

End Of Summer Meeting Highlights And Actions

End of Summer Meeting – Detailed Summary

Date: August 24, 2025 **Attendees:** Quorum present

I. Opening and Welcome

- Meeting called to order noting quorum.
 - Chair offered opening remarks, emphasizing the successful and well-attended summer, especially appreciating the Social Committee and the new chair, Bonnie.
 - Reminded community regarding **construction moratorium**: - **No construction between Memorial Day and Labor Day** (correcting original mention of only July 4th–Labor Day) - Urged all to be respectful of seasonal residents' need for peace.
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II. Main Topics Discussed

A. Town Happenings

1. Community Center Proposals

- Public hearing on potential new community center **held**; - **Architect presented three options**: \$15M, \$25M, and \$30M - General consensus: projects beautifully designed but unaffordable; will likely not proceed at current scope.
- Location: Ren Park (behind library on Daisy Road)

2. Speed Bumps and Traffic Safety

- Issue: Speeding in beach associations; four associations petitioning for speed bumps: - **Chapman Beach** - Grove Beach - West Beach - Middle Beach
- Fire Department opposition: Concerned about emergency access.
- Ongoing correspondence with fire department to clarify preference for **temporary (not permanent) speed bumps**.
- Other alternatives discussed: - Unmanned police cars deployed periodically - Movable gates - Traffic cameras (could generate revenue)
- Action: A delegate is researching speed bump-related options.

3. Stop and No Parking Signs

- Town will begin adjusting stop signs to required height (**7 feet** bottom-of-sign to ground), correcting those too high/too low (some at 9 feet).
- No new information on no parking signs; to be checked in previous communications.

4. Outlet Mall Redevelopment

- DEP filing completed and paid.
- Now in consideration phase; community split between supporting increased tax base and those preferring small-town character.

5. Downtown Septic Proposal

- Original plan: **51 properties**, total cost **\$13M–\$15M**, would require tax hike/bonding.
- Alternative being explored: **Limit to worst area** (Westbrook Place), **cost \$2M**, to be presented to public.

6. School Building Roofs

- Approach shifted to **phased replacement as needed**, paid by capital fund, avoiding large-scale bonding.

7. Transfer Station Scale Building

- Within weeks: New weighing system for transfer station users (residents/commercial).
- Rate: **Approx \$0.10/lb** for demolition/masonry waste to reduce abuse (esp. by out-of-town contractors).
- Residential landscaping waste (e.g., grass clippings) **not subject to charges**.

8. School Landscaping

- Now handled by a **third-party contractor** for cost savings.

9. Golf Cart Use

- Reminded: Illegal on public roads in Connecticut, despite increased usage observed over the summer.

10. Policing and Sidewalks

- Two new police officers hired.
- Sidewalk projects: - **Bellstone to Riverview: Construction starts in fall.** - **Chapman to Sabre Glen: Design phase.** - **Goodspeed to Old Forge: Engineering starting;** \$1.9M grant received. - Old sidewalk repairs: West Pond Rd and Economy Dr.

11. Singing Bridge Repairs

- Scheduled after **Labor Day 2026**: - Redecing, painting, rust removal, potential road/lane closures, ramp changes. - In collaboration with DOT.

12. Westbrook Ambulance

- Financial issues; details omitted, but ongoing efforts to rectify costs/payments.

13. Coastal Resiliency Committee

- Recently formed, first meeting held; committee considering hiring a consultant. Report expected in spring 2026.
- John Riggio highlighted as key knowledgeable member.

14. Displaced Persons (Homelessness)

- Police will remove individuals from ball fields so games can continue.
- Social services offered and seeking solutions.

B. Council of Beaches

1. Food Drive Leadership Needed

- Tony stepping down after many years.
- Request: Volunteers sought to organize next July's drive; Tony willing to mentor new leader.

2. Holiday Events

- Potential Council of Beaches float for **Christmas Tree Lighting and Parade.**

3. YMCA Garden Partnership

- Council co-sponsors the YMCA Garden.
- Milestone: 1,000 pounds of produce delivered to Westbrook Food Pantry this year.

