

Town of East Hampton
Community Preservation Fund Advisory Board Minutes
Regular Meeting, January 13, 2020

Present:

Advisory Board Members: Jim Kiley, Philip O'Connell, Rav Friedel David Doty, Jose Arandia,

Town Employees: Scott Wilson, Brian Frank,

Peconic Land Trust: Kim Quarty

Councilman: David Lys

General Public: Joe Gaviola, Dick While, Loring Boger

Meeting called to order by Philip at 3:30 PM.

Prior minutes were approved.

Loring Bolger, chair of The Accabonac Protection Committee, requested for us to do an outreach to Accabonac Harbor area property owners to see if they would consider selling their property for preservation. She expressed concern that with the sea level rising, these home owners will apply extreme measures to save their homes.

Loring further mentioned that said extreme measures will further destroy the area. She believes that this may encourage home owners to reconsider trying to save their homes and sell. She asked if her committee could do anything to help. The AB mentioned that there is still continued interest in the area and they would like a priority list. There was a brief discussion with questions and answers.

Joe Gaviola, introduced himself as the Keeper of the Light House and Director of Finance at the Lighthouse and Dick White, Chairman of the Lighthouse Committee. He spoke briefly of his background.

Dick White discussed preservation and restoration of the tower, which will cost \$1,300,000.00. He mentioned how the wrong grout was used as well as other errors. They will be proceeding with Phase One, which includes repairing the top of the tower, replacing some of the cast iron, the window frames and more.

Dick further discussed his background, the history of the tower and the expenses of the upkeep. He further elaborated on the various material issues they have had and the many corrections, including the moisture problems, that need to take place that constitute the expense.

Joe mentioned that the Lighthouse is one of twelve landmarks on Long Island and the journey of how they achieved landmark status. It is the oldest lighthouse in New York and the fourth oldest in the United States. He mentioned other properties that they need to keep up to museum standards and they have had over three million visitors since they took over the Lighthouse, about 100,000 people a year.

Joe stated that they have not seen any money from the state to help despite requests for help. He decided to approach the CPF because he read an article that stated that the Southampton CPF contributed \$1,500,000.00 to restore the Sag Harbor Movie Theater. They do not want to

increase admission prices or cut back on services so they hope that the East Hampton CPF can help ease the financial burden.

Joe then did a Power Point presentation that further explained the projects three phases and was hoping for CPF to fund one third of the cost.

There was a brief discussion with questions and answers along with a variety of suggestions to obtain funding, including easements that CPF could potentially purchase. The AB believes this worthwhile, but stated they would need to give the various ideas considerable thought and discussion.

The next meeting was set for March 2, 2020 at 3:30 PM.

Philip made a motion to go into **Executive Session**; seconded by Rav and carried.

A motion was made by, seconded by, and carried to **adjourn** the meeting at 5:00PM.

Respectfully submitted;

Dawn S. Donohue