

Lordship Improvement Association
Board Meeting
July 8, 2026

MINUTES

In attendance: Vickie Canevari, Susan Birge, Jane Scofield, Emily Viner, John Florian, Karen Kochiss, Christin Griffin

Unable to attend: Marcella Rooney

Others in Attendance: Ken Sorrentino, Jr, and Will Farmer

1. **Call to Order:** President Vickie Canevari called the meeting to order at 7:38pm
2. **Introduction of guests:** Ken Sorrentino, Jr. and Will Farmer, both Lordship residents, described their media and IT backgrounds and presented suggestions for improved web design, sentiment survey, live streaming of Annual Meeting, events and volunteer opportunities on calendar on web, and improving communication from LIA and to LIA. Will Farmer has created a prototype of a survey and requests Board feedback.
3. **Committee Reports**
 - Treasurer: Deferred to Annual Meeting
 - Burgess:
 - Fire Permit issue: Recommendations discussed to have applicant for “Event” be a current member (\$50) and consider end time of 9:30pm. Discussion ensued about fire safety concerns in a residential area. Approval of “Event” application will depend on safety conditions.
 - Communications Report: Discussed YouTube livestream for Annual Meeting. Discussion took place on how to reach those not connected with LIA via some social media. Suggestions included QR code links and idea of a paper newspaper/flyer with updates at the Market/pizza parlor kiosk.
 - Beautification: Deferred to Annual Meeting
 - Education & Environment: Christine requested that the Pollinator Garden be considered as an LIA Garden - unanimous approval for suggestion. Christine also plans to put out a “call” for cardboard at the Annual Meeting – it helps suppress invasives around the Pollinator Garden. Feature Invasive Plants (mug wart) on web and at meetings.

Old Business

- **July Annual Meeting:**
 - Power point Input needed or all set? Jane will oversee Power Point

- Conservationist Anthony Zemba will report on the grant-funded, year-long study of rare, native plants found at the Bluffs, and suggestions for continued conservation. Emily will confirm with speaker.
- Vote on what 2 seats: Discussion ensued about three potential candidates for Board positions. One candidate's background in communications did not align with duties of Communications' position.
- **Bylaws & Board Membership:** Amendment of bylaws to increase voting opportunities given the recent turn-over of several seats/propose a slate of two seats at Annual Meeting passed 3-0.
- **Insurance Application Review:** responses needed-let's get it submitted. Jane will review and submit/verify financial information.
- **Invasive Knotweed Removal:** Jane met with the Knot King Guy for a quote. Second quote needed. Tabled
- **Dune Fencing Repairs:** need volunteers/committee to oversee repairs of dune fencing. Tabled
- **Simplified Event Form:** Discussed updates to simplify the process for community members to hold events on the bluffs. Discussed under Burgess Report
- **Summer Initiatives:** Group working on seasonal Bluffs ecosystem walks & education, historical and family-oriented activities, including clean-ups, and Earth Day. Tabled
- **250th Anniversary Tree Planting:** Jane, Sue, and Karen to lead effort to coordinate with Town officials for commemorative trees to be planted across Lordship in recognition of the town's 250th anniversary. Discussed that trees need to be thicker when planted and planted in fall so have a better chance of surviving. Jane proposed a Blue Spruce for the trolley stop circle to decorate going forward for the holiday season. Group to work with Lordship School on coordinating student involvement in selection, placement, and planting of trees. Tabled
- **Seawall Beautification:** Sammis Park flagpole currently managed by the Waterfront Commission. Need Lordship resident to manage flag raising. Tabled

New Business:

- **Community Communications:** Need strategic communications outreach plan that emphasizes what volunteers have accomplished and current activity, as well as the goals of the Board going forward. Tabled
- **New Committee Creation:** Committees discussed for July annual meeting seeking volunteers:
 - Event Committee;
 - Advocacy Committee;
 - Conservation and Beautification Committee;
 - Hospitality Committee to welcome those new to Lordship and to the LIA;
 - Membership Committee;
 - Beach Committee;

- Board Emeritus Advisory Committee comprised of former board members to provide historic guidance and advice.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.