C. Financial Report

1. General Status

- Audit of books completed by Christine Hartman – no issues.
- Transition: Jim continues as treasurer; Lori Petrucco now tax collector.

2. Memorial Donations

- \$75 donation to food bank for past member; \$25 for recent passing (Bud Kane).
- Proposal and **motion passed** to increase donations for deceased members from **\$25 to \$100** (see Action Items).

3. Budget Overview (2024-2025 Fiscal Year)

- Budgeted: \$32,364
- Spent: \$17,460
- Remaining: ~\$15,000
- Last year finished under budget; similar expectations for this year.

4. Income & Assets

- All taxes paid except one property (\$447 outstanding; owner contacted).
- Projected income will increase as CD matures in October.
- Current holdings: - **Liquid checking:** \$22,700 - **Money market:** \$44,632 - **CD matures October** - **T-bill matures July 2026** - **Misc. cash:** \$1,400 - Total net worth: \$111,000 (up \$7,000 from last year).

5. Investments

- Managed via Schwab; focus is on capital preservation, currently receiving interest rates in **4.7–5.1%** range.
- CD rollover planned in October.

6. Insurance

- Paid **\$5,500**, one of largest annual expenses; currently stable.

D. Committee Reports

1. Social Committee (Bonnie)

- Outstanding year recognized, with special thanks to Bonnie for creative, dedicated leadership.
- Events funded within budget; special note of **\$745** donation/profit from Tumblr sales and tie dye event.

2. Beach Committee (Steve)

- End-of-Season: **All chairs/kayaks/equipment must be removed from beach by** October 31; leftover items will be yard-saled for the association.
- Fence: Successfully reduced trespassing and maintained order.
- Flagpole: Materials purchased for re-rigging; repairs scheduled immediately after the meeting.
- Book Nook: To be taken down for winter by Jeff at end of October.

3. Beautification Committee

- Not present (Joanne out with COVID); noted increase in weeds.
- Plan to organize a volunteer work day for cleanup.
- Specific request: Triangle near sign needs pruning to improve sign visibility; a call to Docks crew suggested.

E. Old and New Business

1. Crosswalk and Path Issues

- Location: Specific path where children cross, obscured by high plants.
- Action: Committee will paint crosswalk lines and update signage (no bikes/scooters).
- Resident concerns: Overgrown path between Trolley and Lilac impedes beach access, especially for those with visual impairments; Steve Smith will trim bushes and walk with resident for evaluation.
- ADA suggestion: Explore whether an ADA accommodation could allow improvements (currently stone/gravel not allowed due to wetland restrictions). Volunteer to research ADA-based request.

2. Memorial Donation Amounts

- Motion to raise consistent donation for deceased members from \$25 to \$100 **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** after brief discussion.

3. Book Nook and Flagpole

- Reminder: Book nook removal by end of October.
- Immediate repair scheduled for flagpole today.

III. Action Items

1. Construction Restrictions: Continued reminders—no construction Memorial Day to Labor Day; reinforce via email/newsletter.
2. Speed Bumps: Assigned delegate will continue working with fire department and town on temporary solutions.
3. Stop Signs: Monitor progress of stop sign height corrections throughout town.
4. Outlet Mall: Track public input and consideration process as redevelopment moves to next phase.
5. Sidewalk Projects: Monitor progress, especially as fall and grant-funded phases begin.
6. Beautification: - Organize weed cleanup/workday (coordinate with Joanne). - Prune triangle area for improved sign visibility (coordinate with Docks crew).
7. Access Path: - Steve Smith to clear overgrowth near Trolley/Lilac. - Investigate ADA accommodation feasibility for path improvement.
8. Memorial Donations: Update protocol for future association memorial donations to \$100.
9. Book Nook: Arrange for October removal and safe storage.

