



Dunbarton Garden Club Meeting Minutes - April 13, 2026, 6:30pm

Location: Dunbarton Library, 1011 School Street

Paid Members: 39	Quorum: 13	In Attendance: 29
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Meeting called to order by Carrie Carbonneau at 6:47pm.

1. Old Business

- a. Welcome new members
- b. Approval of Minutes from December 2025. Motion: Tom Cusano. Second: Jo Hendy. Approved by voice vote.
- c. Approval of Treasurer Report December 2025. One update to the balance forward date, to reflect the current year. Discussion about whether to note out specific bank fees on the treasurer reports when dues are paid. Motion to approve: Bob LaMarque. Second: Liz Sprague. Approved by voice vote.
- d. Approval of Treasurer Report January 2026. Motion: Bob LaMarque. Second: Liz Sprague. Approved by voice vote.
- e. Approval of Treasurer Report February 2026. Motion: Bob LaMarque. Second: Liz Sprague. Approved by voice vote.
- f. Approval of Treasurer Report March 2026. Motion: Bob LaMarque. Second: Liz Sprague. Approved by voice vote.
- g. Reminder, dues for 2026 = \$20. Pay via cash, check, online, Venmo.

2. New Business

- a. 2026 Calendar discussion: available on the website now. Requested member volunteer to host July meeting: Cusanos volunteered property.
- b. Mentoring Program. Jo Henry provided an overview, invited new mentees as well as mentors. The survey will be included in the next email following this meeting.
- c. Committee Updates
 - i. Scholarship: no applicants this year. The committee is open to the discussion about whether to extend a scholarship to a recipient for a second year. Scholarship is advertised within the school via guidance counselors, on social media, and in the Bow Times. Tom Cusano raised question if we could offer this year's unclaimed scholarship to last year's recipient. The scholarship committee will be meeting in the next month and will be bringing any relevant proposals; they can send via email in advance. Dawna Vaughan will add the application to the website.
 - ii. Cheer: Sharon Conway requested that people contact Sharon via email if anything in the community is happening, if they need a greeting card,



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- sympathy card, etc. Carrie or Dawna to include her contact info in the follow up email. (sharon.conway57@gmail.com)
- iii. Historian: Sharon Conway provided update - Karen Cusano to meet with Sharon for further guidance about what to keep vs. purge. Sharon proposed doing a digital scrapbook with photos of meetings, etc.
 - iv. ROOTS: Reviewed proposed budget; likely will not need the \$1200 for the raised garden beds, as there are beds that can be moved to a new location. The Roots budget was approved as part of last year's annual meeting.
 - v. Program and Publicity/Social Media: Carrie Carbonneau provided update, asked for members to provide program ideas if they have any. Advertising meetings in Bow Times and on Facebook.
 - vi. Wreaths Across Dunbarton: Don Larsen provided update. States that markers need to be put out on the graves in October. The Cemetery Trustees have contacted the club requesting that wreaths be put out before the cemeteries are closed in December, and to ensure that all of the tripod stands and markers are removed before mowing season begins. Wreaths Committee will meet separately and provide any other feedback to the general membership as needed.
- d. Town Center Irrigation: Carrie Carbonneau provided update - this project was put into place by Ken Koerber - the selectmen have approved, and Capital Well has installed a new irrigation system today 4/13/26. The club has received a quote from Jay's Plumbing today, \$1220.
- i. Karen Cusano commented that there needs to be a map present for those who are putting stakes in the ground (Halloween, etc.)
 - ii. We need an itemized "bill" from Capital Well to provide them with a tax donation letter.
 - iii. Don Larsen raised concern about some of the houses around the town center potentially using the same well.
 - iv. Tom Cusano states that he feels that the town should be paying for the plumber to connect the water. He also states that further quotes should be solicited.
 - v. Ema Chapman states that she feels that the plumber could be considered under the purview of the club, as it does work towards the club's mission.
 - vi. Lisa Bauer is worried about setting precedent about the club paying for things around town.



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- e. Town Clean Up discussion: to order 8-10 yards of mulch. April 18th, 9am clean up date set.
- f. Other discussion:
 - i. Karen Cusano shared that she has contact info for 2 college guys that have done garden work for them in the past and were very good; will be available starting 5/11/2026. Contact info will be included with email following the meeting.
 - ii. Karen Cusano asked if any planning or preparation should be happening for Old Home Day this year (celebrating the 250th anniversary). Ema Chapman suggested creating an Ad Hoc committee for this. Follow-up email will include an ask for volunteers for this. Suggested to have something colonial related as part of the theme. Don Larsen informed us that colonial celebration flags will be incorporated as part of Flags Across Dunbarton this year.
 - iii. Discussion about where our nametags have been used for a discount: Ace Goffstown. Devriendt would be worth reaching out to. Also Black Forest.
 - iv. Jo Henry provided instruction in how to build "mosquito kill buckets" using BT Mosquito Dunks (bucket with water, decaying material, and a Mosquito Dunk which can be purchased at Ace.)

Meeting adjournment: Motion by: Bob LaMarque. Second by: Ema Chapman.

Meeting adjourned by Carrie Carbonneau at 8:25pm.

Meeting notes were taken by Dawna Vaughan.