

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Fishers Island Ferry District
January 25, 2021

Chairman Heather Burnham called a teleconference meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District (“the Ferry District”) to order on January 25, 2021 at 4:00 PM.

Commissioners Ace Ahrens, Tom Cashel, Jim Reid and Dianna Shillo were present. Also in attendance were Geb Cook, Gordon Murphy, Jon Haney, Deanna Ross, Jesse Marshal, Polly Ford and Nick Espinosa. There were no members of the public present.

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

Housekeeping

RESOLUTION 2021 – 011

It is RESOLVED to elect a Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District establish a quarterly rotating chair for each meeting until further notice; and

It is further RESOLVED to elect Commissioner Burnham as chair for this meeting and until March 31, 2021.

Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner Reid

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

Nays: None

Correspondence/Public Comment - Mr. Cook reported that no correspondence was received. Mr. Jesse Marshall inquired about the possibility of the crew getting vaccinated on Fishers Island. Commissioner Shillo responded that the Ferry District would be eligible as they are employed by a New York entity. A survey will be going out soon from IHP to determine who wants the vaccine and if eligible people have gotten the vaccine or in the process. Commissioner Shillo did encourage everyone to continue to investigate other avenues through Yale, Hartford Healthcare, etc. when one meets the eligibility requirements.

Warrant

RESOLUTION 2021 - 012

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated January 25, 2021, in the amount of \$93,380.33.

Moved by: Commissioner Reid

Seconded by: Commissioner Ahrens

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

Nays: None

Management Reports

MU/RP Updates - Mr. Haney updated the BOC. MV Race Point is still not in dry dock at the yard and management continues to move forward on the bow thruster. Mr. Haney reported that there has been trouble with the thermometers when taking temperatures of school students prior to getting on the boat. Currently temperatures are taken outside in the cold causing inaccuracies. Discussion ensued and Mr. Haney and Mrs. Polly Ford will reach out to Mr. Arsenault to coordinate. Commissioner Reid asked if it is realistic that Race Point would return by April 1, 2021 given the delay at the yard due to the tug-boat in the dry dock space. Mr. Haney responded that the yard manager believes that the work will get done at the agreed time frame. Commissioner Ahrens asked if there was any concern for noise pollution once the new engines are installed given the issues that occurred with MV Munnatawket. Mr. Haney reported that a preliminary study was completed prior to the boat going to the yard and everything regarding noise pollution that was an issue with Munnatawket has been carried over to Race Point and in the works to prevent the same issues from occurring again. Mr. Cook responded that the new engines will sound different because of going from a 12 cylinder to a 6 cylinder. Mr. Cook also reported that there are liquidated damages in the contract after April 1, 2021.

Dredging Update - Mr. Cook updated the BOC. Mr. Cook had a successful meeting with the Suffolk County Dredging Committee and Silver Eel Cove was approved. It now will move to the Suffolk County Legislature and looking like dredging will take place in the fall.

Port Security Grant - Mr. Cook updated the BOC. The RFP is ready to go out for the camera installation. Management is looking to have all cameras in place by May 15, 2020. Mr. Murphy reported that he is waiting for a final quote from one vendor regarding the cyber security that is involved with the grant.

Property Update - Mr. Murphy reported that he is still waiting for insurance certificates from several tenants and has been unsuccessful getting in touch with Mr. Shultz. Also Mr. Murphy received a notice of non-renewal from Z & S Construction.

Airport

Resolution 2021 – 013

Whereas the Airport Rehabilitation of Runway 12-30 (Design) project (“RW12/30 Project”) and grants were previously approved in the FAA FY19 Grant for Elizabeth Field Airport and the grant has been awarded (FAA AIP No. 3-36-0029-24-2019); and

Whereas the Ferry District as Airport Manager requires that a project design be developed and approved by the FAA; and

Therefore it is RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners for the Fishers Island Ferry District instructs management to notify the FAA and the Town of Southold that the District finds the C&S Engineers, Inc.’s Lump Sum Consultant Agreement (“Agreement”) acceptable for the Design of the RW12/30 Project not to exceed \$87,000, and authorizes management to execute the Agreement and any ancillary documents; and further recommends that the Airport Sponsor (the Town of Southold) also execute said on

RW12/30 Project Agreement, subject to review by counsel, and forward executed documents as directed.

