

Meeting Summary – August 26, 2025

Attendees

- Trustees: Steve Berwanger, Steve Carroll (Treasurer), Marianne Payne (Vice President), Beth (2nd VP), Ed Kirkwood (Secretary and other roles), Kathleen, Betsy

1. Minutes Approval

- The minutes from the last meeting (likely July 19, 2025) were approved unanimously after clarification of the date.

2. Main Topics Discussed

A. Shed Rules & Village Bylaws

- Discussion about different villages' rules for sheds, prompted by recent confusion spread through village email/posts
- Clarified that each village adheres to its own bylaws regarding sheds
- No permanent structures allowed without building department permitting, but in this jurisdiction permanent sheds are a non-issue.
- Sizing comparisons made (max allowed is two 3x5x6 sheds if on firm footing and abutted to building).

B. "HillTopics" Newsletter Transition & Publishing Contract

- Issues with current workflow involving late proofs and repeated requests for last-minute changes (e.g., flyers and edits from Debbie and Mary).
- Publishing rep (Kevin, Senior Publishing Company) reviewed history and future changes:
 - o Return to offset press, slightly smaller finished size, lower resolution.

- o No more rebate/payment to the community for distribution as before (costs too high).
- o Will retain Vanessa for newsletter layout/production.
- o New contract starts November 1, 2025.
- o Plan for 8 color pages per issue, with possibility of more depending on advertising revenue.

C. Residence Club Transitions

- Ongoing confusion about Residence Club leadership (resignations, overlapping president/treasurer roles).
- Last day of president Mark: August 29, 2025; no successor yet named.
- Club meeting for September 9 in limbo; confusion about whether meeting and dog demonstration are canceled (contradictory info from Iris and Mark).
- Concerns raised about club continuity and the need to maintain money-making events (dance, flea market, bingo kitchen).
- Discussion about possibly hiring a part-time kitchen manager to enable events during Residence Club instability.

D. upcoming needed projects

- Erosion on the sidewalk/steps near the new sidewalk—plan to build a stone "berm."
- Exploration of new picnic tables (two new ones to start) and potential issues with theft. (umbrellas only as requested).\

E. Website Issues

- Ongoing issues with email routing and bouncebacks (old Comcast email still live, catching unrelated spam or missing queries).
- Plan to move to a catch-all email for fail-safe admin contact.
- Mike, the web admin, is to fix this.

F. Scheduling & Upcoming Events

- Conflict between September 27 Senior Jubilee and previously penciled-in Association social.
- Decision: Move Association Boards get-together to October (tentative for October 8, 2025, 10:00am–12:00pm, light refreshments, all villages Boards to be invited).