

PENFIELD REEF LIGHTHOUSE PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Thursday, February 9, 2012

4:30 P.M.

Second Floor Conference Room

Independence Hall

725 Old Post Road

Fairfield, CT 06824

DRAFT MINUTES

Members Present: Sandye Mann, Jennifer Carpenter, Paige Herman, Mary Jo Cornell, Dr. Evan Tilley, Pat Connelly, Linda Crowley

Members Absent: Sherri Steeneck, Steve Elworthy, David Peck, David Agonis, Deanna Hoffman, Mike Jehle

Others Present: Craig Smith, James Passeri, Will Poling

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Sandye Mann called the meeting to order at 4:35 pm.

II. Approval of Minutes of Committee

Paige Herman made a motion to approve the minutes. Mary Jo Cornell seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

III. Correspondence and/or Communications

Ms. Mann said she tried several times to reach the contact at GSA but has not been called back. There is no change in the status of the GSA selecting the highest bidder and waiting the 60-day period to confirm that person as the official owner.

IV. Old Business

a. Discussion of GSA Auction status

Ms. Herman made a motion the Committee Chair send a directive to the BOS stating that if the highest bidder should default would the Town accept ownership of the lighthouse if the GSA should offer it to the Town at no cost. Linda Crowley seconded the motion which carried unanimously. Ms. Herman said if this should happen, the BOS may want to set up a new lighthouse committee with new members who should take up fundraising. Mary Jo Cornell asked about donations people have given. Ms. Mann said the Committee had discussed this at the January meeting noting that it will wait until the auction process is officially over. Pat Conley referenced a draft letter she has written to send to all donors who will receive it after the GSA makes its final decision on the owner. Ms. Conley said the letter should include an explanation on a donation as opposed to auction items that were purchased. Dr. Evan Tilley asked if it is possible to acquire the lighthouse by default. Ms. Mann said yes.

b. Additional old business as shall affect the status of the committee in 2012

Ms. Mann asked the Committee if it should continue with the current Committee. Ms. Herman said it should continue with the existing Committee until the lighthouse has been officially awarded.

V. New Business-None

VI. Public Comment

Craig Smith wants to hold a coloring contest of the lighthouse for Memorial Day weekend and invited members to judge the event. Another possible event is a treasure hunt in a park for the lighthouse medallions by Labor Day. The Committee is in favor of judging, but not receiving the entries through the Town mail as Mr. Craig suggested. Dr. Tilley made a motion that the Committee serve as art jurists. Ms. Cornell seconded the motion which carried 6-0 (Ms. Carpenter had left the meeting at 5:05 pm).

VII. Adjournment

Ms. Mann made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 pm. Ms. Herman seconded the motion which carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer S. Carpenter
Recording Secretary

