

**Minutes of the Lanes Cove Historic Association (LCHA)**  
**May 7, 2022**

**Location:** The meeting was held in the Big Shack in Lanes Cove.

**Present at the Meeting:** Officers and Directors Present: Craig Cervo, Paul Hadley, Chris Nulty (Vice President), Ralph Pisaturo (President), Julie Sablone (Secretary). Also attending was Val Gilman, Ward 4 representative and President of the Gloucester City Council

The meeting was called to order by President Ralph Pisaturo at 9:58 am who suggested we address what we need from the city with Ms. Gilman.

The first item concerned the trash barrels for the cove. The barrels were removed last fall partly because of complaints that people were using them to dispose of household trash. Ralph said he has seen people clean out their cars into the barrels and all agreed that the neighbors do not use them for household trash. The purpose of these barrels is for the convenience of the fisherman, dog waste, and people using the cove for recreational purposes. Since it is impossible for anyone to police these barrels, Craig suggested that we place a sign on them stating no household trash.

Next it was noted that the porta-potty's door was loose and was not staying closed because the structure was not level. Paul and Ralph said they would fix it after the meeting.

Val Gilman said she will follow up with the city concerning the steps and railing leading into the cove. The city, via Mike Hale head of DPW, agreed to fix them last year but nothing has been done. After the meeting adjourned, everyone went outside to show Val exactly what needs to be done to make sure they are safe for all. It was agreed the handrail should be placed on the left. Val took pictures of the stairs to show to the city officials.

A brief discussion concerning the cove clean-up on May 28<sup>th</sup> (rain day May 29) followed. The flyer has been approved and Ralph will place a few in the businesses in Lanesville Center. Val suggested that we take a picture of the clean-up crew in front of the yellow bags to show it was community effort.

Next Val Gilman reported that Jill Cahill (Chief Administrative Officer for Mayor Elect Greg Varga) thought the Memorandum of Agreement was a great idea and found it very helpful as it explains what exactly the LCHA does. She thought it should be sent on to the city's legal department for review.

Ralph then adjourned the meeting at 10:09 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Julie Sablone  
Secretary