

Fishers Island Ferry District
MINUTES
Board of Commissioners

March 30
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 March 30, 2026, at 4:00 pm at the Fishers Island Community Center and via Zoom.

Commissioners Heather Burnham, Tom Cashel, David Congdon, and Di Shillo were present at the Community Center, as were Dave McCall and Jessica NeJame. Geb Cook and Jon Haney 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: LHW email *Portal*, medical fare abatement letters
4. Marine Update: School run, corner ramp, weddings
5. Warrant: \$53,267.46
6. Budget Mod: \$1,000.00
7. PVA Congressional FlyIn
8. Executive: Legal
9. Other: FIC fare abatement, rate increase
10. Next scheduled meetings – April 13, 2026, 4pm
11. Adjourn

Public Comment:

Lighthouse Works sent over information about the new public art installation on Silver Eel Cove.

There were three requests for medical fare abatement, two of which will require ongoing care. Those two were approved and the other request, which will not require ongoing care, was denied. Dave noted that the medical fare abatement is getting a bit long, and he's going to check in and see if anyone should come off that list.

Kristen Peterson from the Fishers Island Conservancy requested fare abatement for the FIRST team that comes over daily for six weeks in June and July. Last year, we gave them the student rate. We will do so again this year. Discussion ensued about providing a small reward for referrals, and if the town and union would allow it. There could be two different levels, one for seasonal and one for full-time. Geb will investigate.

Marine Update:

There will be three new hires coming through at the next meeting. All are internal referrals. There will be more before summer starts.

A water main broke on Wednesday, leaving the western half of the Island with no water. The school day was ended early due to this, and the Munnatawket went over and got all the commuters back to the mainland.

A company came out and inspected the corner ramp last Wednesday. They will report their findings in 7-10 days.

The engine and gears have been ordered and will be here in late fall or early winter.

There are some weddings coming up that have chartered boats, and Jon will ensure that they have clear understandings in place.

Warrant

RESOLUTION 2026 –036

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated March 30, 2026 in the amount of \$53,267.46.

Moved by: Commissioner Cashel

Seconded by: Commissioner Shillo

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

Nays:

**RESOLUTION 2026-
REVISED (03.30.2026)**

03.16.2026

TOS Resolution: **#2026-037**

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:

SM9060.8.000.000	Medical Insurance Exp	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>
	Total	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>

Decrease Expenditures:

SM5710.4.000.100	Utilities - NL	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>
	Total	<u>\$1,000.00</u>

Moved by: Commissioner Cashel

Seconded by: Commissioner Shillo

Ayes: Commissioner Burnham, Cashel, Congdon, and Shillo

Nays:

PVA Congressional Fly-In

RESOLUTION 2026 – 038

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby grants permission to District Manager Geb Cook, to attend the PVA Congressional Fly – In April 20 – 22, 2026 in Washington D.C. All expenses for registration and travel, including meals, not to exceed \$1,600, will be a legal charge to the 2026 District budget.

Moved by: Commissioner Shillo

Seconded by: Commissioner Cashel

Ayes: Commissioner Burnham, Cashel, Congdon, and Shillo

Nays: None

Executive Session:

At 4:28 pm, the following resolution was proposed:

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

Moved by: Commissioner Cashel

Seconded by: Commissioner Congdon

Ayes: Commissioners Burnham, Cashel, Congdon, and Shillo

Nays: None

At 5:38 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 Congdon

Ayes: Commissioners Burnham, Cashel, Congdon, and Shillo

Nays: None

Other:

Discussion ensued about ticket rates and rents, then the cost of fuel.

Next meeting is April 13.

Commissioner Shillo moved to adjourn the meeting with Commissioner Congdon seconding.

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm.