

Minutes of the Lanes Cove Historic Association (LCHC)

June, 1 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Ralph Pisaturo at 10:00 a.m. at the big shack. Officers and directors attending were: Ralph Pisaturo, Sandy Stone, Thad Carpen, Phil Goldsmith, Paul Hadley, Barbara Jobe, Chris Nulty, Deanna Penn, and Linda Story. Guests attending were Val Gilman, Ward 4 City Councilor, and Randy.

Order of Business

Little Shack:

Ralph reported he toured the small shack with Robin Smith, a carpenter who specializes in restoring old buildings. Robin suggested two possible approaches for restoring the shack. One is to rebuild the three fire damaged walls and roof, one at a time, using reclaimed and native materials as much as possible. This will be more expensive and slower because it requires building a movable false wall to support the building as each wall is replaced, but it will result in a more attractive and uniform restoration, inside and out. The other approach is to make the minimum repairs needed with reclaimed materials, but it will result in a patchwork looking building. The Board approved the first approach.

- A motion to ask Val to advise Mike Hale, DPW Chief, of our proposed approach and get his concurrence was passed unanimously.

Ralph reported that Phil and Deanna were making good progress on getting the materials for the restoration. Phil explained that Peter Natti will provide 84 rough-sawn 2x4s. Timberline has agreed the supply most of the remaining lumber and materials for \$1214. In response to questions about what was included in Timberlines order, Phil said he would confirm that everything we think will be needed, such as roof ridge rafters and sheathing, are included or added. Phil noted that shingles will not be included.

- A motion to pay Timberline using some of the \$3500 provide by the city was passed unanimously.

Sandy reported we received a \$100 donation for little shack restoration.

The Board agreed to start work on June 8 at 10 a.m. and every Saturday morning thereafter. Initial work will be to move dirt piled above the foundation on one side and start bracing the walls. Val will post a request for volunteers on her Facebook page.

Other Business

Concerns about the safety of the uneven stones of the "path" from the new kayak racks to the Cove and parking by kayak users were raised. Val said she will talk with Mike Hale about the safety of the stones.

Val and Ralph reminded the Board that Lanes Cove is a State Landing and parking issues are outside the LCHA's charter. She recently talked with new Police Chief Ed Conley, who said parking problems should be reported the Gloucester police at 978-283-1212. Val added that the Harbormaster told her that 90% of the kayak permits issued so far are to Cove neighbors and most plan to walk to the Cove to use their kayaks.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Thad Carpen
Acting Secretary