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Appendix A

Chronology of Historical Events & Correspondences pertaining to Wood Island Site:

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(1827-1960's)

(Source: National Archives)

- 23 Feb 1827** Maine State Senate and House of Representatives sign a bill ceding Wood Island to the United States of America. The Bill claims the State will have concurrent jurisdiction of Wood Island.
- 1869** Some evidence exists that the State of Maine gave title of Wood Island to the Federal Government.
- 31 Jan 1956** General Services Administration (GSA) Report of Excess Real Property, within stated U.S. Navy reserves the rights to two parcels of land situated on the island after the property has been disposed of. (See Appendix C: Partial Topographic Map)
- 1 Jun 1956** USCG: Wood Island listed as surplus property and to be auctioned off to bidders by the GSA.

(1970's-2008)

(Source: Kittery Town Clerk)

- 8 Feb 1971** President Nixon announces the "Legacy of Parks" Program which offers Federal land deemed "excess" as available for parks and recreation use.
- 25 Sept 1972** A letter from John R. Kennedy (Kittery Town Manager) to US Senator Margaret Chase Smith, Kennedy mentioning Wood Island listed as government surplus, and asking for assistance.
- 29 Sept 1972** A letter from Senator Smith to Kennedy pledging support for the town's acquisition of Wood Island.
- 12 Oct 1972** A letter from Ronald M. Pyle (GSA) to Kennedy acknowledging the town's interest in acquiring Wood Island.
- 6 Oct 1972** A letter from James G. Watt (Dir., U.S. Department of the Interior) to Senator Smith regarding the application process.
- 20 Oct 1972** A letter from Kennedy to Pyle regarding the application process.

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- 20 Oct 1973** A letter from Kennedy to Robert W. Jones (Regional Director, Property Management & Disposal Services, GSA) requesting to acquire surplus land from USCG.
- 14 Feb 1973** A letter from Duncan A. McEachern (Attorney) to Kennedy acknowledging the Quitclaim Deed looks OK.
- 15 Feb 1973** A letter from Kennedy to Edwin Shellenberger (Dir., U.S. DOI) stating the Kittery Town Council approved the deed and asked if educational uses could be added to deed if lawful.
- 27 Feb 1973** Quitclaim Deed – Wood Island, 1.25 Acres, from the Federal Government to the Town of Kittery. Conditions:
- Used and maintained for recreational purposes involving the general public.
 - Erect a permanent sign stating recreational facility.
 - Not sold or leased.
 - Submit ten biennial reports with further reports as per request and maintain a Program of Utilization for the property.
 - Reversion of deed if land required for national defense.
 - Covenants, etc.
 - Breach.
- 1 Mar 1973** A letter from Shellenberger to Kennedy stating UNH could be categorized as “public” and use the island for outdoor classrooms and research.
- Kennedy requested clarification prior to this letter because Public Law 91-485 prohibited the use of public parks and recreation lands solely for educational purposes.*
- 2 Mar 1973** A letter from Shellenberger to Kennedy stating that the deed is official.
- 4 Feb 1975** A letter from Shellenberger to Kennedy asking Kennedy to submit the Biennial Report.
- 18 Feb 1975** A letter from Kennedy to Shellenberger containing the first **Biennial Compliance Report I**. The report contains the following information: an estimated 100-150 people picnic on Wood Island during the summer. No improvements, no plans for development. “The town prefers to keep island in natural state.”
- 21 Mar 1975** A letter from Shellenberger to Kennedy stating the town’s non-compliance according to 1973-1975 Program of Utilization, and warned of reversionary proceedings to repossess

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the property. Kennedy requested to cooperate for good outcome. The U.S. DOI may request further reports following the tenth report.

