

Fishers Island Ferry District
MINUTES
Board of Commissioners

December 22, 2025
Special Meeting at 8:00am
Fishers Island Ferry Office (261 Trumbull Dr.) and Zoom

Chair Burnham called a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District (the “Ferry District”) to order on December 22, 2025, at 8:10 AM at the Fishers Island Ferry Office (261 Trumbull Dr.) and via Zoom.

Commissioners David Congdon, Heather Burnham, and Tom Cashel were present at the office, as was Dave McCall and Jessica NeJame. Commissioner Jim Reid, Jon Haney, Geb Cook were 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: None
4. Marine Update: Passengers with fuel; Munnatawket; corner ramp bids
5. Warrant: \$112,335,52
6. Budget Modification: \$22,438.00
7. Design Modification
8. HR Amend
9. 2026 Calendar
10. Legal/Real Estate Amend
11. Other: None
12. Executive: None
13. Next scheduled meetings – January 5, 2026, 4pm
10. Adjourn

Public Comment:

None.

Marine Update:

Last week, there was a pickup truck with a bunch of fuel in the back. Jon let the captain decide on that based on crew and sea conditions. The truck remained in New London until more details were determined, and it went over the next day. Commissioner Cashel brought up the Coast Guard requirements for transporting fuel and inquired as to if the containers being used for fuel met these requirements. There will be some schedule additions and changes for cargo runs.

Munnatawket is departing the first full week in January to Fairhaven Shipyard. It will be gone for about six weeks.

Cancelling boats is a really hard decision but our track record for being safe speaks for itself. We do everything we can to keep the boat running.

A couple bids for the corner ramp project came in and were opened during the meeting. Staff will review in detail.

Warrant

RESOLUTION 2025 –112

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated December 22, 2025, in the amount of \$112,335,52.

Moved by: Commissioner Congdon

Seconded by: Commissioner Cashel

Ayes: Commissioners Burnham, Cashel, and Congdon

Nays:

RESOLUTION 2025-113

TOS Resolution: #

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	\$ 5,000.00
SM5710.4.000.300	Fuel Oil	\$ 15,000.00
SM5710.1.000.300	Payroll: Vacation Earnings	\$ 1,238.00
SM5713.4.000.000	US Mail	<u>\$ 1,200.00</u>
	Total	\$ 22,438.00

Decrease Expenditures:

SM1910.4.000.200	Airport Insurance	\$ 130.00
SM5709.2.000.100	Repairs: Rental Buildings	\$ 2,000.00
SM1910.4.000.100	General Insurance	\$ 4,000.00
SM9730.6.000.000	BAN Principal Payment	\$ 15,108.00
SM5710.4.000.800	Uniforms Expense	<u>\$ 1,200.00</u>
	Total	\$ 22,438.00

Moved by: Commissioner Cashel

Seconded by: Commissioner Congdon

Ayes: Commissioners Burnham, Cashel, and Congdon

Nays:

New Ferry Design Modifications

RESOLUTION 2025-114

WHEREAS, the Fishers Island Ferry Board of Commissioners (BOC) has contracted with Glosten for the design of a new ferry; and

WHEREAS, BOC requests modifications to the design pertaining to shaft brakes.

THEREFORE, it is Resolved that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District accepts the proposal from Glosten for a Time and Material estimate of up to \$70,000 to complete the design modifications.

It is further Resolved to authorize management to execute contract and ancillary documents for this proposal subject to review by District Counsel.

Moved by: Commissioner Cashel

Seconded by: Commissioner Congdon

Ayes: Commissioners Burnham, Cashel, and Congdon

Nays: None

Discussion:

It was determined that the new ferry should have shaft brakes. Neither of our boats currently have this. Because of the shifting that we do when we come into the pond, the engine could stall because we are quickly shifting from forward to reverse. A shaft brake would eliminate the stress on the gears and extend their life. Also, in the event of an engine failure, the shaft brake could be locked to save the gears. Because of the size of the engine and the size of the shaft, it will be tight. The first \$10,000 is for Glosten to evaluate if it's even doable. If there is not enough room, they will then need to redesign and redraw the plans. If there is room and the plans don't need to be redrawn as much, this project will cost less. Commissioner Congdon asked why this wasn't identified in the initial design. Jon said that this part was identified early on in the process but was dropped from the design as it was determined by other parties to be unnecessary. However, Jon followed up and determined that in fact, this part would be essential for protecting the gears. Commissioners Congdon and Cashel suggested that other decision points by Glosten be reviewed to ensure nothing else like this was missed.

2026 BOC Calendar

RESOLUTION 2025-115

Whereas the Board of Commissioners is required to set its annual meeting calendar.

Therefore, it is RESOLVED to accept the 2026 BOC calendar and instruct Mr. McCall to have it sent to the Southold Town Clerk and have it posted on the Ferry District's website.

Moved by: Commissioner Cashel

Seconded by: Commissioner Congdon

Ayes: Commissioners Burnham, Cashel, and Congdon

Nays: None

Legal/ Real Estate

RESOLUTION 2025 – 116

AMEND 2025-109

Van Cott Ebrahimi P.C

WHEREAS the Fishers Island Ferry District (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 legal services in relation to a landlord tenant proceeding involving a land lease at premises identified as tax map # is 1000-012.00-01.00-004.004 (Fishers Island).

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

Discussion:

This is an amendment of an earlier version as the town wanted more detail as to why we were retaining this council.

Other:

There was no other business.

Executive Session:

There was no executive session.

Next meeting is Monday, January 5, 2026.

Commissioner Cashel moved to adjourn the meeting with Commissioner Congdon seconding.
Meeting adjourned at 8:39 am.