the sum of \$659.11; 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 the Holland Lynch claim and directs management to make payment of the settlement amount of \$659.11 subject to the approval of District counsel and the Southold Town Attorney.

Moved by: Commissioner W. Bloethe

Seconded by: Commissioner A. Ahrens

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

Nays: None

## **R Crary Settlement**

**RESOLUTION 2019 – 160**

WHEREAS, the District was presented with a claim by Robert Crary for the damage to his vehicle while being loaded on to the ferry on July 30, 2019; 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 the Robert Crary claim and directs management to make payment of the settlement amount of \$653.25 subject to the approval of District counsel and the Southold Town Attorney.

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

**HR**

**RESOLUTION 2019 – 161**

It is RESOLVED to accept the resignation of HaiZhen Sophia Ke as Account Clerk Typist (FIFD) with effect October 27, 2019. There are no accrued payments due Ms. Ke.

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

**RESOLUTION 2019 – 162**

WHEREAS the Ferry District requires Account Clerk Typists (FIFD);

THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED to reinstate Kathleen Alfred-Neiman as a part-time Account Clerk Typist (FIFD) with a starting wage of \$19.50 per hour effective November 20, 2019.

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

**Other**

**TOS Letter** - Management and the BOC engaged in discussion regarding their concerns with regard to the new proposed highway barn. The BOC has approved the new facility in concept and has asked Mr.

Cook to draft a letter to the Town outlining these concerns prior to moving forward with a public hearing.

**Freight Operations** - Mr. Cook reported that freight operations will be temporarily moved back to the garage this Wednesday, Thursday and Friday due to spraying of insulation in the ceiling.

### **Executive Session**

At 17:52, the following resolution was proposed: RESOLVED, that the Commission move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters.

Moved by: Commissioner H. Burnham

Seconded by: Commissioner A. Ahrens

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

Nays: None

At 18:07, the following resolution was proposed:

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

Moved by: Commissioner H. Burnham

Seconded by: Commissioner D. Shillo

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

Nays: None

**Next Scheduled Meeting is Monday, November 25, 2019 @ 1:00 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 A. Ahrens, the meeting was adjourned at 6:08 pm.