

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Fishers Island Ferry District
August 30, 2022

Chair Cashel called a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District (the "Ferry District") to order on August 30, 2022 at 4:00 PM at the Island Community Center and via Zoom.

Commissioners Ace Ahrens, Heather Burnham, Jim Reid and Dianna Shillo were present. Also in attendance were Geb Cook, David McCall, John Haney and Deanna Ross. Members of the public included Kyle Kibbe. Commissioner Shillo was absent.

Chair Cashel established that a quorum was present. Everyone in attendance pledged allegiance to the flag.

Correspondence/Public Comment - Mr. McCall and Mr. Cook reported that no correspondence was received. Commissioner Shillo wanted to follow up with medical travel waiver for Nirapa Horning. Mr. McCall said he received it and would follow up with her.

Minutes

RESOLUTION 2022-140

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the following minutes: August 19, 2022

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

Warrant

RESOLUTION 2022 - 141

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated August 30, 2022, in the amount of \$197,546.24

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

Budget Mod

RESOLUTION 2022-142

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby amends the 2022 Fishers Island Ferry District budgets as follows:

Increase Appropriations

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SM.5710.2.000.300	Repairs: Silver Eel	\$12,000
SM.5710.2.000.200	Repairs: Race Point	\$ 8,000
SM.5710.4.000.625	Terminal Supplies	<u>\$10,000</u>
		\$30,000

Decrease Appropriations

SM.5709.2.000.200	Repairs: Docks & Terminals	<u>\$30,000</u>
		\$30,000

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

Commissioner Burnham arrived at 4:03 pm.

HR -New Hire

RESOLUTION 2022-143

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Joshua P. Hartley is appointed as a Marine Mechanic as of September 8, 2022 with a pay rate of \$28.00 per hour.

MOVED by Commissioner Ahrens
SECONDED by Commissioner Burnham
Ayes: A. Ahrens, H. Burnham, D. Shillo, T. Cashel and J. Reid
Nays:

HR

RESOLUTION 2022-144

It is resolved to rescind Resolution 2022-118

RESOLUTION 2022-127

WHEREAS the Ferry District requires additional Deckhands (FIFD);

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Therefore it is RESOLVED to appoint, with effect August 11th, 2022, Dylan Benjamin as a part-time Deckhand (FIFD) at a rate of \$15.00 per hour.

It is further RESOLVED to temporarily appoint with effect August 11, 2022 Mr. Benjamin from part-time to full-time summer seasonal status. On September 14, 2022, Mr. Benjamin will terminate his summer seasonal position (FIFD) and on September 15, 2022 be re-appointed to part-time Deckhand (FIFD).

Moved by: Commissioner Reid

Seconded by: Commissioner Ahrens

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

Nays: None

Move by: Commissioner Shillo

Seconded by: Commissioner Ahrens

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

Nays: None

HR PROMOTION

RESOLUTION 2022-145

WHEREAS Employee 41786 has performed with merit in the duties of a part time deckhand, and

WHEREAS the manager has recommended that said deckhand be promoted to full-time deckhand

Therefore, it is RESOLVED that Employee 41786 be promoted to full-time deckhand and the wages be increased from \$15.00 per hour to \$18.00 per hour with effect September 8, 2022.

Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens

Seconded by: Commissioner Shillo

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

Nays: None

Race Point Cabin Windows - Award - Mr. Haney updated the BOC. One quote was received from Pompanette, LLC out of New Hampshire to purchase the new windows. Mr. Haney reported they are a very reputable company. The new windows will be the entire casing providing more view while sitting. There are variations of windows including how they open, either horizontally or vertically, casing and tinting. Discussion ensued. This will need to be decided soon. Mr. Haney has been in touch with Fairhaven Shipyard to inquire about installation.

