

Town of Isle au Haut Lighthouse Committee Minutes of Meeting – November 5, 2018 Town Hal, 7:00 PM

1. Called to Order at 7:00 PM

Present: Jeff, Lisa, Bernie, and Kathie by conference call

Excused: Ali, Marshall, Martha

2. Update on Engineering. Jeff discussed our struggle over the years with getting Resurgence Engineering to perform as promised and paid for. The Committee, the Selectmen, and Friends – even SHPO - had all agreed it was time to find a new engineer. We contacted four of the most likely candidates on SHPO's approved list. Carmen Bombeke at Gartley & Dorsky (highly regarded by Mike Johnson at SHPO) responded immediately. We also have used Meredith Eilers at Burnstein/Shur (Town law office) to deal with Resurgence to acquire cad files and documents we have paid for, and to pursue the possibility of recouping some of the funds paid to Resurgence for scopes of work never performed.

3. Gartley & Dorsky proposal. Carmen has studied all the work Resurgence had prepared, visited the lighthouse and met with a core group of us working on the restoration project, communicated with SHPO, had several discussions with Al Hodson (Resurgence) and - together with a cad technician from her office - inspected the tower and evaluated the project. Her recommendation for Phase One is set forth in a her proposal. The proposal also sets forth a process for addressing Phase Two – payment for that future engineering is not included in this proposal. All present were very impressed with the quality of what Carmen has done in such short time, and feel that this proposal presents the best way to move forward. Lisa made the motion to accept the proposal, seconded by Kathie. Passed 4-0. The expense of the legal work and the transfer of the engineering will cost us additional dollars but all present strongly felt this is the path to follow. Kathie suggested that we use existing lighthouse funds to pay for these fees, and that we prepare an educational presentation for the next Annual Town Meeting that traces the factual, legal, documented, registered, and confirmed acceptance from the Town itself that the Town is responsible financially for the maintenance and restoration of the lighthouse. We will not be requesting an authorization article in the Town Meeting Warrant for appropriating funds this coming year, but want to make it clear that as we move toward Phase Two a balanced financing of grant money, donations and other sources of funding will be most successful if it includes the financial support from the Town. Jeff will also prepare an article requesting the voters approve this presentation to the Town Meeting.

4. OTHER BUSINESS – NONE.

5. Winter plans.

This fall, The Lighthouse Preservation Society will be doing a mass mailing of a special promotion leaflet for our new book, The Lighthouse and Me. The leaflet was professionally designed by co-workers of Jen Greenlaw (Friends of Isle au Haut Lighthouse). It will be printed and circulated by LPS with no cost to us.

Matthew Costello (Friends of Isle au Haut Lighthouse) will be presenting a year-end report on social media. This will cover our achievements during the past year and the announcement of Phase One construction taking place next summer. It will also include the LPS book leaflet and a soft pitch for end-of-the year support from lighthouse supporters, based on the birthday of the lighthouses' first lighting – December 24, 1907: “Celebrate the lighting of our legacy lighthouse by supporting it’s restoration, with a tax-deductible gift of \$1.90, or \$19.07, or \$190.70, or \$1,907.00”

Summer plans. The Phase One construction will be an exciting event. Also, Peter Ralston has pledged to do a benefit to support the restoration (date TBD). If all goes to schedule, we will plan an event on National Open Lighthouse Day (September) to celebrate the completion of Phase One, with the collaboration of the groups who have assisted us.

6. Adjournment at 7:45. 4-0

Submitted by Jeff