

Verona Beach Lighthouse Association Inc.
Sunset Grill, Sylvan Beach NY
August 14, 2016
4:00 p.m.

Present: Diane Legawiec, Fred Legawiec, Holly Bender, Ron Taylor, Linda Taylor, John Olmstead, Mary Alice Rolfe, Avie Hanson, Raymond Hanson, David Marks, Bruce Woodward, Terri Knight, Richard Rolfe

Dave Marks gave a report on a meeting with Terri Knight and the Canal Corp., Kevin Lamphere. The meeting concerned the access to the stairs. Terri explained that in the past Rick Brandt, went up the stairs to run a wire out of the window of the lighthouse for lighthouse weekend. Rick Brandt was no longer a member and Dave Marks volunteered to run the wire. Terri explained that she knew VBL did not have permission to ever go up the lighthouse stairs, but she mistakenly thought because Rick Brandt had gone up the stairs that permission was granted under Fred Legawiec's permit to go up the stairs and run a wire. Bruce Woodward and Terri Knight met with Dave to review what was involved with running a wire for Lighthouse weekend. As it turned out the wire referred to was for electricity and there never was a permit or permission to go up the stairs. Terri took full responsibility for the misunderstanding. All issues were resolved with the canal corp. and Kevin Lamphere.

Fred Legawiec gave a report on the International Lighthouse weekend. A motion was made to accept Fred's proposal for the location of the antenna and broadcasting from inside of the lighthouse. Motion passed.

Mary Alice gave a report on paving the parking lot for \$3400. She talked to The Canal Corp about security lights. She also reiterated that no one was to go up the lighthouse stairs.

Bruce Woodward gave a treasures report. He reported that he reimbursed Terri Knight for the legal fees of \$500. The VBL executive committee approved a legal consultation to resolve the issue of what liability our board members had with the Attorney General. The lawyer also went over our by-laws. A motion was made and passed to approve the \$500 payment to Terri Knight.

Minutes of July meeting were read and motion made to accept and place on file.

Secretary Terri Knight asked that a correspondence from her be read and placed on file. Linda Taylor read the letter. The letter concerned the continued lie and rumor that she or a member of the lighthouse committee ordered or paid for the survey of beachfront property in the vicinity of the lighthouse. Discussion as follows: Comments by Terri Knight "Contrary to statements by individual neighbors of the lighthouse, The owner of Meyers Surveying Company, Rick Meyers NEVER told anyone that Terri Knight or the lighthouse committee ordered or paid for a survey of beach front property. The fabricated verbiage that go along with this lie and rumor serve no useful purpose except to discredit, ridicule and slander the years of positive good work of the lighthouse members and volunteers. The persons involved with spreading this lie should be ashamed of themselves. Anyone that wants the facts and the truth should call Rick Meyers. Comments by Ray Hanson "The letter is only an opinion" Motion made to place letter on file with minutes of August 2016 meeting. Motion passed with a majority vote.

New Business:

Election of Board of Directors.

Terri showed the board a post card used by the Early Ford Club. The post card was a ballot to vote for board members. It is suggested that VBL use a ballot vote to be sent to all members and returned to VBL 10 days before the Annual meeting. A ballot vote would insure that all members have the opportunity to vote without being bullied, or threatened. The election last year, 2015, members left or did not vote at all for fear of this sort of intimidation. The meeting for the Annual meeting will be September 18, A committee will meet in the next week, Mary Alice will do a newsletter with a ballot of board members including blank spots for write ins to be mailed back. The ballots will be opened at the annual meeting on the 18th. The top 11 people receiving the most votes will constitute the new board and serve for two years. The new board will vote for the officers.

Meeting adjourned

Respectively submitted,
Minutes from digital recorder

Terri Knight