

**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 called to order on **Tuesday, August 2, 2011** at 5:00 pm by Commissioner Burnham at the Fishers Island Community Center.

Present were Commissioners: Burnham, Edwards and Rafferty. Commissioner Brooks was present via teleconference call.

Absent was Commissioner DuPont.

Twelve members of the community were present.

Minutes of the meetings held on July 1, 2011, July 5, 2011 and July 7, 2011 were reviewed and accepted as presented. Minutes of the meetings held on July 19, 2011 and July 21, 2011 were reviewed, amended and accepted.

Moved by Commissioner Edwards

Seconded by Commissioner Burnham

Ayes: Burnham, Edwards and Rafferty

A list of outstanding obligations of the District were reviewed and discussed. A resolution was made to pay the outstanding obligation of: **\$39,392.93** as represented in vouchers **#1674 through #1696** dated August 2, 2011 by:

Moved by Commissioner Burnham

Seconded by Commissioner Rafferty

Ayes: Burnham, Edwards, and Rafferty

Nays: none

**Correspondence**

1. A letter from Ron Swaney of CCG was reviewed and discussed. The Commissioners decided to give Mr. Swaney two (2) weeks to remove his property from Ferry District property – Mr. Doherty is to send a directive that this action is completed by August 17, 2011.
2. The Board reviewed an e-mail from ECCD stating that they had received the \$30,000.00 check from the Ferry District, and that they are “committed to bringing this project to a successful completion.”
3. The Board reviewed a letter from the Daniel P. Losquadro, Assemblyman 1<sup>st</sup> District, which was addressed to Barbara Fiala, Commissioner of NYSDMV on behalf of the residents of Fishers Island. Assemblyman Losquadro expressed the island residents’ need to have the DMV to reestablish their practice of sending a mobile unit to Fishers Island annually.
4. The Board reviewed the letter sent by Tom Doherty and Nina Schmid to Mary Center expressing the Ferry District’s appreciation for her excellent service as the health insurance provider for its employees in past years.
5. A year-round application from Staci Hawkinson and Eric Bauer was approved.
6. Commissioner Edwards commended freight agent, Zach Hoch, for the good job that he is doing.

## Old Business

1. The Board reviewed the proposed Off-Peak Ferry Schedule. There was much discussion and comment by the public. Mr. Doherty will consult the Amtrak train schedule and provide ridership numbers to the Commissioners so that a final schedule may be approved at the meeting on August 8, 2011.
2. A conference call was placed to Tyler Vartenigian to discuss the health insurance options that will be offered to Ferry District employees. At the current time employees pay 10% of their insurance costs while the Ferry District contributes the other 90%. After much discussion, the Board instructed Mr. Vartenigian to propose the three best options in his opinion bearing in mind the target budget of \$145,000.00 at a Special Meeting on August 3, 2011 at 7 am in the Manager's Office for a final decision. Mr. Vartengian's meetings with Ferry District employees begin at 8 am on August 3, 2011.
3. The proposed paving bid notification was reviewed. The Board would like the area to be paved to be staked out so that all bidders are clear on the size. The bid notice was approved.  
Moved by Commissioner Edwards  
Seconded by Commissioner Burnham  
Ayes: Burnham, Edwards and Rafferty  
Nays: none
4. Mr. Doherty informed the Board that he had sent a letter to the Town requesting a meeting with the Town Father's to clarify as to whose responsibility the South Beach parking area is.
5. The Board discussed leases. Commissioner Rafferty has sent out copies of the proposed Commercial and Residential leases for comment. Commissioner Rafferty requested that the leases be sent to an attorney for final review. The Commissioners accepted the lease agreements including the request that all renters provide a one month security deposit and that all properties be cleared of debris before the leases are renewed beginning on October 1, 2011.  
Motion by Commissioner Edwards  
Seconded by Commissioner Rafferty  
Ayes: Edwards and Rafferty  
Nays: none  
Refrained from voting: Commissioner Burnham
6. Lucinda Herrick is running unopposed in the upcoming election which will take place on August 9, 2011 from 2-6 pm at the Firehouse to replace outgoing Commissioner DuPont.
7. There were no updates on the worklist.

## New Business

1. The new Freight Policy was discussed and approved as follows: freight must be picked-up within 10 days of delivery, after that there will be a \$2.00 per day charge for all items weighing less than 50 pounds and a \$5.00 per day charge for all items weighing more than 50 pounds. Mr. Doherty will post notices in the freight shed, on the website, at the Post Office and in the Foghorn.  
Moved by Commissioner Edwards  
Seconded by Commissioner Burnham.  
Ayes: Burnham, Edwards and Rafferty  
Nays: none

2. Commissioner Rafferty and Tom Doherty will meet with the Town Father's on Town Father's Day to discuss South Beach parking lot use and the Police Barracks.
3. The Board passed a resolution to make a Budget Modification to the approved 2011 Budget from expenditures allotted for airport capitol outlay to cover over-expenditures for legal fees, repairs to lights at the airport and the HR report.  
Moved by Commissioner Burnham  
Seconded by Commissioner Edwards  
Ayes: Burnham, Edwards and Rafferty  
Nays: none  
The Budget meeting will be held on August 8, 2011 at 5 pm in the Community Center.
4. Commissioner Rafferty inquired as to the cause of delays in the computer system. A notebook will be placed in the New London and Fishers Island reservation offices in which to record any delays or computer problems.
5. A request to use the Movie Theater on August 14, 2011 and on August 20, 2011 was approved.

### **Public Comment**

Debi Shillo requested that the boats should be booked until they are full so that there would be no stand-by and a boat could then be added to accommodate excess boat traffic. Mrs. Shillo also inquired as to where the monies collected as security deposits for the leases will be kept – the Board responded that the money may be intermingled with rent money per advice of legal council. There was also concern as to why the ferry that is scheduled to leave at 9 am on Mondays and Tuesdays during the Peak Schedule is always late – Mrs. Shillo's husband has booked a charter for this time in October and is concerned that it will leave late – she was told that this will no be a problem then. Mrs. Shillo asked if the new tax cap that goes in to effect next year applies to the Ferry District, and she was told yes.

Ellen Parker inquired as to why a car towing a boat was allowed to get on the ferry from the Stand-by lane on July 24, 2011.

Nancy Parsons inquired as to why there were 5 crew members working a boat on which she recently took. She was told that the policy is to have only four (4) crew members at a time, but on busy days such as Fridays or Sundays in the Summer a crew of five (5) is used for safety reasons.

The Board entered into Executive Session to discuss personnel at 7:31 pm.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 7:41 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 8, 2011 at 5 pm at the Fishers Island Community Center.

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.