

**Lordship Improvement Association
Committee/Board of Governors
Meeting Minutes March 20, 2024**

Attendees: Hans Drenkard, John Florian (call in) Karen Kochiss Jane Scofield, Emily Viner, Joe Gresko 15 neighbors.

Meeting called to order 7PM

Treasurers Report – Susan Birge

Beginning Balance	\$17,497.11
<u>Revenue</u>	
Memberships (262 YTD),	\$ 170.04
<u>Disbursements</u>	
Aquarion Water Co	\$ 16.07
IRS Tax Filing	\$ 109.98
Total	\$ 375.91
Balance	\$ 17,291.24

- This year is **best ever:** 262 members
- Two sponsorships \$250 Austin Ganim and Milford Bank should cover the costs of the celebration.
- Treasurer’s report approved.

100th Anniversary Celebration

The celebration will be June 23rd with cookout 4-6 PM followed by Bands on the Bluffs playing 68PM

- We should have signs for ingredients .for baked goods
- LFC is paying for the band.
- Jim will talk to Larry about the following:
 - Can we use the half barrel grill?
 - Keltic Kick is booked for us June 23rd . Jim/Larry will keep in touch regarding June 30 as a rain date. Otherwise, rain date will be the date will be the next Bands on the Bluffs date to be determined by LFC.
 - Pop up tents
- Jim will talk with Bryan O’Conner about:
 - Roadblocks
 - Esplanade parking permits arrange.
- Food: Plan change – Jane and Susan will go to Restaurant Depoit or Bj’s for the full food order. 100 - 150 Burgers and hotdogs. They will bring the budget to next meeting.
- We will block off Margherita.
- We will have a Potluck dessert contest. Jim Warren and Matt Ralabate will be judges.
- Tom will set up history display. There might be an issue with wind. Some of the pop-ups have side walls.
- Publicity should advise attendees to bring their own chairs and blankets.
- We can ask Garden Captains for help with the cleanup.
- Jane will contact Jack Guckert to invite him.
- Blog, poster, A-Frame signs and email list should provide adequate coverage for publicizing in Lordship. We will not use NextDoor or Facebook.

- Games
 - Frisbees
 - Hans and Jin will bring corn hole sets and Jim will talk to Bryan about setting up tournament.
 - John has a ping pong table.
- All communications through John.

Burgess – Jane Scofield (report emailed to BoG before meeting)

- Status of request for events on The Bluffs
- 2024 – LIA 100th Anniversary, June 23 2024.
- 2025 Awaiting reply from Riann/Edwin Rooney. Awaiting email

Communications – John Florian

MEDIA

LIA announcements and news are appearing on NextDoor, LIA’s Facebook page and the LIA News blog on a variety of topics, including introductions to feature articles on the LIA website. Upcoming features include the history of the LIA, the Lordship Bluffs trails, the Bluff’s Flagpole garden, Lordship tree planning and Bluffs erosion control. Tree cutting and planting efforts Also members of the LIA Facebook group will be invited to share their Lordship Memories (brief stories and photos) on the Facebook page, along with photos from the June 23 100th Anniversary party on the Bluffs.

2025 CALENDAR

The LIA’s 2025 Calendar will feature “Lordship in Bloom” – captivating photos of gardens, flowers, wildflowers, trees and shrubs in Lordship. A “call for photos” will be announced on March 25. Photo submission deadline is June 1. And the new printer is Landmark Print in Stamford. Calendar sales will begin in mid September.

We should get lawn signs for the anniversary celebration. Put out first week of June.

Have membership table at party. We need to have cards prints

Environment and Education –

- Chips were delivered on 3/13. Spreading support has been minimal, so no more chips should be requested from the town.
- Fire at the beach was still burning in the morning. Photos should be sent to John for publication along with requests for neighbors to be the eyes and report night beach parties to the police.
- Stratford Greensweep is Saturday April 27. Volunteers will be at Long Beach, Short Beach and Lordship School
- Jenna Right is the new contact at OLOP Christine will contact her to look at a rain barrel date.

Beautification Committee- Karen Kochiss

- Thanks to all garden captains.
- New Washington Parkway captains live in new condos.
- At the last BC meeting perennial philosophy was discussed. We appreciate perennial donations and may have some from Kidd’s Bluff to share.
- We also solicit volunteers to refurbish the beach birdhouses.
- Tree map was created for stump removal and tree placement, There will be a meeting with Kelly Kerrigan 4/1. Five trees were removed from Lordship Road .We will discuss replacement plan.
- Joe volunteered to replace a tree with a new one.
- We will talk with Kelly about disposition of rotary.
- Tree installation permit applications are available on town website.
- Wayne’s Walk Foundation is in the process of disbanding. They would like to get MADD recognition as well as setting up a scholarship. They are interested in installing a plaque explaining the origin of Waynes Walk. Jane will talk to Karen about avoiding too much sign clutter.

New Business

- Joe can probably get 30 Barrels for distribution in early May. Christine will contact OLOp for a good distribution day.
- Knights of Columbus will be having a smoker event at the rectory. Upwards of thirty may attend and it may spill over onto bluffs.

Annual Meeting confirmed for July 17 at OLOP

Board Meeting

- We will not use Google Form RSVP as it will make it more complicated.
- No info on Next door or Facebook.
- A Frame signs will go up one week before. Plan for 100-150 people first come first serve.
- We will bring tables from LFC and some Board members.

Next meeting. Tuesday 4/30

Meeting adjourned 8:31