Race Point Cabin Windows - Award

RESOLUTION 2022 – 146

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Whereas the Fishers Island Ferry District intends to replace the cabin windows and doors on the Ferry M/V Race Point due to age; and

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

Whereas a proposal was received, evaluated, and conformed to the published specifications; and

Whereas the proposal from Pompanette, LLC. is the responsible bid;

Therefore, it is Resolved that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District accepts the bid from Pompanette, LLC for \$31,732.97 to supply cabin windows and doors;

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 Shillo

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

Nays: None

Parkhurst Road Paving - Mr. Cook reported that he had a discussion with Scudder Sinclair questioning whether the FI Ferry District is going to fix Parkhurst Road going to the transfer station. Commissioner Burnham asked if the Ferry District asked the TOS or Highway Department and Mr. Cook responded that he has a letter stating that its not their road. Discussion ensued. A two lane black top quote was received at \$95,000. This did not include any drainage. Mr. Cook has agreed to talk with Jim Ski and Dave Burnham to see if there could be a short term fix of filling in with gravel.

Management Reports

Munnatawket/Race Point Update - Mr. Haney updated the BOC. The crew have been working on the Munnatawket. New switches were swapped out. Cummins completed an upgrade to the electrical system. There hasn't been a problem since. There has to be work on the generator and the bow thruster as well. The Munnatawket will be used Monday, Wednesday and Friday through September 14, 2022. After that the crew will have more time to address maintenance issues. The ramp pulleys on the New London side need to be swapped out. Race Point has been running well with nothing new to report.

Silver Eel Update - Mr. Haney reported that the plan is to run Silver Eel through mid October. On the Fishers side, crew have been working on a low tide step with railings to make for an easier on/off. Silver Eel ran a few charters this last month and a few more golf charters in the near future. Monday through Friday commuter ridership has been consistently 3-4 people but the 7:40 off Island has been 10-12 people. Overall, Friday mid day has been busy.

Mr. Haney spoke with Christian Arsenault. The first day of school is September 1st. The school is still requiring all the students to wear masks and asked for the students and teachers to have reserved seating on the boat. The ferry will be transporting approximately 23-25 students and 5-6 teachers during the school year.

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Mr. Cook reported that the boats on Monday and Tuesday after the holiday are booked leaving the Island. Management and the BOC have agreed to offer a no fee, no driver on the 5:45 am boat to allow cars to get off the Island. Commissioner Ahrens stated that on time percentage is much better. Mr. Haney reported that the crew has become more mindful and traffic has decreased. Mr. Haney reported that he has two proposed 2023 schedules that he will be sharing with the BOC after he receives feedback from crew in ticketing and freight.

Mr. Haney reported he spoke with the USCG regarding the Block Island Ferry Riot incident. Mr. Haney has worked on putting together Riot Kits, similar to what Cross Sound Ferry has, that would include pepper gel and zip tie hand cuffs. After Labor Day, the crew will work with the USCG on approaches when the ferry is underway and the USCG will visit the New London terminal and walk on both boats so they are familiar with the layout of the boats. Mr. Haney will be preparing for proper training of the crew in the near future. Mr. McCall reported that the New York State Police are planning a meeting with law enforcement in Connecticut, as well as the ferries.

Other - Mr. Cook reported that Louisa Evans reported that the New York State Police are complaining to the TOS regarding the condition of the Trooper House on Fishers. Discussion ensued and Mr. Cook will look into the logistics.

Mr. Cook reported that the Auditor has been rescheduled.

Mr. Cook reported that he circulated the PFMLA. The BOC has agreed to review and table for the next meeting. Discussion ensued regarding the medical waiver for ongoing therapies & treatments. Mr. McCall has agreed to compile more information to bring back to the BOC.

Commissioner Ahrens spoke with the Conservancy regarding Waste Management moving their backhoe through the parade grounds in early mornings in the summer when many people are out walking. Mr. Ahrens noted that over the last ten years, the Conservancy has spent over \$1 million on beautifying the property for people to enjoy it.

Executive Session - No executive session needed at this time.

Next BOC Meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 12, 2022, at 4:00 PM at the Island Community Center and via Zoom.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, and on motion made by Commissioner H. Burnham, seconded by Commissioner D. Shillo, the meeting was adjourned at 4:53 pm.