

Fishers Island Ferry District
MINUTES
Board of Commissioners

January 19
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 January 19, 2026, at 4:05 pm at the Fishers Island Community Center and via Zoom.

Commissioners Dianna Shillo, Jim Reid, Heather Burnham, and Tom Cashel were present at the office, as were Geb Cook, David McCall, Jon Haney, and Jessica NeJame. Commissioner Congdon 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: Electric vehicles
4. Marine Update: Traffic; Munnatawket updates
5. Warrant: \$50,088.43
6. Budget Modification: \$116,949.00
7. Minutes: 10.14, 10.28, 11.10, 11.24, 12.8, and 12.22
8. Other: Activities for staff
9. Executive: Legal
10. Next scheduled meetings – February 5, 2026, 4pm
11. Adjourn

Public Comment:

Someone mentioned that it could be a good idea to add a checkbox if a vehicle is electric. Jon thinks that we don't get enough EVs for it to be worth adding

Marine Update:

For traffic, 2025 had the highest passenger counts and commercial since we started recording. The bulk of that is between June and September. December was also higher than last year.

Munnatawket went to Fairhaven Shipyard on the fifth. The Coast Guard inspection was quick. There is a hull plate that needs to be looked at. There are some items that could come off the work list which wouldn't have much of an impact, so budget-wise, we're on target. We did have an issue with one of our propellers, so we may need to buy one. The starboard propellor was totally eaten away, and we bought those props only a few years ago. The port side propellor is fine. Jon speculated that there could be some kind of electrolysis happening that's sending a current to just the one propellor. There is something you can do to prevent this where you install cheap, sacrificial brushes that absorb the stray current. On the whole, we're on target with budget and schedule and about a month out from redelivery.

There were a couple extra fuel trips, and the first ski trip.

Weather continues to be rough.

Warrant

RESOLUTION 2026 –004

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated January 19, 2026, in the amount of \$50,088.43.

Moved by: Commissioner Shillo

Seconded by: Commissioner Reid

Ayes: Commissioners Cashel, Shillo, Burnham, and Reid

Nays:

Budget Modification

RESOLUTION 2026-005

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:

SM.5710.4.000.300	Fuel Oil	\$ 20,000.00
SM.5710.4.000.000	Miscellaneous Expense	\$ 1,000.00
SM9010.8.000.000	NYS Retirement Plan	\$ 49,824.00
SM9710.7.000.000	Bond Interest	\$ 5,030.00
SM9710.6.000.000	Bond Principal Payment	<u>\$ 41,095.00</u>
	Total	\$116,949.00

Increase Revenues:

SM.5990.00	Appropriated Fund Balance	<u>\$ 85,250.00</u>
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Decrease Expenditures:

SM9730.7.000.000	BAN Interest	<u>\$ 31,699.00</u>
	Total	\$ 31,699.00

Moved by: Commissioner Reid

Seconded by: Commissioner Shillo

Ayes: Cashel, Burnham, Shillo and Reid

Nays:

Minutes

RESOLUTION 2026-006

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the following Minutes: October 14 and 28, November 10 and 24, and December 8 and 22.

Moved by: Commissioner Reid

Seconded by: Commissioner Cashel

Ayes: Commissioners Burnham, Cashel, Reid, and Shillo

Nays: None

Other:

More hours will be added for Emil to work on the financial models.

Commissioner Shillo asked about resident cards. There are about 80 people who haven't picked up their cards. They will be removed from the list, including from the list in the app, at the end of the month. Dave also removes people as they leave the island for good.

As a fun thing for ferry staff, there could be a ferry field trip to the Museum coupled with a barbeque.

Executive Session:

At 4:21 pm, the following resolution was proposed:

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

Moved by: Commissioner Reid

Seconded by: Commissioner Cashel

Ayes: Commissioners Burnham, Cashel, Reid, and Shillo

Nays: None

At 4:29 pm, the following resolution was proposed:

RESOLVED, that the Commission exit from Executive Session and resume Public Session.

Moved by: Commissioner Shillo

Seconded by: Commissioner Cashel

Ayes: Commissioners Burnham, Cashel, Reid, and Shillo

Nays: None

Next meeting is February 2nd.

Commissioner Reid moved to adjourn the meeting with Commissioner Cashel seconding.
Meeting adjourned at 4:29 pm.