

Minutes of the Lanes Cove Historic Association (LCHA)
April 6, 2024

Location: The meeting took place at home of Diane Pappas and Paul Hadley

Present at the Meeting: Ken Doughty, Paul Hadley, Barbara Jobe, Chris Nulty (Vice President), Diane Pappas (Treasurer), Ralph Pisaturo (President), Julie Sablone (Secretary), and Linda Story. **Guests:** Sandy Burton and Russell Hobbs

President Ralph Pisaturo called the meeting to order at 10:05 and introduced our two guests Sandy Burton and Russ Hobbs who are volunteering for the 325th Lanesville/Folly Cove 325th Anniversary celebration. The celebration will be called “Lanesville’s Forgotten Stories and its People.” The title may be revised later by adding the word “Connections.”

Sandy spoke first about the two-phase celebration which will be at the Lanesville Community Center. The first part will take place on July 27th and 28th of this year. They hope to do the second phase in 2025 with the help of the LCHA and others. The committee right now is made up of volunteers – most who reside in Lanesville. The first event will highlight the four projects that have been completed most recently. They consist of: Rebecca’s Playground on Washington Street; the two fish shacks in Lanes Cove; the Community Center; and the Writing Cottage which originally was in Folly Cove but now is on the grounds of the Community Center.

Russell Hobbs is a Lanesville resident who has been researching the area for years and has compiled a wealth of information about the village. He will be presenting the history of the 1800’s at the celebration in April. Part of his research has focused on the gravestones in local cemeteries and trying to find the original homesteads that may still stand. He also has a vast knowledge of the original families and their descendants. Russ has also spent many hours transcribing the original deeds of the area into documents that will be much easier to read and understand and hopes to have them on display this July. All this and more will be available for the public to enjoy.

Ralph then thanked both men for their time and assured them that we would all be willing to help.

He then turned the meeting over to Diane Pappas for her Treasurer’s Report. She said as of the end of February 2024 we had \$15,893 in our account and had received \$3.16 cents in interest that month. The exact balance as of today is \$15,877.92. She also reported that she has renewed our non-profit corporation status with the state

(\$18.50) and had filed Form 990-N for Tax Exempt Organizations who are not required to file form 990 or 990-EZ. Both these transactions make us up to date.

Ralph then changed the discussion to our spring gardens and cove clean up. We decided to hold both on April 27th at 10 am with a rain date of April 28th. Chris volunteered to pick up the trash bags at DPW and then said he will contact Cat about the cleanup. He will also speak to her about which plantings will remain in the gardens and which will be removed. Cat volunteered last year to help Chris with the gardens, but it is a lot of work, and he is not sure if she will continue. Ken Doughty said he had recently joined Generous Gardens and will talk to Susan Kelly who heads the organization if she would consider adding the cove gardens to her list of projects.

Ralph then moved the conversation to the “Lucky Enough Sign” that we want to place in the cove to deter illegal parking. Ken, Paul, and Ralph will get the wood and Ralph will construct the sign.

Roof repair was next on the agenda. We need to at least patch the bare spots because the ice and water shield will deteriorate if exposed to sunlight for too long. Ken Doughty volunteered to research prices for roof repair. Ralph then stated that the windows need to be re-glazed, but he said he will repair those later in the spring.

Gene Silva told Ralph that he has many old artifacts that he would be willing to donate to the museum. Ken Doughty volunteered to go look at them and determine if anything would be appropriate for the display.

Ralph then made a motion to close the meeting at 11:07 and Chris seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted by:

Julie A L Sablone
Secretary