

Lanes Cove Fish Shack Building Committee
Minutes of meeting of 6/25/2012

Meeting 43 of the Lanes Cove Fish Shack Building Committee was held at the City Hall Annex on Pond Rd at 2:00 pm on June 25, 2012.

Members present were: (4 of 7 thus a quorum)

Jim Hafey(Chairman)

Damon Cummings (Secretary)

Bill Sanborn

Barbara Jobe,

Missing: Russell Hobbs, Lisa Press, Jim Caulkett

Visiting: Arnie Shore

Minutes of the meeting of June 18, 2012 were accepted.

Saturday, June 23, 2012 construction day resulted in major structural improvements to the underpinnings of the building made possible by the masonry work done by Hal Wentworth during the week. Heavy sills and floor beams were installed.

Gloucester Fund has transferred \$2,000 to the City. Jim Hafey will check to make sure it is in our revolving account # 293021 for timber to be milled for sills and joists. Approximately \$20 k remains in the Gloucester Fund after expenses for T shirts. Donations totaling about \$3,500 are expected by the end of the month.

The new T shirts are now at Discovery Adventures as well as at Willow Rest, Wulla and Plum Cove Grind. Donations are still flowing in. We suggest signage such as the Harriet Webster one outlining the history of the fish house and acknowledging CPA help with reconstruction. Public admission to the building is not part of the plan and it is suggested that it remain for use as a fish house for nominal fees to be determined by the city after reconstruction. Jim Hafey will work on a thank you note to Ian Kerr at Ocean Alliance, perhaps from the mayor. The mayor will be updated on progress by Damon concurrently with a request to replace Lisa Press with Arnie Shore on the building committee.

Nikki Bach attended the meeting and expressed her interest in supervision of construction. We are grateful to have her help and she will be happy to arrange for materials and find contractors when needed. 10 Folly Point Road, 978 491 7159

Our next meeting will be our usual meeting at the City Hall Annex, CATA building, Pond Road on July 2, 2012 at 2 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 3:04 pm.

Damon E Cummings 6/26/2012

Appendix, Letter to Mayor Kirk

**Lanes Cove Fish Shack
Building Committee
1063 Washington St.
Gloucester, MA 01930**

Mayor Carolyn Kirk
City Hall, Dale Ave
Gloucester, MA 01930

6/26/2012

Dear Mayor Kirk,

We would like to make a change in the makeup of our building committee if that is agreeable to you. With both Lisa Press and Russell Hobbs extremely busy with other work, it can be difficult to reach a quorum for our meetings. We are on such a rapid schedule that we find weekly meetings necessary and that is difficult for several of us. Russell is very helpful in our weekend work sessions so we would like to keep him up to date even if he can not make meetings. However Lisa's role was vital in getting started with plans and permits but is not so crucial now. Moreover she is available for consultation in any case and is agreeable to leaving the committee. As replacement for Lisa we would like to suggest our fund raising sub- committee chairman, Arnold Shore, who is present at virtually all of our meetings anyway to update our financial situation. Arnold's address is 4 Langsford St.

We would also like to take this opportunity to update you on progress with the building. The fund raising sub-committee has done a wonderful job collecting over \$24,000 in private donations through letter writing, silent auctions, T-shirt and Christmas card sales and simple arm twisting. Moreover the Waterways Board has been very generous in setting up access to funds at the Building Center for hardware and lumber purchases. We have submitted a proposal to the City CPA committee for further funding which we are optimistic about.

The main financial aspect however is on the other side of the ledger. People all over the city have been incredibly helpful with time and materials. Roofing and shingles were donated by David Grace and the Peter Natti sawmill in Lanesville has been turning out piles of timber for us. Moreover Ian Kerr at the Ocean Alliance contributed massive timbers from the Paint Factory which are now our new sill and floor beams. Construction work started on the weekend of May 5 and has continued every Saturday since with the exception of the June 2 storm. All work has been done by volunteers, but including very professional volunteer masons and carpenters and other contractors. On the average ten citizens have been hammering and sawing and pulling nails on Saturdays. Masons have been working odd hours during the week so that their concrete is dry when we arrive on Saturday.

As a result we are on schedule for completion of the project in the Fall and we are optimistic about not running out of funds.

Sincerely,
For the Building Committee

Damon Cummings, Secretary