

**Minutes of the Meeting
Of the
Board of Commissioners
Of the
Fishers Island Ferry District**

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District was held in the Fishers Island Community Center on **Tuesday, September 1, 2009** at 5:00 PM.

Present were Commissioners: Ahman, Brooks, Burnham, duPont and Edwards.
20 members of the community attended. Captain Easter also attended.

Minutes of the previous meeting of August 14th were distributed to the Board. After a brief discussion and a minor correction the new minutes were submitted and approved.

Moved by Commissioner duPont;

Seconded by Commissioner Brooks.

Ayes all.

A listing of the outstanding obligations of the District was distributed to the Board for audit and discussion. At the conclusion of the discussion, a resolution to pay the outstanding obligations of: **\$36,743.41** as represented by vouchers **#293 through #323**, dated August 4, 2009 was;

Moved by Commissioner Ahman,

Seconded by Commissioner Burnham;

Vote of the Board of Commissioners:

Ayes: Commissioners: Ahman, Brooks, Burnham, duPont and Edwards.

Nays: None

A resolution to pay the outstanding obligations of: **\$34,520.12** as represented by vouchers **#324 through #350, holding voucher #336 in the amount of \$850.00**, dated September 8, 2009 was;

Moved by Commissioner duPont,

Seconded by Commissioner Brooks;

Vote of the Board of Commissioners:

Ayes: Commissioners: Ahman, Brooks, duPont and Edwards.

Abstain: Commissioner Burnham

Correspondence

1. Susan Young submitted a letter concerning W. Bloethe addition which adjoins the District property. The Board had no concerns.
2. John Weil submitted a letter requesting that his technology class renovate the candy store at the theatre. The Board agreed, but will not pay for materials.

3. Cynthia Riley read a letter from the Waste Management Committee offering to pay up front for future roll offs, if the rates were reduced to their previous level. The Board will consider the offer.
4. Jeff Edwards claimed he was in possession of a petition signed by over 80 people, requesting that the 4:40/5:40 AM boat remain on the schedule. The Board explained that due to the current fiscal constraints the early boat must be taken off the run, but the Board will revisit the issue for the PEAK schedule.
5. Laura Nigro sent a letter requesting free passage for a CT Boy Scout Troop. The Board denied the request.
6. A letter from Speedy Mettler was read to the Board. The condition of the road leading to Race Point is in deplorable condition and needs to be repaired. After some discussion, the Board decided to contact the Town Highway Department on Fishers Island and ask them to repair the road.

Old Business

1. First boat discount fares for the 2009-2010 OFF PEAK were abolished. Medical vouchers are for an exemption to the 25 minute rule, not a discount in fares.
2. The District Counsel has yet to render a decision of the Article 11 issue. It should be provided by the next meeting.
3. The Procurement Policy was reviewed by the Board. It is in the hands of the District Counsel for final approval. It is in use by the employees.
4. The Fuel Oil Bid was reviewed. There was some confusion as to the clarity of the bid, however nothing was determined and the bid was not changed.
5. Daniel Egan and Timothy Londregan were inadvertently left off of the part time COLA list back in June. The Board agreed to add their names to the list, with Commissioner Brooks dissenting and Commissioner Edwards abstaining. The motion is a part of these minutes.

New Business

1. An Ad Hoc Committee was established by the Board. The Committee, which will operate until December 31, 2009, is to review the 2009 financial figures of the District and report back to the Board. The Committee is to be chaired by Commissioner Brooks, who will relay all requests from the Committee to the administration offices. Other members of the committee include Deb Shillo, Paul Giles and Chris Rafferty. Requests for OFF PEAK work schedules and employee rates for both the Fishers Island and New London stations were requested to be presented at the next meeting.
2. The Board approved using the South Beach area as a staging area/asphalt plant for the upcoming FIDCO paving project. The contractor will be urged to use our ferry.
3. FIDCO has inquired about using a section of land by the exercise path as a swap for wetlands that will be impacted by the FIDCO road re-paving project. Further study is necessary.
4. Tom Ravino has yet to install a fence around his gas bottles. He will be notified that he must have it installed by the next meeting on Sept. 15th or face eviction.

Public Comment

1. Why a decision hasn't been made on the Article 11 issue?
 - a. We are awaiting the Ferry District Attorney's decision.
2. Why doesn't the Board charge for oversize cars on the ferry?
 - a. We do, but most cars are now less than 18 feet long.
3. What lanes should be used for reservations in New London?
 - a. Lanes 3 and 4 are generally used for reservations.
4. Do you track people and cars leaving Fishers Island?
 - a. We track people for a head count. We do not track cars.
5. Can you start tracking cars?
 - a. Yes, we will develop a spreadsheet and start tracking cars and trucks.
6. Who polices the Southold fishing stickers at Race Point?
 - a. No answer.

Next scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 15th at 5:00 PM at the Fishers Island Community Center.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM

Thomas F. Doherty
Manager/Secretary
Fishers Island Ferry District