

Fishers Island Ferry District
MINUTES
Board of Commissioners

December 30, 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 30, 2024 at 4:09 PM at the Island Community Center and via Zoom.

Commissioners Heather Burnham, David Congdon, and Tom Cashel were present at the Community Center, as were Dave McCall and Geb Cook. Commissioner Jim Reid was present via Zoom, as were Jon Haney and Jessica NeJame. Commissioner Dianna Shillo was absent. No members of the public were present.

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: Calendar email ski club, medical fare request
4. Marine Update:
5. Warrant: \$130,930.97
6. Budget Modification \$34,700
7. CSEA Wage Ladder MOA Amend 2024-155
8. Executive:
9. Other:
10. Next scheduled meetings – Monday January 13, 2024, 4:00pm- FICC and Zoom.
11. Adjournment

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
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Public Comment/ Correspondence:

The ski club had their first trip, and it went well, though ultimately only 6 people took the 8:30 boat back to the island. The ski club is working to promote these trips to a broader audience of islanders outside of students and chaperones. There was one request for medical fare abatement for an individual receiving treatment and his primary caregiver.

Marine Update:

JH provided the marine update. Work will take about 6 weeks – that boat should be back for February 14. The Munnatawket will receive some maintenance and check-ups next week to ensure that it is in good running order. There are a few interviews with potential new hires for the crew next week. We are making headway on addressing the group ticketing issues, though conversations and troubleshooting with Anchor are on-going.

Warrant

RESOLUTION 2024 –158

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated December 30, 2024 in the amount of \$130,938.97.

Moved by: Commissioner Cashel

Seconded by: Commissioner Congdon

Ayes: Burnham, Cashel, and Congdon

Nays: None

Budget Modification

FIFD RESOLUTION 2024-159

TOS Resolution dated:

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:

SM5710.2.000.300	Repairs: Silver Eel	\$ 1,400.00
SM5710.2.000.200	Repairs: Race Point	\$ 15,000.00
SM9060.8.000.000	Medical Insurance	\$ 800.00
SM1310.4.000.000	Accounting/Finance	\$ 1,000.00
SM1420.4.000.000	Legal Fees	\$ 8,000.00
SM5710.4.000.100	Utilities-NL	\$ 4,000.00
SM5711.4.000.000	Office Expense	\$ 500.00
SM5710.4.000.900	Bank & Credit Card Fees	\$ 4,500.00
SM5710.4.000.800	Uniforms	\$ 600.00
SM5710.4.000.100	Utilities: NL	<u>\$ 4,000.00</u>
	Total	\$ 39,800.00

Decrease Appropriations:

SM1910.4.000.100	General Insurance	\$ 2,700.00
SM5710.2.000.100	Repairs: Munnatawket	\$ 5,000.00
SM5710.4.000.400	Printing	<u>\$ 400.00</u>
	Total	\$ 8,100.00

Increase Revenues:

SM.5990.00	Appropriated Fund Balance	<u>\$ 31,700.00</u>
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Moved by: Commissioner Congdon
Seconded by: Commissioner Cashel
Ayes: Burnham, Cashel, and Congdon
Nays:

Legal / CSEA

RESOLUTION 2024-160

RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby amends Resolution 155 and approves the December 2024 CSEA Wage Ladder Stipulation Agreement.

Moved by: Commissioner Cashel

Seconded by: Commissioner Congdon

Ayes: Burnham, Congdon, and Cashel

Nays: None

Legal / CSEA

RESOLUTION 2024-155

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

Moved by: Commissioner Burnham

Seconded by: Commissioner Reid

Ayes: Burnham, Congdon, and Reid

Nays: None

Legal Property

RESOLUTION 2024-161

WHEREAS, pursuant to and in accordance with Chapter 699 of the Laws of 1947 of the State of New York (the 'Act'), the Fishers Island ferry district within the Town of Southold (the "District") was established; and

WHEREAS, the affairs of the District is under the jurisdiction, control and supervision of a board of five commissioners elected by the electors of the District (the "District Board"); and

WHEREAS, the District Board, has the power and duty, among other things, to have the jurisdiction, control and supervision over ferry assets and to operate and maintain the same; and

WHEREAS, premises known as 357 Whistler Avenue ("357 Whistler") was acquired by the Town of Southold for the District and is under the District Board's jurisdiction, control and supervision pursuant to and in accordance with the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Southold informed the District that it will use 357 Whistler as a temporary police barracks commencing January 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the District Board is aligned with the Town of Southold's recognition of the need to establish police barracks on Fishers Island and requested that the Town of Southold engage in good faith discussions with the District Board as to certain terms and conditions, which then can be memorialized in a written document such as identification of the specific property, term, extensions, rent, utilities, and other operating and maintenance expenses; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Southold adopted Resolution 2024-1067 dated December 17, 2024, purporting to temporarily revoke the permission granted to the District that permitted the use, supervision and control of 357 Whistler;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the District Board that:

1. Based upon advice of District counsel, as more particularly described in a letter to Town Attorney Paul DeChance from Robert Ryan of Harris Beach, PLLC dated December 23, 2024, the District Board does not recognize Town Resolution 2024-1067 as having any effect on the District's existing powers and duties over 357 Whistler as granted to it by the Act;
2. Town Resolution 2024-1067 is inconsistent with the Act and was an unnecessary reaction to the District's request for the Town of Southold to work respectfully and collaboratively with the District when it comes to any and all matters relating to District operations;
3. The District Board remains committed to working with the Town of Southold to find a feasible and acceptable resolution for the temporary housing of Town police in property that is under the jurisdiction, control and supervision of the District Board until the intended renovations at the permanent location are completed;
4. The District Board does not approve or authorize the use of 357 Whistler by the Town of Southold at this time and hereby approves and authorizes the Town of Southold to utilize the

former USGC house commencing January 1, 2025, on an interim basis pending further discussions and resolution of this matter with the Town of Southold.

Moved by: Commissioner Congdon

Seconded by: Commissioner Cashel

Ayes: Burnham, Cashel, Congdon, and Reid (via zoom)

Nays: None

Other:

Commissioner Cashel motioned to move into executive with Commissioner Congdon seconding at 4:25 pm.

Commissioner Congdon motioned to adjourn the executive with Commissioner Cashel seconding at 5:40 pm.

Commissioner Cashel moved to adjourn the meeting with Commissioner Congdon seconding. Meeting adjourned at 5:44 pm.