10. Flagpole: Complete repairs ASAP (materials on hand).
11. Crosswalk: Paint and sign area near problematic crossing; reinforce no bikes/scooters rule.
12. Food Drive: Solicit volunteers to take over leadership, with Tony's guidance, for July 2026.
13. CD Investments: Treasurer to review rates upon October CD maturity; seek best available rate for new investment.

IV. Follow-up / Next Meeting

- Coastal Resiliency Committee: Second meeting to be scheduled in a couple weeks; larger report expected spring 2026.
- Workday for Beautification: To be scheduled soon; communicate via email.
- ADA Path Improvement: Volunteer to consult town and report back.
- Next regular meeting: Not specified; expected in spring or as separately scheduled.

V. Closing

- Meeting adjourned by 11:30am; unanimous agreement.
 - General consensus: Committees running smoothly, no major issues outstanding.
 - Thanks extended to all committee members for their dedicated service.
 - Encouragement to enjoy the rest of the summer/fall.
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Transcript

Meeting Chair: All right, you guys, it looks like we have a quorum, so we'll get started here with our end of summer meeting. We'll get some updates from the committees. Mr. Koza, I'm speaking. Put him in the front of the class. It's not time for your update yet, so I just want to say a few quick things, then we'll go around and get committee updates. If there's new business, we'll have time for that as well. Great summer. I mean, this is, you know, the social committee. I can't even say enough for you guys. Just, I mean. **Bonnie:** Oh, there's Bonnie. Yay. I'm glad you made it. You don't want to miss this. **Meeting Chair:** I mean, I know there's a lot of people that made all these events special, but, I mean, Bonnie, you took this to a whole new level this year, and it's incredible. So thank you. Well, you. I mean, you led the charge, stepped up this year as a new chair, and, I mean, it was just amazing. You know, from the tie dye party to the party, it just. Everything was fantastic. I don't have too much else in new business. I mean, it was a great summer. Glad to see everyone was down here a lot, you know, enjoyed everything. I remind you, please do not. You know, I'm going to keep reminding. We do not allow construction between 4th of July and Labor Day. Please. Because for some of your neighbors that are only down here on the weekends or down here one week of the summer, this is their time. This is their peaceful time. Please be respectful of your neighbors. I'm. I'm asking you very kindly to do this. And it's Memorial Day to Labor Day, right? I just said Fourth of July. I thought it was July 1st. Oh, okay. I think it's July. **Bonnie:** It's July. **Meeting Chair:** Just in the middle of the summer. Please don't do construction. Please, please, please be courteous. Be nice to your neighbors. We all live close together. With that now, I will turn it over to Tony for anything. Town happenings. **Tony:** Maybe to mention is there was a public hearing on what the architect came up with for the town's community center, and there was three options, and it was 15 million, 25 million, 30 million. They were all beautiful, but can't afford any of them. **Meeting Chair:** Right. **Tony:** So I think that's going to go down positive. **Jim:** It's going to go down. **Meeting Chair:** Anything else on the speed bumps? **Jim:** Yeah. **Sandy:** Where's the community meeting supposed to be? The community building. **Bonnie:** Pardon? **Sandy:** Where would the community building be? **Tony:** Ren park, which is behind on the. **Jim:** Side of Daisy, as you Go down. **Tony:** The road by the library. **Steve:** The casualties. **Meeting Chair:** Like there are the speed bumps. And did any more of that come Cindy parking sign. That's okay. Yeah, I know it's. We got, we got a lot of updates. It's all good. If Cindy's got it for the council of Beaches, then we'll lay it on us for council of beaches. **Bonnie:** Tony, pitch in anytime you'd like to. Okay. So, yeah. So there was an issue with the stop signs throughout the town. Some of them were too tall, some of them were too short. They're supposed to be seven feet from the ground, from the ground to the bottom of the sign. So in some cases they're going to be going around town and changing that. It's the town's responsibility to do that. Some of them were nine feet high. I don't know what their thinking was. So I don't know if that answered your question fully yet. But they also talked about speed bumps. Speed bumps. So there's about four beach associations that really have complaints about people speaking speeding through their streets. And they're really putting a push on trying to get speed bumps. The fire department not too thrilled about it because of their machinery trying to get to people in emergencies. So, you know, letters going back and forth between the town council of beaches, but basically Chapman Beach, Grove Beach, west beach and Middle beach want this effort to go forward. And there's a delegate, they've delegated someone to look at this issue. And Kimberly Bennett from the fire department wrote

