



FISHERS ISLAND
Waste Management
DISTRICT

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

November 7, 2024

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Community Center & Zoom

Commissioners Present:

K. Stevens, *Chair*
G. Murphy, *Treasurer*
S. Malinowski, *Secretary*
M. Doyen, *Community Liaison*
D. Burnham

The meeting began at 1:08

1. Additions to Agenda

None.

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Minutes Adoption:

A motion by D. Burnham to adopt the October 17, 2024 meeting minutes was duly seconded by G.Murphy. On a vote of 5-0, the motion carried unanimously.

4. Other Reports

Jim Ingram - Fishers Island Fund re: DOE's Energy Transition Initiative Partnership

K. Stevens and M. Doyen to meet with J.Ingram and report back to the Commission at the next meeting.

Accounting and Audit and Unclaimed funds

G.Murphy reported on the help that P.Dougherty of Capalbo Mather Dougherty has been supplying in preparation for the audit. At the beginning of the summer, she met with G.Murphy and B.Stern but the work had not been followed up on. In late October, K. Stevens and G. Murphy talked with P.Dougherty to relaunch the effort. By early November, most of the outstanding items were resolved – which included uncashed checks to island businesses and individuals as well as other vendors. P. Dougherty would continue to help finalize the audit preparations.

PWG testing proposal

A motion by G.Murphy to approve PW Grosser's proposal of \$12,500 to inspect wellheads and testing was duly seconded by M.Doyen. On a vote of 5-0, the motion carried unanimously.

Solar RFP Update

There had been a mandatory site visit with RFP respondents. Pickett Power LLC was the only developer to attend the meeting that covered site-specific issues like zoning, taxes, battery storage, geography-imposed labor and logistical issues, site access and staging area, slope, and orientation.

LSWMP Biennial Update + DEC Registration

The LSWMP Biennial Update was submitted by K. Stevens and J. Theodore. There was the suggestion that Josh could take this on going forward, adding it to his annual calendar to collect the information needed for the report each year to make the subsequent biennial update easier. K. Stevens showed some of the LSWMP Biennial Update details including the DEC calculator used and previous work in 2019 by a consultant for the LSWMP to illustrate the kind of estimating involved.

The overdue 4-year DEC Facility Registration forms were submitted by K. Stevens and J. Theodore with the expectation of some back and forth with the DEC to finalize them.

Temporary Reduced Schedule

A notice about the temporary reduced station hours due to staff illness was posted on the website, Fishnet, and around town. Email and text notifications were also sent to island contractors who might be impacted. It was not known when the affected employees were expected to return to work or if additional employees would fall ill. The reduced schedule—the Transfer Station was open in the mornings and the Compost Station was open in the afternoons—allowed the stations to be operated by one person if needed.

Rubble + Wood Policy

The discussion focused on finding solutions for handling construction and demolition debris on the island. Key points included: considering charging contractors for disposal, exploring options to reuse or recycle materials locally, investigating using clean debris for erosion control or other beneficial uses, sorting materials like concrete and wood for different handling, and establishing pricing tiers based on material size and type to cover processing costs. They discussed plans to gather pricing information from other companies for their wood and lumber products before finalizing their own pricing strategy.

Commissioner Election

S.Malinowski and M.Doyen agreed to support the election preparation process for this year's election, 6-9 pm December 10 at the Community Center. They reviewed an election preparation worksheet G.Murphy had provided that included updates and questions by B.Stern.

Minutes

S. Malinowski agreed to take minutes until a permanent minute-taking solution is found.

Zoning Update

K. Stevens shared the zoning update presentation that had previously been shared on an ICB call. Housing, Commercial Space, Open Space, and Island Character were the building blocks. Three Fishers Island-specific zoning districts were proposed with the goals of revitalizing the waterfront and the hamlet district and creating a protected enterprise zone. The relevance for FIWMD was to identify as part of an enterprise zone, a non-residential work zone, to ensure FIWMD operations were protected.

Strategic Plan 2025

G. Murphy suggested treating the strategic plan like the capital expenditure spreadsheet, where items are identified and are removed once addressed, otherwise, they keep moving forward. Examples like building improvements, site material management, and establishing an edge, were provided as possible items. FIWMD team to review and consider strategic plan examples from previous years for the next meeting.

5. Adjourn

A motion by D.Burnham to adjourn the meeting was duly seconded by S.Malinowski. On a vote of 5–0, the motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Kate Stevens
December 10, 2024

All Commissioners were provided with the opportunity to suggest clarifying edits for accuracy.