

# Lighthouse Committee Minutes

## April 23, 2026

**Attendance:** Ed Bacon, Catherine Demchur-Merry, Yvette Reid, Rachel Rolerson-Smith, Ashley Rossiter, Ken Smith, and via Zoom Doug Carmichel

The minutes for March 26, 2026 meeting were approved. There haven't been any further donations to the Restoration fund since March.

The permit to begin work on restoring the base of the Tower has been received. An estimate of \$18,000 has been received from Brothers In Arms for moving the boathouse back and securing it to the ledge. Ed will ask Janet to have the town's electrician install electrical outlets at the end of the tunnel and on the front exterior wall of the Museum. A new problem has developed in which the lightning rod has become detached from the Tower.

Thirteen Lighthouse Passport Books have been received. This summer the Passport Books will be on sale in the Gift Shop for sixteen dollars each. Rob Marr will print the 2027 lighthouse calendar, and fifty have been ordered. The photographs for the calendar were chosen by Catherine, Rachel, Ashley, and Yvette. The calendar proof has already been sent back to Rob for needed corrections.

In order to obtain an accurate count of the number of people entering the Museum, it was decided to purchase a "Door People-Counter", which is a device which attaches to the door using Velcro. This device will be purchased from Amazon.

A letter was received from Allana Michaud, an event planner living here on the island. She suggested a partnership in which she would host a series of curated summer evening events to be held at Grindle Point Light Station. These events would consist of wine and seafood tastings, which would be ticketed and of limited capacity. She would donate a portion of the proceeds to the lighthouse for future restoration efforts.

For various reasons it was decided not to participate in these events, and Ashley agreed to write to her, letting her know our decision.

As part of the CAP Assessment (Collections Assessment for Preservation Program) done in April 2023, a conservation plan was created to care for the museum artifacts. Ashley and Doug have agreed to work on this over the summer.

There was a brief discussion about revisiting the idea of the committee becoming a non-profit organization, and again it was decided not to proceed with that course of action.

It was decided to move the July and August meetings to Mondays, so that Yvette and Ashley could attend.

**The next meeting will be on May 28<sup>th</sup> at four o'clock.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Yvette L. Reid

