

Gay Head Lighthouse Advisory Board Notes of Meeting 2/24/22

Members Present: Len Butler, William Lake, Taylor Ives, Chris Manning (Lighthouse Keeper)

No present: Karen Szczesiul, Bettina Washington

Also present: Isaac Taylor, Assistant Lighthouse Keeper

Len called the meeting to order at 4:06pm

Minutes – 5/18/21 – Len approved the minutes as presented. Others were recused as they were not on the committee at the time.

Len read Richard Skidmore's Committee resignation letter. Committee welcomed Chris to the Committee (Lighthouse Keeper is automatically on the Committee). Another mandated member on the Committee must be a member of the Wampanoag Tribe. Chris will talk with Bettina Washington, who has served in this capacity but often does not attend meetings, to request that she tender her resignation now that he is on the Committee as the Lighthouse Keeper and can serve in the Tribal Member capacity. Committee asked if Isaac was interested in being an at large member. Isaac will send a note to Jeffrey that he is interested in serving on the committee.

Review of Accounts: a little over \$30,000 in the Gift Fund account and \$45,000 in CPC FY21 funds (Treasure to check on availability of funds).

Lighthouse & Park Report: few outages during winter season with the auxiliary beacon activating when needed; Coast Guard visited in September and replaced a white lightbulb but refrained from replacing all bulbs given shortage in supplies; Coast Guard will return in March to replace bulbs; Isaac questioned whether light shortages were associated with voltage and power source irregularities and if there were any solutions (Chris will talk with Coast Guard and Eversource); lighthouse holiday decorations were well received; International Chimney (ICC) had been up in December doing exploratory work on lantern room; Chris had not noticed any new leaking in the lantern room but noted that the lighthouse door needs to be replaced; pathway needs restoration and permanent mitigation efforts (Chris will meet with Jay to discuss); interior painting needs to be done; Isaac noted that there are short term fixes that should happen to mitigate further damage to the Lighthouse prior to restoration and potentially bricking of pathway to eliminate annual pathway restoration (Isaac to look into CPC funding for this); Committee briefly discussed maintenance on turf area (to be potentially built into budget); fencing needs resecuring in certain areas (Chris to check in with Jay about fencing solutions).

Restoration Update: Committee discussed the recent ICC work; ICC is in process of getting pricing for restoration work on lantern room and will issue a report when finalized.

New Business: Committee welcomed Chris and Isaac again. Len suggested that Chris and Isaac do monthly Lighthouse and Park walk throughs. Chris will be working with Jay to develop budget for coming year.

Wind Farm Updates: currently there are 5 proposed wind farm projects going through permitting process (all at different stages). Committee discussed the following projects:

*South Fork* – 19 miles SSW of Cliffs; 16 wind generators; joint venture between Eversource and Orsted; will supply electricity mainly to New York; no direct benefit to town; \$175,000 mitigation funding has been approved which will go towards masonry repair on lighthouse, excluding lantern level.

*Revolution Wind* - Eversource and Orsted collaboration; seeking permitting for the ability to build up to 100 wind turbines; closest turbine being 13 miles SSW off of the Cliffs; will be much more visible in comparison to other projects and have the most adverse effect; mitigation request will go towards lantern room restoration; Committee will hold off on giving a number to Restoration Wind until ICC finalizes cost estimate; Committee discussed the possibility of requesting annual mitigation funding; Len read a letter from Dan Doyle, MV Commission, concerning the mitigation process and requests from Revolution Wind.

*New England Wind* – Extension of Vineyard Wind (formally known as Vineyard Wind South); project will benefit island in terms of power generation; potentially 85 wind turbines; project located between Vineyard Wind and east coast of Noman's (14 miles off coast).

*Mayflower Wind* – joint venture with Shell Oil Company; located further south.

Committee is welcome to attend any and all of these mitigation meetings. Len will send out a calendar of the meetings.

Other Business: Chris noted that he does have a lighthouse keeper email address on the town domain ([lighthousekeeper@aquinnah-ma.gov](mailto:lighthousekeeper@aquinnah-ma.gov)). Chris has spoken with Liz about getting an address for Isaac as well.

10k Lighthouse Race: live race is being planned for this October; Lighthouse Race group/committee is looking to pass on the administrative work and have been talking with Amity Running Group (local running group) to take over; group is also looking for others to get involved.

Next meeting: March 23, 2022 at 4pm.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Sophia Welch