- 5 Jun 1975** A letter from Shellenberger to Kennedy stating the Biennial Report was late.
- 11 Jun 1975** A letter from Kennedy to Shellenberger stating the building is beyond repair. He wrote the birds inhabiting the building caused a health hazard and requested to destroy it by controlled burning.
- 23 Jul 1975** A letter from Shellenberger to Kennedy in response to June 11, 1975 request to raze Wood Island Station, after concurring with Frank A. Beard, a State of Maine historical preservationist, the U.S. DOI concurred with the Town of Kittery's proposal to improve building.
- 23 Apr 1976** A letter from Kennedy to Ms. Linda Harvell (Coastal Island Registration, State of Maine) enclosing payment and registration for Ram Island and Wood Island.
- 20 Jul 1977** A letter from James T. Alexander to Kittery Council to acquire and restore property for personal use.
- 26 Jul 1977** A letter from Kennedy in reply to James T. Alexander stating that Wood Island cannot be sold or used for non-recreational activities.
- 2 Sept 1977** A letter from William J. Weber, Jr. (Director Parks and Recreation, Town of Kittery) containing a brief **Biennial Compliance Report II** with ideas for Wood Island development. The ideas included: a survival program, a sailing program and/or a point of historic interest. Weber suggested exploring historic preservation or outdoor recreation grants for funding of building restoration.
- 21 Jul 1978** A letter from Kennedy to Paul F. Kochis (U.S. DOI) regarding his visit and inspection of Wood Island. Kennedy agreed with the suggestion to block windows and paint them black. Signs were replaced, a group of four was camping on the site for the past week, Parks and Recreation used the island in its sailing program, and benches were to be installed on the island.
- 18 Sept 1978** A letter from John C. Stokes (U.S. DOI) to Kennedy following an on-site inspection by Paul F. Kochis (U.S. DOI), Town of Kittery was found to be in non-compliance with the deed and the Program of Utilization; a revised Program of Utilization was requested.

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- 19 Sept 1978** A letter from Scot Lockman (Dir., Parks and Recreation, Town of Kittery) to Stokes containing a revised Program of Utilization: leave the building on the island, using YCETA grant: clean inside and board up all entrances, limited access to tower only- sightseeing for visitors, using employed youth research island history and post sign with it, incorporate info into Fort Foster brochure, increased usage noted, next spring (1979) picnic tables and grills to be placed. Survival outdoor program (proposed fall 1973) to be considered.
- Oct 1979** A cooperative agreement (lease) between the Town of Kittery and Rivendell School written, not signed.
- Jan 1980** A letter from Lockman to the Town of Council stating Kittery to enter into concession agreement with a third party, the Rivendell School, of Loudon, NH, to restore the Wood Island station and continue recreation access at no cost to the town. The proposed plan was stated as being within the conditions of the deed. The school proposed a five to seven year rehabilitation plan to create a youth services conference center.
- 2 Jan 1980** A letter from Duncan A. McEachern (Town Attorney) to Kennedy stating that a lease should be written and signed with the Rivendell School.
- 3 Jan 1980** MEMO from Kennedy to the Town Council, cc. Lockman, stating that any Lease required an adoption by ordinance.
- 16 Jan 1980** A letter from Kennedy to Rivendell School, Council: no action taken, invited to next meeting to discuss school objectives and funding.
- 12 Feb 1980** A letter from Kennedy to Loring Puffer (Rivendell School, Loudon, NH) stating Council voted to indefinitely postpone any action.
- 2 Feb 1981** **Biennial Compliance Report III**
- 11 Jan 1983** A letter from Raymond W. Andrews (U.S. DOI) to Lockman reminding the Biennial report is due 2/27/83, an outline enclosed to assist. It stated that little had been accomplished of the town's original Program of Utilization and nothing materialized from the joint University research plan. A revised plan and plans for existing buildings and access was requested.
- 14 Feb 1983** A letter from Richard E. Rossiter (Public Works Commissioner) to Andrews (U.S. DOI) containing the **Biennial Compliance Report IV**. The report stated: no major

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improvements, no development, only litter control, signs erected, no visitor use facilities provided, no accurate financial records kept, 250 persons per year (95% family, with few campers), docking needed. Personal Note: Personal picnic trips to island “only public island one can visit and have no hesitation or reservation as to their propriety in landing a boat.” Wood Island is a public controlled landmark.

