

Fishers Island Ferry District
MINUTES
Board of Commissioners

July 14, 2025
General Meeting at 4:00pm
Fishers Island Community Center and Zoom

Chair Reid called a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District (the "Ferry District") to order on July 14, 2025, at 4:02 PM at the Island Community Center and via Zoom.

Commissioners Heather Burnham, Tom Cashel, Jim Reid, Dianna Shillo, and David Congdon 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: None
4. Marine Update: Traffic reports
5. Warrant: \$1,743,317.32
6. Budget modification: \$75,000
7. Minutes
8. Door Replacement Contract
9. Other: Social media
10. Executive: Legal
11. Next scheduled meetings –Monday July 28, 2025, 4:00pm- FICC and Zoom.
12. Adjournment

Public Comment:

None. Folks have been generally positive about freight. Freight is busier this year than last year. The busiest days this year average about 600 packages, whereas last year it was 400.

Marine Update:

Relative to 2024, this Fourth of July week we carried 200 more passengers but fifty less vehicles. Reservations were increased from 25 to 28 spots on the boat, which seemed to be

helpful. We may make this change again on weekends for runs that we're not carrying freight. The fireworks charter went well; people seemed to have a good time. The cargo run schedule is somewhat altered for the next two weeks due to special events. Non-island fuel companies will run the Tuesday before and island companies will still be on Wednesday. This change goes into effect next week.

Shoreline Diving did a survey last week and found that the wrack dolphins (piling clusters) going into the Silver Eel Pond are in very poor condition. They are designed to stop the boat from going aground in weather and would likely fail to perform as intended. Geb will look for a grant for this.

The generator is onsite in New London. It went online at 12:30 and everything is going well, except for getting access to the local servers. The generator will be on and running for 24 hours the museum project is finished, which is expected to be EOD Friday.

Warrant

RESOLUTION 2025 –058

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated July 14, 2025, in the amount of \$1,743,317.32.

Moved by: Commissioner Shillo

Seconded by: Commissioner Burnham

Ayes: Burnham, Cashel, Congdon, Reid, and Shillo

Nays: None

The bulk of this is the airport paving. For the airport, we have this cash to advance, but it will be reimbursed.

Budget Modification

RESOLUTION 2025-059

7.14.2025

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:

SM5610.2.200.000	Airport: Capital Expenditures	\$ 75,000.00
	Total	\$ 75,000.00

Decrease Expenditures:

SM5710.4.000.300	Ferry: Fuel Oil	\$ 20,000.00
SM5710.2.000.000	Ferry: Repairs All Vessels	\$ 20,000.00
SM5710.2.000.100	Ferry: Repairs Munnatawket	\$ 35,000.00
	Total	\$ 75,000.00

Moved by: Commissioner Cashel

Seconded by: Commissioner Shillo

Ayes: Burnham, Cashel, Congdon, Reid and Shillo

Nays:

Minutes

RESOLUTION 2025-000

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the following minutes: April 7 and 22, May 5 and 19 and June 3 and 16.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Ayes:

Nays:

Tabled.

HR New Hire

RESOLUTION 2025-060

WHEREAS the Ferry District requires additional Laborer (FIFD);

Therefore, it is RESOLVED to appoint, with effect July 24, 2025, Robyn Locke as a part-time Laborer (FIFD) at a rate of \$17.00 per hour.

It is further RESOLVED to temporarily appoint with effect July 25, 2025, Ms. Locke from part-time to full-time summer seasonal status. On September 15, 2025, Ms. Locke will terminate her summer seasonal position and on September 16, 2025, be re-appointed to part-time Laborer (FIFD).

Moved by: Commissioner Cashel

Seconded by: Commissioner Congdon

Ayes: Burnham, Cashel, Congdon, Reid and Shillo

Nays: None

Fishers Island Terminal Door Replacement Award

RESOLUTION 2025-061

WHEREAS the Fishers Island Ferry District (“FIFD”) desires to replace a broken hollow metal door and frame on the Terminal Building at 261 Trumbull Drive Fishers Island, NY; and

WHEREAS, the FIFD has sent out an RFP, placed an ad running for two days in the NL Day requesting quotes related to replacement of the steel door and frame in the Terminal Building

WHEREAS one bid was received and opened on July 10, 2025, by the Island Manager in the presence of Jim Reid, Commissioner of the FI Ferry District for the replacement of the door and frame, and

RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the FIFD hereby accepts the proposal of Mattern Construction, Inc, dated July 1, 2025, for the replacement of the door at 261 Trumbull Drive Avenue Fishers Island, NY at a total cost of \$17,650.00, subject to the approval of the Town Attorney.

Moved by: Commissioner Cashel

Seconded by: Commissioner Burnham

Ayes: Burnham, Cashel, Congdon, Reid and Shillo

Nays: None

Discussion

This is a new door, a new frame, new hardware, the masonry, etc. We want to really fix it so it lasts for 25 plus years. This will take 4-5 days. They can start the project ASAP but won’t start the build until after August. We should confirm that the hardware is marine grade and can withstand the exposure to salt spray and air.

Other:

Eric Gomez will start working on social media.

There's a charter request for the Race Point next June for a wedding. A formal request for this charter will be submitted.

Executive Session:

At 4:35 pm, the following resolution was proposed:

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

Moved by: Commissioner Congdon

Seconded by: Commissioner Shillo

Ayes: Cashel, Congdon, Shillo, and Reid

Nays: None

At 4:46 pm, the following resolution was proposed:

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

Moved by: Commissioner Burnham

Seconded by: Commissioner Shillo

Ayes: Cashel, Congdon, Shillo, and Reid

Nays: None

Commissioner Shillo moved to adjourn the meeting with Commissioner Burnham seconding.
Meeting adjourned at 4:48 pm.