

PENFIELD REEF LIGHTHOUSE PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

**Thursday, October 6, 2011
Sullivan Independence Hall
725 Old Post Road
Fairfield, CT06824**

FINAL MINUTES

Members Present: Sandye Mann, Mary Jo Cornell, Pat Conley, Deanna Hoffman, Paige Herman, Sherri Steeneck, Linda Cote Crowley

Members Absent: David Agonis, Bill Sapone, Vice-Chair Dave Peck, Mike Jehle, Steve Elworthy, Dr. Evan Tilley, Jennifer Carpenter

Others Present: Assistant Town Attorney Eileen Kennelly, Artist Craig Smith

I. Call to Order

Chair Sandye Mann called the Meeting to Order at 4:18 PM followed by The Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Approval of Minutes

P. Herman made the Motion to Approve the Minutes of September 29, 2011.
Pat Conley Seconded. Unanimous.

III. Correspondence and/or Communications

E. Kennelly offered to research with B. Sapone about the LLC status, and to review the forms accompanying the Deposit.

Chair S. Mann distributed M. Jehle's draft of a direct appeal letter to the residential and corporate community in order to help us confidently place a winning bid for the lighthouse. It was agreed that S. Steeneck will obtain printing costs for a postcard form for better attention to the immediate need for ready donations toward the bidding process.

IV. Old Business

a. Review of Fundraising Event on September 15 and Accounting Status
Treasurer P. Conley continues to receive donations from the Lighthouse Party.

Donations continue via US Mail to the First Selectman's Office and through the web in order to assist the Town in acquiring the lighthouse during the GSA Auction from September 27th to November 12th, or a date to be determined (TBD).

b. Discussion of GSA Auction

Chair S. Mann reported on an updated telephone call just made to GSA Boston Office Representative Sarah Massarello regarding bids placed by current bidders of the Invitation for Bidding of the Penfield Reef lighthouse. S. Mann wrote a newspaper article in the Fairfield Sun and The Minuteman requesting community to support the town to acquire the lighthouse. A former Navy Seal Officer read the article online and called her as one of the two bidders.

Inspections of the lighthouse are only allowed as a registered bidder for the lighthouse.

Since the Deposit was voted in the September 29th PRLPC Meeting, it was agreed to move forward with the refundable Deposit in order start the bidding registration process, and E. Kennelly will report her findings at the next meeting.

V. New Business

None

VI. Public Comment

C. Smith gave Treasurer P. Conley proceeds from the sale of lighthouse buttons.

VII. Adjournment

P. Herman made a Motion to Adjourn. P. Conley Seconded. Unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 5:18 PM. The next meeting will be held in First Floor Conference Room, Sullivan Independence Hall, on Thursday, October 13, 2011 at 4:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Cote Crowley
Secretary