

# LIA Annual Membership Meeting 7/20/2022 FY 7/1/2022 – 6/30/2023

**Call to order - Kevin Regan (for Jim Warren) 7:05 PM**

- Board of Governors introduced.

## **Burgess Business Jane Scofield**

- Two weddings have been held so far for 2022 and no more are scheduled.
- One is scheduled for 2023 and one is pending.
- Wedding restrictions have been changed as follows:
  - Guest number has been reduced from 200 to 150.
  - Weddings must end at sunset.
  - Deposit increased to \$2500.
  - St. Joseph's has said they were willing to allow parking in their lot. A shuttle can be used to bring guests to beach.
- Police are required to be hired, but they are not showing up. We are working with them to have parking enforcement officers work the weddings when the police decline.

## **Finance & Development Report, Hans Drenkard (for Susan Birge, treasurer)**

- Financial Report (provided by Susan Birge following the Annual Meeting).

### July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022

Beginning balance	\$13,437.29
REVENUE	\$26,309.89
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 197 Households</li> <li>• Weddings (\$4,000.00)</li> <li>• Calendars (\$3,850.80)</li> </ul>	
	<u>\$39,747.18</u>
DISBURSEMENTS	
Main Path Maintenance, Lawn Mowing of Bluffs, Wayne's Walk, Knotweed, Sumac & Saplings, Aerate & Seed	\$18,035.81
Gardens	\$ 1,750.80
Post Office Box	\$ 246.00
Wedding refunds	\$ 2,500.00
Annual Membership Drive Printing	\$ 1,669.63
Aquarion Water Co. (water at Bluffs)	\$ 151.01
Insurance	\$ 892.40
Calendar Expenses	\$ 2,896.90
Fire Department Ad	\$ 100.00
Supplies	\$ 441.49
Cement Pad at OLOP	\$ 400.00
Total	<u>\$29,084.04</u>
<b>Balance as of 6/30/22</b>	<b>\$10,663.14</b>

- Budget '22-'23.

<b>Budget 2022-2023</b>	
Annual Membership Drive (brochure & mailing)	\$2,900.00
Aquarian Water Company	\$180.00
Gardens	\$2,400.00
Bluffs Flailing	\$3,000.00
Main Path Maintenance	\$6,810.00
Mowing the Bluffs	\$2,500.00
Post Office Box	\$206.00
Web Fee	\$65.00
Volunteer Fire Department Ad	\$100.00
Insurance	\$880.00
Removal of knotweed	\$3,000
Office Supplies	\$125.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$22,166.00</b>

### **Communications and Publicity, John Florian**

- There are over 80 subscribers to the LIA NEWS blog
- There are 200 LIA Facebook group members. Thank you for your support.
- Website includes:
  - Field Guide of flora and fauna at the beach
  - LIA Gardens Series. To come are articles on the Bluffs, the Flagpole Garden, and Wayne's Walk Memorial Garden. Thank you to Charlie Lautier for authoring them.
- Calendar
  - Next year is the 2023 Lordship Artists' Calendar. Many local artists have submitted work for consideration by the LIA's Calendar Committee. Calendar sales will begin in mid September.
- The LIA's website GIFT SHOP items are expanding.

### **Environment and Education, Christine Griffin**

- Daffodils are a continuing project. Bulbs can be picked up in the fall at the Baldwin Center for planting around town.
- Pollinator Pathway - Plantings are in "sheltered environment" but prevailing wind and drought are challenges. We are seeing pollinators and animals in it.

- Rain Collection Barrel distribution – State Rep. Joe Gresko secured 50 barrels which were distributed within minutes.
- Path Mulching – We had our first load delivered to Victoria Lawn, and it was spread within a couple of days. We will get more loads and continue spreading projects.

### **Beautification Report, Kevin Regan**

- Committee members were recognized.
- Eight Gardens were reviewed.
- Partner Project at Lordship Center – Bo Denzel is purchasing materials while Beautification Committee plants and maintains them.
- Lighthouse sculpture is in the touchup artists garage and will be restored soon.

### **Old Business, Hans Drenkard**

- LIA BOG refrained from airport acquisition conversation due to diversity of opinion. This reflects the board's inclination on zoning, seawall signs and traffic enforcement as well.

### **New Business**

- **Boat policy, Hans Drenkard**
  - Boats may be parked on Russian Beach during the summer.
  - A sticker will be placed on boats advising policy.
  - Boats left after November 1 are subject to disposal.

### **Open Forum-Kevin**

- A question was asked about floats at Russian Beach. They were privately placed, and open for use.
- Joe Gresko informed us about the airport work. The Army Corps of Engineers has built a temporary access road to remediate contaminants from the engine plant. When this is completed in the next few months, CoE plans to turn over deed to preferred developer. It will probably remain commercial-industrial as the area will not be remediated to residential standard.
- Joe is working to get CT DOT to repair the dip in the road when the CoE work is done.
- Joe further informed us that Bridgeport will sell the airport to CT Airport Authority. Stratford is planning to “up the ante” to encourage Bridgeport to sell the airport to Stratford, in addition to parcels outside the airport. Joe would like to see a referendum on the project as it will require bonding. Joe is trying to get “no expansion” language into the sale provisions.
- Regarding the mud flats, Joe told us CT Congresswoman Rosa deLauro is trying to get remediation funds restored.
- Town plans to extend greenway from Birdseye to lighthouse.
- There is no planned limit for number of kayaks allowed stored on Russian Beach.

- Leona May alerted us to plastic dog poop bags thrown over the Bluff's ridge.
- Rich Diedrichson's plaque at Captain Kidd's Garden was removed from its pedestal and will be replaced by a ground level plaque. Karen Kochiss has flowers in pots that are too big to be near a ground level plaque.
- Concern was about pollution from lawns draining through the culverts. Can we get a DEEP project to reclaim the polluted water? It seems unlikely.

### **Closing Comments – Kevin Regan**

Committee meetings happen every other month  
Meeting Adjourned 8:10