

Gay Head Lighthouse Advisory Board Notes of Meeting 3/23/22

Members Present: Len Butler, William Lake, Karen Szczesiul, Chris Manning (Lighthouse Keeper)

Members not present: Taylor Ives, Bettina Washington

Also present: Gabbi Camilleri

Len called the meeting to order at 4:07pm

Minutes deferred to next meeting.

Review of Accounts: \$3 change in interest (30,000 in account and \$48,000 in FY 21 CPC allocation).

Lighthouse Update: \$3,480 estimate from Lew Colby to paint interior. Lew has availability 1st or 2nd week of May (before Memorial Day). Chris will reach out to Jay to discuss budget for painting. Chris will be meeting with Marcelle Mayor to go over irrigation and preparation for the upcoming season. Chris is also expecting to meet with the Coast Guard for their quarterly meeting. One bulb needs to be replaced. Chris and Isaac will touch base with Jay to discuss repair options to address path damage.

Lighthouse Summer Events: Gabbi Camilleri, Town Property Manager, informed the Committee of the following event dates (weddings): 6/25, 7/30, 9/4, and 9/10. All weddings include access to lighthouse. Gabbi received a request for use of small area in the Lighthouse Park for annual HAM Radio event on 9/17 and 9/18. Committee briefly discussed event parking and potential options. Gabbi has begun talking with the parking committee and Chief Belain to find remedies. Karen asked if the Committee sends "Thank You" notes out for donations made to the Lighthouse. Chris is open to being responsible for this task.

Chris noted that there is an open bill from Marcello from last year. Chris understands that the bill is from this fiscal year and will submit it for payment once he receives it. Chris will be meeting with Jay to discuss Lighthouse FY 23 budget (budget falls within DPW budget).

Restoration Update: International Chimney Corp. (ICC) has completed 95% of the drawings for the curtain wall (Len will send out digital renderings/video). Final report is not completed yet. Report will include curtain wall recommendations and final budget. This work will be funded through the Vineyard Wind mitigation funding.

Wind Project Updates: there are 6-8 wind farms currently in the planning process. The furthest along is South Fork Wind which will be visible from the Light (approx. 19 miles SW from the Light). Committee has requested mitigation funding of \$175,000 to address necessary masonry repairs. South Fork has agreed to this and will take on the administration for the project (contracting). There is a proposal from ICC for this work.

Revolution Wind is proposed to have as many as 116 turbines. Farm will be 13 miles to SSW of the Lighthouse and will be significantly visible and impactful (72-degree arc of seascape). The Lighthouse has been designated as an affected party and is entitled to mitigation funding. Committee has requested to not build the turbines closest to the Light (has been taken under advisement) and have requested to fund restoration of lantern room (highest priority and most expensive restoration project estimated at \$500,000 to \$750,000). Next mitigation meeting for this project will be in early April. Len was unsure if the Committee would have final restoration figures by the meeting date, and the Committee is not going to give any alternative proposals.

Sun Rise Wind (contiguous with other two farms) is further south. Committee has preliminary consult with the entity, and they are aware of the previous Committee mitigation requests. Entity is willing to contribute to Lighthouse continued restoration or some other aspect of the Light. Depending on funding from Revolution, Committee may ask for something else (improvements of grounds, fencing or signage). Mitigation requests need to be consistent with the amount of disturbance and reasonable. Committee discussed pushing for reducing the effect of the turbines (moving/shifting of location or reduction in number of turbines) and possibility asking for hydrological work on the Cliffs.

Other wind projects are further to the South, less impactful and years down the road.

Gisele Guathier, Town Grant Writer, has been very helpful in attending the mitigation meetings and writing mitigation proposals. Len and Bill have also been attending meetings. Committee members are welcome to attend as well.

Next meeting date will be dependent on receipt of ICC report.

Meeting adjourned at 4:44 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Sophia Welch