

Hickory Ridge CARES Committee Meeting Minutes
15 Jan 2026

Attendees:

Deborah Wessner
Bill Richardson
Jerry Lioi
Leah Donovan
Donna Warner

Meeting commenced at 7PM (via Zoom)

December minutes were approved

Old Business

CA Feedback - Danielle Tyerar

CA rep, Danielle Tyerar provided updates on three issues the CARES team raised.

1-Transition to battery-powered landscaping equipment

CA rebid landscaping contract and is working toward more electric equipment. Electric mowers are not available now as the charging infrastructure is not there to support it. CA is working with BGE to upgrade the electric service. They are moving towards more hand-held equipment being rolled out in the next 2 years and are happy to use HRV as a test-case.

2-CA Environmental Projects approved by HRV Board

- Pollinator Garden - Yes!
 - Plan to start this year - would like to add trees as well
- Pathway at Watch chain - No
 - Danielle explained that we should contact capitol improvements if we want landscaping stones. She added that CA has been working on solutions for shady areas with compact soil.
 - We agreed to put this on hold as they work on future solutions,
 - **ACTION:** Team will share other areas with similar issues
- Shrubs for fall give away - Yes!
 - **ACTION:** send request to Natalie ahead of her ordering for the fall event
- Soil tests for landscaping seminar - Yes!
 - Danielle has already put in a request for soil tests and will provide some to the office. We can return them to her via HVR Manager

We also briefed to two projects not yet board approved. (A bamboo patch o be removed and path to be added by the village ctr) - both seem doable. If approved, the bamboo project would likely begin in fall.

3-Future plant/tree give-aways

Danielle said plant give-aways are being prioritized for Villages with sustainability funds to draw down. In the future, CA is looking to grow their own trees/plants for give-aways vice purchasing them.

Webpage update - Jerry

Jerry sent some info to Laura on how to update page and is awaiting feedback.

RAC guidelines - Bill

Shared the consolidated list with the team and sent them out to the team ahead of the meeting Bill will reach out to Tanya (and Laura) regarding our proposed changes.

ACTION: Team to review and send comments to Bill

Logo

No update

New Business

Landscaping Seminar - Leah

Leah has reached out potential speaker but awaiting response

Leah has asked whether the village centers has available dates in Mar/Apr. She is waiting on a response.

LOGS

CARES corner is established and needs more articles. The below were proposed.

- a Click Fixit/TellHoCo article to let folks know tickets are being addressed
- Cul-de-sac improvement article to highlight nice looking cul-de sac circles and grants available from village
- article on approved projects, starting with the future pollinator meadow

ACTION: Deborah, Jerry and Donna to provide input for articles.

Spring Clean-up

Ideally, CARES would like a coordinator for Spring Clean up

Deborah to contact Vanessa

Adopt-a-Spot

CARES would like to support a new OpenSpace Adopt a spot.

ACTION: Walk around to see if we can find sunny area for an adopt-a-spot

Meeting adjourned at 8:30