

Fishers Island Ferry District
MINUTES
Board of Commissioners

October 28, 2025
General Meeting at 4:20pm
Fishers Island Community Center and Zoom

Chair Shillo called a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District (the "Ferry District") to order on October 28, 2025, at 4:29 PM at the Island Community Center and via Zoom.

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

Chair Shillo 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: Heat pumps
4. Marine Update: More Munnatawket runs, upcoming weather
5. Warrant: \$22,266.12
6. Budget Modification: Rescind 2025-081 \$41,500
7. Budget modification \$76,100
8. Minutes
9. HR Resignation
10. HR New Hire
11. Munnatawket Yard Package
12. Airport-Lighting Bid Package
13. Other: Kristen and Jay/West End, review of balance sheets
14. Executive: None
11. Next scheduled meetings – Monday November 10, 2025, 4:00pm- FICC and Zoom
12. Adjourn

Public Comment:

Julie Liu has been working with individuals and Walsh Park to procure heat pump units for island homeowners. Ballpark, it costs \$6,500 to do this, but Fishers Island Fund is subsidizing this, there is a New York tax rebate for heat pumps, and the utility savings are significant. Management may pursue installing these in some ferry buildings. She asked if the freight charges could be waived for these efforts. We won't be able to waive the ferry charges, but Dave will work with her to help her find the most cost-effective way to bring this over. The ferry is willing to help with this project by providing storage if needed.

Marine Update:

The boats are running well. We are back to running the Munnatawket every Tuesday until it goes to the shipyard. Later this week, we're expecting some winds. We were supposed to get some concrete loads to finish the sidewalks on those days, but they have been cancelled to lighten the load.

Warrant

RESOLUTION 2025 –085

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated October 28, 2025 in the amount of \$22,266.12.

Moved by: Commissioner Cashel

Seconded by: Commissioner Congdon

Ayes: Commissioners Cashel, Congdon, and Shillo

Nays:

Discussion ensued about what telecommunications needs the Ferry District has.

Budget Modification

RESOLUTION 2025-086

10.14.2025

TOS Resolution dated:

RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District Hereby rescinds
Resolution 2025-081, dated October 14, 2025

Increase Expenditures:

SM5610.2.000.000	Airport CapEx	\$	20,000.00
SM5710.4.000.900	Bank & Credit Card Fees	\$	7,000.00
SM5710.4.000.600	Janitorial Supplies	\$	1,000.00
SM5710.4.000.400	Printing	\$	500.00
SM9060.8.000.000	Medical Insurance	\$	13,000.00
	Total	\$	41,500.00

Decrease Expenditures:

SM5709.2.000.200	Docks & Terminals	\$	15,000.00
SM5709.2.000.100	Repairs: Rental Buildings	\$	3,500.00
SM5710.2.000.100	Ferry: Repairs-Munnatawket	\$	2,000.00
SM5710.4.000.500	Computer/IT Support	\$	2,000.00
SM1910.4.000.100	General Insurance	\$	3,000.00
SM1420.4.000.000	Legal Expense	\$	10,000.00
SM5710.4.000.800	Uniforms	\$	1,500.00
SM9030.8.000.000	Social Security Expense	\$	1,000.00
SM1910.4.000.300	Workers Comp Exp	\$	2,500.00
SM5713.4.000.000	FI U.S. Mail	\$	1,000.00
	Total	\$	41,500.00

Moved by: Commissioner Cashel

Seconded by: Commissioner Congdon

Ayes: Commissioners Cashel, Congdon, and Shillo

Nays:

Budget Modification

RESOLUTION 2025-087

10.28.2025

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:

SM5610.2.000.000	Airport CapEx	\$	20,000.00
SM5710.4.000.600	Janitorial Supplies	\$	1,800.00
SM5710.4.000.400	Printing	\$	500.00
SM5710.4.000.000	Miscellaneous Expense	\$	1,200.00
SM5710.4.000.950	Training/Education	\$	2,000.00
SM5710.4.000.700	UPS (FI)	\$	600.00
SM9060.8.000.000	Medical Insurance	\$	50,000.00
	Total	\$	76,100.00

Decrease Expenditures:

SM1310.4.000.000	Accounting/Finance	\$	3,300.00
SM5710.4.000.900	Bank & Credit Card Fees	\$	60,000.00
SM1420.4.000.000	Legal Expense	\$	9,800.00
SM5710.4.000.800	Uniforms	\$	1,000.00
SM5710.4.400.100	Marine Engineering	\$	2,000.00
Total		\$	76,100.00

Moved by: Commissioner Congdon

Seconded by: Commissioner Cashel

Ayes: Commissioners Cashel, Congdon, and Shillo

Nays:

Minutes

RESOLUTION 2025-088

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the following Minutes: July 1, 14 and 28, August 15 and 28 and September 15 and 29.

