

Minutes for March 9, 2026 Cape Story by the Sea (CSBTS) General Meeting at Lynnhaven Colony Congregational Church submitted by Todd Solomon

Meeting Start: Called to order at 7:39 pm by President Diana Albis. 14 attendees were present.

Special Presentation/Guest: None

Officer Reports:

Secretary Report: The February 9, 2026 minutes were presented. **A motion was to approve without change was made by Empsy Munden and 2nd by Candy Berndt. The motion passed unanimously.**

Treasurer's Report: The report was presented by Will Oakley and accepted. \$19,998.88 total funds in Cape Story Accounts (\$16,819.97 Checking, \$3,178.91 Savings).

President Report -Diana Albis provided information on the following:

-City's Voter Registration office is now located near Mt. Trashmore at 500 Studio Drive

-City Council meetings at 6pm (1st and 3rd Tuesdays) in Bldg 1. Also on Cox Ch48, Verizon Ch45 and livestreamed at <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL31A7A8D73F3976B9>

-VB Council of Civic Organizations next meeting Wed March 18 @ 6:30pm Bowcreek RC. Academy Series #3, Where does your money go? Scheduled for Wed March 25 @6:30pm at Central Library.

-HAWK pedestrian signal construction schedule, May 2026 to March 2027

<https://pw.virginiabeach.gov/roads/transportation-projects/hawk-signals-phase-1>

1st V.P. Report: Empsy Munden informed us that she will be stepping down as an CSBTS officer and a new 1st VP will be needed.

2nd V.P. Report: No report.

Secretary/Shore Drive Report: Todd Solomon provided updates on the Marlin Bay Drive 5 story 52 unit condo development being planned by McLeskey. Also updated the Poinciana Pump Station and Cape Henry Beach Replenishment projects.

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 – No report

Old Business:

Cape Story Park Improvement –Gary Forrest provided an update. The electrically power panel and boxes were replaced. A park beautification work session is planned for Sat March 14th @ 8am. Repair of irrigation system and general clean up is planned. Contact Gary Forrest if interested in helping – garyf9815@gmail.com

Cape Henry Trail Intersection Safety Improvements – 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.

Shamrock Marathon March 22nd Volunteers Needed – A dozen volunteers are needed to help at the Ft. Story water station. Team lead is Cathie Sykes at cathiesykes@icloud.com A sign up link will be emailed to membership.

Cape Story Spring Fling – The event is scheduled for Sun April 26th from 4-7pm in the park. Rain date will be the following Sundy if needed.

New Business:

4th of July Parade Theme – This year's parade theme will be "**Semiquincentennial**" - the USA's 250th anniversary. Start working on your parade designs.

Civic Association Officers Desperately Needed – The President, 1st VP and 2nd VP will be stepping down. Candidates for 1st and 2nd VPs have expressed interest. We are still in desperate need of someone to take over as President. In order for the Association to continue, these positions will need to be filled. Please step up to help.

Meeting Adjourned –8:39pm **A motion to adjourn was made by Sean LaCroix and 2nd by Diana Albis. Motion passed unanimously.**