

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Fishers Island Ferry District
March 23, 2020

Chairman Ahrens, at the Fishers Island Ferry District Waiting Room, called a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District ("the Ferry District") to order on March 23, 2020 at 1:00 PM.

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

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

Management Reports

Operations - Chairman Ahrens reported that the purpose of this special meeting is to discuss, considering Covid -19, what the Ferry District will do moving forward for the safety of passengers, crew and people on the Island. After much discussion regarding the ferry schedule, the BOC and management have agreed to run three boats per day (0700/0815; 1130/1245; 1530/1645) effective Tuesday, March 24, 2020. Management will inform anyone who has a reservation scheduled for any of the last boats that are being temporarily dropped. Captain Jesse Marshall spoke on behalf of the crew and stated that the concerns being voiced are serving the community and the overall well-being of the crew and their families, as well as the fiscal health of all involved. Mr. Marshall stated that safety equipment is much improved. Discussion ensued regarding concerns with freight. Commissioner Shillo has recommended that we continue to follow CDC Guidelines and that freight agents are diligent with using appropriate protective gear, socially distancing and washing hands frequently. Management has agreed to put a 24-hour hold on freight once it arrives on the island. This 24-hour hold will exclude perishables and medicines. The New London office will isolate perishables and medicines, so they are readily accessible for immediate pick up. In addition, the BOC and management would like to ask people to limit non-essential freight as much as possible during this time.

HR

Resolution 2020 - 052

WHEREAS The Fishers Island Ferry District requires additional Laborers;

Therefor it is RESOLVED to appoint, with effect March 24, 2020, Ian Tirabassi as a part-time Laborer at a rate of \$13.26 per hour.

Moved by: Commissioner A. Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner H. Burnham

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

Nays: None

Ferry Operations

Resolution 2020 – 053

It is RESOLVED with effect March 24, 2020 and until further notice the Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District amend the ferry schedule such that there will be three trips a day: 0700/0815, 1130/1245 and 1530/1645 seven days a week. The fuel /cargo runs will not be impacted, and

It is further RESOLVED that freight with the exception of medicine and perishable items will be held 24 hours before being processed for delivery to customers and that the Ferry District requests its customers to order only essential items in order to not over burden resources.

Moved by: Commissioner D. Shillo

Seconded by: Commissioner H. Burnham

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

Nays: None

The BOC has agreed to have short briefings throughout the upcoming weeks during these fluid developments regarding the pandemic.

Next BOC Meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 30, 2020 at 3:00 PM at the Island Community Center.

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 1:46 pm.