

**Sheringham Point Lighthouse Preservation Society
General Meeting, May 14, 2017**

1. President Michael Galizio called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance. Executive members present were Michael, Bill Parkes, John Walls, and Terri Alcock. In addition, there were 12 Society Members also in attendance. Regrets were received from Mary Brown.

2. Adoption of Agenda

A draft agenda was circulated.

Motion to adopt the agenda as presented.

Bill Parkes/Jill Foweraker

CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

Motion to adopt the minutes of the September 11, 2016 meeting.

Bobbie Metzger/Bill Parkes

CARRIED

4. Correspondence

A letter from the CRD, confirming the re-zoning of the Lighthouse property was read. In future, correspondence will be posted on the website and copies available on a table at the meetings, along with other items of interest. For example, both Gary Geddes and Retired Senator Pat Carney have new books out, which are for sale on the LH website.

5. Treasurer's Report

The Balance sheet for 2016 was presented and discussed.

Motion to adopt the 2016 Balance Sheet.

Peter Clark/John Walls

CARRIED

The 2017 financial report covering January 1 - May 12, 2017 was presented and discussed.

Motion to adopt the financial report for January 1 - May 12, 2017.

John Foweraker/Linda Bruton

CARRIED

6. Old Business

A. Review of Site Status

Thank you to Ian Fawcett, Dominique Bernardet, Vivi Curutchet and Elizabeth Tse for their work. We are concentrating on getting the solar battery shed finished. We have set up an account with BC Hydro. The idea of the solar is to send unused power to hydro for a credit to use in the winter. Once the solar is operational, others like the weather station and hydrophone will be able to tie into it. When the hydrophone was explained to the meeting it was suggested that we ask Paul Cottrell from DFO to attend and speak at a future meeting.

The first actual repair to the lighthouse will be the lantern room. This is delicate work as it is in poor shape. Scaffolding will need to be installed. This work could begin this summer.

B. Public Access Agreement Update

The second \$10,000 has been approved by the CRD to be used to chip seal the road from the turn around to the paved Lighthouse View Road (strata road).

C. Zoning Update

As mentioned under correspondence, this is now completed.

D. Insurance

Insurance coverage for Directors' Liability and General Liability have been increased. Insurance covering the site and buildings has been purchased.

E. Oral History

The President gave an update on the history book which is being revised and updated by Rebecca Quinn. The Society needs someone to work on oral history project and organize various interviews, etc. After a discussion of what would be involved, Linda Bruton volunteered to help with the interviews.

F. LH Guide Book

An update was given on sales. It was suggested that we collaborate with the Shirley Market during the summer to sell our books and other items for sale, with a share going to the market.

G. Westaway Foundation

John Walls reported on the media event announcing the multi-year grant by Peter Westaway through the foundation. Press people were in attendance and news articles followed as well as interviews on local radio stations.

H. Website Update/Social Media

The Society has a website as well as visibility on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. These have proved to be quite successful and viewed by large numbers of people. The problem is that monitoring and posting can be expensive without volunteers to do the posting, monitoring, etc.

The Society needs a volunteer who can help with some of this Social Media work following the work of Uptown Studios and Mia Lopez.

I. Cost Sharing Grants

We are looking into other possible grants that might be available. We did have a \$25,000 Federal cost-sharing grant which paid for brochures, signage and communications, and allowed us to run a very successful program with local elementary schools.

J. Trail Stewardship

We are working on renewal of the current agreement; in the long term, we would like to return to managing the trail, as we did previously.

K. Disabled Access

We have received a letter from Mary and Roy Brown on this issue. It is something we need to address and will plan for discussions in future meetings. The Board and membership have had several discussions about access and are working to formulate best practices for the heritage site.

7. New Business

A. Trail Management

In May of 2005 the Sheringham Point Lighthouse Preservation Society negotiated an agreement with the landholder adjacent to the lighthouse property for a trail on private property to be managed and maintained by the Society.

In working with then regional director Erik Lund, it was decided that because the Society had limited resources, the CRD would be an option to hold the title of the property while the Society would operate and maintain the trail. The Society accepted the Regional Director's offer.

Once the trail was transferred to the CRD, resulting from the agreement between the Society and the adjacent landholder, the CRD entered into a 5 year agreement (the maximum term at the time) to manage and maintain the 3.4 kilometer trail. The successful public/private partnership thrived for 5 years with the CRD parks commission praising the Society for their work taking care of and managing the trail on behalf of the public. Local community members were hired to look after the trail. At the end of the term, the management agreement was not renewed.

The following motion was moved, seconded and amended as follows:

Motion that the Society contact the CRD, Mike Hicks and the local parks commission and continue its efforts to have the management agreement renewed for the long term, returning the Society to its previous position as manager of lighthouse view trail.

John Walls/Bill Parkes

CARRIED

B. Flea Beach

There was a discussion of the condition of the road down to Flea Beach and it was agreed that drainage pipes and gravel are needed to improve it. Dominique Bernardet will arrange to have the work done.

C. Grants/Fundraising

The meeting discussed the possibility of doing a lottery but it was felt we needed more information on this, and further discussion is needed to come up with fundraising projects. Various grants will be explored.

D. Toilets and other facilities at the Lighthouse Site?

To be discussed at a later date as it needs to be part of an overall site plan that meets the needs of the visitors while respecting the stated goal of preserving and protecting the land as a passive park.

8. Motion to Adjourn

Peter Clark/John Walls

CARRIED