a letter back saying not really our thing, but they're writing another letter back saying, you're misunderstanding us. We don't want permanent speed bumps. We want temporary speed bumps so we can remove them and then possibly having someone sit there with an unmanned police car once in a while. So that's still really an issue. There's other alternative methods that they talked about besides unmanned police crews or possibly movable gates in their beach associations, possibly traffic cameras to take pictures and ticket issued to the violators by mail. And it also creates a revenue stream for the town. So some people were thinking, that's a great idea. So that was regarding speak ups. I have more regarding council beaches if you'd like. Me? **Meeting Chair:** Yeah, keep going. Was there anything on the no parking signs? Did they talk about that? **Bonnie:** I. I don't have anything else on the no parking side. **Meeting Chair:** I thought there was something in your email. Maybe I misread it about no parking. I was thinking, no, I don't remember that. But I can go back and look. I can, too. All right, so Outlet mall redevelopment. **Bonnie:** They are moving forward and the DEP filing is complete and paid for. So now they move forward to the consideration phase. Consideration. From what I'm gathering, half the people in town are for it, Half the. **Meeting Chair:** People are not for it. **Bonnie:** People not for it don't want this town to be any bigger. They like the small town effect. The people for it are saying, hey, we need something to help our tax base. **Meeting Chair:** Will it? **Bonnie:** We don't know, Maybe, maybe not. But it looks like it might be going forward. They're also talking about the downtown septic proposal. The original proposal included 51 properties in the center of the town which would have cost between between 13 and 15 million, requiring the raising of taxes and bonding. Therefore, another option is being looked at at which they will include only the worst area located at Westbrook Place at a cost of 2 million which will be brought forward to the public. Okay, so Tony reported on the community center school roofs. After consultation with professionals and in order to avoid bonding, that would be required to do all roofs at the same time. Instead they will be done in an order of an as needed basis and paid for under their capital fund transfer station scale building. Within the next few weeks, residential and commercial users of the transfer station will be weighed going in and out of the facility and paid by the pound for demolition and masonry waste in order to cut down on an abuse primarily by contractors, some of which are suspected to be from out of town, who are passing the cost onto the town for the disposal. The approximate cost will be around 10 cents a pound or thereabouts. It is not expected that resident homeowners will have to pay for things such as grass clippings and the like. Landscaping is going to be performed at the schools by a third party which they've secured, which will save the town money. And a use of golf carts. The use of golf carts on public roads is illegal in Connecticut. I don't know about you. I've seen a lot more this summer. **Meeting Chair:** There are a lot this summer. **Bonnie:** I don't know what they're gonna do, but two new police officers were hired this year. So that's. That's great. And there's some sidewalk proposals. I can't remember if we covered this before in a program prior meeting, but you're going to be working on Bellstone to Riverview. That's going to start in the fall. Chapman to Sabre. Glen is still in the designing phase. Good speed. To Old Forge Starting the engineering 1.9 million grant has been received for this. And old sidewalks currently being fixed on West Pond Road and Economy Drive. Oh, the Singing Bridge. I'm always interested to what's going on with this thing. Repairs are expected after Labor Day in 2026, which include the re decking, paint, rust removal. Road or lane closures may be required in the fall, which includes the bridge changes and moving ramps. Are in talks with the DOT and then Westbrook Ambulance. They have an issue going on. I won't go into detail with that. Yeah, they're. They're working on them to rectify an issue they have with costs and payments. Coastal Resiliency, it's a newly appointed committee. It started meeting. Tony, you're gonna have to tell me what's going on more with that one because our rep was not at the last meeting and I know that there was a report that came out. Would you like to take it from here? **Meeting Chair:** Yeah. **Tony:** You know, we started looking at what we're going to do. We're trying. We're trying to decide whether we're going to get a consultant to help us or. John Riggio is on the committee and he's really good. He knows the people who do good. He understands things. Shovels. Shovels in the ground. **Jim:** So we're working on that. **Tony:** We've only had one meeting so far. We're going to set our second meeting, couple weeks. So, you know, have a lot more to report on in the spring. **Bonnie:** Watching that. And then displaced person issue. So there's homeless people in the town. There have been some issues with homeless persons residing in the ball fields and town parks. The police will be removing the folks from the little league fields so that the games can continue. Social services are being offered and solutions are sought. And then a couple of things. Council of Beaches is looking for someone to take over the food drive. Tony's been doing that for I don't know how many years now since it started. **Jim:** I don't know. **Bonnie:** And he's. He's looking for someone to help him. So if there's anyone interested. Tony said he will be glad to sit with that person and go over everything he has done. So the hunger and food drive for next July is when it's slated. They'd love someone to volunteer for that. There's also Christmas tree lighting and parade. They might have a little Council Beaches. **Meeting Chair:** Might have a little float in it. **Bonnie:** Council Beaches also has a YMCA garden. Michael Testati reported that to date, a thousand pounds of produce from that garden has been delivered to the Westbrook Food Pantry. And Council Beaches is co sponsor of that. That's about it for me right now, anyone else questions? **Meeting Chair:** That was a great update, Cindy. Holy cow. I mean, that was really. **Jeanine:** That was a zoom. **Bonnie:** That was a lot. **Meeting Chair:** But we appreciate it. Cause those of us that are not here, like, we don't know what's going on in the town. And this is really great. That was a. Oh, my God. Between Cindy and Tony, we are covered. I love it. I love it. All right, we're gonna turn over to Jim. The only thing before Jim starts, you can see I put in the agenda. The audit of the books was completed by Christine Hartman. And Jim is not cooking the books. We're

