

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Fishers Island Ferry District
June 8, 2020

Chairman Ahrens called a teleconference meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District (“the Ferry District”) to order on June 8, 2020 at 4:30 PM.

Commissioners Heather Burnham, Jim Reid and Dianna Shillo were present. Also in attendance were Geb Cook, Gordon Murphy, Jon Haney, Diane Hansen, Jesse Marshall and Deanna Ross. There were no members of the public present via teleconference.

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

Correspondence/Public Comment - Mr. Cook updated the BOC. Mr. Cook received Mrs. Peringer’s documentation that was requested from her. The BOC has tabled their decision until all Board members are present. Commissioner Reid received a letter from Mr. Josh Parsons. The letter was shared with the BOC. Mr. Cook reported that a petition was received from every day commuters requesting the Ferry District to reconsider the surcharge as it is creating a financial burden. Discussion ensued and the BOC is aware of the unfortunate circumstances and is hopeful that the surcharge will end as soon as the current situation improves. A letter was received from Mr. Jon Haney inquiring about the possibility of operating fishing charters for Fishers Island and using the dock at Silver Eel for pick up and drop offs. The BOC agreed that this could be a fun summer activity for islanders

Budget Mod

RESOLUTION 2020 – 085

RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby amends the 2020 Fishers Island Ferry District budget as follows:

Decrease Appropriations

SM5710.4.000.300	Fuel Oil,Vessels	\$40,000
SM5710.2.000.000	Ferry Repairs: Both Vessels	\$10,000
SM5710.4.000.625	Ferry Operations: Terminal Supplies	\$20,000
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		\$70,000

Increase Appropriations

SM5710.4.400.100	Other Expense: Marine Engineering	\$40,000
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SM5710.2.000.100	Ferry Repairs: Munnatawket	\$10,000
SM5710.4.000.500	Ferry Operations Expense: Computer Operations	\$20,000
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Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens
 Seconded by: Commissioner Shillo
 Ayes: Ahrens, Burnham, Reid and Shillo
 Nays: None

Warrant

RESOLUTION 2020 - 086

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated June 8, 2020, in the amount of \$90,290.13.

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

Mr. Murphy reported that many of the unexpected expenses of Covid 19 can be recouped from FEMA, which Ms. Hansen approximates will total \$8,000.

Marine Update - Mr. Haney updated the BOC. Race Point is being used due to the number of commuters bringing their vehicles. Maintenance continues on the Munnatawket. Management is closely monitoring traffic and whether there is a need to add more boats. Discussion ensued. The BOC would like to add the 6:15/7:00 on Mondays and Tuesdays starting June 15, 2020. Silver Eel remains available for charters. The Fishers Island School will be chartering the Munnatawket for parents and students for graduation – the date and price to be finalized.

Finance Update - Mr. Cook updated the BOC. The BOC reviewed financials. New London Seafood has brought in \$1,600 to date this year. Mr. Cook reported that the crew is ready to reinstate the transportation of no driver vehicles that was put on hold at the beginning of the pandemic.

Airport - Mr. Murphy reported that a bid opening took place for the airport entrance project. Only one bid was received and came in at \$100,000 higher than budgeted. Mr. Murphy has not heard back from C&S the airport consultant and it is uncertain if the FAA will grant the District additional funds. An internal advertisement was posted for an airport attendant. Public posting can take place 5 days after the internal post. Mr. Murphy is also looking into an alternative plan that would allow for tracking and billing using airplane transponders. This may be trialed in as early as two weeks.

Health Insurance/HRA Server/Vision - Mr. Murphy updated the BOC of the changes. New health Insurance coverage will now be provided by UnitedHealthcare Oxford. Commissioner Shillo responded that the changes will potentially save the District \$50,000 per year. The BOC thanks all who were involved in this review process with the Gowrie Group.

Contract / Health Insurance

RESOLUTION 2020 - 087

WHEREAS the District desires to put in place new health insurance coverage for its qualified employees commencing July 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS the insurance broker Gowrie Group presented insurance options; and

WHEREAS the Oxford Bronze PPO HRA 6000 health insurance plan (the "Plan") was selected based on coverage and terms; and

WHEREAS the Oxford Bronze PPO HRA 6000 health insurance plan is a high deductible plan and a Health Reimbursement Account ("HRA") can be combined with this health insurance plan, requiring the services of a third-party HRA plan administrator, and Progressive Benefit Solutions, LLC was selected to provide these services; and

WHEREAS the District through the HRA will reimburse employees enrolled in the Plan up to \$4,675 per single employee or up to \$9,350 per enrollee greater than a single employee for Plan year out-of-pocket expenses; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that commencing July 1, 2020, the District shall make available to its qualified employees the Oxford Bronze PPO HSA 6000 health insurance plan; and

be it further RESOLVED that management is authorized to execute all documents relating to the Plan subject to review by counsel; and

be it further RESOLVED that commencing July 1, 2020 the District authorizes management to execute all documents relating to establishment of and oversight over a HRA with Progressive Benefit Solutions, LLC subject to review by counsel; and

be it further RESOLVED that for the year commencing July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021 only, the District shall fund the HRA sufficiently to reimburse employees enrolled in the Plan up to \$4,675 per single employee or up to \$9,350 per enrollee greater than a single employee for plan year out-of-pocket expenses; and

be it further RESOLVED that management be authorized and instructed to work with the Gowrie Group to review any other related documents as the case may be and in general to finalize and put in place these two related health care coverage programs commencing July 1, 2020 subject to review by District counsel.

Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner Shillo

Ayes: Ahrens, Burnham, Reid and Shillo
Nays: None

Vision Insurance

RESOLUTION 2020 - 088

WHEREAS Employees of the District who are members of the Civil Service Employees Association, Inc., as well as unaffiliated District employees, desire to put in place vision insurance coverage commencing July 1, 2020 in which participation is voluntary and for which participants will pay 100% of their coverage premium; and

WHEREAS the insurance broker Gowrie Group presented options; and

WHEREAS the Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield Small Groups Insurance plan was selected based on coverage and terms;

THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED, that commencing July 1, 2020, the District shall make available to its employees the Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield Small Groups insurance plan and authorize management to execute all contract and ancillary documents relating to the Plan subject to review by counsel; and

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED that management be authorized and instructed to work with the Gowrie Group to review any other related documents as the case may be and in general to finalize and put in place this vision care coverage program commencing July 1, 2020.

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

Race Point Award - Mr. Cook updated the BOC. The bids had to be rescinded because the Request for Proposals was not advertised in the newspaper. All vendors were notified of the error. The Request for Proposals was advertised, and bids are due Friday June 12, 2020, to be opened at 2pm with a Commissioner present.

Next BOC Meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 22, 2020 at 4:30 PM via Tele/Videoconference.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, and on motion made by Commissioner H. Burnham, seconded by Commissioner D. Shillo, the meeting was adjourned at 5:53 pm.

