

Minutes of the Lanes Cove Historic Association (LCHA)
September 10, 2022

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

Present at the Meeting: Present: Thaddeus Carpenter, Deb Colbert, Val Gilman, Paul Hadley, Barbara Jobe, Marissa Morris, Chris Nulty (vice president), Ralph Pisaturo (president), Julie Sablone (secretary), and Linda Story.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Chris Nulty at 10:02 AM.

Ralph began by introducing Valerie Gilman, our Ward IV Councilor and President of the Gloucester City Council. Val was present to report the changes that Gloucester General Counsel Susan Egan, had made to the Lane's Cove Fish Shack Memorandum of Agreement. All present went over all the changes that Ms. Egan had made in the agreement item by item.

Summary of Changes to the Recitals: It was stated that Lanes Cove is owned by the City of Gloucester and maintained by the DPW. The boat ramp, however, is owned by the State of Massachusetts. Lanes Cove, also known as Lanes Cove Landing, is a public landing and its use is subject to a license issued pursuant to Chapter 91 of the General Laws the use of which is under the jurisdiction of the Gloucester Waterways Board. It is further written that the Conservation Commission issued an Order of Conditions in 2015 regarding certain drainage and landscaping improvements.

Summary of Changes to Mutual Covenants and Agreements: Discussion was mainly centered on liability issues as are stated in Item 2 Historical Association, Section C. Because the City owns Lanes Cove, they alone should be responsible for any and all claims and damages that occur on the property. Discussion also centered on other events held in the Cove such as the Blue Fish Tournament, movie companies who film and other public gatherings. It was strongly felt that the LCHA should not be held liable for

any accidents or damage that happens on the aforementioned property during any of these events. It was requested that Val ask legal counsel to clarify this issue completely so we are not held responsible and she agreed.

The other major discussion was concerning Section 7 Insurance; Indemnity which states the City of Gloucester shall be named as an additional insured on the general liability policy. Since no one present was sure if this was the case, Diane Pappas (Treasurer) was contacted and she said she would check with our insurance carrier. If they are not listed, she would have them added to the policy and a copy of this rider would be sent directly to the City. This action was moved, seconded and unanimously approved.

Other minor issues were discussed including updating the Memorandum every 3 years instead of 20 as it presently states to which everyone agreed.

Val was requested to take all comments and suggestions back to Legal Counsel Ms. Egan for her review. She suggested that perhaps we invite Ms. Egan to come to a meeting in person or via Zoom to complete the next draft of the Memorandum. Everyone thanked Val for her help and she left the meeting.

Other Business

Ralph then told the group that Ann Banks has a carved seagull made by a well-known carver and she would like to donate this bird to the Association. Everyone agreed and will decide at a later date where best to showcase this donation.

The Lanesville Community Center is holding their Music Festival on 9/18 from 11 to 6. Ralph said he will set up a table where we can sell tee shirts and cards and will also have a donation jar available. Linda and Barb volunteered to help him.

Ralph then said he was contacted by the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution who would like to come to visit the Cove. They have also requested a short presentation regarding the history to which he agreed. It is slated for September 24th at 10:00. They will bring their own chairs and refreshments and Julie and Barb volunteered to assist Ralph.

Chris requested money to buy more fertilizer for the gardens and a motion was moved, seconded and approved.

Ralph then adjourned the meeting at 11:06 AM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Julie Sablone
Secretary