

Westbrook Council of Beaches

Minutes

May 6, 2019

The Westbrook Council of Beaches meeting was called to order by Vice President Mary Jane Monahan at 7:03 PM in the absence of President Pat Marcarelli.

The following people were in attendance:

Mary Jane Monahan	Vice President
Paul Ireland	Secretary
Steven Smith	Treasurer
Michael Tosatti	Grove Beach Terrace Association
Tony Fastaia	Pilot's Point
Stephen Mason	Stannard Beach
Janice Shaw	Coral Sands
Andy Calderoni	WCOB Representative to the Harbor
Commission	
Steven Smith	Island View Beach Association
Tony Cozza	Island View Beach Association
Salvatore Campailla	Middle Beach
Ted Budney	Sagamore Terrace
Guests:	
Harry Plaut	Harbor Master nominee
Christian Fox	LIS Blue Plan
Sid Holbrook	LIS Blue Plan
Mary-Beth Hart	LIS Blue Plan
David Blatt	LIS Blue Plan
Tom Callahan	VISTA
Malley O'Shea	VISTA

7:03 Steve Smith gives a treasurer's report, available online.

7:05 Mary Jane Monahan updates. Dredging Patchogue River, purchasing 3 new police cars, several street paving projects have been approved.

7:15 Paul Ireland read the minutes from the previous meeting.

7:18 Tom Callahan and Malley O'Shea from Vista Life Innovations. Vista will be offering business services where they employ members of their community for competitively rated services. Beach cleanups, yard work and other small jobs are offered. Sagamore Terrace and Coral Sands are currently using this service with great results. They also offer commercial and residential interior and exterior cleaning. The town picks up the trash. Tom would like to note that they do not have any machinery.

7:23 Christian Fox with the Long Island Sound Blue Plan gave a presentation. Marybeth Hart and David Blatt are advisors. Sid Holbrook represents the recreational fishing on the committee. The Long Island Sound Blue Plan partners with DEEP. The Blue Plan is a type of ocean planning to better permit the uses of Long Island Sound waters and submerged lands. It seeks to understand the spatial relationship of the various waterway activities. The reason for doing this is to make life easier for people with concerns for the sound and the various municipalities it employs (Cables, shellfish farms, commercial marine traffic). The Sounds has had insufficient management mechanisms in the past. It identifies places of ecological significance. Their advisory committee is made up of all aspects of users on the Long Island Sound. The policies that are in the Blue Plan only apply to areas affected by the Blue Plan. The standard procedure will be to gather data, inventory data, use the inventory to find important areas, form policies and standards. The comment period for the Blue Plan closes June 21st. A series of informational videos are on their website regarding the Blue Plan. The goal is to identify ecologically significant areas (ESA's) and significant human use areas (SHUA's). Relevant data and diagrams can be found on their website. The Blue Plan gives greater insight into evaluation of permit applications for applicants, regulators and the public. These new tools allow for better permitting decisions. See deep.blueplanlis@ct.gov for comments.

Website: www.ct.gov/deep/lisblueplan

7:49 Andy Caldaroni with the Harbor Commission. Harry Plaut, Current Old Lyme harbormaster, and possible Westbrook's new harbormaster introduces himself and describes beach mooring permit process. Proper mooring setup is available on Council of Beaches website. Beach moorings need to be a white ball with a blue stripe. The harbormaster will be "Patrolling" but will not be writing tickets. If something is dangerous, it will be removed. Residents are responsible to make sure docks are in compliance. Please mark your moorings with your last name and the weight of the anchor. Please mark kayaks and paddleboards with the identification sticker available from the Harbor Master, the DEEP Office in Old Lyme or West Marine and include your name and number. Orange floats need to be 10 feet apart for the swim lines. Swim line moorings do not require a town mooring sticker, but they do require a permit.

Tony Cozza: Alleviating Hunger Committee. Thank you for all your support! Stuff a cruiser July 5th on the town green. YMCA is still offering gardening days. Sign notebook at the front desk at YMCA , notebook also says what needs to be done. Summer lunches at Daisy Ingraham are still scheduled, The Oxford Academy has provided funds.

Tony Fastasia: Beach associations would like to purchase speed measuring devices. Tony has info for them provided to the town. (Roughly \$4,000 Each).

Thursday at 4PM is the launching of the new police boat at Pilots Point Marina.

8:14 Mary Jane: We are seeking a new person to be the head of the nominating committee as Caroline Fish is resigning. No one interested in being on the nominating committee at this time. Joe Marino needs to update the group the Scholarship.

Next meeting will have a meet and greet meet with coffee and snacks at 6:30 PM.

Next meeting: June 6, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

Motion to adjourn 8:16, motion approved.

Paul Ireland, *Secretary*