

Westbrook Council of Beaches

Minutes

July 1, 2019

The Westbrook Council of Beaches (WCOB) meeting was called to order by President Pat Marcarelli at 7:03 P.M.

The following people were in attendance:

Pat Marcarelli	President
Mary Jane Monahan	Vice President
Gary Bazzano	Grove Beach Point
Don Carlson	Sagamore Terrace
Ted Budney	Sagamore Terrace
Joe Marino	Island View Beach Association
Tom Nobile	Pointina Beach
Steve Mason	Stannard Beach
Andy Calderoni	Chapman Beach
Michael Tosatti	Grove Beach Terrace
Tony Cozza	Island View Beach Association
Janice Shaw	Coral Sands
Linn Morgan	Pointina Beach
Salvatore Campailla	Middle Beach
Diane Ammerman	Grove Beach Improvement Assoc.
Marie Palma	West Beach

Prior to the beginning of the business meeting, our Scholarship Committee Chairperson Joe Marino introduced Ingrid Bowman, a recent Westbrook High School graduate, as this year's recipient of the WCOB \$500 scholarship. Ingrid will be attending Assumption College and majoring in Human Rehabilitation and Physical Therapy.

Also, Eagle Scout candidate Joey Thomas from Boy Scout Troop 38 explained his Eagle project. He plans to lay a conduit at the town green so electricity can be easily accessed during fairs and events. The Council voted to award him \$200 to help with his project. In addition, Eric Franco, another scout from Troop 38 working on his Eagle project, was also awarded \$200 to help him purchase

materials. He will be constructing a walkway over a wet area on the trail to Salt Island Overlook.

The business meeting began at 7:15 PM.

Officers in attendance were President Pat Marcarelli and Vice President Mary Jane Monahan. Treasurer Steve Smith and Secretary Paul Ireland were absent.

Treasurer's Report: General details were reported by President Marcarelli. The current savings and checking balances are approximately the same as last month. If your Association has not done so already, please send your dues to Steve Smith.

Secretary's Report: The June minutes were accepted and they will be posted on the WCOB website in the Archives section.

President's Report: President Marcarelli reported on the dredging of the Patchogue River, the jetty project, and the paving of streets in Westbrook.

Vice President's Report: Vice President Mary Jane Monahan reported on what to do if an osprey starts building a nest on a telephone pole in your area. According to DEEP's Wildlife Division, if there are no eggs in the nest, it can be moved. If there are eggs, the nest must remain according to regulations. Eversource has a person who can check the nest and make a determination.

Committee Reports:

Alleviating Hunger: Tony Cozza reminded members about the stuff a cruiser event to be held on 7/6/19 on the Town Green in front of the Westbrook Historical Society from 9 AM TO 3 PM.

Traffic: Tony Fastaia was not present, but President Marcarelli updated delegates on the new bright yellow crosswalk signs that have been installed by the State DOT. This is something we had been asking to happen for years. Please do not take them down. They are for everyone's safety.

Nominating Committee: Carolyn Fish has resigned from the committee and Tony Fastaia has volunteered to take her place. The offices of President and Secretary are up for election this year. Paul Ireland has moved out of state and is not seeking re-election.

Old/Unfinished Business: The YMCA will not be running their parent's "night out" program.

Dredging and Harbors: Andy Calderoni and Gary Bazzano reported that the Patchogue River dredging has been completed. A dredge boat was used and the clean sand was transported to Hammonasset Beach State Park in Madison to repair areas that were eroded. It was noted that there were areas that were not accessible and a Hydraulic dredge would be needed to complete this task and place clean sand in the Grove Beach area. Harry Plaut, the new Harbormaster, has been out removing 24 dangerous buoys. He is looking for derelict buoys, thin chains, and moorings sticking out at low tide. His phone number is (860) 982-7555. Paddleboards and kayaks should have Vehicle Identification Stickers. Paddleboarders and kayakers need to wear life jackets.

Candidates' Forum: Mr. Phil Cocchiola from Oxford Academy has volunteered to be the Moderator of our Candidates' Forum. There will be only local candidates running for office this Fall. Bill Fish will collect questions to ask the candidates. The room is booked. Valley Shore TV will record the program. Microphones and advertising still need to be done.

Good and Welfare/Announcements: Delegates shared names of tree removal companies they have used to remove logs from their beaches: Designer Landscapes (Dan) and J. Witkowski and Sons. Members also discussed how pleased they have been with the work Vista has been doing cleaning their beaches.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Next meeting: August 5, 2012 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Vice President Mary Jane Monahan in Secretary Paul Ireland's absence.