in good shape. And exciting news for Jim at Lori Petrucco. Is Lori here? No, she's taking over as tax collector. So Jim is getting a break from half of his duties. So we're excited about that. We're not letting him go anywhere on the. On the treasurer part. **Jim:** But I think she's trying to skip town. But I know where she lives. **Meeting Chair:** Yeah, exactly. **Jim:** She's not getting away from. **Meeting Chair:** Exactly. So Jim will let you do the financial update. And Jim, thanks for doing it all these years. **Jim:** Okay, just a couple things. First, we got a thank you letter for the \$75 memorial donation to the food bank from our. From the people that passed away over the winter. And I sent in a new one for \$25 for Bud Kane's passing just recently. So that's that. The budget report here. I'll just go down really quick to the first column. Budgeted. We are budget. Go down the total. We are budgeted 32,364 for this fiscal year. And we spent 17,460. And we still have a difference. We still have basically \$15,000. So everything is on. Pretty much on a good trajectory. Last year we came in under budget. I anticipate it's probably going to be the same thing this year. I'll go up to the income all tax. Getting back to the tax collector. All taxes were paid except for one person. And I sent them a note. **Meeting Chair:** Time to break some legs. **Jim:** Yeah. So if you go to the right on the taxes over to all the way to the right on the income portion of it. Those bold numbers, those are what were in deficits. So the taxes, the 447 is from one property. I don't anticipate that that's going to be a problem. Getting that payment in the interest. We budgeted \$2,000 and so we get monthly dividend checks. Two months worth was 221. But we'll also get a bigger pot when like One of these CDs matures in October. So anyways, we'll be getting more income, so I project that to be on. So the budgeting is solid. And now going down to the assets down in the bottom left hand corner in our liquid checking, that's bills being paid and stuff coming in, we got 22,700. In our money market, which is totally liquid, we got 44,632 is still getting a decent percentage rate. We have a CD maturing in October, we have a T bill maturing next July, and we have some miscellaneous cash, 1400. So the total in our gross, our net worth right now is 111,000, which was \$7,000 more than last year at this time. So sometimes it's a flux, depending on how bills come in. Last year we got hit a lot with a couple projects and storms on the beach. But anyways, we're doing Good. I think 111 is about probably the highest that we've had since I've been around. But anyways, it's a. It's a good number to be at. And everybody on the committees is doing a good job and managing their budget pretty much. And we've had nothing really out of whack. I mean, the insurance didn't really. You know, sometimes you wonder about the insurance, but it's staying. You know, we paid 5,500. That's one of our biggest expenses. So that hasn't been too bad. And the taxes are still good, but so I think we're doing good as far as that. Does anybody have any questions on that report? **Meeting Chair:** Okay, good. **Bonnie:** Jim, question. **Meeting Chair:** Yes. **Bonnie:** So when the CD matures, do you shop it around at other banks? **Meeting Chair:** Do you leave it? **Jim:** No. Well, yeah. Well, Schwab is kind of our money manager, so they offer a host of different things. And we had a financial committee that kind of sat down investment, and