

Fishers Island Ferry District
MINUTES
Board of Commissioners

November 24, 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 November 24, 2025, at 4:03 PM at the Island Community Center and via Zoom.

Commissioners David Congdon, Di Shillo, and Jim Reid were present at the Community Center, as were Dave McCall and Jessica NeJame. Commissioner Heather Burnham arrived belatedly. Jon Haney and Geb Cook were 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: Matt Edwards letter, burn plan application completed
4. Marine Update: Holiday schedule, Coast Guard inspection
5. Warrant: \$154,685.37
6. Budget Modification: \$690,600
7. HR Resignation
8. Cyber insurance
9. Other: Coast Guard House
10. Executive: Legal
11. Next scheduled meetings – Monday December 8, 2025, 4:00pm- FICC and Zoom
12. Adjourn

Public Comment:

Matt Edwards sent a letter thanking the ferry district and staff for all that they do, and especially for their help during his recent move.

Dave worked with Donnie Beck to get the burn plan application submitted to the NY DEC/ Forest Service. Once they give their approval, the Parade Grounds can be burned anytime between January and April. We do this every year.

Marine Update:

About sixty resident card photos have been taken. The cards will be made after the holidays. Eric was able to get about ten photos from the senior lunch. Additional outreach strategies include adding something to the bulletin board and having Eric remind people as they come in to pick up their packages from freight.

The holiday schedule starts tomorrow. The typical Wednesday freight run was moved to Tuesday to allow for full passenger runs on Wednesday. The reservation slots for the Race Point were increased as they were hitting zero reservations. There's still room on the first and last boats. Something to consider for next year while we still have the Munnatawket is running a fall schedule before the holiday and run the cargo runs on the second boats. So, run the four normal boats instead of taking the 11:30 out for the cargo runs. This would require a second, but pretty minimal crew. Thanksgiving is just the two boats.

The annual Coast Guard site inspection for both New London and Fishers Island was last Thursday. There were zero deficiencies. They do an announced visit in the fall and an unannounced visit in the spring; this was the announced visit. They review all the security logs, meetings, change to our security plan, and ask about any incidents. We shared the results from the cybersecurity visit and they seemed to be impressed by that.

Warrant

RESOLUTION 2025 –100

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated November 24, 2025 in the amount of \$154,685.37.

Moved by: Commissioner Reid

Seconded by: Commissioner Congdon

Ayes: Commissioners Congdon, Reid, and Shillo

Nays:

RESOLUTION 2025-101

11.24.2025

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 Revenues:

V7.5990.00	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 345,300.00
SM.5031.00	Interfund Transfers	<u>\$ 345,300.00</u>
	Total	\$ 690,600.00

Increase Appropriations:

V7.9901.9.000.200	Transfer to Operating	\$ 345,300.00
SM5610.2.000.000	Airport Capital Expense	\$ 125,000.00
SM7155.4.000.000	Repairs: FI Theater	\$ 300.00
SM1420.4.000.000	Legal Expense	\$ 95,000.00
SM5710.1.000.000	Payroll Expense	<u>\$ 125,000.00</u>
	Total	\$ 690,600.00

Moved by: Commissioner Congdon

Seconded by: Commissioner Reid

Ayes: Commissioners Congdon, Reid, and Shillo

Nays:

HR Resignation

RESOLUTION 2025 – 102

WHEREAS Joel French, 39812 has submitted a letter of resignation effective October 18, 2025, from his Part-Time deckhand position.

Moved by: Commissioner Reid

Seconded by: Commissioner Congdon

Ayes: Commissioners Burnham, Congdon, Reid, and Shillo

Nays: None

Cyber Insurance

RESOLUTION 2025-103

Whereas Hilb Group maintains the Fishers Island Ferry Districts current insurance policies with several underwriters for each insurance category; and

Whereas Cyber insurance was not included and recommended by the Board of Commissioners; and

the Hilb Group was asked to seek pricing from four insurance providers and only Travelers responded;

It is therefore RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners authorizes George Cook to execute a contract with Travelers Casualty and Surety Company for Cyber insurance starting December 1, to be administered by the Hilb Group.

Moved by: Commissioner

Seconded by: Commissioner

Ayes: Commissioners Congdon, Burnham, Shillo and Reid

Nays: None

Discussion:

Three of the firms declined on the basis that they were not equipped to insure a ferry. Since this is the only option for now, this will get the ball rolling as we continue to look.

Other:

The Coast Guard House will be empty from December to March. Hay Harbor asked for reduced rent during this time. Commissioner Congdon expressed reservations about this rate not reflecting the value of the property, and the precedent that this might set. Their lease is month-to-month. The FIFD BoC is not ready to create a 12-month lease for this property. Hay Harbor will be asked to pay to have a plumber turn off the water main and to have it professionally cleaned.

Executive Session:

At 4:30 pm, the following resolution was proposed:

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

Moved by: Commissioner Burnham

Seconded by: Commissioner Reid

Ayes: Commissioners Congdon, Burnham, Shillo and Reid

Nays: None

At 5:19 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 Reid

Ayes: Commissioners Congdon, Burnham, Shillo and Reid

Nays: None

General

Next meeting is December 8, 2025.

Commissioner Reid moved to adjourn the meeting with Commissioner Burnham seconding. Meeting adjourned at 5:21 pm.