

Lighthouse Committee Minutes

May 28, 2026

Attendance: Ed Bacon, Catherine Demchur-Merry, Yvette Reid, Rachel Rolerson-Smith, Ashley Rossiter, Ken Smith, and via Zoom Douglas Carmichel, Michael Clayton, and Jim Mitchell

The minutes were corrected to read \$18,460 for the estimate from Brothers in Arms.

Projects: We accepted the bid from Brothers in Arms to move and secure the boathouse to the ledge. The work on the base of the Tower has begun. Creative Concrete has built the forms for the retaining wall, and soon the concrete will be poured. Images of the work being done to protect the Tower's base are now on the website. In the future there will be a need for a new support frame for the bell.

Fundraising: Yvette reported a new donation of fifty dollars, thus far the grand total is \$20,947.63. Ed will write a fundraising article for the next issue of the Islesboro Island News.

Calendar: The 2027 lighthouse calendars have arrived. It was decided to place an insert into the calendar giving a little information about the photographers. Also, it was decided that as a way to thank them, they would be able to purchase a calendar at a discount price of ten dollars.

Lantern Room Displays: The compass markings will consist of large metal letters (N,E,S,W) nailed to the walls of the lantern room. Rachel will obtain these letters. Committee members will visit the Tower to discuss interpretive panels. QR codes could be displayed on the panels. The QR codes would link to an audio recording describing the views in each direction.

Museum Displays: Some island residents have questioned why photographs of their ancestors are not on display in the museum. This is the Sailors' Memorial Museum, and the purpose of the museum is to honor early sailors from Islesboro. A suggestion for a possible new display is one concerning the recent discovery of the wreckage of the *Caroline Eddy* in Florida. Yvette will look into that.

Apparel Order: This summer we are adding fleece vests to the items being sold, and Catherine asked Ed how much money was available in the budget for the gift shop. He replied to spend what ever was needed, as the gift shop was very profitable last year. Catherine, Yvette, Ashley, and Rachel all met together to make the decisions. Hats are the fastest selling items in the gift shop, and forty adult hats and ten youth hats were ordered. This year the T-shirts will feature the logo on the left chest, and thirty adult, eight youth, and ten V-necks were ordered. In the category of sweatshirts, also with the logos on the left chest, fifteen adult, twenty adult hoodies, and six youth hoodies were ordered. Fifteen light gray fleece vests with our logo embroidered on the left chest were ordered. In addition to clothing, twelve tote bags, the same as last year, were ordered.

Lastly, Carole Ann Leach of island Garden Company has donated and planted red, white and blue flowers in the museum flower boxes, giving the museum a very welcoming appearance.

The next meeting will be on June 25, 2026.

Respectfully Submitted,
Yvette L. Reid