

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Fishers Island Ferry District
March 16, 2020

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 16, 2020 at 1:15 PM.

Commissioners William Bloethe, Heather Burnham, Jim Reid and Dianna Shillo were present. Also in attendance were Geb Cook, Gordon Murphy and Deanna Ross. There were no members of the public present.

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

Correspondence/Public Comment – Mr. Cook received an email from Mr. Paul Giles of the Fishers Island Fire District requesting to place a standpipe for fire department access to a salt-water supply near the north ramp dock. Mr. Cook will respond to Mr. Giles. Mr. Cook stated that he responded to Mrs. Perringer’s letter that was received while he was away. Discussion ensued regarding the requirements for residency; as well as, the current waiting period to receive resident ID cards. The BOC has agreed to revisit the policy.

Warrant

RESOLUTION 2020 - 046

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated March 16, 2020, in the amount of \$125,473.02

Moved by: Commissioner Burnham

Seconded by: Commissioner Ahrens

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

Nays: None

Management Reports

Marine Update - Mr. Cook updated the BOC. The M/V Munnatawket will be returning to Goodison Shipyard this week to fix the vibration issue. M/V Race Point has been out for routine maintenance but can return to service at any time.

Fairhaven Yardwork

RESOLUTION 2020 – 047

Whereas Fairhaven Shipyard was contracted to perform bi-annual maintenance on M/V Munnatawket in 2019 with the total project expense not to exceed \$179,900; and

Whereas variable materials for the project, specifically the forecastle tank area rehabilitation, exceeded the original estimate; and

Therefore it is RESOLVED that the Fishers Island Ferry District Board of Commissioners amends its resolution 2019-146 to increase its project contingencies by \$4,000 to \$27,465 and the total project not to exceed \$183,900.

Moved by: Commissioner Bloethe

Seconded by: Commissioner Ried

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

Nays: None

Lighthouse Works Public Art Proposal

RESOLUTION 2020 - 048

WHEREAS The Lighthouse Works has requested permission to use the concrete pad north of the parking lot for an art installation for the year commencing April 1, 2020, and has provided necessary insurance such that the District, its commissioners, and the Town, collectively or severally, will not be held liable in any case, and

WHEREAS management recommends such action,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners, subject to review by counsel, accepts the proposal from The Lighthouse Works, and authorizes and directs management to execute any necessary documents.

Moved by: Commissioner Shillo

Seconded by: Commissioner Reid

Ayes: A. Ahrens, W. Bloethe, J. Reid and D. Shillo

Nays: None

Recuse: H. Burnham

Legal

Dental Insurance Renewal

RESOLUTION 2020 - 049

WHEREAS the current contract with EDT MetLife Dental (Metropolitan Life Insurance Company) for dental insurance expires on May 1, 2020, two quotes were received for a one year renewal term, and management recommends the MetLife plan based on best value;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby directs and authorizes Mr. Gordon Murphy to execute a contract for the \$2,000 maximum yearly benefit plan with MetLife Dental in-

urance, administered by Employer's Dental Trust, and any related ancillary documents , and authorizes management to pay invoices when properly invoiced and approved by management.

Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner Burnham

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

Nays: None

Life Insurance Renewal

RESOLUTION 2020 - 050

WHEREAS the current contract with ShelterPoint Life Insurance Company for life insurance expires on May 1, 2020, two quotes were received, and management recommends renewing its contract with ShelterPoint Life Insurance Company based on best value;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby accepts the quote from ShelterPoint Life Insurance Company for a one-year contract, directs and authorizes Mr. Gordon Murphy to execute the contract, and authorizes management to pay invoices when properly invoiced and approved by management.

Moved by: Commissioner Bloethe

Seconded by: Commissioner Reid

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

Nays: None

HR

Resolution 2020 - 051

The Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District accepts the resignations of Robert Sasso, Robert Craft and Patrick Chasse with effect April 1, 2020. There are no accrued payments due.

Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner Bloethe

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

Nays: None

IT - Mr. Murphy updated the BOC. The District has secured Atlantic Broadband to provide a second internet service provider to the New London Terminal. The signal will be beamed across the railroad tracks to the terminal from the New London Police Substation in New London. Work will begin on March 24, 2020.

Airport - Mr. Murphy updated the BOC. Baseline King will be starting work on the upgrade of the electrical vault next Monday, March 23, 2020.

Building 209 - Mr. Cook updated the BOC. The BOC reviewed a proposed landscape plan for Building 209 from Mr. David Burnham. The north side landscaping has yet to be determined due to occupied

tenant rental space. Mr. Cook stated that there are interested parties in the large rental space that will be available on the first floor of Building 209. Access to this space will be from the north side. No decisions have been made at this time. Mr. Murphy reported that two quotes were received for the new garage doors for Building 209.

Cleric Travel - Mr. Murphy reported that one response was received from Union Chapel.

FIUC Letter - Mr. Murphy reported that a letter was sent to the FIUC regarding the manhole at the freight building. No response was received. Mr. Murphy will follow up.

Other - Mr. Cook reported that a third party deep cleaning of the boats and office spaces would be taking place once a week. The BOC meeting today was originally scheduled in New London. This has been postponed due to the Coronavirus Pandemic. Discussion ensued regarding operations due to Covid-19. Management is aware that this pandemic is fluid and will continue to monitor and adhere to CDC guidelines.

Executive Session

At 14:30, the following resolution was proposed:

RESOLVED, that the Commission move into Executive Session for discussing personnel matters.

Moved by: Commissioner A. Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner H. Burnham

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

Nays: None

At 14:50, the following resolution was proposed:

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

Moved by: Commissioner J. Reid

Seconded by: Commissioner H. Burnham

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

Nays: None

Next BOC Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Friday, March 20, 2020 at 1:00 PM to discuss any operational issues due to Covid-19. Place of meeting to be determined.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, and on motion made by Commissioner D. Shillo, seconded by Commissioner A. Ahrens, the meeting was adjourned at 2:51 pm.