

**Lordship Improvement Association  
Board of Governors  
Meeting Minutes February 26, 2025**

**Attendees:** Hans Drenkard, John Florian (phone ) Emily Viner, Jim Warren. Susan Birge Jane Scofield, Karen Kochiss, Christine Griffin

**Called to Oeder 7:06 PM**

Previous meeting minutes sent by email were accepted as posted.

**Treasurer's Report**

<u>Opening Balance</u>	\$ \$ 9,013.15
<u>Revenue</u>	
Households 3 (261 total)	\$ 213.65
In Memory of Richard D. (8)	\$ 400.00
Total revenue	\$ 613.65
<u>Expenditures</u>	
M & M Fence (accident damage repair)	\$ 2,500.00
Domain renewal	\$ 59.18
Aquarion Water Company	\$ 16.03
CLCC Annual Conference reimbursements (4 @ \$80)	\$ 320.00
Disbursements	<u>\$ 2,895.21</u>
Balance	\$ 6,731.59

This year's Austin Ganim quote for trail maintenance is \$4500 (up from \$3750 last year). We should do a site review walk through to coordinate with our conservation plan Susan will call Michael Hehir to coordinate the visit.

**Beautification Committee**

- 26 new esplanade trees were planted in total over the last year.
- We are meeting with Kelly Kerrigan next Friday at Town Hall.
- Volunteers will be asked to water new trees near their houses on the esplanades.
- Captains meeting for the third week of March to discuss garden needs.
- Karen continues to encourage perennials.
- A new tree will be planted in Rich's honor. Dogwood is not salt tolerant. We will consult with Kelly for a species recommendation

**Environment and Education**

- PowerPoint for the Eagle Scout project was reviewed.
- Christine has sent a culvert photo to Kelly Kerrigan to suggest maintenance. The culvert washout has encroached into the paths.
- Project Greemsweep is on May 3
- We will not spread trail chips this year as we are inaugurating the new conservation project.
- Beach Plum tree/ bushes are for general open area. Area around culverts should be native rain garden specific.
- Daffodils get ordered for town in summer. Jane will get a group to plant at esplanade ends at Stratford Road

## **Communications report,**

### **CALENDAR**

- Will wrap up sales (now half price) at Lordship Corner Market and Dal Mare but continue at Mellow Monkey.
- Getting count now on remaining calendars, and believe there are about 35. Where to donate some of these?
  - Ask Janet Lengel to forward to realtors to distribute to new residents.
  - Marty Schiavone for distribution to race winners.
- The Calendar Committee meets soon online to plan 2026 calendar.
- Lessons learned: Initially order 150, rather than 200. Stick with Landmark Print in Stamford for best price and service. Choose a theme that is simple to produce and less expensive to design.

### **ARTICLES**

- Posted “Memories” feature about Rich Diedrichsen, and promoted it on NextDoor, Facebook and LIA NEWS.
- Upcoming: Frequent news items and features throughout spring and early summer, including LIA Bluffs plan, Donald Sammis Park, May 3 Project Greensweep, dunes restoration, LIA gardens preparation, etc.
- Do committees and garden crews need more volunteers? Can promote this online.
- There may be a new article coming from the CLCC conference.
- The emailed suggestion for forming a dog directory is out of the LIA mission scope.

### **Burgess Report**

- 2025 Amanda Vernazza requested an event on The Bluffs for June 21, 2025. She has provided checks for the fees.

### **Old Business**

- Fence Extensions for Bluffs Safety and Conservation –We will meet with town hall to solicit police cooperation with motorized vehicle prohibition.
- Repairing Recent Rail Fence Damage – Fence was repaired, and insurance company will make LIA whole.
- Connecticut Land Conservation Council –
  - Site visit was completed with Rickey Bentley of CLCC and Anthony Zemba of LandTech.
  - Zoom meeting with Stephan Martin of Audubon who offered to identify natives and stake them for protection.
  - We will plan bi-weekly implementation of volunteer projects to manage invasives.

### **New Business**

We need to post the meeting agenda for the next meeting.

Committee Meeting March 26<sup>th</sup>

Meeting Adjourned 18:41 PM

Hans Drenkard

Secretary, LIA Board of Governors