

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Fishers Island Ferry District
July 6, 2021

Chairman Tom Cashel called a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District (the "Ferry District" or the District") to order on July 6, 2021, at 4:00 PM at the Island Community Center and via tele/videoconference.

Commissioners Ace Ahrens, Heather Burnham, Jim Reid and Dianna Shillo were present. Also in attendance were Geb Cook, Gordon Murphy, Jon Haney and Deanna Ross. David McCall was present via teleconference.

Chairman Cashel 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.

Warrant

RESOLUTION 2021 – 110

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated July 6, 2021, in the amount of \$214,274.51.

Moved by: Commissioner Shillo

Seconded by: Commissioner Ahrens

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

Nays: None

Finance - Mr. Cook updated the BOC and reviewed financials from June 2021 and January through June 2021. Car & traffic and freight are doing well with respect to revenue. The net income line is inflated by property taxes. Ferry operations continue to improve year over year.

Traffic - Mr. Haney updated the BOC and reviewed traffic for May and June 2021. There has been an increase in passenger and vehicle traffic. 25 trips were made over Memorial Day weekend vs. 38 in 2019. Some vehicles were left behind but were all able to get them over to the island by the end of day. On-time percentage was at an all-time low in June. Multiple factors have been identified including full boats, an uptick in freight, having to continue to use Munnatawket while Race Point is out of service. Additionally an extra boat at 930/1030 am trip was added to accommodate commercial traffic. Mr. Haney reported that he has had a meeting with the crew to start loading earlier and load freight earlier.

Management Reports

Marine Update - Mr. Haney updated the BOC. The manifold repair on Munnatawket will be taking place within the next week or following. Race Point was back in service July 1, 2021. There was a faulty cable

causing no communication with either station. Twin Disc and Cummins came out the next day to replace the cable and sea trials were performed. Discussion ensued regarding the issues that have been occurring with the new engines on Race Point. Silver Eel gaskets arrived last week; however, the casings are not arriving until August. Discussion ensued regarding the possibility of contracting the fast ferry service to someone else until Silver Eel is ready. The Main gate at the New London terminal was hit by Bozzuto's tractor trailer. Currently it must be operated manually, and the District is waiting for the repair estimate.

Settlement

RESOLUTION 2021 – 111

WHEREAS the District was presented with a claim by Andrew Strife for the sum of \$2,494.12 as reimbursement damage to his vehicle while loading it on to the Munnatawket on June 6th; and

WHEREAS the Ferry's insurance carrier will cover the cost of the repair less the deductible; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District has determined that it is in the best interest of the District to resolve this claim to avoid the expense and uncertainties of litigation; and

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 \$1,000 deductible with the insurance carrier reimbursing Mr. Strife subject to the approval of District Counsel and the Southold Town Attorney.

Moved by: Commissioner Shillo

Seconded by: Commissioner Burnham

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

Nays: None

Recuse: T. Cashel

Elections - Mr. Murphy reported that BOC Elections will take place on August 12, 2021. Petitions are due by noon on July 23, 2021.

2022 Budget - Mr. Murphy reported that the draft budget process has started, and they are using 2019 numbers as a proxy as opposed to 2020.

Theater RFP - Mr. Murphy reported that the Theater building needs a new roof. Discussion ensued regarding the future of the Theater. Mr. Murphy is proposing to send out an RFP. Commissioner Shillo asked management to investigate historical building grants.

Letter to Town of Southold on USCG Building - Mr. Cook is drafting a letter to the Town regarding the Ferry District's interest in purchasing the USCG Building on Fishers Island.

Other - Mr. Murphy reported the CCTV systems are mostly up and running with just a few minor technical glitches to work out. The BOC reviewed the proposed August schedule.

HR

RESOLUTION 2021 – 112

Whereas Lauren Paterson was unable to start on her hire date; and

Therefore it is RESOLVED to rescind resolution 2021-092; and

It is further RESOLVED to appoint, with effect June 18, 2021, Lauren Paterson as a part-time Cashier (FIFD) at a rate of \$14.00 per hour.

