

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Fishers Island Ferry District
March 1, 2021

Chairwoman Heather Burnham called a teleconference meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District (“the Ferry District”) to order on March 1, 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 and Jesse Marshal.

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

Correspondence/Public Comment - Mr. Cook reported that he received a public comment earlier today that the BOC zoom meetings are not posted. Mr. Murphy reported that all Zoom meetings are posted with the hyperlink at the post office and on the fishersisland.net website. No correspondence was received.

Budget Modification

RESOLUTION 2021 – 029

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

5SM5710.4.000.300	Fuel, Oil	\$ 16,000.00
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Increase Appropriations

SM5610.2.000.000	AirportCapital	\$ 13,000.00
5SM5710.4.000.500	Computer Operation	\$ 3,000.00
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Moved by: Commissioner Shillo
Seconded by: Commissioner Reid
Ayes: A. Ahrens, H. Burnham, J. Reid and D. Shillo
Nays: None

Budget Modification

RESOLUTION 2021 – 030

RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby amends the 2021 Fishers Island Ferry District budget as follows:

Decrease Appropriations

Unallocated Contingency	\$ 100,000.00
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	\$ 100,000.00

Increase Appropriations

5SM5710.2.000.200 Ferry Repairs: Race Point	\$ 100,000.00
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	\$ 100,000.00

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

Warrant

RESOLUTION 2021 - 031

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated March 1, 2021, in the amount of \$247,184.32.

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

BOC 2020 Summary Report - Mr. Cook will circulate the report to the BOC for review and will give to Jane Ahrens to post in the Fog Horn. Management will post the report on the Ferry Website as well.

Management Reports

MU/RP/Silver Eel Updates - Mr. Haney updated the BOC. Mr. Haney reported that Munnatawket has been running well. A heat circulation pump failed last Friday but was replaced within two hours. Mr. Haney is soliciting vendors to replace the PA system on the boat. The new system would be like the one on Race Point. Mr. Haney visited Thames Shipyard today and there were 13 people working on the boat. The bow thruster generator is in and on its mounted. The starboard shaft and propeller has been installed. The port shaft and propeller were installed for alignment purposes only and then removed for additional steel work to be done. A change order for the yard package is necessary for replacement of additional haul plate under the engines that was not identified earlier. Silver Eel will be having its haul-out and internal inspection by the USCG this month. There is still no word on the power head from Yamaha.

Race Point 2020 Yard Package – change order

RESOLUTION 2021 – 032

Whereas the Ferry Race Point is at Thames Shipyard and Repair Co. undergoing its biennial yard haul out; and

Whereas a Coast Guard inspection revealed more hull plate in need of replacement than estimated; and

Therefore it is RESOLVED by the Fishers Island Ferry District Board of Commissioners to authorize to pay Change Order #6 for a total \$57,000.

Moved by: Commissioner Reid

Seconded by: Commissioner Cashel

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

Nays: None

Port Security Grant - Mr. Cook thanks to Mr. Haney who has done all the work to make this grant happen. Mr. Haney updated the BOC. The grant includes security cameras for both terminals and both boats, including the freight building at Fishers Island. The RFP was placed in the newspaper. Six vendors came for a site visit and five submitted bid proposals. Bids were opened last Wednesday with Commissioner Cashel. After consultation with MJ Bradley, as well as Mr. Haney's and Mr. Cook's analysis, they are proposing the BOC to accept the proposal from Total Security, Inc. The bid came in at \$98,908. The grant is for \$125,000 with a 80/20 cost share. An additional \$10,000 is allotted for cyber security upgrades. Mr. Haney reported that this does leave some room for additional cameras or increasing recording times from 30 days out to 60 days, etc. Mr. Haney has agreed to send out to the BOC the diagrams of both terminals showing camera placement and coverage. Mr. Cook reported that they are exploring opportunities to include cameras at the airport with this grant. Mr. Haney reported that the service warranty included three years on equipment, one year on service and a 24-48 hour service response time. Commissioner Reid inquired about the possibility of a live stream camera on the bow of the boat. Mr. Haney responded that he inquired about forward facing camera on the bridge of

both boats; however, it would be too costly and was not included. Commissioner Cashel has recommended that once this is installed and up and running, management should consider an annual budget number for maintenance since so much equipment is involved.

