

May 2026 Meeting Minutes

Here are the minutes for the exec board meeting, the member meeting, and the board by-law meeting:

Executive Board meeting - Monday May 18- 4:00 pm on Zoom

Present: Judy, Alice, Mary, Ralph, Lynn S, Helen (who had trouble with her connection), Lynn M, Tania

- 1) **Judy** provided an agenda and we started addressing the field trip. Judy will bring a sign up sheet to Wednesday's meeting to help members to offer or request rides. We will collect \$15 for the field trip during the next two meeting or at Landcraft. Arrival at Landcraft is 10 am.
- 2) **Judy** reported that the logo items company is out of business. We will ask **Kathy** about another company.
- 3) **Judy and Lynn S** will go to Kurt Weiss tomorrow morning at 10:30. **Kathy** offered some plants as well.
- 4) **Alice** reported that we have 52 members. **Alice and Judy** will lead a new membership ceremony welcome at the Post Morrow picnic.
- 5) The proposed field trip for next year can take place, but no official presentation can be made. Also, Old Westbury Gardens or Long House are still possibilities.
- 6) Thursday was set as a Zoom meeting for the board to discuss the By-Law committee's effort. There was a discussion about whether the President or Vice President should be responsible for obtaining meeting venues. **Tania and Mary** will attend to explain the work that they and **Tom and Lorraine** did.
- 7) The plant sale next month will take place at **Tania's** starting at 9 am. Members can bring their plants to Tania's up to a week in advance and by 9 on meeting day. Clean pots and labels are necessary and cash only will be accepted. Using potting soil is recommended. **Helen and Tania** give members a summary on Wednesday. **Mary** will bring change to the plant sale.

The plant sale will begin at 10 am. Starting at 12 pm on Tuesday, the board will gather at **Tania's** for lunch (bring what you want to drink) and to set up tables and price plants. We need to figure out who will bring tables. The meeting ended at 5:40 pm.

Membership Meeting- Wednesday May 20 ,10 am Medford Library

Judy made the following announcements:

- Thanks for member hospitality contributions for another great breakfast table- contributions appreciated.
- The Landcraft field trip is \$15-accepting money now. Sign up to come and give driving status. Bring money for shop. Lunch place TBD.
- Photo contest is closing on June 3. Don't forget to vote!
- Please make an effort to talk to fellow members!
- August meeting is at Post Morrow.

Helen and Tania gave the following information about the plant sale:

- At Tania's at 9:00 to drop off plants. Sale will start at 10.

- Plants can be dropped off a week in advance at Tania's.
- Plants must be in clean pots and labeled. Potting soil would be great, but members can use potting soil when transplanting for best garden practice.
- Breakfast will be provided.

Alice introduced new members.

Doreen Monteleone, Master Gardener, Bayard Cutting volunteer, and Hort Society official gave a funny and informative talk on figs. History and understanding of the many varieties and geographical distribution was provided. Follow-up questions demonstrated the obvious interest of the audience.

Raffle tickets were purchased and the great selection of plants purchased by Judy and Lynn and donated by Bob VanDyke found new homes.

By-Law Meeting Thursday May 21, 1:00 pm on Zoom

Present: Mary, Tania, Lynn S, Ralph, Judy, Lynn M, Alice

Tania and Mary explained the by-law revisions that the committee introduced at a meeting with Tom and Lorraine. The most important changes were

- 1) a clarification of the Vice President position to include a mandatory committee to set venue and program
- 2) the setting of some specific deadlines for audits, by-law revisions , andn dues requirements.
- 3) dues payment directly to membership director.
- 4) the elimination of a past president board position.

Discussion about how

- a) meeting minutes
- b) a list of member phone numbers, addresses, and e-mails
- c) the by-laws

Can be distributed to members resulted in Judy offering to call Kathy to help. The by-laws can be accepted when this information is available. We are shooting for the September meeting for a membership vote. The by-laws need to be ready to go out at least 10 days before the meeting, but no more than 30 days before.