

Gay Head Lighthouse Advisory Board
Notes of Meeting 10-22-20

Meeting was held exclusively via teleconference

Members present: Chairman Len Butler, Richard Skidmore, Tom Murphy, Jim Pickman
Members Not present: Bettina Washington, Kathy Rainey

- The meeting began at 4:34pm

- Jim gave a review of accounts: currently \$22,084 in the account not including a recent \$600 donation; \$47,900 in CPC funds and the additional \$48,000 for FY21 appropriation (\$40,000 for restoration and \$8,000 for signage). Tom entered the meeting. There was discussion concerning funding for signage and working with the Tribe for new signage/graphics.

- Richard gave a Lighthouse and Park report: recent \$600 donation for use of the Park for a video shoot; recent turf/grass maintenance by Landscape including fertilization and irrigation work which will cost approx. \$500 (can be covered by DPW funds). The Committee discussed a more permanent fencing option to replace existing post fencing. Jeffrey has not approved the project. Richard plans on making the case at a Select Board meeting. Cost of fencing will be approx. \$16,000 to \$18,000. The Committee discussed the pedestrian pathway railing and use of Department of Transportation funds for the project. There was brief discussion of the decommissioning of the East Chop Lighthouse DCB24 light by the Coast Guard (light replaced with LED) and the commitment of surplus beacon in Coast Guard inventory for the Gay Head Light. Richard has reached out to his Coast Guard contact about this.

- Under restoration updates, Len discussed his recent meeting with Tyler from International Chimney Corp. (ICC) regarding next restoration steps: exterior and interior brick repointing and Keeper's passage exterior and interior restoration. ICC will be compiling a work proposal within the limit of \$50,000.

- Under grants, the Committee discussed the recent agreement of \$139,800 for remediation from the Vineyard Wind project and potential grants from upcoming offshore wind projects (closer to Aquinnah than the Vineyard Wind and possibly greater impact to Aquinnah). The Committee discussed the cumulative effects of these future wind projects.

- Next, the Committee discussed renewal of the trademark for the lighthouse image and benefits. Trademark would cost approx. \$675 (\$350 for legal and \$325 for the filing fee). Tom motioned to authorize Deborah Basile, Esq. to renew registration of trademark. Motion was seconded by Jim. **The Committee voted 4-0, the motion passed.** Tom will contact Deborah.

- The meeting ended at 5:43pm.

Respectfully submitted,
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