we decided capital preservation is our thing. So for a couple years after we first decided that we were getting nothing in return because the CDs, the T bills were like nothing, the money markers were nothing. But now there's something. I mean, so right now we're getting 4.7 or 5.1. I don't know what's going to be available in October with this financial. You just never know. But, but the bottom line is we're kind of. We're preserving our capital for when we need it. And we're not hitting a home run with Nvidia stock. I mean, unfortunately, but you never know what that's going to go up and down so we're very conservative. And so to answer your question, in the end of October, something will come up. I'll make some inquiries with the rest of the. And probably we'll get into another CD and it'll be somewhere. It might not be 5.1, but it should be in the high fours. Anyways. I mean, we'll see. Any other questions? And I think that's it for me. **Meeting Chair:** Okay. We will move on to the committee reports. We'll start with you, Bonnie, if you've got anything for the social committee. **Bonnie:** No, I don't. **Meeting Chair:** That's okay. **Bonnie:** That's okay. **Jeanine:** You gave it all. **Meeting Chair:** You gave it all. Thank you. **Jeanine:** Thank you again. **Meeting Chair:** Okay. **Bonnie:** All right. We're gonna. **Meeting Chair:** Yes. Oh, I did not. Bonnie did make a very nice donation back to us from all of her Tumblr sales. And all of the. It's covered the tie dye project, which was good. It was \$745. Yeah. So, thanks, you guys. **Jim:** So Bonnie's hard work brought that money back into our budget. **Meeting Chair:** Yes. Which was awesome. Yeah, absolutely. Yeah. **Jim:** That's in the spring. Hold that thought. **Meeting Chair:** Yeah, that'll be our spring thing. Well, the good thing was we were able to pull it all off with the budget we have. So, I mean, just everybody getting creative, you know. It was really great. Yeah. Thank you so much, Bonnie. Beach committee. Steve, I'm gonna turn that over to you. I put chairs and kayaks off the beach by 10:31. **Steve:** You took my whole speech. **Meeting Chair:** I'm sorry. **Bonnie:** I wasn't sure if you're going to. **Meeting Chair:** Be stuck on Black Island. I wasn't sure if you'd ever get back. **Steve:** I do apologize in advance because my report will not be as. As exotic and entertaining as Cindy's and Tony cut back to follow up. But, yeah, like. Like the agenda says everybody could just have their materials off the beach by the end of October. After that, we'll have a yard sale sale. Profits go to the association, of course. Let's see. I guess the fence worked out pretty good. We had very little on the way of beach guard this year, and I think it worked out just fine. Unless anybody thought otherwise. **Meeting Chair:** Yeah. Jeff's not here, but I would give him a huge shout out. And I know you guys helped him. Jim helped. I think you might have helped, like, getting that all put together now. So we don't have the black. I mean, it looks great and, you know, it's doing its job. **Bonnie:** Well. **Meeting Chair:** Jeff. Jeff was a little handier, so we. **Jim:** Were trying to let the roses grow. They never grew big enough. **Bonnie:** Right. **Meeting Chair:** That's right. Nothing keeps people out like a fence, right? True. It is. Yes. **Steve:** Jim did a great job. **Meeting Chair:** Thank you. And Jeff is not here, but I will tell. He did let me know that the materials have been purchased to re rig the

