

Lanes Cove Fish Shack Building Committee
Minutes of meeting of 8/22/2011

The fourth meeting of the Lanes Cove Fish Shack Building Committee was held at the City Hall Annex on Pond Rd at 2 pm on August 22, 2011

Members present were: (7 of 7 thus a quorum)

Jim Hafey (Chairman)

Damon Cummings (Secretary)

Barbara Jobe

Russell Hobbs

Bill Sanborn

Jim Cawkett

Lisa Press

Others present were: Tim Thurman, Ryan McArthur, Rob Gulla ,architectural design consultants and Jackie Hardy, Ward 4 Councilor

Minutes of the Meeting of August 15, 2011 were accepted.

Chairman Jim Hafey reviewed the situation for the visiting architects and designers, Tim Thurman and Ryan McArthur of Treehouse design and Rob Gulla who is also co-chairman of the Gloucester Conservation Commission. Ron Parnell was identified as the last user of the fish shack as such in the 1980s. Uses were suggested such as buoy and twine storage for fishermen, kayak storage, and bluefish tournament storage. Bill Sanborn added that users could help pay for maintaining the building as well as deterring vandalism.

Rob Gulla emphasized save as much as possible if possible. This helps with fund raising and would be more satisfactory from the point of view of neighbors than replacement. In general the more that can be saved the better. Tim Thurman was not decided on this subject and wants to look closely at the structure. It was mentioned both by Gulla and Bill Sanborn that historical preservation funds might be available for restoration but less likely for rebuild. A site visit for the architects was scheduled for Thursday 8/25 at 2 pm.

Lisa Press pointed out that Chapter 91 favors water dependent use. The question about if Chapter 91 jurisdiction exists here came up and Jim Cawkett will talk to Kathryn Glenn at MCZM to try to find out if the structure is on private tidelands or on uplands. The status is not clear because none of us is sure exactly where the mean high water mark line is at the building. We know the tide runs underneath on a spring tide and does not on a neap tide, but do not know for mean high water.

If the building is to be used, we need to know about codes that must be met, for example ADA compliance. We need advice from Susanne Egan on this as well as on how to manage rents and upkeep.

Rob Gulla recommended strongly that we communicate with the Gloucester Historical Commission to establish this as a site of historical value worth preserving and thereby enhancing the probability of funding.

We need legal advice on the applicability of prevailing wage constraints if CPA funds are received.

We wonder if all volunteer work is feasible or if at least an overall supervisor or clerk of the works should be hired to make sure the work is done as paid for and approved.

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, August 29 at 2 pm at the Pond Road City Hall Annex

The meeting adjourned at 3:00pm
Damon E. Cummings 8/22/2011