

Fishers Island Ferry District
MINUTES
Board of Commissioners

June 16, 2025
General Meeting at 4:00pm
Fishers Island Community Center and Zoom

Chair Jim Reid called a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District (the "Ferry District") to order on June 16, 2025 at 4:01 PM at the Island Community Center and via Zoom.

Commissioners Heather Burnham, Tom Cashel, Dianna Shillo, David Congdon, and Jim Reid were present at the Community Center, as were Geb Cook, Dave McCall and Jessica NeJame. Jon Haney was present via Zoom.

Chair Reid 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: Fishers Island Waste Management District; McCormack Tree Letter
4. Marine Update: Summer schedule
5. Warrant: \$31,288.65
6. Budget modification: \$1,500.00
7. HR Termination
8. Other: Approve Race Rock staging of processed stone @ South Beach, HHC Rental interest
10. Executive: Real estate and legal
11. Next scheduled meetings –Tuesday July 1, 2025, 4:00pm- FICC and Zoom.
12. Adjournment

Public Comment:

Gordon Murphy and Josh Theodore from the Fishers Island Waste Management District (FIWMD) discussed ongoing challenges with scheduling trash removal from the Island. Typically, there has been a spot for them 5 days a week on the 8:15 am. This was cut back to 4 days, then to 3, though it is now back up.

The trash needs to be removed from the Island, but it is unpleasant for passengers on a busy boat. Particular pain points are the Monday and the Tuesday runs, which have many passengers and commercial food deliveries respectively. Conversation ensued about potential solutions.

Could this be on a different boat? That depends on the drivers from CWPM. They say that the 8:15 am is the only time they can get drivers for. One option is to put more pressure on them, or to try a different boat (instead of the 5 am or the 4:15 pm, what about the 11:15 am?). Another option is to get Schultz to make runs; that conversation will happen this week.

Could the Munnatawket be run as an extra boat on Monday? It's possible, but it would impact the loading of freight and be a challenge to staff.

Monday mornings are especially tight, and FIWMD said that they could get away with doing four trips a week, but with three, they'd fall behind. Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays will be booked out for them all the way through the summer to ensure that at least those days are set. Mondays and Tuesdays will be determined as they go. The Mondays after the Fourth of July and Labor Day weekends, it would be good to take FIWMD off the schedule.

Otherwise, they are fine to continue on Mondays until another solution is found. Collaboration towards a long-term solution will continue.

Todd McCormack asked the Board of Commissioners for permission to top some trees on Ferry property that are blocking his view of Race Rock Lighthouse. Conversation ensued about legal implications and the neighborly thing to do. Jim Reid will be the point person on this and meet with Todd to get more details, including which trees he would like cut.

Marine Update:

The summer schedule started on June 12. Fourth of July reservation traffic doesn't have a clear pattern yet. There's one sold out boat on the 6th or the 7th but the other boats have room. Next Friday, the 27th, is the school graduation. The 2:00 pm Munnatawket will run but the 5:15 Munnatawket is cancelled as there is a charter for graduation. The banner is up on the website and notice has gone out via email and social media. One more reminder should go out on Wednesday or Thursday.

The crew is doing a great job fitting folks on the boat and people are happy about that.

No major maintenance on the boat, just small items that are being taken care of.

Anchor still has issues, but bulk ticketing is going relatively well.

Warrant

RESOLUTION 2025 –051

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated June 16, 2025 in the amount of \$31,288.65

Moved by: Commissioner Burnham

Seconded by: Commissioner Congdon

Ayes: Burnham, Cashel, Congdon, Reid and Shillo

Nays: None

Budget Modification

RESOLUTION 2025-052

06.16.2025

TOS Resolution dated:

RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District Hereby amends the 2025 Fishers Island Ferry District budget as follows:

Increase Expenditures:

SM5710.4.400.100	Expense: Marine Engineering	\$ 1,500.00
	Total	\$ 1,500.00

Decrease Expenditures:

SM5710.4.000.000	Miscellaneous Expense	\$ 1,500.00
	Total	\$ 1,500.00

Moved by: Commissioner Shillo

Seconded by: Commissioner Cashel

Ayes: Burnham, Cashel, Congdon, Reid and Shillo

Nays:

HR

RESOLUTION 2025 - 053

BE IT RESOLVED that, effective January 22, 2025, Employee #73175 is terminated.

Moved by: Commissioner Shillo

Seconded by: Commissioner Burnham

Ayes: Congdon, Reid, Burnham, Shillo and Cashel

Nays: None

Other:

Race Rock wants to use the South Beach parking lot for a couple days to stage some gravel. The Board of Commissioners approved of this.

Management at Hay Harbor Club expressed interest in renting the Coast Guard house for the full year. The Fishers Island Fire Department is also interested in renting this property. All Island organizations are interested in housing options for their employees. This will be addressed later in the summer.

In the future, the Coast Guard house could be moved to a different property.

Executive Session:

At 4:57 pm, the following resolution was proposed:

RESOLVED, that the Commission move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing real estate and legal.

Moved by: Commissioner Burnham

Seconded by: Commissioner Cashel

Ayes: Cashel, Congdon, Shillo, and Reid

Nays: None

At 5:25 pm, the following resolution was proposed:

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

Moved by: Commissioner Congdon

Seconded by: Commissioner Cashel

Ayes: Cashel, Congdon, Shillo, and Reid

Nays: None

General:

The next meeting will be July 1.

Commissioner Burnham moved to adjourn the meeting with Commissioner Cashel seconding.
Meeting adjourned at 5:25 pm.