

Fishers Island Ferry District
MINUTES
Board of Commissioners

December 8, 2025
General Meeting at 4:00pm
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 December 8, 2025, at 4:00 PM at the Island Community Center and via Zoom.

Commissioners David Congdon, Dianna Shillo, Jim Reid, Heather Burnham, and Tom Cashel were present at the Community Center, as was Dave McCall. Gordon S. Murphy, Fishers Island Waste Management District Commissioner, was also present in person. 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: Kapri letter, FIS school letter
4. Marine Update: Year end
5. Warrant: \$197,180.31
6. Budget Modification: \$20,500.00
7. HR Longevity Award #60744
8. HR Resignation
9. HR Amend Resignation
10. Legal/Settlement
11. Legal/ Real Estate
12. New off season parking rate NL Terminal
13. Other: NYS PESH letter – Case closed; Emil Tollenberg; Enabling Act Amendments; Ticketing system; Social Media; Conservancy invasives grant; waste management cats
14. Executive: Legal
15. Next scheduled meetings – To be determined, Possibly December 29?
16. Adjourn

Public Comment:

Kapri requested medical fare abatement as she travels back and forth to visit and care for her partner who is currently in the hospital. Medical fare abatement is typically only provided to the individual being treated and is extended to caregivers only when they are required as drivers. Discussion ensued and the request was approved.

Geb wrote a letter to the school thanking the shop class for building the two picnic tables near the ferry, which are getting good use.

Gordon S. Murphy attended in-person to provide updates on the Fishers Island Waste Management District's plans for consolidation. It has been moving more slowly than expected, but the long-term plan is still to combine the transfer station and compost station into one facility. Gordon also provided additional updates on Waste Management machines and projects. One of these projects is addressing the feral cat colony, with a potential solution being relocating the area where food and shelter is being provided for the cats.

Marine Update:

There were a few full boats throughout Thanksgiving weekend, but there was only one run where a single car was unable to fit on. Christmas Eve is on a Wednesday, which is a cargo run day. The schedule will stay as is and the cargo will be run on Munnatawket. Commissioner Di Shillo mentioned that a mid-morning boat the Sunday after Thanksgiving might help some people beat traffic. Also, running both boats on the Wednesday might also be a good idea if there is still going to be a charter run, or maybe that charter could be moved to a different day. Discussion ensued about Thanksgiving boat times. Commissioner Congdon brought up that we don't know how many people attempt to buy tickets, see that the boat is booked out, and then decide not to come; and, how that translates to revenue lost. Commissioner Burnham concurred, suggesting that adding a later boat the Wednesday before Thanksgiving might be good for young people coming up from the city via train who don't have the day off. Geb noted that they ran a late boat in the past and not many people utilized it.

Jon also mentioned moving the cargo run and rescheduling the school's winter concert to account for weather.

Jon and two engineers attended the workboat show last week. They were able to speak to representatives from a number of shipyards, including Eastern, who built the Race Point, and Conrad, who has multiple shipyards. They also talked to Steiner and few others. Mass. Maritime and SUNY Maritime were there and Jon got leads on recruiting some new hires, especially once college is done. There were also a few products that would fit for the new build. It was good to have the more technical personnel there to answer questions, and the engineers enjoyed talking to them. It was a fruitful trip. Word is out that we're planning a new boat and shipyards are interested.

The week of our last meeting, there was a gear issue on the port engine of the Race Point. Once we got it resolved on the port side, it happened on the starboard side. That is now also resolved.

Warrant

RESOLUTION 2025 –104

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated December 8, 2025, in the amount of \$197,180.31.

Moved by: Commissioner Burnham

Seconded by: Commissioner Cashel

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

Nays:

Budget Modification

RESOLUTION 2025-105

12.08.2025

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:

SM5710.2.000.200	Repairs: Race Point	\$ 1,000.00
SM5710.4.000.900	Bank & Credit Card Fees	\$ 4,000.00
SM5710.4.000.200	Utilities – FI	\$ 2,500.00
SM5710.1.000.300	Payroll: Vacation Earnings	\$ 4,000.00
SM5710.4.000.950	Training/Education	\$ 5,000.00
SM5710.4.000.500	Computer/IT Support	<u>\$ 4,000.00</u>
	Total	\$ 20,500.00

Decrease Expenditures:

SM1910.4.000.300	Workers' Comp Insurance	\$ 3,500.00
SM5710.4.000.625	Terminal Supplies	\$ 1,000.00
SM1420.4.000.000	Legal Expense	<u>\$ 16,000.00</u>
	Total	\$ 20,500.00

Moved by: Commissioner Congdon

Seconded by: Commissioner Reid

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

Nays:

HR Longevity Award

RESOLUTION 2025 – 106

WHEREAS the Fishers Island Ferry District policy as described in the Employee Handbook grants a 3% longevity increase to wages when an individual has been employed by the Fishers Island Ferry District for five years; and,

It is further RESOLVED that, with effect November 30, 2025, employee 60744's base pay be increased by 3%.

