

Landscape Committee Meeting
Thursday, May 14, 2026
Chimney Hill Owners Association

CALL TO ORDER

The Committee met at the Chimney Hill Clubhouse. Carol Sewall, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. The following Committee members attended: Anne Saracino, Roseann Adams, Patty Small, Michele Tieniber, Kathleen Comeau, Barbara Silver, and Elaine Ahnell.

MINUTES

The minutes from April 19, 2026, were approved.

CURRENT BUSINESS

The Committee is still in agreement for planting of the kiosks by Memorial Day weekend with reminders to focus on red, white and blue flowers and move towards 50% perennials within the \$60 budget. There are some moodoo bags still left at the maintenance area. Elaine recommended Clearbrook and Equinox for perennials and Patty recommended Mettowee. Richard will be taking over Diana and Pam's kiosk.

Cheryl has cleaned up the gardens at the office. The Committee will find a date to weed the hosta at the clubhouse.

Per discussions at the last meeting, Richard did look into memorial plaques for the trees across from the office. At a cost of \$100 each this isn't considered possible at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Carol shared that Margery Winter is offering a presentation, 'Gardening Under the Stars', via zoom on June 9 starting at 7 p.m.

The date of August 1 has been tentatively picked for the annual 'Sip and Dig', starting at 9 a.m. with current gardens on the list to be Carol, Barbara, Elaine, Kathleen and Patty.

Several possible locations were discussed for future field trips. Hildene usually has their peonies in bloom the last week of May into the first two weeks of June. Michele offered to check. Other suggestions were: Naumkeag in Stockbridge, Bridge of Flowers in Shelbourne and Smith College.

Patty shared that the knotweed has now been dug out at the clubhouse but it is returning in other areas where she has been working. She attended a presentation where an expert in knotweed stated that chemicals are the only way to totally rid but you have to be licensed. Another invasive plant, barberry, needs to be removed from the Chimney Hill entrance garden and tennis court area as it is not only invasive, but also attracts ticks. Carol will talk to Cheryl.

Elaine shared a catalog mailing from White Flower Farm that has pictures of potted flowers that are pollinators. If anyone is interested in ideas for their pots you can take a look at their website.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Monday, June 22, 2026, at 4:00 at the Clubhouse.

ADJOURNMENT was at 5: 10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Comeau