

**Minutes for September 8, 2025 Cape Story by the Sea (CSBTS) General Meeting
at Lynnhaven Colony Congregational Church submitted by Todd Solomon**

Meeting Start: Called to order at 7:33 pm by President Diana Albis. 16 attendees were present.

Special Presentation/Guest: None

Officer Reports:

Secretary Report: June 9, 2025 minutes were distributed for approval. **A motion to approve the minutes with no changes was made by Kim LaCroix and 2nd by Candace Berndt. The motion passed unanimously.**

Treasurer's Report: The report was presented by Will Oakley and accepted. \$17,134.40 total funds in Cape Story Accounts (\$13,955.65 Checking, \$3,178.75 Savings).

President Report -Diana Albis presented the following:

-The City's Public Works Department will be hosting a Public Information Meeting on Thursday 9/11 from 5-7pm at JBD Elementary School to discuss the proposed High-intensity Activated CrossWalk (HAWK) lighting system to be installed at the intersection of N. Great Neck and the Cape Henry Trail. More information can be found at www.VirginiaBeach.gov/HAWKsignals

-The City's Parks and Rec Dept. has installed an ECO-Counter at the intersection of Sandalwood and the Cape Henry Trail near the Park entrance. The device counts pedestrians and bicycle use of the trail. The City will upload data to an online map system to show trail usage. This is a test run for these devices which are planned for use on multiple City trails.

-Dec. 8th will be the CSBTS Civic Association Holiday Meeting Party at Ballyhoos. Mark it on your calendar.

1st V.P. Report: Empsy Munden provided updates: Saturday Sept. 20th from 9am to Noon is International Coastal Clean-up Day. Anyone interested in helping clean our bay beach can come to Oak Street beach access at 9am to help. The Cape Story Oyster Roast is scheduled for Sunday Nov. 9th from 1-4pm in the park. The planning committee is looking at having a DJ this year instead of a live band.

2nd V.P. Report: No report.

Secretary/Shore Drive Report: Todd Solomon informed that the group of the following items. City Council Online Survey to help identify City Priorities is active and has a 9/15 deadline. The City's Planning Dept will host two public meetings to review the 2040 Comprehensive Plan. Meetings will be held 9/17 at the Convention Center and 9/18 at the Municipal Center Bldg 19. There will also be a public information to discuss a wetland restoration project at Pleasure House Point. It will be held by the Army Corps of Engineers on 9/24 at 5pm at the Great Neck Public Library.

Upcoming Meetings:

Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) – 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7pm at Volunteer Rescue Squad Station 14 740 Virginia Beach Blvd.

Bayfront Advisory Commission (BAC) – 3rd Thursday of the month at 3:30pm at Ocean Park Volunteer Rescue.

Virginia Beach Council of Civic Organizations (VBCCO) –Visit www.vbcco.org for meeting information.

Committees:

Military Liaison – Per Teri Doddy, no update.

Oyster Roast – First meeting was held on 8/26. Next meeting is scheduled for 9/16 at 6:30pm at Empsy's house.

Cape Kids – Will Oakley informed that 2 scholarships were given out to neighborhood high school seniors. The students are heading to VT and ODU for college.

Old Business:

4th of July Events – A big Thank You to all the volunteers that helped make the events a big success. A suggestion was made for next year that whoever will be in charge of the parade line up on Beech Street make sure to have all water ballon fight participant floats and groups be placed at the end of the parade line up.

Cape Story Park Improvement – No update. It was suggested that no work be scheduled until after the Oyster Roast. It was also suggested a schedule needs to be established soon and to discuss what happens with the \$2,000 in donations if no improvements are ever made. Committee Chair Gary Forrest will be contacted to provide an update.

Cape Henry Trail Intersection Safety Improvements – No update. President Diana has action and will contact the 8 adjacent homes in hopes of obtaining their approvals prior to submitting to the City for funding support.

Verizon Pedestal Boxes – Old boxes along the Cape Henry Trail have been removed by Verizon. Thank you to the residents that identified this issue and to the City's Public Works Engineer David Jarman for getting them removed.

New Business: None

Meeting Adjourned –8:23pm **A motion to adjourn was made by Scott Schubart and 2nd by Will Oakley. Motion passed unanimously.**