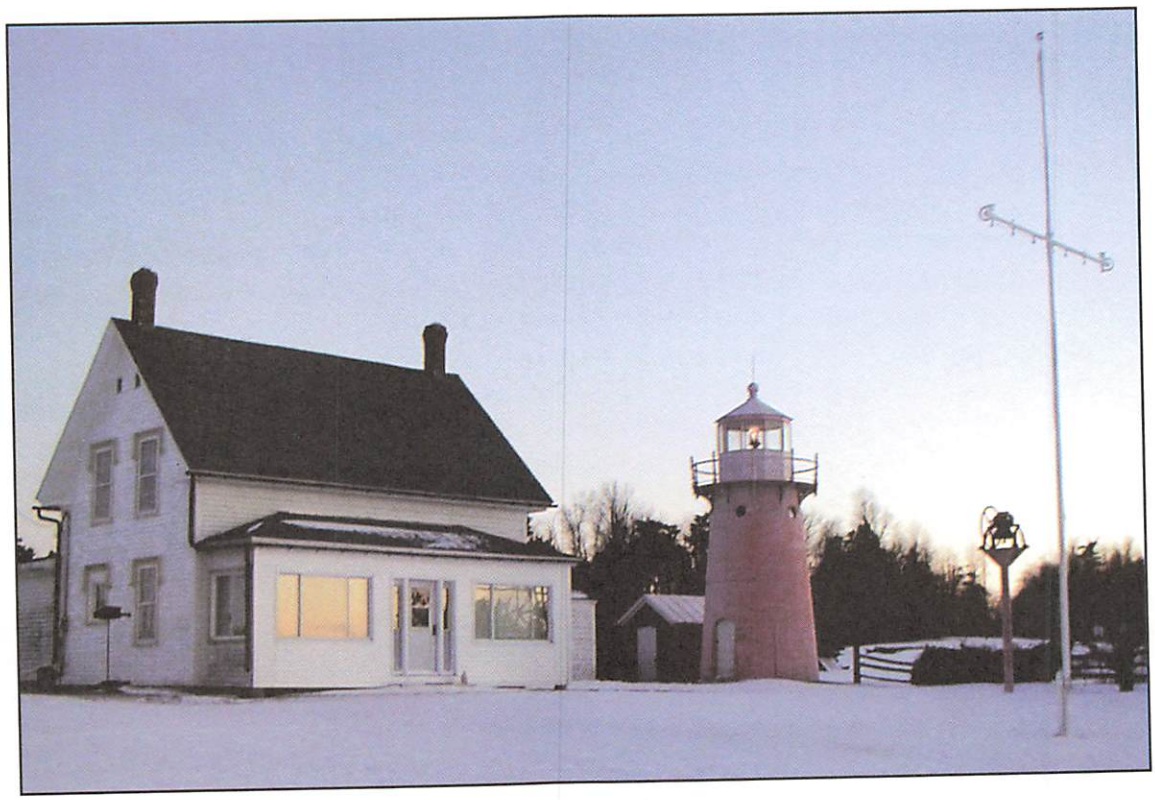
Annual Report of Town Officers



ISLE LAMOTTE
VERMONT

Year Ending December 31, 2002

Isle LaMotte Beacon Beams Again

Beginning in the year 1933 and continuing for a period of almost seventy years the light at the isle LaMotte Lighthouse has consisted of an electric beacon atop a steel skeleton-type tower adjacent to the original light.

On October 5, 2002, thanks to the efforts and hard work of Lockwood Clark and his son Rob Clark the beaconlight was relocated back into the lighthouse where it rightfully belongs. The present lighthouse and residence were constructed in 1880 to replace a crude lighting structure, consisting of a kerosene lantern on top of a stone pyramid that was built in 1857. The new lighthouse and residence were built by Wilbur Hill who served as its light keeper for a period of almost 48 years from 1871 through 1919. The twenty-four foot high lighthouse structure was fabricated from curved plates of cast iron. The tower's unique pinkish color is visible for some distance on the water and is used by many mariners as a navigational day mark.

In 1949 the Clark family purchased the lighthouse property from the family who acquired it from the U.S. Coast Guard in 1933. The Clarks have maintained the lighthouse and the keeper's house in immaculate condition. In recent years the Coast guard began a project to replace the skeleton towers erected in the 1930's with more modern ones. Before they acted on replacing the tower, the Clarks suggested that the lights be reinstalled into the same historic structures from which they were removed. Upon approval by the Coast Guard, and for a period of almost one year Lucky and Rob Clark worked relentlessly to prepare the lighthouse for relighting. The pedestals for the new lights and support frames for the solar panels to be installed on the structures were designed and professionally constructed by the Clarks.

At the relighting ceremony, as dusk rapidly approached, Lois Cameron, the great-granddaughter of lighthouse keeper Wilbur Hill performed the count down to turn on the switch. With over 300 people in attendance, local schoolchildren had the honor of relighting the lighthouse.