

Lordship Improvement Association
Board of Governors Meeting
February 6, 2026

MINUTES

In attendance: Emily Viner, Susan Birge, John Florian, Karen Kochiss, Christin Griffin, Vickie Canevari, and Jen Watkins

Unable to attend: Jane Scofield, Marcella Rooney

Meeting was called to Order by Co-Presidents Emily Viner and Susan Birge at 6:15p.

1). Introduction of Vickie Canevari and Jen Watkins

- Attendees welcomed Vickie and Jen to the meeting.

2). Approval of Minutes for meeting of January 5, 2026.

- Minutes were reviewed and approved with the change of “execute” to “explore” planters along the Bluffs.

3). Reports

- Treasurer
 - Jane will distribute Treasurer’s Report when she returns home from trip.
- Burgess
 - Susan reported a request for a June event on the Bluffs. There is a contract in place for a wedding on September 26, 2026.
- Communication
 - John reported on Annual Calendar Fundraiser and solicited relevant stories for web and social media.
- Beautification
 - Karen reported a need for volunteers, especially at Ackley Park.
- Education & Environment and Grant update
 - Christine informed group of Earth Day (4/25), encouraged “Adopt a Spot/area” on Bluffs, and discussed four season awareness and perhaps, seasonal tours of the Land Trust.

4). Old Business

- Bench repair/replace
 - Item tabled until Jane returns.
- Rafts removal (letter to Larry Haddad)
 - Jane knows the owner. Board will encourage Jane to deal directly with owner. Per letter, rafts will be removed between 3/1-3/15.

- CLCC Conference 3/21
 - Board approved reimbursement of Board members, potential Board members, and Committee Chairs to attend Conference for professional development.
- Barrier to safeguard Bluffs
 - Emily and Susan will work with Austin Ganim on changing mowing mechanism to push mowers as well as the scope of area to be mowed.
- Austin Ganim – change mowing mechanism and area mowed
 - See above.
- Beach sweeping
 - Susan reported that Jane contacted a beach sweeping company (Jeremy Silver) about sweeping Russian Beach. Discussion ensued about the efficacy of doing so, given the daily changes of the beach.
- Bylaws update to include rotation of Officers' terms & committee expansion
 - Item tabled until Jane returns. Subcommittee will explore updates and improvements to governance and roles.

5). New Business

- John Florian resignation and replacement
 - John explained his willingness to stay involved and continue Calendar and other functions. He recommended a member of the community who, he believes, would be a good fit as his replacement. The Board agreed to reach out to the prospective candidate.
- Events on the Bluffs
 - Discussion ensued regarding the importance of being consistent with the existing policy prohibiting motorized vehicles. The Board approved a policy that would prohibit large catered events that involve large tents, trucks, portable toilets, and ovens. The June event request will be denied, and Emily and Susan will speak with the September event individuals to explore the possibility of moving their event. Language for policy to be fine-tuned.
- Consultation with legal counsel re Task Force Report
 - Emily reported that she, Susan, and Vickie spoke with an attorney regarding the Task Force Report and subsequent recommendation. It was an informative conversation that directed LIA to refashion application for fencing.
- Consultation with Jean Collier re Task Force Report
 - Emily reported that she and Susan met with Jean. The conversation involved how to best approach the Town regarding reducing right of way

in hopes of creating a barrier to safeguard the Bluffs. Emily and Susan will meet again with Jean on February 7, 2026 for follow-up.

- Plans to meet with Town Officials re guardrail fencing permit
 - Meeting with Jean Collier will inform this plan.
- Review insurance coverage for property and Officers
 - Board will review insurance policies. Emily and Susan will provide policies to Vickie and Jen.
- Communication w LFC: Joint communication and Clubhouse
 - Michael Igmanson and Lynda Williams from Lordship Fathers Club extended a willingness to partner with LIA, sharing outreach and supporting each other.

6). Adjournment

- John Florian made a Motion to Adjourn, Emily Viner seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:08p.