Town of Isle au Haut Lighthouse Committee Minutes of the Meeting, Oct 12, 2017

Present: Jeff, Lisa, Bernie, Kathie, Alison, and Martha. Absent: Marshall Also present: Judi, Jim G. Ellard, Bill C, Kendra

Minutes of last meeting: Previously approved by email and recorded on Town site.

Treasurers Report (Lisa): Together with July, Aug and Sept income, our total in the Lighthouse Fund was \$61,668 at the end of September. Jeff reported that Friends has \$12,889 with \$4250 more due from a US Lighthouse Society grant.

Fundraising: Our new book, *The Lighthouse and Me* will be on sale by the end of the month. It will be available through the Shore Shop, The Keepers House, in most bookstores in Maine and thru Amazon.com. An electronic version will also be available. Proceeds go to the lighthouse restoration. More importantly, the book is a fundraising tool meant to aid in acquiring donations and grants, and to popularize the campaign to restore the lighthouse. It is being sent to all donors of \$100 or more. Lisa is coordinating this. An enclosed letter also announces Nick and Colleen Filler's \$15,000 challenge grant. Kendra is developing a plan to coordinate book distribution on the island. Jeff's cost per book is \$7.29. It lists at \$18.95.

A postcard for the holiday/ year-end donation season will be sent to 1000-1500 residents, summer folk, Keepers House guests and others who follow IAH. This card will promote the new book and also announce the \$15,000 challenge grant. Ali will coordinate the postcard effort.

The Committee will continue sending the book to anyone donating \$100 or more.

Donna Hopkins will edit a new quarterly electronic version of Lighthouse Flashes. At the same time, she will start developing an email list.

Phase One is under way. Leland and Jeff are erecting support beams to stabilize the interior over the winter. Materials are being specified and elements fabricated for the interior reconstruction next summer. Bids will be solicited by late winter. Ellard Taylor has been employed as "Clerk of the Works" to record progress. Depending on fundraising over the next Quarter, Phase One might be expanded to include additional masonry work.

2019 or 2020 have been targeted for Phase Two, the entire exterior.

Jeff presented a wish list for help with organization matters.

Respectfully submitted, Jeff