

Fishers Island Ferry District
MINUTES
Board of Commissioners

April 27, 2026
General Meeting at 4:30 pm
Fishers Island Community Center and Zoom

Chair Reid called a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District (the "Ferry District") to order on April 27, 2026, at 4:51 pm at the Fishers Island Community Center and via Zoom.

Commissioners Tom Cashel, Jim Reid, and Dianna Shillo were present at the Community Center, as was Dave McCall. Geb Cook and Jon Haney were present via Zoom.

Chair Reid 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: Charters; repairs; hiring; grant writer PJM
5. Fuel surcharge
6. Warrant: \$99,621.01
7. Minutes 1Q
8. HR New Hire DH
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12. Financials
13. Other: Community Center Round Island Cruise, Medical
14. Executive: None
15. Next scheduled meetings – May 11, 2026 4pm
16. Adjourn

Public Comment:

There were no public comments or correspondence.

Marine Update:

There are no fireworks this year, but the Fishers Island Community Center wants to have a round-island cruise on July 11. The boat will be in use from 6 pm to midnight. This will be provided at cost with current fuel prices. Additionally, a birthday charter is scheduled for Saturday, August 1 from 6 pm – 10 pm. Sunday, May 14, the School asked for a 7:45 pm departure off the island instead of 7:15 pm, which we've done in the past.

The Coast Guard inspections are schedule for the end of May but may change.

Wildcat said the propellor should be in the US by the end of the week. Fairhaven came through and found some stray current in the water especially towards the southern part of the property, which seems to be coming somewhere else. Munnatawket is now properly grounded and the boats are protected. Eight zincs were installed around the bulkhead to protect the sheet piling and we should do more – that was also showing significant wear from the current. More will come in next month.

There are four deckhands on this agenda; we're good on deckhands but short on stagers.

Through April 24, our budget for fuel was \$48,000 and we've spent \$80,000. The fuel surcharge captured \$9,000 to offset that. Discussion ensued about increasing the surcharge to address the budget deficit; it will be increased to 10% on May 1. A motion was passed.

Paul Moynihan is our regular grant writer and he's helping with our Federal Transit Administration grant application and the infrastructure one that we go for every year.

Fuel Surcharge

RESOLUTION 2026-046

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that as the gross delivered fuel price for our vessels has exceeded the budgeted price per gallon, a 10% fuel surcharge will be added to domestic and commercial vehicle and passenger fares effective May 1, 2026. All passenger, all vehicle, and all commercial fares will be increased by a 10% fuel surcharge. This surcharge will be reviewed monthly by the Board.

Moved by: Commissioner Cashel

Seconded by: Commissioner Reid

Ayes: Commissioners Cashel, Reid, and Shillo

Warrant

RESOLUTION 2026 –047

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated April 27, 2026 in the amount of \$99,621,01

Moved by: Commissioner Shillo

Seconded by: Commissioner Cashel

Ayes: Commissioners Cashel, Reid and Shillo

Nays:

Minutes

RESOLUTION 2026-048

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commisssioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the following Minutes:

January 5, 2026
January 19, 2026
February 2, 2026
February 16, 2026
March 2, 2026
March 16, 2026
March 30, 2026

Moved by: Commissioner Cashel

Seconded by: Commissioner Shillo

Ayes: Commissioners Cashel, Reid and Shillo

Nays: None

HR New Hire

RESOLUTION 2026-049

WHEREAS the Ferry District requires additional Deckhands (FIFD);

Therefore it is RESOLVED to appoint, with effect May 7, 2026, Harley Mish as a part-time Deckhand (FIFD) at a rate of \$18.00 per hour.

It is further RESOLVED to temporarily appoint with effect May 11, 2026 Mr. Mish from part-time to full-time summer seasonal status. On September 21, 2026, Mr. Mish will terminate his summer seasonal position (FIFD) and return to part-time status.

Moved by: Commissioner Shillo

Seconded by: Commissioner Cashel

Ayes: Commissioners Cashel, Reid, and Shillo

Nays: None

HR New Hire

RESOLUTION 2026-050

WHEREAS the Ferry District requires additional Deckhands (FIFD);

Therefore it is RESOLVED to appoint, with effect May 7, 2026, Ryan Kostopoulos as a part-time Deckhand (FIFD) at a rate of \$18.00 per hour.

