## Minutes of the Lanes Cove Historic Association (LCHA) August 5, 2023

**Location:** The meeting was held at The Big Shack.

**Present at the Meeting:** Present: Thadd Carpen, Ken Doughty, Paul Hadley, Barbara Jobe, Chris Nulty (vice president), Ralph Pisaturo (president), and Julie Sablone (secretary), Linda Story

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Chris Nulty at 10:05 am.

The first item discussed was the need to change the date of the Fall Festival due to scheduling conflicts with the entertainment. It was decided to move it forward to Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> - rain or shine.

Ralph Pisaturo continued by saying that Julie Sablone had submitted a spreadsheet to keep track of all donations for the Silent Auction. Ralph said he would distribute this to all board members so everyone could make changes and additions as needed. Chris Nulty said he would donate one of his stone sculptures and old Lanesville books and Ralph will give 2 hand carved signs and one walking stick.

Ralph continued by saying we had tee shirts to sell, Lanes Cove stickers, and Lanesville notecards and posters both of which were designed by his wife Marie. The Pisaturo's will also sell copies of their children's book and donate \$5.00 for each copy sold to the fund.

Discussion proceeded with suggestions on how to best publicize the festival. Ideas included advertising on New Door Lanesville, Good Morning Gloucester, Facebook, Gloucester 400 website, Chronicle, the Beacon and Gloucester Times. Posters will also be placed at Brett's, the post office, Cove Café, Market Basket, Shaws, and any other place that will allow posted notices.

The issue of the stairs leading to the beach, which the city has yet to fix, was the next item of discussion. The board knows we could find volunteers to replace them but because of the many liability issues, this was quickly dismissed. A

ramp was then suggested in place of stairs and Julie said she would look into finding a company that specializes in handicapped ramps and will report back to the group.

The meeting was adjourned by Chris Nulty at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Julie Sablone Secretary