

# Isle au Haut Lighthouse Committee

## Minutes – April 24, 2017

Present: LH Committee – Jeff, Lisa, Bernie, Alison  
Excused – Kathie, Martha  
Selectmen – Alvah  
Guest – Al Hodson, Project Engineer

### **1. Call to Order**

**2. Approval of last minutes** – done previously by e-mail

**3. Treasurer’s Report** – no activity so far this year

### **4. On-going fundraising.**

a. We are working simultaneously on four separate grants aimed at funding a Phase One Restoration late this year or next year. Jeff, Diane, Kathie, Alison.

b. Brochures. Jeff will re-order. Approved (Ali, Lisa) Lisa suggested we do a major mailing this summer and offered to put together a mailing list. The mailed packet will include “A Note from Linda Greenlaw”, the brochure, an outline of progress and goals ahead, and a return envelope.

c. “Linda’s Note” and other materials will also be distributed through other venues, including an established set of brochure racks attended by Rita McWilliam.

d. Tee shirt re-order. We moved that Ali be entrusted to determine colors and quantities (Jeff, Ali)

e. Jeff’s lighthouse book. Target date for distribution is July. There will be a major launch and media event for the book, probably in Rockland. This is a private business undertaking but all profits are pledged to go to the lighthouse restoration. Books promised by the LH Committee as premiums for gifts over \$100 will be sold to the Committee at cost. Most books will be marketed by the publisher, Amazon, on-line offerings and national lighthouse organizations. Lisa felt we should also have an event/signing/launch here on the island.

### **5. Lighthouse education**

a. Mailboat to Duck Harbor. Ali and Jeff will explore potential for brochure/docent presentations with Boat Company. Many ideas were given on ways to promote and raise funds, so we will be having on-going discussions.

b. Docent tours. In addition to island events, we can expect more special tours in addition to the Boat Company. The *Mary Day* has two lighthouse tours scheduled. We owe a \$500 “Tea and Crumpets” left over from last year. We are now engaged with The American Lighthouse Foundation and the United States Lighthouse Society, who both promote lighthouse education.

c. Networking. Jeff is coordinating this. Great opportunity for a volunteer community member looking for a way to become engaged with our efforts.

### **6. Action.**

a. Bridge restoration. Jeff and Al just spent two days inspecting and documenting the condition of the bridge connecting the tower to the shore. Although secure at present, Al found significant checking, rot, and “explosion by corrosion” (where steel pins hold the ends of the bridge in position) to be concerned about heavy loads during Phase Two Restoration (replacing the Northeast side of the brickwork, hanging the bell, etc). Al needs to fully document the problems, generate drawings, specifications, procedures, cost opinion, and carry it through SHPO. This was not a part of last year’s SHPO engineering grant, so we can’t get SHPO support on this engineering. Al gave us a firm figure of \$1500 for him to do the engineering. Motion carried (Jeff, Lisa).

b. Phase One presentation by Al. We looked at some of the drawings of the work to be done. Al refers to this phase as the “pre-scaffolding” work, that which can and/or must be done before the whole tower is scaffolded for the major repairs. This first stage includes repairing the bridge, replacing the rusted-out steel girders supporting the interior floors in the tower, building (with island volunteer labor) and installing replica bell doors, erecting interior support columns, and stabilizing the slumping interior brick/wood block wall with new treated blocks. Target date is late 2017, more likely 2018.

c. Volunteer construction of bell doors and a full-sized model of a 42-inch diameter fog bell – summer, 2017

#### **7. Report from Friends Of Isle au Haut Lighthouse, 501c3**

Friends has been granted non-profit status, has filed its Articles of Incorporation, prepared its By-Laws, has \$5000 in the bank and is looking forward to its First Annual Meeting and Election of Officers this coming summer. The sole mission of Friends is to raise funds for the restoration and maintenance of the lighthouse, and to provide appropriate education to support that goal. The developing Board of Directors includes Matthew Costello, Jen Geenlaw, Allan Toubman, Dianne Valilee, Linda Greenlaw, Garret Aldrich and Jeff Burke.

**8. Summer Activities** – listed in sections above. Also, return visit from Swans Island lighthouse people for tour and lunch.

Our agenda for this meeting included a call for a volunteer to organize our social media connections so ably created by Meghan Cooper. Donna Hopkins has volunteered to take up this crucial part of our work. THE LIGHTHOUSE COMMITTEE SENDS OUT OUR MOST HEARTFELT THANKS TO DONNA. WELCOME ABOARD!

**9. Other business** – Alison expressed frustration in dealing with organizing required grant information, a shared struggle by all of us working on this project. We plan on getting together and improving our knowledge of googledocs.

**10. Adjournment** – passed (Ali, Lisa).