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Contractor to Remove Lighthouse Lantern Room in Preparation for Repair Project

The Town of Scituate announces that Cenaxo, a contractor engaged by the Town, will begin preparing for the removal of the Lantern Room at Scituate Lighthouse on Wednesday, October 5, 2022, with actual removal of the Lantern Room taking place during the morning of Thursday, October 6, 2022.

The Town recently engaged the Spencer Preservation Group to oversee a project to repair/replace the Lantern Room at the Scituate Lighthouse. Consultants engaged by the Scituate Historical Society previously raised concerns about the condition and safety of the Lantern Room. Spenser conducted an evaluation of the structure on September 1 & 2, 2022. That evaluation confirmed the findings of the Historical Society consultants and recommended that the Lantern Room be removed as soon as possible. Specifically, they found that the iron columns connecting the Lantern Room to the Tower are severely corroded and that the Lantern Room slab floor is fundamentally separate from the catwalk slab.

According to the Historical Society, the last significant work done on the structure of the Lighthouse and the Lantern Room was in the 1930's. This project, funded through \$2,000,000 from the Community Preservation Fund, will entail a complete rebuild of the Lantern Room, including a new frame, new window frames, and glazing and new copper cladding. Other repairs and updates to the town will also be made. Design and bidding of the repair/replacement of the Lantern Room is on-going. The project is expected to be completed by 6/30/23 barring any unforeseen supply chain issues.

Schedule:

- Wednesday 10/5/22 – Stabilization and Prep – Small boom lift will be used and the lantern will be prepped for removal.
- Thursday 10/6/22 – Lantern Removal – The 50-ton crane will arrive at approximately 7am. The team will set up for the day and begin the separation. Depending on the extent of work involved with the actual separation we are expecting that the lantern should be off the tower no later than 11am. The remainder of the day will be spent performing demolition. The small boom lift will be used as well for access and demolition.
- Friday thru Tuesday 10/7 to 10/11 – Remaining demolition, investigations and capping off (water proofing). The small boom lift will be used.

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