

Fishers Island Ferry District
MINUTES
Board of Commissioners

January 10, 2025
General Meeting at 4:00pm
Fishers Island Community Center and Zoom

Chair Burnham called a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District (the "Ferry District") to order on January 10, 2025 at 4:04 PM at the Island Community Center and via Zoom.

Commissioners Heather Burnham, David Congdon, Tom Cashel, and Jim Reid were present at the Community Center, as were Dave McCall and Jessica NeJame. Di Shillo arrived belatedly. Geb Cook was present via Zoom. Jon Haney 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: None
4. Marine Update:
5. Minutes
6. Warrant: \$165,862.57
7. Budget Modification \$79,500.00
8. HR New Hire
9. 2025 Calendar
10. Burn Plan
11. Executive: Property
12. Other: Dicin Bid
13. Next scheduled meetings – Monday January 27, 2024, 4:00pm- FICC and Zoom.
14. Adjournment

General Conversation:

The idea of having one chairman for the full year was discussed.

Marine Update:

Race Point went to Fairhaven shipyard. They hauled it and washed the bottom. The Coast Guard inspection occurred today and there were no issues with the sheet steel, just a few portions of I-beams that they want done. That work is underway. Munnatawket has been in operation; trips have been slow because of the west wind. A winch broke today on the north ramp and is currently being replaced.

Minutes**RESOLUTION 2025 – Tabled**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the following minutes: 10/1, 10/15, 10/28, 11/14, 11/18, 11/25, 12/9, 12/23, and 12/30.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Ayes:

Nays:

Discussion:

Tabled pending further review.

Warrant

RESOLUTION 2025 –001

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated January 10, 2025 in the amount of \$165,862.57.

Moved by: Commissioner Reid

Seconded by: Commissioner Cashel

Ayes: Burnham, Cashel, Congdon, and Reid

Nays: None

Discussion:

There was some question of timely charges that are not on this warrant. It was determined that real estate taxes were paid on the last warrant. Insurance on the freight building is upcoming.

Budget Modification

RESOLUTION 2025-002

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:

SM5610.2.000.000	Airport CapEx	\$ 15,000.00
SM5710.2.000.200	Repairs: Race Point	\$ 1,500.00
SM5710.4.000.500	Computer/IT Support	\$ 1,200.00
SM5710.4.000.625	Terminal Supplies	\$ 800.00
SM5710.1.000.000	Wages & Salaries	\$ 50,000.00
SM9060.8.000.000	Medical Insurance	<u>\$ 11,000.00</u>
	Total	\$ 79,500.00

Decrease Appropriations:

SM5709.2.000.100	Repairs: Rental Buildings	\$ 2,500.00
SM5710.4.000.300	Fuel Oil (Munn & RP)	\$ 5,900.00
SM5710.4.000.600	Janitorial Supplies	\$ 1,100.00
SM5710.4.000.400	Printing	\$ 100.00
SM5710.4.000.100	Utilities – NL	\$ 2,900.00
SM1930.4.000.000	Insurance Claim Expense	\$ 900.00
SM9730.7.000.000	BAN Interest	\$ 25,000.00
SM9730.6.000.000	BAN Principal Payment	<u>\$ 41,100.00</u>
	Total	\$ 79,500.00

Moved by: Commissioner Cashel

Seconded by: Commissioner Reid

Ayes: Burnham, Cashel, Congdon, and Reid

Nays:

Discussion:

This is to clean-up year-end of 2024. Conversation ensued about changing the frequency with which we modify the budget or changing the flow between Carol and Geb.

HR New Hire

RESOLUTION 2025-003

WHEREAS, the Ferry District requires additional Deckhands (FIFD);

Therefore it is RESOLVED to appoint, with effect January 22, 2025, Raymond Roch as a part-time Deckhand (FIFD) at a rate of \$17.00 per hour.

Moved by: Commissioner Congdon

Seconded by: Commissioner Cashel

Ayes: Burnham, Cashel, Congdon, and Reid

Nays: None

2025 BOC Calendar

RESOLUTION 2025-004

Whereas the Board of Commissioners is required to set its annual meeting calendar.

Therefore, it is RESOLVED to accept the 2025 BOC calendar and instruct Mr. McCall to have it sent to the Southold Town Clerk and have it posted on the Ferry District's website.

Moved by: Commissioner Reid

Seconded by: Commissioner Congdon

Ayes: Burnham, Cashel, Congdon, and Reid

Nays: None

Discussion:

Were holiday weekends accounted for? A quick scan of the schedule indicates, yes.

Airport 2025 Burn Plan

RESOLUTION 2025 -005

WHEREAS, the Ferry District manages the airport and parade ground lands and has previously contracted with the Fishers Island Conservancy to manage and develop the grassland within this area; and.

WHEREAS, the management plan for said lands requires certain sections to be burned annually to sustain the growth of grasses; and

WHEREAS, the NYS DEC requires the Ferry District to obtain a permit to conduct the burn upon the submission of a permit application and Burn Plan; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commissioners of the Ferry District authorize and direct Island Manager, David McCall, to sign the permit application and to submit all required documentation to the NYS DEC for the issuance of the Burn Permit, subject to the approval of District Counsel.

Moved by: Commissioner Cashel

Seconded by: Commissioner Reid

Ayes: Burnham, Cashel, Congdon, Reid and Shillo

Nays: None

Discussion:

The area to be burned was discussed.

Other:

A bid from Dicin Electric Co., Inc to replace the outdoor lighting fixtures around the ferry docks was reviewed for the installation of five lights for \$23,130. We expected this to be closer to \$8,000 or \$9,000. This bid will not be accepted until we get more information. One suggestion was to split the job and have another contractor do the mechanical aspect, then an electrician do the wiring.

On Tuesday, Commissioner Cashel and Geb Cook will be speaking at ICB about the Coast Guard house and the new ferry. This will be a factual presentation. Tom and Geb will touch base beforehand about this.

There are a few grants coming up that Geb is planning to apply to, for projects like boat slips and off ramps. This is due April 30, and the goal is to be ready with the grant writer by March 1. Commissioner Burnham pointed out that we should have a master plan for parking and traffic flow before we seek money for these other projects, saying that we need an overall map before we apply for a Port Authority Grant. Commissioner Burnham suggested that we get some proposals from developing consultants before the next meeting. Commissioner Cashel concurred and said that he could get in contact with some people. Commissioner Congdon pointed out that some of this may be in the Yale study, but not all the information we need.

Geb has still been meeting weekly with Maritime Consulting Partners and Glosten. There is a meeting about zero-emission ferries coming up that Geb would like to attend to get more information about the capabilities of these technologies. The meeting is March 4 in Arlington, Virginia. The Board of Commissioners approves Geb attending this meeting. Commissioner Burnham clarified that for the new boat, we will be using traditional technologies for the engine and trying to minimize environmental impacts with other components where possible. Geb added that the Cummins K-38 engine is what we want, but it may not fit. He is working with Glosten to determine this.

Executive Session:

At 4:42 pm, the following resolution was proposed:

RESOLVED, that the Commission move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing property matters.

Moved by: Commissioner Cashel

Seconded by: Commissioner Reid

Ayes: Burnham, Cashel, Congdon, Reid and Shillo

Nays: None

At 5:30 pm, the following resolution was proposed:

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

Moved by: Commissioner Reid

Seconded by: Commissioner Cashel

Ayes: Burnham, Cashel, Congdon, Reid and Shillo

Nays: None

Commissioner Congdon moved to adjourn the meeting with Commissioner Shillo seconding. Meeting adjourned at 5:31 pm.