

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners  
Fishers Island Ferry District  
December 21, 2020

Chairman Ahrens called a teleconference meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District (“the Ferry District”) to order on December 21, 2020 at 4:00 PM.

Commissioners Heather Burnham, Jim Reid and Dianna Shillo were present. Also in attendance were Geb Cook, Gordon Murphy, Deanna Ross and Jesse Marshall. Commissioner Cashel was absent. 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 reported that no correspondence was received. There was no public comment.

**Budget Modification**

RESOLUTION 2020 – 194

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	\$ 19,500.00
	Total	\$ 19,500.00

Increase Appropriations

SM5610.2.000.000	AirPort Capital	\$ 16,500.00
SM5710.4.000.500	ComputerOperat	\$ 3,000.00
	Total	\$ 19,500.00

Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner Shillo

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

Nays: None

**Budget Modification - CF**

RESOLUTION 2020 – 195

**WHEREAS** the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District adopted a 2020 Capital Budget which includes an appropriation for the replacement of the engines and generators etc. subject to a VW Mitigation Trust grant, and

**WHEREAS** the Ferry District’s Capital Budget process requires a resolution to formally establish Capital Budget items in the Capital Fund, now therefore be it

**RESOLVED** that the Town Board of the Town of Southold hereby **authorizes the establishment of the following Capital Projects and amends the Capital Budget as follows:**

Capital Project Name: Race Point Engine Replacement  
Financing Method: Serial Bonds

Budget:	<u>Revenues:</u>		
	H7.5710.00	Serial Bond Proceeds	<u>\$1,265,000</u>
		Total	<u>\$1,265,000</u>
	<u>Appropriations:</u>		
	H7.5720.2.400.400	Ferries, Contracted Services	
		Race Point Engine Repl	<u>\$1,265,000</u>
		Total	<u>\$1,265,000</u>

Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens  
Seconded by: Commissioner Shillo  
Ayes: A. Ahrens, H. Burnham, J. Reid and D. Shillo

**Warrant**

RESOLUTION 2020 – 196

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated December 21, 2020, in the amount of \$119,755.26.

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

**Marine**

Mr. Cook updated the BOC. There have been no issues with M/V Munnatawket. There were a number of personnel that were out for 5-7 days due to Covid contact tracing but most are back to work. Overall there was only one positive case that impacted 9 employees. Management continues to keep all Covid 19 protocols in place and follow the criteria set by New York State to keep all personnel and passengers safe. M/V Race Point remains at Thames Shipyard where they are waiting for a dry dock to free up. Race Point projects remain on track. The boiler has been installed and the new engines arrived. The boat should be hauled in the next two weeks. The electrical drawings have been taking longer than expected. Management continues to move forward with the new bow thruster.

**VW Grant**

RESOLUTION 2020 – 197

Whereas the Fishers Island Ferry District was awarded a grant by the VW Mitigation Trust (“Grant”) to replace the main propulsion engines, generators, etc. on the M/V Race Point; and

Whereas, the CT Department of Energy and Environment, administrator of the Grant, approved the request to include a bow thruster engine within the specifications of the grant; and

Whereas, the CT DEEP has amended the grant to allow for the bow thruster engine to be included as part of the Grant subject to the economics of the grant remaining the same; and

Therefore, it is RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District agree to amend the Grant to include the addition of the bow thruster engine and installation; and

It is further RESOVLED to request management to prepare and solicit Request Proposals for a new bow thruster engine that complies with the specifications required by the M/V Race Point and the Grant and authorize management to enter into a purchase agreement for the engine subject to review by District counsel.

Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner Reid

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

Nays: None

**Airport** - Mr. Murphy updated the BOC. The FAA has requested that the Ferry District amend its ACIP.

### **Airport**

RESOLUTION 2020 – 198

It is RESOLVED to rescind resolution 2020 – 186

Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner Burnham

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

Nays: None

### **2020 – 2026 ACIP**

*RESOLUTION 2020 - 186*

*Whereas the Ferry District is required by the Federal Aviation Administration (“FAA”) to review and approve annually a rolling five-year Airport Capital Improvement Program (“ACIP”) for Elizabeth Field Airport; and*

*WHEREAS, the BOC concurs with its consultant, C&S Engineer’s recommendation of the 2021-2026 ACIP;*

*Now, therefore be it RESOLVED that the BOC of the FIFD approves the 2021 – 2026 ACIP subject to the review of the Town Attorney and District Counsel.*

*Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens*

*Seconded by: Commissioner Shillo*

*Ayes: A. Ahrens, H. Burnham, T. Cashel, J. Reid and D. Shillo*

*Nays: None*

## **2021– 2025 ACIP**

### **RESOLUTION 2020 - 199**

Whereas the Ferry District is required by the Federal Aviation Administration (“FAA”) to review and approve annually a rolling five-year Airport Capital Improvement Program (“ACIP”) for Elizabeth Field Airport; and

WHEREAS, the BOC concurs with its consultant, C&S Engineer’s revised recommendation of the 2021-2025 ACIP after consultation with the FAA;

Now, therefore be it RESOLVED that the BOC of the FIFD approves the 2021 – 2025 ACIP subject to the review of the Town Attorney and District Counsel; and

It is further RESOLVED to authorize Mr. Cook to execute the seven Data Sheets for the respective projects within the 2021 – 2025 ACIP.