- 24 Feb 1983** A letter from Andrews to Rossiter acknowledging the town acting through parks and public works in joint effort. Andrews asked for a supplement progress report. No revised program of utilization required unless the town deviated from the original plan.
- 20 Aug 1984** A letter from Gregory W. Whalen (GW Whalen & Co. Real Estate Development) to the Town Council proposing the “revitalization of Wood Island by encouraging a partnership with the private sector.” Whalen suggested a direct sale or long term lease at meeting.
- 27 Aug 1984** Kittery Town Council Meeting Minutes: G.W. Whalen spoke about Wood Island building deserving preservation and National Historic registration status.
- 5 Sept 1984** A letter from Eric A. Strahl (Kittery Town Manager) to Andrews asking for the definition of “public park and public recreation uses” referred to in the quitclaim deed. Strahl referred to the “Wood Island Study Committee” and offered several possible Wood Island uses including:
- Continuation of existing use; consisting of minimal recreation development.
 - Development of facilities for study of marine biology and climatology.
 - Development of restaurant and hotel facilities.
- 6 Sept 1984** A letter from Rossiter (Dir., Public Works, Town of Kittery) to Andrews containing the **Biennial Compliance Report V**. The report stated the following: no major improvements, no developments, only litter control had been continued. This report is exactly the same as the 14 Feb 1983 Biennial Compliance Report IV.
- 10 Sept 1984** Town of Kittery Council Meeting Minutes: 91 signatures of Wood Island area residents on petition against any development and/or expenditure of town funds for Wood Island.
- 11 Oct 1984** A letter from Andrews to Strahl, containing a follow-up to correspondence of 5 Sept 1984 “Permitted recreation range of possible uses is broad.” Past Program of Utilization should be revised to best serve town’s recreation needs. A more active program would serve greater numbers of the general public. Signs should be posted per deed requirement, access should be reasonably improved. Schedule of development requested in next report.

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Conditions stated:

- Any business replacing the structure must spend all revenue for maintenance/operation of Wood Island or another Grantee site.
- Concessionaire agreements can be arranged subject to Dept of the Interior approval. Present historic importance and safety aspects of the site and structures thereon should be taken into account.

- 8 Nov 1984** A letter from Gregory W. Whalen to Strahl regarding the appearance with associate Jesse Ware at the 27 Aug 1984 council meeting for preliminary discussion on availability and status of Wood Island.
- 26 Nov 1984** Town of Kittery Council Meeting Minutes, Town Manager's Report: encouraged Kittery Town Council to determine what should be done with Wood Island.
- Jan 1985** MEMO "Wood Island Study Committee" (Belleville) to Town of Kittery Council "Ideas presented to Council":
- Educational facility like R.A.M.P at UNH, Voc.-Tech.
 - Commerical Development for private sector.
 - Take down building and use as recreation facility.
 - Leave as is until such time as further development can be organized.
- 24 Jan 1985** Letter Andrews to Strahl reminding the Biennial Report is Due 27 Feb 1985, a suggested outline enclosed.
- 16 May 1985** A letter from Gift to Strahl stating no Biennial Report received to date.
- 24 May 1985** A letter from Strahl to Gift explaining Biennial Report would be submitted within 20 days.
- 18 Jun 1985** A letter from Strahl to Andrews containing the **Biennial Compliance Report VI** prepared jointly by Strahl and Rossiter. Improvements/Maintenance/Development: "Limited visitor use facilities being provided": picnic tables installed (cemented in), grills purchased (TB installed), work started for small boat landing system, second hand boat motor purchased, window door sizes kept, wire mesh purchased & installed to keep pigeons out, regular trips for litter control, signs stolen, no public transport available. Financial Statement: 1982-1983: \$223.60, 1983-1984: \$471.56, Total: \$695.16 No admission charges, no donations or voluntary services.

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Public Use: Estimated 250 persons per year, 95% families, occasional overnight campers, visitors regional (75% from ME and NH), island not overused, water access is poor, cove 300 yards away, area sea conditions: often very choppy & rough, safety cancels a work day at times, vandalism builds over years, poison ivy on over 50% of island: limits potential for passive recreation uses.

Future Program: Work toward building restoration, better access – a dock, remove poison ivy, improve picnic facilities.

Long term uses suggested (Town Council):

- Continued use as passive recreation, possible improvements to stop deterioration of station.
- Use for educational purpose (scientific research) pursued with UNH or UNE.
- Bed & breakfast facility with joint public/private sector financing – to attract travelers and tourists – town would continue with passive recreation. No third party currently involved.

17 Oct 1986 Window measurements taken of Wood Island Station. Most windows vary in size.

1987 The Lighthouse Preservation Society in cooperation with the Maine State Historic Preservation Commission, obtained a private grant to research all of Maine's life saving stations to place them on the National Register of Historic Places.