Moved by: Commissioner Cashel

Seconded by: Commissioner Congdon

Ayes: Commissioner Cashel, Congdon, and Shillo

Nays: None

HR Resignation

RESOLUTION 2025 – 089

WHEREAS Kristopher Dorsett has submitted a letter of resignation effective October 31, 2025, from his Full-Time deckhand position and to remain employed by the Ferry District as a Part – Time Senior Deckhand (FIFD) at a rate of \$23.92.

Moved by: Commissioner Congdon

Seconded by: Commissioner Cashel

Ayes: Commissioners Cashel, Congdon, and Shillo

Nays: None

HR New Hire

RESOLUTION 2025-090

WHEREAS the Ferry District requires additional Deckhands (FIFD);

Therefore it is RESOLVED to appoint, with effect November 6th, 2025, Charles Parham as a part-time Deckhand (FIFD) at a rate of \$17.00 per hour.

Moved by: Commissioner Cashel

Seconded by: Commissioner Congdon

Ayes: Commissioners Cashel, Congdon, and Shillo

Nays: None

Munnatawket Yard Package

RESOLUTION 2025-091

WHEREAS the MV Munnatawket must be hauled out for biennial US Coast Guard inspection and certain required maintenance; and

WHEREAS proper public notice of the RFP was placed in The Day newspaper noting the specifics and contact details; and,

WHEREAS, on October 21, 2025, sealed bids were received and opened by the District Manager in the presence of one member of the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Marine Operations Manager reviewed the bid received, assessed the value to the District, deemed it a bid favorable to the District, advised the Board of Commissioners of the terms of the bid and his recommendation to accept the bid from, Fairhaven Shipyard Companies, Inc.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the District approves the bid from Fairhaven Shipyard in the amount of **\$211,080.00** with supplemental work items and contingency charges on a time and materials basis not to exceed twenty-five percent of the bid total or **\$52,770**; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Management is directed to execute the contract and any ancillary documents subject to review by District Counsel and to pay all amounts when properly invoiced and approved by Management.

Moved by: Commissioner Congdon

Seconded by: Commissioner Cashel

Ayes: Commissioners Cashel, Congdon, and Shillo

Nays: None

Discussion:

In the future, work will need to be done on the roof of the bridge, but for now, a membranous rubber roof will be added to improve it. This is relatively low, which is good because in the fall, we'll be replacing the two engines on the Race Point.

Airfield Lighting, Signage and NAVAID Rehabilitation

RESOLUTION 2025-092

WHEREAS Elizabeth Field Airport requires an upgrade to its Lighting, Signage and Navigational Aids; and

WHEREAS proper public notice of the RFP was placed in various publications noting the specifics and contact details; and,

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2025, sealed bids were received and opened by the Town of Southold Town Clerk and tabulated by C&S Engineers; and

WHEREAS, based on the low bid, review of the contractor's familiarity with execution of construction projects on Fishers Island, the award of the Airfield Lighting, Signage, and NAVAID Rehabilitation Contract in the amount of \$1,105,172.50 to Baseline King Corp.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fishers Island Ferry District Board of Commissioners approves the bid from Baseline King Corp. and be it further

RESOLVED, that Management is directed to execute the contract and any ancillary documents subject to review by District counsel and to pay all amounts when properly invoiced and approved by Management.

Moved by: Commissioner Cashel

Seconded by: Commissioner Congdon

Ayes: Commissioners Cashel, Congdon, and Shillo

Nays: None

Discussion:

The Fishers Island Ferry District is liable for 5% of this. The State of New York contributes 5%, we contribute 5%, and the rest comes from a Federal Aviation Administration grant.

Other:

Kristen and Jay of the West End applied for resident passes. They have been here since spring and are planning to stay here this winter.

We'll take new photos of people for 2026 ID cards if they want them.

A lessee is behind on their rent payments. Geb had a verbal conversation asking him to pay, but he has not. As a next step, Geb drafted a letter asking him to settle up by the end of the year. The Board reviewed and approved the letter.

The Board of Commissioners reviewed the balance sheet and discussed what values are and are not included in these numbers – for example, OPEB. Merits and shortcomings of carrying a balance were also discussed, and the ratio of revenue to taxes. Commissioner Cashel suggested determining a bottom-line cash balance that we never want to go below, and that beyond that, instead of carrying a cash surplus, we should get bonds as needed for big projects. What is in there now would likely go towards a new boat. An analysis of our numbers is needed. It's possible that a consultant could be hired to help with this. Additional potential funding sources were also discussed, including the feasibility of private charitable donations.

Executive Session:

There was no executive session.

Next meeting is Monday, November 10, 2025.

Commissioner Congdon moved to adjourn the meeting with Commissioner Cashel seconding. Meeting adjourned at 5:54 pm.