It is further RESOLVED to temporarily appoint with effect June 19, 2021, Ms. Paterson from part-time to full-time summer seasonal status. On September 15, 2021, Ms. Paterson will terminate her summer seasonal position and on September 16, 2021, be re-appointed to part-time Cashier (FIFD).

Moved by: Commissioner Burnham

Seconded by: Commissioner Ahrens

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

Nays: None

RESOLUTION 2021 – 092

WHEREAS the Ferry District requires additional Ticket Agents (FIFD);

Therefore it is RESOLVED to appoint, with effect June 7, 2021, Lauren Paterson as a part-time ~~Ticket Agent~~ Cashier (FIFD) at a rate of \$14.00 per hour.

It is further RESOLVED to temporarily appoint with effect June 8, 2021, Ms. Paterson from part-time to full-time summer seasonal status. On September 15, 2021, Ms. Paterson will terminate her summer seasonal position and on September 16, 2019, be re-appointed to part-time ~~Ticket~~ Cashier (FIFD).

HR

RESOLUTION 2021 – 113

It is RESOLVED to increase the wage rate for Vince Haring to \$15.00 with effect July 1, 2021.

Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner Reid

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

Nays: None

RESOLUTION 2021 – 114

It is RESOLVED to rescind Resolution 2021 – 066; and

WHEREAS the Ferry District requires additional full-time and part-time Deckhands (FIFD) during the peak season between May 15, 2021, and September 15, 2021; and

Therefore it is further RESOLVED to re-appoint with effect May 14, 2021, Jonathan Hiller as a part-time Deckhand (FIFD) at a rate of \$21.00 per hour; and

Therefore it is further RESOLVED to temporarily appoint with effect May 15, 2021, Mr. Hiller as a summer seasonal Deckhands (FIFD) and at the end of business on September 15, 2021, Mr. Hiller will terminate his summer seasonal position and on September 16, 2021, be appointed a part-time Deckhand (FIFD).

Moved by: Commissioner Reid

Seconded by: Commissioner Burnham

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

Nays: None

RESOLUTION 2021 – 066

WHEREAS the Ferry District requires additional full-time and part-time Deckhands (FIFD) during the peak season between May 15, 2021, and September 15, 2021; and

Therefore it is RESOLVED to re-appoint with effect May 14, 2021, Jonathan Hiller as a part-time Deckhand (FIFD) at a rate of \$21.00 per hour; and

Therefore it is further RESOLVED to temporarily appoint with effect May 15, 2021, Mr. Hiller as a summer seasonal Deckhands (FIFD) and at the end of business on September 15, 2021, Mr. Hiller will terminate his summer seasonal position and on September 16, 2021, resign from the Fishers Island Ferry District

Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner Shillo

Ayes: Ayes: A. Ahrens, T. Cashel, and D. Shillo

Nays: None

RESOLUTION 2021 – 115

WHEREAS the Ferry District requires additional Deckhands (FIFD);

Therefore it is RESOLVED to appoint, with effect July 15, 2021, Adam Soulor as a summer seasonal Deckhand (FIFD) at a rate of \$14.00 per hour.

It is further RESOLVED that on September 15, 2021, Mr. Soulor will terminate his summer seasonal position (FIFD).

Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner Reid

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

Nays: None

RESOLUTION 2021 – 116

Whereas resolution 2021-094 included an incorrect rate for John Paradis; and

Therefore it is RESOLVED to amend Resolution 2021-094 reflecting that Mr. Paradis's wages be increased \$38.65 per hour with effect June 17, 2021.

Moved by: Commissioner Shillo

Seconded by: Commissioner Burnham

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

Nays: None

Next BOC Meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 19, 2021, at 4:30 PM at the Island Community Center and via Tele/Videoconference.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, and on motion made by Commissioner H. Burnham, seconded by Commissioner T. Cashel, the meeting was adjourned at 5:46 pm.