It is further RESOLVED to temporarily appoint with effect May 11, 2026 Mr.Kostopoulos from part-time to full-time summer seasonal status. On September 21, 2026, Mr. Kostopoulos will terminate his summer seasonal position (FIFD) and return to part-time status.

Moved by: Commissioner Shillo

Seconded by: Commissioner Cashel

Ayes: Commissioners Cashel, Reid, and Shillo

Nays: None

HR New Hire

RESOLUTION 2026-051

WHEREAS the Ferry District requires additional Deckhands (FIFD);

Therefore it is RESOLVED to appoint, with effect May 7, 2026, Kris Kimbro as a part-time Deckhand (FIFD) at a rate of \$18.00 per hour.

It is further RESOLVED to temporarily appoint with effect May 11, 2026 Mr.Kimbro from part-time to full-time summer seasonal status. On September 21, 2026, Mr. Kimbro will terminate his summer seasonal position (FIFD) and return to part-time status.

Moved by: Commissioner Shillo

Seconded by: Commissioner Cashel

Ayes: Commissioners Cashel, Reid, and Shillo

Nays: None

HR New Hire

RESOLUTION 2026-052

WHEREAS the Ferry District requires additional Deckhands (FIFD);

Therefore it is RESOLVED to appoint, with effect May 7, 2026, Samuel Todzia as a part-time Deckhand (FIFD) at a rate of \$18.00 per hour.

It is further RESOLVED to temporarily appoint with effect May 11, 2026 Mr.Todzia from part-time to full-time summer seasonal status. On September 21, 2026, Mr. Todzia will terminate his summer seasonal position (FIFD) and return to part-time status.

Moved by: Commissioner Shillo

Seconded by: Commissioner Cashel

Ayes: Commissioners Cashel, Reid, and Shillo

Nays: None

Professional Services

RESOLUTION 2026 – 053

WHEREAS, PJM Consulting, LLC (PJMC) specializes in drafting grant applications related to the marine industry; and

WHEREAS, PJMC has successfully drafted and was awarded grants in the past for the Fishers Island Ferry District; and

WHEREAS, the BOC of the FIFD has requested a quote from PJMC for professional services and assistance in the preparation of a grant for federal funding under the Federal Transit Administration Ferryboat program as well as the MARAD Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP); and

WHEREAS the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District has determined that the familiarity and technical expertise in the submission of these grant applications will enhance the likelihood of an award to the District; and

WHEREAS, PJMC has presented a proposal to the BOC for the provision of professional grant writing services dated April 22, 2026, at the cost of \$245/hr; and

WHEREAS, the BOC of the FIFD has determined that it would not be in the best interests of the taxpayers of the FIFD to seek alternative proposals or quotations from other engineering firms who do not possess PJMCs technical expertise in this field.

Now, therefore be it RESOLVED that the BOC waives the requirement of a second quote in Guideline 8 of the FIFD's Procurement Policy; and be it further

RESOLVED that the BOC of the FIFD hereby accepts the proposal of PJMC dated April 22, 2026 for professional grant services, their fee not to exceed \$11,500.00, subject to the approval of District Counsel.

Moved by: Commissioner Shillo

Seconded by: Commissioner Cashel

Ayes: Commissioners Cashel, Reid and Shillo

Nays: None

Other:

Financials for last year are done if anyone wants to look at them.

Discussion ensued about details for the Cashel wedding.

There were two medical fare abatement requests: one for cancer treatment, which may require daily appointments for weeks, and the other one is someone receiving physical therapy twice a week until June 1. Both requests were approved. The medical fare abatement list is getting long, so a new policy is to get an end date when people are added to the list. Commissioner Cashel suggested outsourcing this to a qualified third party to provide greater privacy for people. We could also delegate this to the new doctor when they arrive. Commissioner Shillo brought up that we used to require a doctor's note each time.

Discussion ensued about hiring contractors.

Executive Session:

There was no executive session.

Next meeting is May 11, 2026 at 6:07 pm.

Commissioner Shillo moved to adjourn the meeting with Commissioner Cashel seconding.
Meeting adjourned at 6:07 pm.