flagpole. I guess the flag is down because. **Jim:** I have the materials and we're supposed to do this afternoon. **Meeting Chair:** Oh, good. **Bonnie:** Perfect. **Meeting Chair:** And just so you know, the book nook will come down. Jeff will take that down probably the end of October so it stays nice and doesn't get all yucky. So if it's missing, it wasn't stolen. It was just taken down. Joanne is not here for the beautification committee. I know. A couple people have mentioned to me that we're seeing some weeds, so I'm going to talk to Joanne about getting a workday going together so we can hopefully get that cleaned up. Anyone want to give anything on the beautification committee? Any updates that I don't know. Joanne's got Covid, so she couldn't make it, which I appreciate. She kept that right down that way. **Jim:** Well, I think somebody should call up docs because that triangle needs to be pruned so we can see our beautiful sign there. **Meeting Chair:** Okay. **Jim:** And. Well, we brought the sign up as high as it could go, so unless we move the post now. But it just needs to be trimmed. **Meeting Chair:** Okay. **Jim:** It's a simple call. **Meeting Chair:** Okay. Yeah, yeah. All the rain we had, everything's growing like crazy. Any other old business before I open it up for new business? It's a quiet group. New business. **Bonnie:** Oh, go ahead. **Meeting Chair:** Yeah. **Jeanine:** Last year I suggested that this little place right here where kids might. **Meeting Chair:** Oh, we were going to make it into a crosswalk. **Jeanine:** Yeah. Or put the signs up, and I noticed they got down at the other end. I just wanted to make sure we're. **Meeting Chair:** Still going to do something that. Yeah, let me put that back on. **Jeanine:** Anything? It's just those big, tall plants. You cannot see children. And they might be on a. **Meeting Chair:** We did talk about painting that. Yeah. **Tony:** He said it's okay if we do. **Meeting Chair:** Yeah, I know. We talked about it, and then it just. If we do it. Yeah. Well, we're just gonna paint in the street the white. Like, so it's a crosswalk. And notice the sign is back up. So I do strongly encourage you. No bikes, no scooters. And even though it doesn't say. I think it doesn't say scooters, but you get the idea. Nothing with wheels, please, on that. On that path in the middle. It just. We tried it and it got too crazy. **Sandy:** I think there's been some renters that have had children, and the kids ride their bikes off. **Meeting Chair:** They do. And the thing is, is before the sign wasn't there, we did have an incident where a member said something to them and said, you know, you can't. And they were like, so what? It doesn't say we can't. So now it does. So, you know. And, you know, if you have renters, please remind them that no riding down there, it's, you know, ride around on the street. **Jeanine:** Did you see the email from Jeanine? **Meeting Chair:** I did. That's gonna come into new business. And I already have an answer. Okay. Steve's already helped me out with that. All right. So under new business, I have in the crosswalk. I'm consider that new business, too, because we forgot about that. There was a question about the path over here that goes between Trolley and Lilac, and Steve Smith has graciously agreed to trim the bushes back. So it's handled. Oh, okay. Because Jeanine just sent me a picture this morning. She had a question about it. So. Well, I don't even. Not even exactly sure, to be honest with you, where that path is, but I will walk down there and look at it. **Jim:** I will walk you back here. **Meeting Chair:** Okay. So I can see what's down there. But know that we are addressing it. You know, I apologize that it's been hard for you guys to get through there to get to the beach. So we will. That's association property. We'll make it happen. **Sandy:** There's always been some trouble there with lots of roots and trees growing. And we spoke many years ago about putting some stone down in that area. Sandy has grandchildren that have visual impairments. It would be nice