

MINUTES - ISLE AU HAUT LIGHTHOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING - June 15, 2016

Present: Bernie, Alison, Jeff, Lisa, Marshall. Martha. Also, Meghan (Island Fellow)

Excused: Kathie

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of Minutes of August 3, 2015 – Passed 5-0

3. Treasurer's Report (Lisa) – Balance Jan 31, 2016 \$56,154.91

Income so far this	420.00
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Expenses this year include \$2100 for engineering and \$750 For a HEPA vac

4. Winter progress reports

A. Internet pages (Meghan) She has developed a web page for the lighthouse, a page for the IAH government site, and a facebook page for “Friends if Isle au Haut Lighthouse” All 3 are up and running but need more input and participation. Alison expressed interest in taking over responsibility for these pages when Meghan moves off in August. Lisa expressed concerns about the public (and ourselves) being confused by the three sites. We are agreed that the official Town site represents this committee; Friends of the Isle au Haut Lighthouse manage the other two.

B. Friends of the Isle au Haut Lighthouse (Jeff) This new 501c3 has been established by Jeff and Matt Costello as an IRS registered charitable non-profit association of individuals, which can receive tax-exempt gifts. As a 501c3, this organization can provide tax-exemption in certain cases where the Town cannot. The 501c3 is not part of the Committee, or the Town, but its Organizing Document states that the lighthouse is its sole beneficiary.

C. Tee-shirts. Ali did the art, the production arrangements, the distribution, and the cash collecting. Selling well, and most likely an on-going source into the future. Kudos to Alison!

D. Book (Jeff). It's mostly complete. Proof-reading this summer, re-write in the fall, publication this coming winter, distribution next spring.

E. Engineering (Al Hodson). In full swing. Drawings are being done, subcontractors engaged. I just got a 60-day extension from SHPO: September 1 is the date the plans, specs, and bidding documents are due in Augusta.

F. We purchased a HEPA lead dust vac this spring. Presently, there is lead paint encased by thick black paint on the ironwork: this will also be the solution – to keep it encased. The vac is a safety precaution as well as a required tool whenever the ironwork is worked on.

5. Summer 2016

1. Grant applications – this discussion rescheduled for next meeting.

2. Lighthouse tours – Boat Company is doing several, other possibilities, too, plus need for at least one Open House. Marshall may soon have his float in the water.

3. PayPal. Meghan will have this up and running for Friends as soon as their checking account is open. Meghan is organizing a Google Groups tutorial so folks on the island can learn to collectively work on grant proposals, articles, etc.

4. Swan's Island picnic this summer with Friends of Burnt Harbor Lighthouse, for fun and exchange of information. Jeff will arrange transportation and date.

5. Lighthouse handout. We discussed the need to have a polished piece that educates and promotes our mission, to be used for the duration of fundraising and restoration. Jeff and Meghan will work on a draft.

6. Development grant will be finished this summer.

7. Walkway improvements delayed – SHPO will require a separate development plan since this was not included in the present one.

E. Other Business.

1. Elvis show. Kendra was kind enough to provide info on an Elvis impersonator who would like to do a show out here. Sounds great, but some think it wise to investigate a little more. Individually, we will check out Utubes, etc.

2. Forth of July Parade. Should we have a presence there? Yes. We are individually thinking on how the Committee might participate.

F. Adjournment. 5-0

FYI – Elvis, Film Fest. Sunbeam/Swans, Parade