Port Security Grant - CCTV Award

RESOLUTION 2021 – 033

Whereas the Fishers Island Ferry District was awarded a Port Security Grant to upgrade our cyber security and surveillance cameras for both terminals and the ferries MV Race Point and MV Munnatawket; and

Whereas a Request for Proposals was issued and advertised in a widely circulated publication; and

Whereas five proposals were received, evaluated, ranked and conform to the published specifications; and

Whereas the proposal from Total Security LLC of West Hempstead, NY is the most responsible bid;

Therefore it is Resolved that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District accepts the bid from Total Security LLC for \$98,908.06 to install security camera system;

and be it further Resolved to authorize management to review and authorize change orders up to \$24,727.02 (25%); the total cost not to exceed \$123,635.08; and

It is further Resolved to authorize management to execute contract and ancillary documents for this project after review by District counsel.

Moved by: Commissioner Reid

Seconded by: Commissioner Shillo

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

Nays: None

Property Update - Mr. Murphy reported that he has begun reviewing all the insurance coverages and property evaluations.

Airport Seawall - Mr. Cook reported that management is moving forward with putting together a bid package and getting pricing to what the cost will be. FEMA will pay 90%. This project will happen next fall.

FEMA Seawall – Bid Assistance

RESOLUTION 2021 – 034

WHEREAS Elizabeth Field Airport on Fishers Island sustained storm damage from Storm Sandy:
And

WHEREAS FEMA has granted funding (DR-4085-DR-NY) and Technical Bid documents need to be prepared; and

Therefore it is RESOLVED by the Fishers Island Ferry District Board of Commissioners to approve the 2/25/2021 proposal from CHA Consulting Inc., not to exceed \$6,500, for Technical Specifications and Bidding documents in accordance with District, Local and State Public Procurement Standards; and

It is further Resolved to authorize management to execute contract and ancillary documents for this project after review by District counsel.

Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner Reid

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

Nays: None

Settlement - Damon

RESOLUTION 2021 - 035

WHEREAS, the District was presented with a claim by Carlene Damon ("Customer") for the sum of \$3,648.36 as reimbursement for vehicle damage on 8/30/20 while the vehicle was being loaded on the M/V Munnatawket; and

Whereas, the Customer was provided the process to have the damage assessed and the Ferry's insurance carrier's review; and

Whereas the Customer has the repair performed without notifying the Ferry and the Ferry insurance carrier refused to pay; and

Whereas the Ferry offered the Damon's an offer of \$1,000 the amount the Ferry would have been required to pay if the entire amount were covered by insurance and the Customer has agreed to the amount; 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 \$1,000 subject to the approval of District Counsel and the Southold Town Attorney.

Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner Shillo

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

Nays: None

Porter Medical Fare Abatement - Mr. Murphy received correspondence from Ms. Porter requesting an extension. The BOC approves. Management has agreed to develop a form for future use when requesting medical fare abatement.

Draft Emergency Plan - Mr. Murphy reported that management continues to move ahead, and he hopes to have completed for presentation to the BOC by the last March BOC meeting.

Theater - Mr. Murphy reported that he has not heard anything from Friends of the Fishers Island Theater about using the theater for the summer. Mr. Murphy will work on an RFP for the Theater for alternative uses of the building for the BOC to review at the next BOC meeting.

FIDCO Commercial Sticker - Mr. Murphy updated the BOC. If a vehicle has a commercial sticker and the vehicle is being used for commercial purposes, they should be paying the non-resident rate as opposed to the resident rate. Mr. Murphy feels that some residents are abusing the system. The BOC has requested more data.

Executive Session

At 16:50, the following resolution was proposed: RESOLVED, that the Commission move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters.

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

At 17:36, the following resolution was proposed:

RESOLVED, That the Commission exit from Executive Session and resume Public Session.

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

HR

RESOLUTION 2021 – 036

WHEREAS the District ratified the August 17, 2017 Stipulation of Agreement with CSEA, Inc. Local 1000, AFSCME, AFL-CIO regarding Advancement Ladders and;

WHEREAS said Advancement Ladders define qualifications and minimum wages for certain positions and;

Whereas Mr. Daniel Eagan has completed his training and management recommends that he be promoted to full captain.

Therefore, it is resolved with effect January 14, 2021 to increase Mr. Eagan's Captain (FIFD) salary to \$28.00 per hour and simultaneously Mr. Eagan is released from his part-time Deckhand (FIFD) position.

Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner Shillo

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

Nays: None

Next BOC Meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 15, 2021 at 4:00 PM via Tele/Videoconference.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, and on motion made by Commissioner D. Shillo, seconded by Commissioner J. Reid, the meeting was adjourned at 5:42 pm.