

Hello Lighthouse Friends!

Some highlights from the Lighthouse Committee activities this past winter and plans for summer 2006:

Money on hand

- Response to the Friends of the Lighthouse letter in December 2005 yielded about \$15,000 in contributions, including one generous friend who contributed \$5,000. Many thanks to all who contributed!
- The Town received a grant from MBNA for \$15,000 to complete exterior painting of the keeper's house.
- The Town also received a grant from the Hart Family Foundation for Small Towns (administered by the National Trust for Historic Preservation) for \$7,500 (to be matched from resources on hand in the lighthouse fund) to prepare a 5 year strategic plan for restoring light station buildings and for site management and improvement.
- At the Town meeting in March, the town allocated \$5000 to the lighthouse account.
- The lighthouse account now stands at almost \$70,000, and we have high hopes that this will be enough to complete the exterior work needed at the keeper's house, and some additional urgent work around the exterior of the buildings.

Activities

- A handsome sign has been installed at the north edge of town property on Hockamock Head. It announces: Burnt Coat Harbor Light Station – Hockamock Head – Public Park – National Historic Site.
- Amy Cole-Ives from the State Historic Preservation Commission visited the lighthouse in early May and met with several Lighthouse Committee members and friends. Amy provided guidance on working with historic preservation guidelines.
- Work on roof replacement will start early in June.
- RFPs have been prepared for remaining exterior work on the keeper's house, i.e, carpentry repairs (including windows and doors) and painting. RFPs will be put out to bid as soon as they have been finalized through discussion with the State Historic Preservation Office (which must approve them).
- An RFP for a 5 year preservation plan, financed by the grant from the Hart Family Fund, is in preparation and will soon be put out to bid. This RFP will include design for the interior restoration.
- Katy Blake has volunteered to do another benefit concert (August 18) with the Silverado Special band and other Swans Island musicians.

Many thanks to all those who have contributed to this winter's progress. (If you missed that opportunity, feel free to catch up on it now.) We're on our way - expect to see good things happening at the lighthouse this summer! And

remember, we are all in this project for the long term. We will be back in touch to report on progress and future needs.

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