

**Lordship Improvement Association  
Board of Governors  
Meeting Minutes February 1, 2025**

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

**Called to Oeder 10:02 AM**

Susan memorialized Richard Diedrichsen, for his daily devotion to the cause of the LIA. He started the fund-raising efforts. He is considered a most beloved and generous neighborhood leader. We will post an article to eulogize him. Contributions for the article should be submitted to John.

Previous meeting minutes sent by email were accepted.

**Treasurer's Report**

Previous balance	\$ 6,647.38	
<b><u>Revenue</u></b>		
Households 25 (258 total)	\$ 4,489.06	
Calendar Ads & Sales	\$ 778.14	
Total revenue	\$11,914.58	
<b><u>Expenditures</u></b>		
Bluffs (Daffodils)	\$ 40.37	
Bluffs (Knotweed treatment)	\$ 1,150.00	
Aquarion Water Company	\$ 18.03	
Supplies	\$ 329.83	
CLCC Annual Membership	\$ 250.00	
Insurance	\$ 1,113.20	
Disbursements	\$ 2,901.43	
Balance	\$ 9,013.15	25 new

Twenty-five new members sent in their donations resulting from Jane's mailing. A \$2500 check was received from one new member.

The insurance company confirmed that motor vehicle use on the property is not covered in the policy.

Karen, Emily, Christine and Susan have registered for the Connecticut Land Conservation Council (CLCC) Conference 3/22. Motion made and approved for \$80/person fee reimbursement

**Beautification Committee**

Lights installed on the rail fence were appreciated. We should get some reflectors for the fence to improve visibility.

**Environment and Education**

New daffodils are sprouting .

We requested the soil report be distributed to BoG members.

Charlie Welch would like to finish the second part of his project to update the birdhouses along the trail. Scout projects need to do their own funding.

We would like to complete snow fencing on the beach. The cost went up beyond the amount budgeted. Jim will be installing more posts at the ends.

### **Communications report,**

#### **LIA 2025 calendar**

Initial sales volume was good, but there's been a slump since October. From 200 ordered, several were given to our sales hosts as comps, and 39 remain available to sell. To date, our profit from calendar sales and ads is \$1,525 (Sue has not yet received all income.) Our sales outlets are willing to continue to host sales, and someone is interested in a bulk purchase discount of some quantity. Lesson for next year: order fewer at a time. Committee will be meeting this month to plan next years. John was thanked for his significant effort on the calendars.

#### **Domain registration renewal**

Our website domain is LordshipCT.org, but we also own the .com designation in case someone uses that address – and also to keep ownership of the LordshipCT name. The .com designation is up for renewal at Network Solutions on March 3, for \$42 plus a \$16 forwarding fee to .org. We save only \$3 by renewing for two years, so I suggest just renewing for one year – especially since Network Solutions sometimes offers a sale. OK to renew for one year? Board approved paying fees.

#### **Website articles**

To be posted soon: Don Sammis and Donald S. Sammis Park. We will delay until after honoring Rich

#### **Burgess Report**

Amanda Verrazano requested a June 21 wedding. The date is open We plan to place it at the foot of Maple St. They will have to work out parking at the churches.

#### **New Business**

A motion was made to nominate Marcella Rooney to replace Hans Drenkard as Secretary of LIA BoG. The motion was approved unanimously by roll call vote. Marcella will be invited to future meetings and be on the slate for the Annual Meeting in July.

#### **Old Business**

##### **Fence Extensions for Bluffs Safety and Conservation**

At the meeting with the town Traffic Authority, Police Chief Mc Neill felt that motorized vehicle use on the Bluffs was inappropriate and that the police will help with prohibition. Jane will follow up with town administration to get prohibition added to the golf cart renewal application.

##### **Repairing Recent Rail Fence Damage**

Jim will investigate getting accident police report to support insurance claim . Susan will contact M&M Fence to get repairs started with previously purchased material and seek reimbursement through insurance company.

##### **Connecticut Land Conservation Council**

Emily talked to Ricky Bentley(CLCC Climate Smart Stewardship Coordinator) regarding submitting grant request to CLCC for replanting bluffs slope with native species and removing invasives. . He will make a site visit on 2/19. Stefan Martin (Connecticut Audubon Society Conservation Manager) has offered to help with the habitat restoration plan. Stefan recommended getting a habitat restoration plan from LandTech in Westport. Emily will contact Land Tech to discuss the next steps and share the plan from 2013.

BoG meeting Wed Feb 26<sup>th</sup>

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

Meeting Adjourned 11:25 AM  
Hans Drenkard  
Secretary, LIA Board of Governors