Maine Historic Preservation Commission decided the site could not be considered because of the deterioration of the building. See 9 Jul 1992 Light house Digest, and 12 Aug 1992 letter.

9 May 1989 **Biennial Compliance Report VII**

9 Jan 1991 A letter from Robert F. Gift (Chief Environmental and Recreation Assistance Division, U.S. DOI) to Strahl reminding Biennial Report due 27 Feb 1991. Also asked if any funds generated on site were spent only for developing/maintaining/operating recreation activities on Wood Island or other Grantee lands.

8 Feb 1991 A letter from Rossiter to Robert Gift (U.S. DOI) containing the **Biennial Compliance Report VIII**. The report contains the following information:
Work done: Preserved structural integrity of the building, reduce/repair libelous hazards, clean grounds and beach areas.
Budget: \$1,200.00 for routine maintenance.
Plan: No major projects undertaken in last 2 years. Small boats visit (picnics, sunbathing, exploring and swimming.) "Lack of access regulates over use." "No plans for use expansion" "Building is to be removed!!" written in pencil on document.

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- Oct 1991** Flood damage to island infrastructure.
- 11 Dec 1991** FEMA inspection of flood damage to seawall on Wood Island.
- 13 Dec 1991** MEMO Rossiter to Philip O. McCarthy (Kittery Town Manager) stating Rossiter submitted application for FEMA reimbursement for flood damage. He noted that “FEMA will not consider damage to ramp and building” and that FEMA would leave the file open until boat access was arranged. The following notes were included:
- US Army Corps of Engineers contacted about possible restoration under the Defense Environmental Restoration Program- must be inspected.
 - New Roof 7 Years ago.
 - Vandals undo or destroy efforts to preserve structural integrity, Pigeons pile dropping on upper floors.
 - Over past couple years materials/maintenance of building cut \$ limited to trash/beach cleaning.
 - Questions:
 - A. If it is restored, will we afford to maintain it?
 - B. Anyone have qualifying use for the building?
 - C. Should the building be demolished and replaced?
 - D. Should the seawall be rebuilt?
 - E. Should the Town pursue deck construction for better access?
- 17 Dec 1991** MEMO McCarthy to Town Council including above 13 Dec 1991 Memo and asking for position on Wood Island Station.
- 14 Jan 1992** FEMA Damage Survey Report,
Part 1 – Project Description: Wave action destroyed 100’ x 1.5’ x 6’ wall. Restore seawall to pre-flood design.
Part 2 – Estimated Cost of Proposed Work: Reinforced Concrete: 33.3 cubic yards, cost \$11,655.00. Hazard mitigation: use of reinforcement.
- 14 Jan 1992** A letter from Dennis S. Estes (Founder of WIPG and Kittery Town Council Chair) to McCarthy requesting to meet and discuss fate of Wood Island Station.
- 12 Feb 1992** A letter from McCarthy to Estes agreeing to meet and discuss Wood Island Station.
- 13 Feb 1992** A letter from Constance Small to McCarthy describing Wood Island as an icon of seacoast.

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- 14 Feb, 1992** A letter from McCarthy to Constance Small replying to her letter concerning proposed destruction of Wood Island Station.
- 18 Mar 1992** A letter from State of Maine Emergency Management Agency to McCarthy containing the approval for authorization of disaster assistance for flood damage Oct 1991. Fed.: \$46,985.00, State: \$15,059.00. Mandatory completion dates: emergency work: May 7th, 1992, permanent work: May 7th, 1993.
- 23 Mar 1992** A letter from Estes to Kittery Town Council regarding the formation of a committee to study alternatives to current use of Wood Island (outline form of organization included).
- 1 Jul 1992** A letter from James W Hyland III (President/Founder Lighthouse Preservation Society) to McCarthy, assistance offered for Wood Island Station restoration.
- 12 Aug 1992** A letter from Maine Historic Preservation Commission to Estes.
- 9 Jul 1992** Article in Lighthouse Digest – “...Town Threatens to Tear Down...”
- 6 Nov 1992** A letter from Estes to Kittery Town Council stating the Wood Island Preservation Group (WIPG) sponsoring a fundraiser on 17 November 1992 to raise money to explore alternatives for restoration. Intention: seek grant approvals over the winter and start work in the spring. Stated structure secure for winter months due to group’s work.
- 1993** Estes obtained donated materials and boarded up Wood Island Station and cleaned up the area.
- 12 Apr 1993** A letter from Estes to Kittery Town Council stating that the Wood Island Preservation Group (WIPG) requested non-profit IRS status. Estes requested *official 13 April 1993 letter* and the creation of special bank account for restoration funds.
- 13 Apr 1993** A letter from Joanne T. Lund (Town Clerk) to Estes acknowledging the town has appointed the Wood Island Preservation Group as preservers of Wood Island on behalf of the Town of Kittery. Unanimous vote 6/0.
- 15 Dec 1993** Town of Kittery official statement: seawall at Wood Island completed to town’s satisfaction and confirms to specifications. Project completed by Shotcrete Industries. Cost \$40,720.00, paid with FEMA Disaster relief funds.

