

PENFIELD REEF LIGHTHOUSE PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Thursday, September 8, 2011

4:00 pm

725 Old Post Road

Fairfield, CT 06824

FINAL MINUTES

Members Present: Dave Peck, Sandye Mann, Dr. Evan Tilley, Mary Jo Cornell, Deanna Hoffman, Pat Conley, Sherri Steeneck, J. Carpenter, P. Herman, Linda Cote Crowley

Members Absent: David Agonis, Bill Sapone, Steve Elworthy, Mike Jehle

Others Present: Bruce Williams, Craig Smith

I. Call to Order

Chair Sandye Mann called the Meeting to Order at 4:00 PM. followed by The Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Approval of Minutes

S. Steeneck made the Motion to Approve the Minutes of September 1, 2011. Vice-Chair D. Peck Seconded the Motion. J. Carpenter abstained. Motion Passed.

III. Correspondence and/or Communications

Treasurer P. Conley reported that there have been responses from the Lighthouse Website and US Mail in sending donations and responses to the cocktail party fundraiser, for a total of 38 Donors.

IV. Old Business

a. Discussion and Review of Fundraising Status and Accounting

E. Tilley made a Motion to go into Executive Session at 4:10 PM. to discuss fundraising. Treasurer P. Conley Seconded. Unanimous.

D. Hoffman made a Motion to go out of Executive Session at 4:22 PM. Vice-Chair Seconded. Unanimous.

The minimum bids for the over 60 items for the Fabulous Silent Auction at the Penfield Cocktail Party on September 15 were listed in preparation for September 15th at the Penfield Pavilion. L. Crowley received accolades for going above and beyond the call of duty in preparation for the Lighthouse fundraiser cocktail party. L. Crowley thanked everyone's successful efforts to having a wonderful event, and the Fairfield Historical Museum for their contribution.

b. Review and Status of Web Site and Other Promotional Materials

Vice-Chair D. Peck said he and S. Steeneck blasted the event on FaceBook, and asked if we can place the event on the Town FaceBook page. J. Carpenter said she would check into it. MJ Cornell wrote an article about the Lighthouse and delivered it to the Fairfield Citizen. L. Crowley reported that the Town Parks and Recreation Website is linked to FaceBook.

V. New Business

L. Crowley recommended that a clean-up tour at the Penfield Reef Light is in order, combining an inspection of the lighthouse with town members of the Engineering, Building, Public Works, Police, Fire, and Planning and Zoning Departments. E. Tilley will contact the US Coast Guard to advise them to meet us there to open the Lighthouse. Chair S. Mann stated that the US Coast Guard are interested, since they are frequently touring our coastline since Hurricane Irene dramatically contacted our shoreline with great damage and erosion. The scheduled tour will be held on Thursday, September 22, 2011 at 10:00 AM at the South Benson Marina. Alternate date in case of weather is Saturday, September 24th at 10:00 AM.

VI. Public Comment

Artist and Craftsman Craig Smith will speak at the Cocktail Party about his motivation leading to the arduous Penfield Reef Lighthouse carving. Bruce Williams arranged the donation of three boat packages for the Fabulous Silent Auction, and distributed an article from the September-October 2011 Maine Lighthouse Digest regarding the Battle for the Penfield Reef Light.

VII. Adjournment

P. Herman made a Motion to Adjourn. E. Tilley Seconded. All in Favor.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM. The next meeting will be held in the Basement in Sullivan Independence Hall on Tuesday, September 13, 2011 at 4:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Cote Crowley
Recording Secretary

