

Light Station Committee Minutes

August 27, 2026

Attendance: Ed Bacon, Michael Clayton, Catherine Demchur-Merry, Jim Mitchell, Yvette Reid, Rachel Rolerson-Smith, Ashley Rossiter, Ken Smith.

The minutes were approved after minor name and date changes were made.

Douglas Carmichel has agreed to be the Vice-Chair of the committee. Rachel and Michael will join Ashley and Doug on the exhibit committee. It was decided that when the committee meets at 4:00 P.M. the museum keeper will close the museum early so that she may attend the meeting.

Yvette reported that \$190 in donations was received from the Camden tour boat the *Lively Lady*.

Gift Shop: In addition to the men's vest, women's vests have been ordered, as well as more hats. It was decided to reduce the price of last year's T-shirts to fifteen dollars, and to further reduce the 2025 calendar to five dollars. There was a question about the 2026 calendar's paper quality, and Catherine said she would check with Rob Marr concerning the paper weight of the calendar.

Maine Lighthouse Day is Saturday, September 12th. Yvette will open the museum early at 8:30, and Catherine will be there to assist her. There will be a Museum Quest, the same as last year's, and lighthouse magnets will be given to the visitors. Afterwards Yvette will write an article about Lighthouse Day for the Islesboro Island News.

Boat House: It was suggested that the boathouse should feature lobstermen. Colorful lobster buoys could be hung from the walls, with the names of the lobsterman who owns the buoy.

The steering wheel needs to be labeled "From the Governor Brann".

Annex: The Maine Municipal Insurance inspector noted that both the east and west side of the annex wall shows deteriorating concrete and exposed metal rebar. Michael will speak with Jim Nelson about repairing this problem.

Catherine will post about the Oil House for FaceBook, and Constant Contact. There was a discussion about an annual appeal letter focusing on raising money for the Oil House repairs.

Ken stated the restoration of the second-floor windows will be completed at the end of September.

It was decided that the pieces of slate with scenes of the lighthouse painted by Lauren Jellison would be given as gifts to thank donors who made sizeable donations.

The “Black Friday Crawl” will take place at Michael's workshop on Pendleton Point Road and will also encompass the nearby Smith Garage building. It will be held on Friday, November 27th.

Matthew Cohen, a friend of Michael's, will take photographs of Grindle Point Lighthouse to be included in a coffee table book that he is writing about lighthouses.

**The next meeting will held on Thursday, September 24th
at 4:00 P.M. at the Town Office Conference Room.**

Respectfully submitted,
Yvette L. Reid