Moved by: Commissioner Cashel

Seconded by: Commissioner Shillo

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

Nays: None

Airport

Resolution 2021 – 014

Whereas the Airport Entrance Road Rehabilitation project (“Airport Road Project”) and grants were previously approved in FY20 FAA Grant for Elizabeth Field Airport and the grant has been awarded (FAA AIP No. 3-36-0029-26-2020); and

Whereas the Ferry District as Airport Manager requires that a project administrator and construction observer for the Airport Road Project be selected; and

Therefore it is RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners for the Fishers Island Ferry District instructs management to notify the FAA and the Town of Southold that the District finds the C&S Engineers, Inc.’s Consultant Agreement (“Agreement”) acceptable for the Construction Observation & Administration services of the Airport Road Project, including project management, preliminary and final analysis reports, their direct expenses not to exceed \$59,340, and authorizes management to execute the Agreement and any ancillary documents; and further recommends that the Airport Sponsor (the Town of Southold) also execute said Obstruction Project Agreement, subject to review by counsel, and forward executed documents as directed.

Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner Reid

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

Nays: None

FEMA Seawall Update - Mr. Cook updated the BOC. Stones are being dumped at South Beach for the seawall project. The engineering drawings are due by May 31, 2021 and Mr. Cook is hopeful to have the seawall completed in April 2021.

Other - Mr. Murphy reported that the Ferry District will now require 2-layer face masks for all employees. If a gator is worn it must be worn with a mask to qualify. Staff must always be masked when inside and in small, confined areas, unless eating or drinking or in an office space by themselves with the door closed. Commissioner Cashel directed management to the new CDC guidelines regarding public transportation including ferries. Mr. Cook reported that he presented a denial of claim to the Fishers Island School citing lack of evidence for their fogger. In addition, Mr. Cook reported that Mr. Jeff Edwards inquired about the possibility of chartering an early boat that would leave Fishers Island around 5:45am that would allow members of the Fire Department to get on the 7:00am Cross Sound Ferry to go to Long Island and receive COVID-19 vaccinations. Mr. Cook stated that something could be worked out if needed. The BOC and management would like to thank Nick Espinosa for putting together the charts that were part of the analysis of the COVID-19 impact on ferry operations during 2020. This analysis was

reviewed during the BOC working session. Mr. Murphy reported that he received resident applications from the Foyles and Steve Cook and will be processing those. All members present extended their thanks to IHP for the ease in getting COVID-19 tests ordered and scheduled when needed to both the commercial and private population.

Settlement:

RESOLUTION 2021 - 015

WHEREAS, the District was presented with a claim by Heather Burnham for the sum of \$673.40 as reimbursement for miss shipped freight on December 14, 2020 from the FI freight location; 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 this claim and directs management to make payment of the settlement amount of 673.40 to heather Burnham subject to the approval of District Counsel and the Southold Town Attorney.

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

HR

RESOLUTION 2021 – 016

Whereas the Fishers Island Ferry District has an agreement with the CSEA through December 31, 2021 (“agreement”); and

Whereas resolution 2021 - 008 increased the base rates by 1% with effect for CSEA titled positions with effect January 1, 2021; and

Whereas two employee rates were incorrectly increased; and for the below employees; and

Therefore it is RESOLVED to amend resolution 2021-008 for the rates for the two employees listed below with effect January 1, 2021.

<u>EMPLOYEE ID</u>	<u>Revised 2021 rate</u>
83357	\$ 15.45
32701	\$ 19.88

Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner Reid

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

Nays: None

Executive Session - The BOC has agreed that no executive session is needed at that time. **Next BOC Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 4:00 PM via Tele/Videoconference.**

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, and on motion made by Commissioner A. Ahrens, seconded by Commissioner T. Cashel, the meeting was adjourned at 5:21 pm.