

**PENFIELD REEF LIGHTHOUSE PRESERVATION COMMITTEE SPECIAL  
MEETING**

**Thursday, April 26th, 2012**

**4:30 P.M.**

**First Floor Conference Room**

**Independence Hall**

**725 Old Post Road**

**Fairfield, CT 06824**

**DRAFT MINUTES**

Members Present: Sandye Mann, Jennifer Carpenter, Pat Conley, Paige Herman, Linda Crowley, Dr. Evan Tilley, Mary Jo Cornell (arrived 4:52 pm), Deanna Hoffman, Sherri Steeneck (arrived 5:07 pm)

Members Absent: David Agonis, Mike Jehle

Others Present: Donald Peterson

**I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairman Sandye Mann called the meeting to order at 4:33 pm.

**II. Correspondence and/or Communications**

Ms. Mann said she spoke to Sara Massarelli at GSA and expressed that GSA was not upfront in telling bidders that they can't reside in the lighthouse. Ms. Mann said she will give the Board of Selectmen a memo asking them if the Town would acquire the lighthouse if the GSA gave the lighthouse to the Town at no cost. Sherri Steeneck noted that the BOS had asked for specific language on how the lighthouse will be maintained for now and for the future. She said the Committee should talk to other lighthouses about their maintenance plans.

**III. Old Business**

**a. Discussion of Resumption of GSA Auction of Penfield Reef Lighthouse**

Ms. Mann mentioned that a LLC could be formed if the BOS is not willing to get involved or accept the lighthouse. Ms. Mann said the Committee needs to raise more money quickly to help with the maintenance plan. Pat Conley said DPW could help maintain the lighthouse. Ms. Steeneck said they could, but there would be costs involved.

**b. Additional old business as shall affect the status and business of the current committee in 2012**  
There was no additional old business.

**IV. New Business**

Potential formation of new committee to proceed with Lighthouse acquisition.

Paige Herman made a motion that the Committee ask the BOS to form a new Committee to acquire and preserve Penfield Reef Lighthouse. Mary Jo Cornell seconded the motion. Ms. Steeneck asked what the new Committee would do with the funds. Ms. Mann said funds would be rolled over to the new Committee. Ms. Herman said she feels that there is not a general interest from the Town, RTM and public to acquire the lighthouse. She said there are many volunteers willing to help maintain the lighthouse, but there's the problem with liability plus lead and asbestos removal.

Ms. Herman said if the BOS doesn't approve a new Committee, then a LLC should be formed. Ms. Steeneck said that the Committee should not place a bid in the new auction.

Ms Herman retracted her earlier motion. She made a new motion that in light of the recent default of the winning auction bidder for Penfield Reef Lighthouse, the present Committee would like to be absolved and the present Committee would like to ask the BOS to review the Charge and form a new committee to acquire and preserve the Lighthouse. Ms. Cornell seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Ms. Mann asked each member if they would serve on the new committee if it were formed. Four members said yes; two said no; two said they will consider serving, pending the BOS decision; and one said she needs to give this further thought.

V. Public Comment-None

VI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer S. Carpenter  
Secretary