

**Minutes of the Meeting
of the
Board of Commissioners
of the
Fishers Island Ferry District**

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District was held in the New London Terminal on **Wednesday, April 6, 2011** at 1:45 PM.

Present were Commissioners: Brooks, Burnham, duPont Edwards and Rafferty.
8 members of the crew including Captain Easter and 1 member of the community attended.

Minutes of the meeting held on March 16, 2011, were tabled for corrections.

A listing of the outstanding obligations of the District was distributed to the Board for review and discussion. All invoices were declared to abide by the Procurement Policy. At the conclusion of the discussion, a resolution to pay the outstanding obligations of: **\$56,271.15** as represented by vouchers **#1436 through #1474**, dated April 6, 2011 was;

Moved by Commissioner duPont,

Seconded by Commissioner Burnham;

Vote of the Board of Commissioners:

Ayes: Commissioners: Brooks, Burnham duPont, Edwards and Rafferty.

Nays: None

Correspondence

1. A year round request for Jack Cherry was submitted and approved.
2. A year round request for Stacey and Andre Fairley was submitted and approved, pending the waiting until the end of the month.
3. Jim Ski has requested rental of some property by the transfer station. The Board would prefer that he look at the property by the trailers along South Beach.

Old Business

1. Review of the Charters and Special Boats was tabled for a later meeting.
2. The Habitat project has begun. Clearing has commenced on the Parade Grounds and along the airport properties. Seeding should begin within two weeks.
3. Robert Silverstein is coming to the island to finish the measurements for the real estate report. He is still investigating the docking estimates.
4. Uniforms were discussed at length. Remaining inventory of existing uniforms will not be known until June 20th. It was suggested to keep the existing uniforms until the end of the year and then develop new uniform rules with crew stipends.
5. The winter work list was distributed and reviewed by the Board.
6. The Additional Revenue report was tabled for a later meeting.

7. Both DEC and Town permits have been received for the boat ramp on Fishers. The Board will review the proposals to decide what option they would choose.
8. A 5 year Capital Improvement Plan from Captain Easter was distributed to the Board, who will take it under review.
9. A review of the full time resident list will be performed at the next meeting. Commissioners should scan the provided lists for any questionable residents.
10. A bottle/can recycling bin will be placed by the north ramp entry area on the Fishers Island side. The bin will be monitored for only recyclable trash.

New Business

1. A sample 2011 Peak Season schedule was distributed to the Board. The Board will review the schedule and the supplied data for the next meeting.
2. The Board agreed to a request from the Church Golf Committee to move the 6:45 late boat to 7:15 PM on Sunday, May 15th.
3. The commission is awaiting a confirmation letter from the CTDEP to provide the additional payment of \$30,000 to ECCD for the fish ladder project of 2005.
4. The Board agreed to the Southold request for use the Trooper barracks during the installation of the exercise path equipment, with the approval of the State Police.
5. Commissioner Rafferty presented proposals for changing the existing accounting firm. Some questioned the need to make a change. Town Comptroller John Cushman feels there is need for a change because the reports have been late for the last two years. The new accountants are expected be more expensive that the existing accountants. The Board will review the proposals.
6. Proposals for the 2011 Health Insurance renewals have been sent out to providers.
7. Hand sanitizers have been installed on the ferries.

Public Comment

Crew members commented on the existing uniforms. Some of them liked the shirts, while others did not. They all asked for new sweatshirts and the Board approved the purchase, pending the approval of the uniform committee.

The existing reservation system does not allow for debit sales and some customers have asked for them. Ed Dombrowski will be contacted.

Deb Shillo thought that an article about the Island Habitat Project should be submitted to the Island newsletter. She also asked about the freight e-mail notification and was told that it is under construction and should be ready soon.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 20, 2011, 4:30 PM at the Fishers Island Community Center.

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 PM.

Thomas F. Doherty
Manager/Secretary