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- 1994** Estes, WIPG, cleaned up the island in the spring and fall and continued to make periodic visits to remove material from the island.
- 7 June 1994** Pickering Marine Corp. estimate for 80' x 12' pier with ramp and float system included. \$70,000.00 to \$80,000.00. Commercial duty pier (capable of supporting fork lift & backhoe simultaneously).
- 1995** Estes, WIPG, cleaned up the island in the spring and fall and continued to make periodic visits to remove material from the island.
- 3 Aug 1995** ABB-ES/Army Corps of Engineering Site Investigation of Wood Island.
- 15 Aug 1995** 61 Lobster Traps with fisherman's names found on Wood Island with an additional +/- 100 without names. Removal planned but details unknown.
- 1996** Dennis Estes cleaned up the island in the spring and fall and continued to make periodic visits to remove material from the island.
- 21 Feb 1996** U.S. Department of Defense determined site is eligible for Defense Environmental Restoration Program, Col. Earle C. Richardson, US Army Corps of Engineers.
- 24 Jun 1996** Frederick W. Colman, Director of Real Estate, Dept. of the Army, determined "no remediation project is appropriate at the site."
- 1997** Estes, WIPG, cleaned up the island in the spring and fall and continued to make periodic visits to remove material from the island with church groups volunteering.
- 5 Oct 1998** Kittery Town Council Public Hearing regarding Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) grant to fund Community Resources and News Assessment.
- 10 Nov 1998** A letter from Carolyn Britt, AICP (Community Investment Associates) to Estes.
Plan offered:
- Identify possible sources of funding.
 - Plan content of applications.
 - Submit applications for funding.
- Britt suggests "reasonable fundraising goal 7k to 10k" for Wood Island restoration.
Service fee: \$85/hr with estimated 24 to 100 hours required.
- 3 Dec 1998** A letter from Estes to Town Council mentioning WIPG goals:

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- Locate funding sources for preservation and resurrection of the structures.
- Build a docking facility to allow better public access.

- 7 Dec 1998** Councilor Estes (represented WIPG and the citizens of Kittery) and Jay Hyland III (Lighthouse Preservation Society) spoke about “poor physical state” and “need for immediate remedy to this problem, for the benefit of the community” at a Kittery Town Council Meeting about Wood Island Station.
- 14 Dec 1998** Kittery Town Council Meeting Minutes: Vote to authorize \$2,500.00 to defray study cost of alternatives for lifesaving station. Voted in favor (4/1).
- 14 Dec 1998** Portsmouth Herald, Article: “Kittery Council Ponders Wood Island Station”
- 15 Dec 1998** Portsmouth Herald, Article: “Building Funding Passes”
- 27 Dec 1998** Portsmouth Herald, Editorial: “Kudos to Kittery for Island Plan”
- 1999** WIPG cleaned the island several times.
- 25 Jan 1999** Community Investment Associates Summary “Preserving the Wood Island Lifeboat Station” listing the following reuse options:
- Remain vacant with stabilization and façade improvement
 - Museum, lifesaving station or other displays
 - Permanent educational/research facility/laboratory
 - Educational facility for day/short term programs
- CIA Summary suggests applying for a \$10,000.00 Community Development Block Grant to fund a feasibility study of alternatives.
- 4 Mar 1999** Foster’s Daily Democrat, Article: “Life Station in Need of Rescue”
- 8 Mar 1999** Kittery Town Council approved CDBG Application filing.
- 10 Mar 1999** Community Investment Associates: Complete Funding Research Project including options and possible funding sources.
- 10 Mar 1999** McCarthy files an application for the Community Planning Block Grant (CDBG).
- 10 Mar 1999** A letter from James Hyland to McCarthy asking for \$2,500.00 from the town as agreed for CIA services.

