

Minutes of Lanes Cove Historical Association 03/4/2017

The meeting was called to order by Ralph Pisaturo at 10:00 a.m. Attendees were Ralph Pisaturo, Barbara Jobe, Chris Nolte, Daman Cummings, Paul Hadley, Phil Goldman, and Thad Carpen

Review and approval of minutes

Minutes for the 1/7/2017 meeting were approved unanimously.

Status of funds

Barbara reported the funds balance was \$24841.45 at the end of February. Expenditures in February were \$5922.00 to Brierwood Landscaping, which is payment in full for the contracted landscaping work around the big shack.

Landscaping/erosion control

Ralph reported that Brierwood had completed all contracted work except for relocating the curb stones, which was delayed due to an equipment breakdown. Brierwood should be able to complete that work by the end of the month.

Ralph noted that plantings were not included in the contract and would cost extra if we want Brierwood to do that. Barb has offered to provide beach roses, irises, and other flowers for replanting around the shack. Other possible plants, such as sea grasses, were discussed. Paul offered that his wife Diane, who is a landscape architect, could advise us on the appropriate types and locations for plants. We agreed to ask for Diane's help after the curbing was in place.

Little Shack

Ralph reported that he will make the wording changes suggested at the last meeting into the Little Shack proposal and contact Councilwomen Valerie Gilman to solicit her input and ask about next steps. The amended wording leaves the possibility for electric service and heat to be addressed at a future time.

The need for a knowledgeable person to oversee the repair work once it begins, hopefully this spring, was discussed. The roof and two sides will have to be rebuilt, debris disposed of, and many other tasks supervised. Ralph will contact Jim Hafey, Gloucester Facilities Manager, and Mike Hale, DPW Manager, about these questions.

Uses of the shacks

Ralph raised the idea of holding a community meeting to discuss possible uses of the shacks. All agreed that it is a good idea; there seems to be general community interest in what the shacks can be used for. Ralph pointed out that the city owns the shacks so it is up to them. After some discussion, Ralph agreed to contact Jim Hafey and Val Gilman to get their inputs and then we can readdress the idea at the next meeting.

Time/Place of next meeting

The next meeting will be on April 1 at 10 a.m. In the Big shack.

The meeting was adjourned at 11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Thad Carpen