



Jamestown Historical Society

February 7, 2022

General Assembly State of Rhode Island
Providence, RI
Re: Beavertail Light Charity License Plates

Ref: House Bill No. 7096, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND
OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

To whom it may concern:

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92 Narragansett Avenue

Vault
93 Narragansett Avenue

Jamestown Windmill
278 North Road

*Jamestown Quaker
Meetinghouse*
262 North Road

The 1776 Battery
Battery Lane

The Jamestown Historical Society fully supports our sister organization the Beavertail Lighthouse Museum Association (BLMA) in requesting approval from the General Assembly of a bill sponsored by Deb Ruggiero to allow them to get charity license plates from the DMV with Beavertail on the plate.

The historical society has for over 100 years collected and preserved information about the lighthouse. In our vault, we house many documents that are important to the history of the site, such as the original contracts for the building of the second lighthouse. We also collect on an ongoing basis documentation of activities at the light, such as photographs of the deterioration of the 1749 base and records of its restoration. This information is available to the BLMA and has been used in their exhibits and documentation.

Since both organizations are entirely volunteer, they reach out to the same preservation-conscious members of our 5000-plus population for docents and board members. Instead of causing conflict, this has resulted in close coordination between the two groups. Docents at our sites, who are often also docents for BLMA, direct visitors to the lighthouse. Usually, at least one member of our Board serves or has served in the past on the BLMA board. This fosters an understanding of each other's needs and an awareness of planned events so as to avoid conflict. This means that there is a good possibility that our membership will be on board to help purchase the necessary 600 pre-order plates

Sincerely,

Gabrielle Highstein
Gabrielle Highstein, President

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