

Fishers Island Ferry District
MINUTES
Board of Commissioners

December 9, 2024
General Meeting at 4:00pm
Fishers Island Community Center and Zoom

Chair Heather Burnham called a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District (the "Ferry District") to order on December 9, 2024 at 4:00 PM at the Island Community Center and via Zoom.

Commissioners Jim Reid, David Congdon, and Heather Burnham were present at the Community Center, as were Dave McCall and Secretary Jessica NeJame. Tom Cashel arrived belatedly. Jon Haney was present via Zoom. Commissioner Dianna Shillo was absent, as was Geb Cook. Two Ferry District employees were also present via Zoom.

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

General Meeting Agenda:

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Public Comment/Correspondence: Ski club email
4. Marine Update:
5. Warrant: \$110,723.88.
6. Budget Modification \$804,000
7. HR New Hire
8. CSEA Wage Ladder
9. Amend Mail Delivery contract
10. Executive:
11. Other: 2025 Calendar, Ticketing
12. Next scheduled meetings – Monday December 30, 2024, 4:00pm- FICC and Zoom.
13. Adjournment

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Fishers Island Ferry District
December 9, 2024

Public Comment/ Correspondence:

The local ski club requested the addition of up to five 8:30 pm boats to be added to the schedule on Saturdays this winter. These requests have been honored in the past, and other passengers would also be able to take advantage of these additional runs. The Board was supportive of the addition of these trips.

Marine Update:

JH provided the marine update. There were no boat updates. The most recent design meeting with Glauson went well. JH noted that the fuel runs for this week will be changed because of predicted weather for Wednesday. There is also a school event coming up, and the Board and staff agreed that parents can park at the ferry office for no charge for that event. Employee evaluations are ongoing and will conclude on Monday. The Silver Eel has reached the buyer and they love it.

Warrant

RESOLUTION 2024–153

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated December 09, 2024 in the amount of \$110,723.88.

Moved by: Commissioner Burnham

Seconded by: Commissioner Congdon

Ayes: Burnham, Congdon, and Reid

Nays: None

Budget Modification

RESOLUTION 2024-154

12.09.2024

RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District Hereby amends the **2024** Fishers Island Ferry District budget as follows:

Increase Appropriations:

SM5610.2.000.000	Airport: Cap Ex	\$ 20,000.00
SM5710.4.000.300	Fuel Oil: Munn/RP	\$ 20,000.00
SM5710.4.400.100	Repairs: Race Point	\$ 2,000.00
SM5710.4.000.625	Terminal Supplies	\$ 1,500.00
SM5710.4.000.100	Utilities: NL	\$ 2,500.00
SM5710.1.000.000	Payroll: Salaries & Wages	\$ 100,000.00
SM9010.8.000.000	NY Retirement Expense	\$ 22,000.00
SM9060.8.000.000	Employee Medical Insurance	\$ 34,000.00
SM5710.4.400.100	Marine Engineering	\$ 600,000.00
SM5713.4.000.000	US Mail Expense	<u>\$ 2,000.00</u>
	Total	\$ 804,000.00

Decrease Appropriations:

1360.5990	Appropriated Fund Balance	<u>\$ 804,000.00</u>
	Total	\$ 804,000.00

This resolution was tabled to further clarify the changes suggested here.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Ayes:

Nays:

HR New Hire

RESOLUTION 2024-155

WHEREAS the Ferry District requires additional Deckhands (FIFD);

Therefore it is RESOLVED to appoint, with effect December 18th, 2024, Matthew Skinner as a part-time Senior Deckhand (FIFD) at a rate of \$22.00 per hour.

Moved by: Commissioner Burnham

Seconded by: Commissioner Congdon

Ayes: Burnham, Congdon, and Reid

Nays: None

Legal / CSEA

RESOLUTION 2024-156

RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby ratifies and approves the November 2024 CSEA Wage Ladder.

Discussion:

DM mentioned that this ladder was approved 14 to 2 by employee representatives last night. It establishes starting wages for employees and raises the current bottom range to be more competitive. A public comment from a Ferry District employee expressed appreciation for the engagement in this process and called on the Board to ensure that this is implemented fairly in a way that is equitable for current employees.

Moved by: Commissioner Burnham

Seconded by: Commissioner Reid

Ayes: Burnham, Congdon, and Reid

Nays: None

Amending Resolution 2021-186 to change the contract term to four years,.

Mail Delivery Contract Award

RESOLUTION 2024-157

Whereas Mail delivery is required from the Fishers Island Ferry Terminal on Fishers Island to the US Post Office on Fishers Island; and

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

Whereas one proposal was received, the proposal conforms to the published specifications, the pricing is acceptable to management, and management recommends accepting the proposal from William Bloethe; and

now therefore it is Resolved that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District accepts the bid from William Bloethe to transport mail in an enclosed protected vehicle six days per week, to and from the Post Office; and be it further

Resolved to authorize management to accept the bid at \$900 per month for 4 years with effect January 1, 2022; and

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

Discussion:

The contract was written for four years, but resolution was written for three years. The Town said that it's okay to update this.

Moved by: Commissioner Cashel

Seconded by: Commissioner Congdon

Ayes: Burnham, Cashel, Congdon, and Reid

Nays: None

Other:

The Board meeting schedule for next year has been shared with the Commissioners.

JH and one of the Ferry District employees believe that they have found two possible solutions for the group ticketing issue. One solution is to print ID cards for commuters with a unique QR code on the back. These could either be pre-loaded with a certain number of crossings, or an employer could be invoiced at the end of the month based on how many times each QR code was scanned. The other solution is to do individual purchases on one invoice. If an employer or organization sends a list of names over, the ticketing staff can issue each person a ticket and then bill them all to the card on file. Conversation ensued regarding the feasibility of these systems.

On the topic of rumors of a rate increase, the Board stated that there has been no discussion of a rate increase for 2025 in any category.

Commissioner HB motioned to move into executive with Commissioner TC seconding at 4:47 pm.

Commissioner HB motioned to adjourn the executive with Commissioner DC seconding at 5:33 pm.

Commissioner TC moved to adjourn the meeting with Commissioner JR seconding. Meeting adjourned at 5:33 pm.