

## Gay Head Lighthouse Advisory Board - 8-17-22 Meeting Notes

Members Present: Len Butler, Taylor Ives, Karen Szczesiul, Chris Manning (Lighthouse Keeper)

Not present: Isaac Taylor, Bettina Washington, William Lake

Len called the meeting to order at 4:07pm

*Minutes:* Taylor motioned to approve the 7/6/22 minutes. Karen seconded. Committee voted 4-0.

*Accounts:* Karen has been in contact with Jamie Vanderhoop, Town Treasurer, about moving forward with monthly accounting. Jamie has not yet sent a current accounting of the Lighthouse funds. As of 6/30, account is approx. \$36,000. Karen noted that as of 7/10, the cash donation box at the Lighthouse had not been deposited weekly. Both Chris and Len and spoken with the Lighthouse tour manager about making weekly deposits starting July. Chris will follow up on this. Jamie will be forwarding any unrelated race donation information to Karen so that the Committee can send out acknowledgments to donors.

*Lighthouse & Park:* July tour numbers surpassed 2018 and 2019 numbers; wedding on July 30<sup>th</sup> went well; upcoming weddings: sept 4<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>; HAM Radio operators coming Sept. 17-18<sup>th</sup>; Committee briefly discussed July visitor incidents which lead to accidental damage (Chris looking at estimates for minor damage repair); Committee discussed the recent Coastguard quarterly inspection and maintenance visit; Chris and Isaac have spoken about potential issues with the irrigation system; grounds otherwise seem to be in fair shape.

*Wind Projects Updates:*

Revolution Wind: Committee is waiting on a response regarding the mitigation funding request for restoration of the lantern room; there will be a meeting at end of September and Len hoped to have a response prior to that.

South Fork Wind: South Fork has issued a final treatment plan for historic properties which included \$175,000 for Lighthouse masonry restoration; South Fork will fund and administer the project; Len had asked that the Committee be able to review the qualifications of prospective bidders but has not gotten a response back yet.

Sunrise Wind: Project is in mid consultation and have not asked for mitigation proposals; Committee had discussed requesting funding for \$90,000 beacon support column.

New England Wind: early in negotiations; Bill had suggested to fund an escrow account that could be drawn from annually for annual Lighthouse maintenance projects.

Len will keep everyone informed of wind project meetings.

*Other Business:* Email from Liz Witham: request that Sally Taylor do a consensus artist project. Committee was unsure what the project involves and agreed that a detailed description and proposal be sent to the Committee.

Committee briefly discussed Lighthouse condo owners season feedback. Karen noted that she hadn't heard much but the condos have been going through a long construction project.

*Next meeting:* September 21, 2022 at 4:30pm

Meeting adjourned at 4:53pm. - Respectfully submitted, Sophia Welch