

Fishers Island Ferry District
MINUTES
Board of Commissioners

August 28, 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 August 28, 2025, at 4:03 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 Geb Cook, Dave McCall, and Jessica NeJame. Jon Haney was present via Zoom.

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: Medical fare abatement request
4. Marine Update: Labor Day Weekend, wedding charters
5. Warrant: \$111,863.66
6. Budget Modification \$40,000.00
7. Minutes: May 16 SPECIAL
8. Other: Coast Guard House, new boat estimates
9. Executive
10. Next scheduled meetings –Monday September 15, 2025, 4:00pm- FICC and Zoom
11. Adjournment

Public Comment:

A letter was received from an individual requesting the medical fare abatement for herself and her spouse. It is unclear what this would specifically be for. If it's for routine care, it would not qualify, but if it's a specific treatment, that would qualify. Dave will follow up to get more information.

Marine Update:

Labor Day weekend is coming up. Jon upped the number of spaces on the boats from 25 to 28 to increase the reservations, since there's no freight Saturday, Sunday, or Monday. The boats are mostly sold out.

The 10:00 am boat will stay on Monday through Friday for the fall schedule.

There was going to be a wedding charter this past Saturday – it ran, but there was nobody there. Jon hadn't followed up on the Friday, but the charter was on the schedule and he had spoken to her in-

person. John Morgan and Jon Haney both tried to contact her on Saturday and didn't hear back. It was a midnight charter from Fishers Island and John M waited an extra hour in case someone showed up, but no one did. They were charged. As a policy, we should always confirm 48 hours ahead. There is another charter this Saturday for another wedding.

There was an issue this week where some medical samples made a round trip. Jon spoke with the crew and emphasized how important it is. They are making a plan to make sure this doesn't happen again.

Warrant

RESOLUTION 2025 –071

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated August 28, 2025 in the amount of \$111,863.66

Moved by: Commissioner Cashel

Seconded by: Commissioner Shillo

Ayes: Burnham, Cashel and Shillo

Nays: None

Budget Modification

RESOLUTION 2025-072

8.28.2025

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	Marine Engineering	\$ 40,000.00
	Total	\$ 40,000.00

Decrease Expenditures:

SM1910.4.000.100	Property Insurance	\$ 35,000.00
SM1950.4.000.000	Property Taxes	\$ 1,400.00
SM5710.2.000.100	Repairs: Munnatawket	\$ 3,600.00
	Total	\$ 40,000.00

Moved by: Commissioner Shillo
Seconded by: Commissioner Cashel
Ayes: Burnham, Cashel and Shillo
Nays:

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RESOLUTION 2025-073

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commisssioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the following Minutes: May 16 Special Meeting

Moved by: Commissioner Shillo

Seconded by: Commissioner Cashel

Ayes: Burnham, Cashel and Shillo

Nays: None

Other:

A decision needs to be made about who to rent the Coast Guard House to, but we will continue renting month-to-month to Hay Harbor Club until the full Board can convene to make a final decision.

Cost estimates for the new boat are in. We don't have the money for this, and the public ferry Department of Transportation grant funding was not offered this year. It is possible that this may change. Geb is collecting letters of support for the port infrastructure grant.

Executive Session:

There was no executive session.

Next meeting is Monday the 15th at 4:00 pm.

Commissioner Shillo moved to adjourn the meeting with Commissioner Cashel seconding. Meeting adjourned at 4:21 pm.