

Westbrook Council of Beaches Meeting 8/27/18

Multimedia Room, Mulvey Center

Attendees:

Mary Jane Monahan	Coral Sands
Ted Budney	Sagamore Terrace
Amy Palumbo	Middle Beach
Janice Shaw	Coral Sands
Jane Gould	Coral Sands
Marie Palma	West Beach
Paul Ireland Jr.	Grove Beach Point
Linn Morgan	Pointina Beach
David Borg	Old Kelsey Hill & Beach
Tony Cozza	Island View Beach
Tony Fastaia	Pilots Point
Don Carlson	Sagamore Terrace Association
Sam Panella	West Beach
Tom Nobile	Pointina Beach
Lucy Nobile	Pointina Beach
Steve Mason	Stannard Beach
Michael Tosatti	Grove Beach Terrace
Ed Gales	District of Chapman Beach
Carolyn Fish	Old Kelsey Point
Sal Campailla	Middle Beach
Gary Bazzano	Grove Beach Point
Paul Ireland	Grove Beach Point

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Pat Marcarelli.

The minutes for the previous meeting were approved.

The treasurer's report was delayed till the next meeting.

President Pat Marcarelli: Chris Pallato (Director of the YMCA) correspondence, particularly what the YMCA can do for the WCOB. There have been a number of plans drafted. One idea includes a special YMCA membership for seasonal residents. Another idea was a "parent's night out" sponsored by the YMCA 7-10 PM for a "babysitting service" for a nominal fee.

Tony Cozza: Update on alleviating hunger committee. The YMCA still needs help harvesting on Tuesday mornings. Stuff a cruiser with clothes will be sponsored by the Westbrook outlets. Date to be determined. Believe it to be early December. Maybe the 1st. Friday evening meals are still being sponsored by the Congregational Church in the center of town. Meal delivery service is up to 3 participants/ helpers. Tony still needs a hand coordinating and cooking meals.

Tony Fastaia: Traffic authority Update. Constables are keeping their presence known in town and that has proved very successful this summer. The Traffic Authority is always looking for new traffic calming devices. One new idea is removable / non-permanent rumble strips. These are not installed on the road, they cost roughly \$1100 for an 11foot section. There is a lot of support now from emergency management (fire & ambulance). This was brought up by the Emergency ambulance Chair as a possible solution at a past traffic Authority meeting. Pat met with Noel Bishop in the past to try to get money in the budget to support the traffic authority. They currently have a very limited budget. Pat feels as though if we advocate hard enough for this cause, we can get funding. Ed gales questioned if any other beach association has a parking problem, Lack of signage seems to be a problem, particularly no parking signs and speed limit signs. Pat responded that if you need “no parking signs” installed please contact Colleen at the Public Works department to get a work order generated. Sal Campailla comments that permission was granted for a “dead end” sign on salt island road, yet nothing happened. Sal also commented that in West Hartford speed bumps were installed and the plows / emergency have no problem. Gary Bazzano comments that he agrees that West Hartford is taking a very aggressive approach to their speed bump problems. We all wonder why we cannot take the same approach in our small town.

Pat Marcarelli: Unfinished business. Candidates Forum. Valley Shore Cable TV will be broadcasting the forum live. The Republican Town Committee and the Democratic Town Committee have responded noting they will have 3 candidates from each party. Bill Fish comments that we would like to know what the agenda for the forum will be, specifically if regional problems pertaining to Westbrook will be discussed. Bill Fish should be contacted for questions to be asked at the candidates’ forum. Tony Cozza is contacting the Harbor News to alert the whole town of the event.

Pat Marcarelli: Capital Improvements. Once again Pat met with Noel Bishop in the past in order to secure funding for the traffic committee. Jetties: the maintenance is between the town and federal governments, not state government. There is ongoing correspondence to bring awareness to the jetties poor condition. CT DEEP Blue Plan: There was a meeting in Old Saybrook, There are a lot of questions being asked from the state to find very detailed information regarding the shoreline. The state now would like to charge for permits for wreck diving sites amongst other things. There are questions for their intentions with all of this information (Eminent domain, Cable laying, new bridges). We are following very closely to find a time to attend one of their meetings. Pat met with Captain Hazba who owns a dive business along the shoreline. Hazba states that the state would like him to mark all of the wrecks that he dives at; the reason is unknown.

New Business: Question about the high temperature of Long Island Sound, could it cause blooms / infections? The WCOB would like access to the most recent water tests. Tests are taken at the Town Beach and Middle Beach. Please talk to Sonja Marino for more information at the Public Health Department.

Mary Jane Monahan suggested we have a social meeting in order to meet council delegates in a different environment. We will discuss at a later time.

Mary Jane Monahan will lead the first meeting in May.

Motion to adjourn.

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The meeting was adjourned at 7:58PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul Ireland Jr.
Westbrook Council of Beaches Secretary