

Fishers Island Ferry District
MINUTES
Board of Commissioners

June 22, 2026
General Meeting at 4:15pm
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 June 22, 2026, at 4:30 pm at the Fishers Island Community Center and via Zoom.

Commissioners Tom Cashel, David Congdon, and Dianna Shillo were present at the Community Center, as were Geb Cook, Dave McCall, and Jessica NeJame. Jon Haney was 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: Norton letter
4. Marine Update: Repairs and schedules
5. Warrant \$74,602.47
6. HR Promotion Chanski
7. Budget Modification \$2,700,000
8. Corner Ramp Award
9. Fuel surcharge update
10. Other:
11. Executive:
12. Next scheduled meetings – July 6, 2026, 4pm Monday
13. Adjourn

Public Comment:

A letter about ferry capacity was received and responded to.

Marine Update:

The boats took a while to load this weekend with unfamiliar drivers.

Fencing repairs in New London will be done by Arrow Fencing.

This past weekend was the last wedding for a while that is relevant to the ferry. There is a special schedule on Friday, June 26, for the Fishers Island School graduation. The Munnatawket will run at 2:00 and 4:15 from New London (instead of the 5:00 pm).

Fireworks cruise for the Community Center is on.

The Race Point needs some repairs. There is slow steering on the starboard side that appears to be due to the shuttle valve. The other is a cooler that needs to be cleaned so the engine doesn't overheat. We are waiting for some parts and some downtime for these. These are both routine maintenance. The shuttle valves are going on ten years.

The Munnatawket had an issue leaving New London on Friday. A generator shut down, but they were able to get down in the engine room and get the other generator online. That issue was due to low coolant. That was taken apart in the yard and there may have been an air pocket, but we just went through both and topped them off with coolant. On the new boat, we should get an auto switch to do this automatically.

We could adjust the boat schedule to meet the trains, but the real issue is new drivers, long goodbyes, backup cameras, and larger vehicles that slow down loading times. A half hour is not a lot of time to unload a full boat and load a full boat. It is a tight turnaround. The captains say that even if there were more crew, this would still be an issue. Debate ensued about increasing the time between boats to 45 minutes. Commissioner Cashel advocated for keeping track of how many trains people are missing and potentially reevaluating the ferry schedule.

Warrant

RESOLUTION 2026 –068

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated June 22, 2026 in the amount of \$74,602.47.

Moved by: Commissioner Congdon

Seconded by: Commissioner Cashel

Ayes: Commissioners Cashel, Congdon, Reid, and Shillo

Nays:

HR PROMOTION

RESOLUTION 2026-069

WHEREAS the District ratified the Jan 1, 2022 – Dec 31, 2026 agreement with CSEA, Inc. Local 1000, AFSCME, AFL-CIO; and

WHEREAS said Advancement Ladders define qualifications and minimum wages for certain positions and;

WHEREAS, on Friday, June 14th 2026, Mark Chanski, a Deckhand (FIFD), met the qualifications to be advanced to Junior Captain as listed in the Ferry District's advancement ladder, and

WHEREAS his manager has recommended such action, it is therefore

RESOLVED with effect July 1, 2026, Mark Chanski is promoted to part-time Junior Captain (FIFD) at the rate of \$28.00 per hour when performing the duties of Captain. Mr. Chanski will retain his title of full-time Deckhand (FIFD) at the rate of \$25.00 per hour when performing the duties of Deckhand (FIFD).

Moved by: Commissioner Cashel

Seconded by: Commissioner Congdon

Ayes: Commissioners Cashel, Congdon, Reid, and Shillo

Nays:

Discussion:

Discussion ensued about fast-tracking a qualified captain while working within the parameters of the union. Even the fast-track is still a minimum of a year at a maximum of something like \$28.

Budget Modification

RESOLUTION 2026-070

RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby amends the **2026** Fishers Island Ferry District budget as follows:

Increase Revenue:		
GL Acct #	GL Account	Amount
H70-457100	Serial Bond Proceeds	2,700,000.00
Total		2,700,000.00

Increase Expenditures:		
GL Acct #	GL Account	Amount
H75720-529765	Corner Ramp Project	2,700,000.00
Total		2,700,000.00
Resolution Balance		0.00

Moved by: Commissioner Congdon
Seconded by: Commissioner Cashel
Ayes: Commissioners Cashel, Congdon, Reid, and Shillo
Nays:

Discussion:

This is the bonding effort for the corner ramp.

Corner Ramp Award

RESOLUTION 2026- 071

Whereas one vehicle loading/ unloading ramp need to be replaced at the Fishers Island Terminal and an RFP was issued and duly advertised,

Whereas two bids were received and the bid from Terry Marine Contracting, is the lowest responsible bid received, and whereas management recommends accepting the bid from Terry Marine Contracting.; and whereas there may be unforeseen replacement items requiring change orders; now therefore it is

Resolved that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District accepts the base bid from Terry Marine Contracting for \$2,703,534.00 to replace the East vehicle ramp at our Fishers Island Terminal; and be it further

It is further Resolved to authorize management to execute all contract and ancillary documents for this project after review by District counsel.

Moved by: Commissioner Cashel

Seconded by: Commissioner Congdon

Ayes: Commissioner Cashel, Congdon, and Shillo

Nays: None

Other:

Geb Cook provided an update on the fuel surcharge and reported that we still need it, but are close to evening out.

The tractor has some wiring issues that need to be repaired. The FI Conservancy will help pay for this. Geb suggested getting a skid steer and brought this up with the Conservancy.

Discussion ensued about forklifts.

Executive Session:

There was no executive session.

Next meeting is July 6, at 4 pm.

Commissioner Cashel moved to adjourn the meeting with Commissioner Congdon seconding. Meeting adjourned at 5:18 pm.