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- 29 Mar 1999** A letter from James Hyland (Lighthouse Preservation Society) to McCarthy containing the following information. LPS to add \$900.00 to the town's \$2,500.00 to cover the cost of the research done by Community Investment Associates. The LPS will cover the cost of an architectural study and cost estimate by Finegold Alexander & Associates (\$7,500.00).
- 21 Apr 1999** A letter from Aaron Shapiro (Program Manager, Maine Dept. of Economic and Community Development) to McCarthy stating that Phase I of the CDBG has been approved and an invitation to Phase II but only offering \$5,000.00 due to project eligibility.
- 13 Sept 1999** Kittery Town Council Meeting Minutes: Estes: Met with architect in Boston few weeks ago. Project to cost \$743,000.00 without pedestrian access.
- 27 Sept 1999** Kittery Town Council Meeting Minutes: Status Report: Dennis Estes: intent to use island as maritime and lighthouse museum and education center. Spoke of presentation of storyboards for the public to "see positive impact." Lisa Bonci from Bonci Design to do marketing for the project. Fundraising project of \$743,000.00 to include everything but phase two (pedestrian walkway). Proposed a public meeting to present plan at viewing area at Fort Foster.
- 5 Oct 1999** WIPG proposed website and informational brochure.
- 13 Oct 1999** Town of Kittery Council meeting minutes: town accepted Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) award of \$5,000.00 for Wood Island. Vote in favor (6/0).
- 2000** WIPG became incorporated and cleaned the island several times.
- 16 Feb 2000** Community Development Block Grant awarded in the amount of \$5,000.00.
- 28 Mar 2000** Invoice from Lighthouse Preservation Society (LPS) to Town of Kittery for services in the amount of \$10,000.00.
- 2001** WIPG island cleanup effort.
- 2002** WIPG removed old materials and sealed building with new lumber.

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- 28 Oct 2002** Wood Island Preservation Group presentation of Finegold Alexander and Associates design to Kittery Town Council, including concept and estimates. Project estimated to cost \$850,000.00.
- 7 Nov 2002** Councilor Susan Emery's written questions to Dennis Estes on Wood Island concerning the WIPG proposed redevelopment of Wood Island.
- 21 Nov 2002** A letter from Estes (WIPG) to Kittery Town Council including a "final request for acknowledgment of our project." And stated "we want to move on, now."
- 2003** WIPG cleaned the island.
- 2004** Some added materials removed by wind. +/- 100 lobster traps scattered on the island.
- 18 Feb 2004** A letter from Program Manager Elyse R. LaForest (National Park Service, U.S. DOI) to Webb (Interim Town Manager) stating no compliance report since 8 Feb 1991.
- 14 Jun 2004** A letter from Webb to LaForest containing the **Compliance Report IX** covering the period from 1991 to 2004. Webb described what had happened since the last Compliance Report of 8 Feb 1991. Webb explained that the plan of Estes did not make it to implementation and that the WIPG is no longer in existence. Webb stated no money in the town's 2004-2005 budget for improvements.
- 15 Jul 2004** A letter from LaForest to Peter M. Jankowski (Town Manager) thanking him for the Compliance Report of 14 Jun, 2004 and stating the next was due 14 Jun 2006. LaForest wrote "Every effort should be made to maintain Wood Island as a safe and accessible body of land open to the public for recreational purposes."
- 28 Jul 2004** A letter from Jankowski to Maine DOT acknowledging that the Kittery Town Council voted to allow Rossiter to submit the application for the Transportation Enhancement Program for the restoration of Wood Island.
- 28 Jul 2004** A letter from Jankowski to Maine DOT including the Transportation Enhancement Application for funding. The application stated that Phase One involved a critically needed access dock to serve an estimated 25 people per day for 120 days of the year, 3000 people per year. Total project cost \$1,000,000.00, funds requested \$150,000.00 (for Pickering Marine), local share (30%) \$30,000.00.

