

**Lordship Improvement Association
Board of Governors
April 14, 2026
Meeting Minutes**

Attendees: Emily Viner, John Florian, Susan Birge, Karen Kochiss, Christine Griffin, Jennifer Watkins, Vicki Canevari, Jane Scofield, Jon Brody

Called to Order: 7:01 PM

Approval of Minutes

- Motion made by John Florian and seconded by Jane Scofield to approve the March 4, 2026 meeting minutes.
- Minutes approved unanimously.

Committee Reports

Treasurer's Update

- End of March balance: approximately \$16,295
- Estimated April balance after expenses: approximately \$13,000

Burgess

- June event request formally declined due to conservation concerns.
- One previously approved event scheduled for September will proceed with appropriate safeguards in place.
- Additional event requests are being evaluated in alignment with conservation priorities.

Communications

- Ongoing use of Facebook, blog, and Nextdoor for updates.
- Calendar fundraising initiative underway with strong early engagement.

Beautification

- Continued maintenance and cleanup efforts on the bluffs.
- Notable increase in native plant growth, including prickly pear cactus expansion.
- Ongoing work to:
 - Define pathways more clearly
 - Protect native plant areas using natural barriers (rocks, etc.)
- Significant volunteer effort highlighted, including sensitive wildlife handling and cleanup activities.

Education & Environment / Grants

- Earth Day cleanup scheduled for April 25 (9:00 AM – 12:00 PM).
- Continued exploration of grant opportunities
- Follow-up discussions planned with environmental partners and consultants.
- Additional programming ideas discussed:
 - Environmental education initiatives
 - Guided walks and seasonal programming
 - Potential partnerships with organizations such as Audubon

Old Business

Bench Repair/Replacement

- Replacement is in progress and expected to be completed in the coming weeks.

New Signage

- Updated signage is being finalized to support safety, conservation, and appropriate use of the bluffs and beach areas.

Bylaws Update

- Review of bylaws, including officer terms and committee structure, will continue as part of a scheduled planning session.

Insurance Review

- The Association is reviewing its insurance policies to ensure appropriate coverage for activities and events.

Summer Initiatives

- Plans are underway for seasonal programming, including educational activities and community cleanups.

1947 Agreement – Cottages

- The Board continues to monitor matters related to the 1947 agreement and associated properties.

New Business

Elections for Officer Positions

- In accordance with bylaws, vacancies were filled as follows to complete remainder of term:

- President: Vicki Canevari
- Associate Vice President: Jen Watkins
- Communications: Jon Brody
- Resignations accepted with appreciation:
 - James Warren (President)
 - Emily Viner (Associate VP, effective end of April)
 - John Florian (Communications, effective end of April)
- All motions passed unanimously.

Bluffs Guardrail Posts / Fence Inquiry

- The Board discussed recent inquiries and will draft a general update to the community regarding this work and collaboration with the town.

Boat Policy / Personal Property

- The Board discussed clarifying guidelines related to items stored on the beach and bluffs.
 - Key concerns:
 - Safety risks
 - Environmental impact
 - Next Steps:
 - Draft updated policy language

Wood Chips – Main Path

- Opportunity to secure cedar wood chips for pathways.
- Proposed approach:
 - LIA coordinates delivery
 - Individual streets identify “captains” responsible for distribution

CLCC Conference Report

- Key takeaways:
 - Exposure to best practices from larger land trusts
 - Potential grant and partnership opportunities
 - Reinforcement of conservation-focused strategies

Meetings with Town Administrators

- The Board reported on recent discussions with Town representatives regarding shared priorities, including safety and conservation.

Recognition Gathering

- Plans are underway for a gathering to recognize community contributions.

Quarterly Open Meeting

- The next open meeting is scheduled for May 12.

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 PM.