

Fishers Island Ferry District
MINUTES
Board of Commissioners

March 24, 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 March 24, 2025 at 4:25 PM at the Island Community Center and via Zoom.

Commissioners Heather Burnham, Tom Cashel, and Dianna Shillo were present at the Community Center, as were Dave McCall and Jessica NeJame. Geb Cook and Commissioner Jim Reid were present via Zoom. Commissioner Dave Congdon 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: Blood Drive, ICC Fireworks and Round Island Cruise
4. Marine Update:
5. Warrant: \$200,637.28
6. HR/Bonus
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8. Security Grant/Dock Lighting
9. Executive: HR personnel
10. Other: Revised Master Plan proposal
11. Next scheduled meetings –Monday April 7, 2025, 4:00pm- FICC and Zoom.
12. Adjournment

Public Comment:

There is a request for two dates for a blood drive – one in July and one in August.

Planning is underway for the Island Community Center fireworks and round-island cruise. Discussions about rates for these events are ongoing.

Marine Update:

The Race Point is back in service as of the 17th. A few minor things have come up, which is typical when the boat has been out of service for a while. These problems are being addressed.

Summer hiring will begin earlier than expected as we lost a few crewmembers.

People seem to like the new benches.

The spring schedule begins April 17th and is posted. We may be able to post the summer schedule soon, enabling people to make reservations up to 90 days out. If this is done, it will be announced via the Foghorn and other channels.

Warrant

RESOLUTION 2025 –018

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated March 24,2025 in the amount of \$200,637.28.

Moved by: Commissioner Shillo

Seconded by: Commissioner Cashel

Ayes: Burnham, Cashel, and Shillo

Nays: None

HR/ Bonus

Resolution 2025-019

Whereas the Fishers Island Ferry District Board of Commissioners wishes to show its appreciation to its employees for extraordinary service; and

Whereas the Ferry District employs Captains, Deckhands, Cashiers, Freight Agents, Accounting Staff and Supervisory Personnel; and

Therefore, It is RESOLVED to award a one-time \$7000- bonus payment to 57692 in appreciation of his hard work, professionalism and dedication to the Fishers Island Ferry District throughout the 2024 summer season.

Moved by: Commissioner Cashel
Seconded by: Commissioner Shillo
Ayes: Burnham, Cashel, and Shillo
Nays: None

HR/ Bonus

Resolution 2025-020

Whereas the Fishers Island Ferry District Board of Commissioners wishes to show its appreciation to its employees for extraordinary service; and

Whereas the Ferry District employs Captains, Deckhands, Cashiers, Freight Agents, Accounting Staff and Supervisory Personnel; and

Therefore, It is RESOLVED to award a one-time \$7000- bonus payment to 40842 in appreciation of his hard work, professionalism and dedication to the Fishers Island Ferry District throughout the 2024 summer season.

Moved by: Commissioner Cashel
Seconded by: Commissioner Shillo
Ayes: Burnham, Cashel, and Shillo
Nays: None

Security Grant – Dock Lighting Award

Resolution 2025-021

WHEREAS the Fishers Island Ferry District Board of Commissioners (BOC) previously awarded LaFleche & Sons Electric to complete the installation of five light poles and fixtures at the Fishers Island Terminal.

WHEREAS the BOC wishes to replace the previous vendor.

WHEREAS a Request for Proposals was published in a local newspaper and one response was received.

THEREFORE due to the remoteness of Fishers Island and lack of qualified electrical contractors the BOC hereby awards Dicin Electric Company, Inc. to complete the install of five lightpoles for a total sum of \$17,928.00

It is further RESOLVED to authorize management to execute an agreement and ancillary documents for this project after review from the District Counsel.

Moved by: Commissioner Shillo
Seconded by: Commissioner Cashel
Ayes: Burnham, Cashel, and Shillo
Nays: None

Master Plan Proposal Discussion

A few other community-connected options will be explored for ideas. For now, things will be paused with the two existing bids as we continue with the information-gathering phase.

Airport

The airport will be shut down for a month from April 28th to May 28th. The contractor can't come out any earlier, and we cannot push this project to the fall. No one will be allowed to fly into the airport at all during this time. The Fishers Island Club opens May 5th, so this will affect them. We need to put out a NOTAM and communicate this using other venues – the Foghorn, contacting the Groton airport, etc.

The old asphalt can be reused, so Geb is letting local contractors know about it.

Executive Session:

At 4:58 pm, the following resolution was proposed:

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

Moved by: Commissioner Burnham

Seconded by: Commissioner Cashel

Ayes: Burnham, Cashel, Congdon, Reid and Shillo

Nays: None

At 5:22 pm, the following resolution was proposed:

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

Moved by: Commissioner Cashel

Seconded by: Commissioner Shillo

Ayes: Burnham, Cashel, and Shillo

Nays: None

Commissioner Shillo moved to adjourn the meeting with Commissioner Cashel seconding. Meeting adjourned at 5:23 pm.