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- 29 Jul 2004** A letter from Tom Reinauer (Chairman, KACTS Committee) to MDOT endorsing the town's application for the transportation grant.
- 20 Aug 2004** Letter Estes to Christi Mitchell (Architectural Historian, Maine Historic Preservation Commission) including an application to place Wood Island Station on National Historic Register.
- Jul 2005** Dr. Julia Goodwin visits Wood Island and takes extensive photographs of the interior and exterior of the station. These photos are later enclosed in an application to the Maine Historic Preservation Commission for National Registry status of the station.
- 25 Aug 2005** An email from Dr. Goodwin to Jonathan Carter (Town Manager) about funding for a new roof.
- 6 Sept 2005** A letter from Rossiter to the Maine Coastal Program, State Planning Office containing the Shore and Harbor Technical Assistance Grant for "finished engineered plans, documents, and rail facilities for Wood Island Life Boat Station restoration project." Requested \$25,000.00, Local cost share/match: \$30,000.00, Total Project Cost: \$1,000,000.00. Museum project administered by Kittery Public Works Dept. and monitored by WIPG.
- 13 Sept 2005** A letter from Christi A. Mitchell (Coordinator, National Registry of Historic Places). After viewing Dr. Goodwin's photographs of the station she wrote "we do not feel that it possesses these exceptional qualities of historic integrity which are required by the criteria established for nomination to the National Register." The property has "...lost a considerable amount of original materials...key to conveying the historic significance of the structure."
- 1 Dec 2005** A letter from Carter to Timothy E. Harrison, President American Lighthouse Foundation proposing a joint rehabilitation of the Wood Island Station.
- 5 June 2006** A letter from Carter to LaForest (National Park Service, U.S. DOI), Introductory.
- 23 Jan 2006** MEMO: Conversation with Elyse LaForest, Program manager (U.S. DOI) and George Robinson (U.S. DOI) with Jon Carter regarding U.S. DOI concern with Town's progress over last 30 years. Carter explained the following:
- The potential Memo of understanding with ALF to work jointly with Whaleback light and Wood Island Station (ALF contracted by USCG).
 - Attempt to bring back the WIPG preservation committee from 1993.

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- Establish a contact with Kittery Trading Post Outdoor Academy “Outward Bound Facility” School.
 - Report would be forthcoming in June.
- 28 Feb 2006** A letter from Carter to Estes describing the cooperative effort between the town and the American Lighthouse Foundation on Wood Island. Carter asked Estes to confirm WIPG no longer actively pursuing Wood Island restoration.
- 10 Jul 2006** A letter from Carter to Robinson containing the **Biennial Compliance Report X**. The report contained the following information. Carter stated the status and momentum in moving preservation efforts forward on Wood Island. The ALF viewed the building but did not enter on June 30, 2006. The building was described as in a greatly deteriorated state.
- 19 Aug 2006** A letter from Dr. Goodwin to Mitchell, endorsing Estes request for National Registry status of Wood Island Station
- 1 Dec 2007** Portland Press Herald/York Edition, Article: “Is Harbor Icon Worth Saving?”
- 28 Feb 2008** Shore and Harbor Technical Assistance Grant Application.
Objective: Develop a course of action and implementation plan to assure Wood Island Lifesaving Station will remain standing for future generations.
- 2 Apr 2008** Grant Awarded in the amount of \$10,250.00, with a local match of \$5,950.00 for a total of \$16,200.00.
- 26 Jun 2008** A letter from Carter to George Robinson (National Parks Service, U.S. DOI) containing the **Biennial Compliance Report XI**. The report contains the following information:
- By visual inspection, the seawall and roof need repairs.
 - The town council rescinded WIPG designation to restore the station due to its inactivity.
 - Proposed to develop a cost-effective plan to preserve Wood Island Station and seawall including the following options:
 - A. Feasibility study to restore the building.
 - B. Determine cost to remove the station and replace it with a scale version.
 - C. Determine cost to remove the station and replace it with a steel or durable material skeleton in outline of original lifesaving station.
 - D. Develop decision matrix to determine the appropriate cause of action by voters and town council to move forward with one option (to include timetable and possible funding sources).

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- E. Prepare a public awareness initiative to present options and alternatives to insure public input in any proposal brought forward.

8 Jul 2008 A letter from LaForest to Carter requesting the next compliance report no later than 1 Jul 2009, the last date of all items identified in the project schedule presented in the last compliance report.