if we could have something that would make it safer for the water. **Meeting Chair:** Well, the stones, we can't. Steve has already addressed that. **Steve:** A couple years ago, when we put in stone, the town pretty much said, don't ever do it again. Because. Because it is wetlands and we're not allowed to fill it in. **Sandy:** What if we write something about the Americans with Disabilities act and make some sort of case for that? They give us an accommodation. **Steve:** If you can do that, go nuts. **Meeting Chair:** That would be great. We have a project for you. Let's talk. **Jim:** Okay. **Meeting Chair:** Yeah. I mean, you can certainly try and ask the town, but. **Steve:** And mysterious things happen in the winter, right? **Bonnie:** I love you, Steve. **Sandy:** The town doesn't necessarily know about that. We know there's one person that doesn't tattle on us anymore, unfortunately. **Bonnie:** We had a chattel. **Meeting Chair:** Yeah. Whatever happens over there, Just let's be quiet about it. So that's fine, but we are addressing it for those folks that are impacted by it. Any other new business? **Jim:** I have new business. **Meeting Chair:** Okay, you have new business. **Jim:** The memorial donations have been, I don't know how long they've been. \$25 every time somebody from the association passes. We used to make a donation to the ambulance service, which made a lot of sense at the time, but as most people know, it's a financial mess over there. So we switched it up to the food pantry. But I'm writing out these checks for \$25. It requires their staff to write a letter. Back pay for a 75 cent stamp. That seems a little meager to me. I feel like maybe we should up it to \$50 donation. It's not going to impact the budget hardly at all. I mean, right now we're budgeted for \$300. It seems like we hardly ever get to that. So if we went from \$25 to \$50, say, I mean, you're only talking about maybe 100 or \$150 at the most, extra in a yearly budget. **Bonnie:** So. **Jim:** So that would be my motion that we. **Meeting Chair:** Let's make a motion. **Jim:** I made the motion that we increase it to \$50. **Meeting Chair:** Second. **Steve:** Can we discuss it, or is that come after that? **Jim:** No, right now. **Meeting Chair:** Do you want to discuss with how. **Steve:** Much our association has and how infrequently we have to make the donations? Why not make it a hundred dollars? **Meeting Chair:** I'm hoping that it's not going to happen now for a while. Right. I know. Please. I feel like I was the bearer of bad tidings day after day. **Steve:** If I go, I hope it's. **Meeting Chair:** Yeah. Does anyone have thoughts on that? I mean. So we have a second motion. You want to make a motion to make it 100. Second that motion. Yeah, I second that motion. We have plenty of money, and. And then we're not going to be having to do this again over and over again. So I agree. So we take a vote on \$100 now for memorial. Are you going to go for

200? No, I'm just kidding. **Jim:** Well, yeah, I could defer the motion, you know, to the amended emotion. So you're amending the motion to 100 then it needs a second somebody seconded. Okay, so I think we're voting on that now. **Meeting Chair:** All right, so we're voting on 100. All in favor of upping our memorial donations to 100? Any opposed? Okay, motion passes. That was easy. It's like a. Like a. Like a bidding war. Here. **Jeanine:** No poker night. **Meeting Chair:** Yeah. Oh. Oh. Anything else on new business? Anything anyone wants to say or we're gonna get back and enjoy this beautiful day here today. Woohoo. **Jim:** Look at that. Not even one half an hour. **Meeting Chair:** I know. I knew it was gonna be quick cuz we've, you know, this is a good one. We're, we're in good shape. We got all the committees humming along and we will take care of the bushes being cut in the island. We'll work on the crosswalk, we'll work on the beautification, flag poles being fixed, get your chairs and kayaks off the beach and that's it. Have a great fall. Motion to adjourn. All right. Yeah. Motion to adjourn.