Moved by: Commissioner Shillo

Seconded by: Commissioner Reid

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

Nays: None

**Other** - Discussion ensued regarding the current leases. Mr. Murphy reported that all leases have a 60-day termination clause except for Walsh Park and Lighthouse Works. The current rates include pro-rated property taxes. Mr. Murphy initiated a conversation on a proposal to adjust certain freight rates to even numbers. Since the imposed 10% increase due to COVID-19, certain line items have now created coins, making it more difficult for freight agents to make change and increasing bank deposit fees. Discussion ensued. The BOC has agreed to leave the rates as they are and revisit in 6 months. Mr. Cook reported that several items were sold at auction this week including a spare engine for \$21,000, spare parts for \$520.00 and the Town Police car for \$510.00. Discussion ensued regarding the need for consistency on Saturdays, including boat times and freight. Single run charters leave New London at 9:30am and leave Fishers at 12:00pm which pose a problem with Saturday freight. Management will continue to investigate the situation. Mr. Murphy reported that he received three new applicants for residency cards including Sam Evans, Chip DuPont and George Guimaraes. The BOC has approved.

### **Public Hearing on 2021 Leases**

### **RESOLUTION 2020 – 200**

Whereas a public hearing on the proposed 2021 – 2023 property leases was duly noticed in advance;  
and

Therefore it is RESOLVED to open the general meeting to a public hearing on the proposed 2021 – 2023 property leases 5:00 PM.

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

No member of the public joined the Zoom meeting.

Therefore it is RESOLVED to close the general meeting to a public hearing on the proposed 2021 – 2023 property leases 5:10 PM.

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

#### RESOLUTION 2020 – 201

It is RESOLVED to approve the 2021 – 2023 property leases amounts as noted below and authorize management to enter into three-year leases with the noted leasers, except The Toldo Company which will be a one-year lease.

<b>Rent Per Month</b>	<b>Tax Map #</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>2021</b>
<b>RENT BD Remodeling (CH)</b>	<b>12.-1-4.4</b>	<b>Building 209</b>	\$ 840.00
<b>RENT Faulkner Contracting(\$)</b>	<b>12.-1-18</b>	<b>Transfer Area</b>	\$ 350.00
<b>RENT Hay Harbor Club, Inc. (CH)</b>	<b>9.-10-9.1</b>	<b>357W</b>	\$ 22,500.00
<b>RENT - Ferry Employee</b>	<b>9.-10-9.1</b>	<b>357W</b>	\$ 700.00
<b>RENT Hubert / Airport</b>	<b>12.-1-18</b>	<b>Airport Hanger</b>	\$ 1,132.00
<b>RENT Jim Ski Construction(\$)</b>	<b>12.-1-18</b>	<b>Transfer Area</b>	\$ 570.00
<b>RENT Ledge Light Plumbing &amp; Heat(CH)</b>	<b>12.-1-18</b>	<b>Transfer Area</b>	\$ 150.00

RENT Lighthouse Works, Inc.(CH)	12.-1-4.4	Annex	\$	857.00
RENT - Malinowski	12.-1-18	Mos Hollow	\$	150.00
RENT Mason Horn Masonry LLC(CH)	12.-1-4.4	FreightFI	\$	150.00
RENT Paul's Home Improvement (\$)	12.-1-18	Airport Rd	\$	262.00
RENT Race Rock (CH)	12.-1-18	Mos Hollow	\$	2,662.00
RENT Schultz, Craig (\$)	12.-1-18	Transfer Area	\$	401.00
RENT Toldo Company (CH) - COD	12.-1-4.4	FreightFI	\$	492.00
RENT - Tom's Plumbing	12.-1-18	Mos Hollow	\$	502.00
RENT Walsh Park BC	12.-1-4.4	Building 209	NA	
RENT Z&S Contracting (CH)	12.-1-4.4	FreightFI	\$	620.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$</b>	<b>32,338.00</b>

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

**Next BOC Meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 11, 2020 at 4:00 PM with a Public Hearing on Leases at 5:00 PM via Tele/Videoconference.**

Chairman Ahrens expressed his thanks to the BOC, management, crew and staff for their dedication and hard work during an unprecedented year.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, and on motion made by Commissioner H. Burnham, seconded by Commissioner A. Ahrens, the meeting was adjourned at 5:19 pm.