Moved by: Commissioner Reid

Seconded by: Commissioner Burnham

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

Nays: None

HR - RESIGNATION

RESOLUTION 2025 – 107

WHEREAS, the following employees have resigned from their positions as Part-Time Deckhands (FIFD) effective November 21, 2025:

Roald Osborne
Ray Roch
Jackson Hayes
Thomas Regan

And, the following employee Michael Franco has resigned from his position as a Part-Time Marine Mechanic (FIFD) effective November 21, 2025.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners accepts the resignation of the above-named Employees with effect November 21, 2025.

Moved by: Commissioner Reid
Seconded by: Commissioner Cashel
Ayes: Commissioners Burnham, Cashel, Congdon, Reid, and Shillo
Nays: None

Discussion:

This is part of an effort to clean the rolls of people that we don't expect to come back.

AMEND

RESOLUTION 2025-108

HR Resignation

RESOLUTION 2025 – 102

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners accepts the resignation of the above named Employee with effect October 18, 2025.

Moved by: Commissioner Reid

Seconded by: Commissioner Congdon

Ayes: Burnham, Cashel, Congdon, Reid and Shillo

Nays: None

Moved by: Commissioner Reid

Seconded by: Commissioner Burnham

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

Nays: None

Discussion:

This was not correctly written and needed to be amended.

Legal/Settlement

RESOLUTION 2025-109

WHEREAS the District was presented with a claim by Malcolm McAllister for the sum of \$9,500.00 as reimbursement damage to his vehicle which resulted from the error of District Staff; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District has determined that it is in the best interest of the District to resolve this claim to avoid the expense and uncertainties of litigation; and

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District approves the settlement of this claim and directs management to make payment of the insurance deductible of \$1,000.00 subject to the approval of District Counsel and the Southold Town Attorney.

Moved by: Commissioner Burnham

Seconded by: Commissioner Reid

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

Nays: None

Legal/ Real Estate

Van Cott Ebrahimi P.C

RESOLUTION 2025 – 110

Whereas the Ferry District requires certain general and specific legal expertise including corporate operations and activities.

Now therefore be it RESOLVED that the Commissioners of the Ferry District authorize G. Cook to execute a professional services agreement with the law firm Van Cott Ebrahimi P.C . to provide the Ferry District with representation in corporate matters.

Moved by: Commissioner Reid

Seconded by: Commissioner Congdon

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

Nays: None

Parking Fee Off Season Rate

RESOLUTION 2025-111

WHEREAS, the Fishers Island Ferry District (FIFD) charges parking fees at the New London Terminal Monday through Thursday at \$20- per day and \$40 per day for weekends beginning 12 noon Fridays through Sunday.

WHEREAS, the FIFD proposes to modify the weekend rate for the off-season period October 15 through May 15 each year to \$15 per day 7 days per week.

THEREFORE, Be it RESOLVED to modify the weekend rate from October 15 to May 15th to \$15 per day.

Moved by: Commissioner Burnham

Seconded by: Commissioner Reid

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

Nays: None

Other:

We got a confirmation letter from NYS Public Employee Safety and Health Department closing our case as we met all their requirements and we're all set.

Geb met with Emil Tollenberg last week and provided him with numbers from the last five years of revenues and expenses and asked him to project out into 2030. He's starting with cleaning up an Excel sheet, then he will meet with Tom and/or Dave to discuss the models.

Geb provided a document with the Enabling Act amendments that were put forth in 2017; only one was acted upon. They could be a starting point if we wanted to move forward and update any of those. For example, Commissioner Burnham brought up the requirement that commissioners own property as something that we might propose changing.

Some folks met with the ticketing agent E-Dea.

Captain John Morgan wants to be the social media guy for the ferry. Discussion ensued about establishing specific expectations for this.

The Fishers Island Conservancy is applying for an invasive control grant.

Executive Session:

At 4:47 pm, the following resolution was proposed:

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

Moved by: Commissioner Burnham

Seconded by: Commissioner Reid

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

Nays: None

At 5:44 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 Congdon

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

Nays: None

Next meeting is December 22, 2025.

Commissioner Reid moved to adjourn the meeting with Commissioner Cashel seconding.
Meeting adjourned at 5:47 pm.