



Westcott Neighborhood Association Minutes, April 13, 2026

Board Members Present: Chrissy Burd, (Co-President), Adam Felleman (Vice President), Virginia Felleman, Carol Johnson (Co-President), Kim McCoy, Kevin Montgomery (Treasurer), Marilyn Zaleon

Others Present: Jo Bennett, Emily Essi Bersani, Maurice Brown, Dan Deschamps, Mark Feldman, Nodesia Hernandez, Judy Jerome, Jeremy Koch, Andrea Latchem, Andy Leahy, Meghan Rafferty, Charlie Sam, Lisa Warnecke, Corey Williams

Via Zoom: Jasper Kirby, Jennie Rangel

Order of Business:

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of February Minutes: Carol Johnson motioned, Kevin Montgomery seconded, approved unanimously.

Approval of Annual Meeting Minutes: Chrissy Burd motioned, Kevin Montgomery seconded, approved unanimously.

Election of Officers

Chrissy Burd, Co-President

Carol Johnson, Co-President

Adam Feldman, Vice President

Kevin Montgomery, Treasurer

Secretary, Vacant

Motion to Approve: Virginia Felleman, seconded Marilyn Zaleon, approved unanimously

Financial Report: Kevin reported that there were a few new memberships collected at the Annual Meeting. He reported a combine checking and savings balance of \$3,272 as of March 31st. The second and final installment payment of \$449 was made for our liability insurance policy in April. The policy will be renewed later in the year.

Old Business/Committees: Earth Day Plans, April 25 – the following locations will have equipment to share from 10AM-1 PM, including OCRRA stickers for each bag of collected garbage: Westcott Community Center, Barry Park and Thornden Park. For this event, there will be no tipping fee from OCRRA.

Guest Speaker: Emily Bersani, Onondaga County Clerk

Her office is responsible for recording, filing and preserving legal documents pertaining to real property, NYS Supreme Court and Onondaga County Criminal Court. Some examples are: Archives, Business Certificates, Civil Actions, Conservation, Domestic Partnerships, E-Z pass, Judgments, Mortgages and Deeds, DBA certificates, Notary Public (no charge) and Passports. She also noted her office offers F.A.V.O.R cards for Veteran Benefit Discounts.

Emily shared that her department does not maintain marriage certificates or birth and death statistics or property tax payments. They do not offer legal advice, but a free clinic is available on Wednesday on the 5th floor that is not income based.

One of her major concerns is deed fraud – for example, is the notary official? New York State has a Homeowner Assistance Program to help minimize real estate fraud.

Her goal is to make her office more accessible. The office has extended hours every other Wednesday until 6:30 and the public are welcome to use their computers, and staff is available to pull up any needed documents.

Resume Old Business: Chrissy welcomes any new ideas for T-shirts for 2026. Since the library renovation has been delayed, it's likely that the Dog Parade can continue to be held at Petit.

Announcements:

Nodesia shared that she and Jimmy Monto will be doing a Town Hall Meeting on April 19 at Soule Library from 1:30 – 3PM.

Maurice Brown noted that the County Leg is concerned with the level of mercury found at the Onondaga Park Marina since leftover funds have been designed to further develop this site. Also, the legislature will continue to probe why they were not informed by the County Executive regarding the \$5.7 million donation from Friends of the Onondaga Aquarium to address rising costs of construction.

Corey Williams from the City Council announced that \$600,000 from the State will expire in June.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45.

Respectfully submitted, Virginia Felleman