

Westbrook Council of Beaches
Minutes
September 16, 2019

The Westbrook Council of Beaches (WCOB) meeting was called to order by President Pat Marcarelli at 7:01 P.M.

The following people were in attendance:

Pat Marcarelli	President
Steve Smith	Treasurer
Pauline Peterson	Secretary
Amy Palumbo	Middle Beach Association
Mark Baroni	Middle Beach Association
Ted Budney	Sagamore Terrace
Joan Ireland	Grove Beach Point Association
Tim Rourke	Grove Beach Point Association
Michael Tosatti	Grove Beach Terrace Association
Paul B	Cedar Crest Association
Dave Ammerman	Grove Beach Improvement
Tony Cuzza	Island View Beach Association
Dave Borg	Old Kelsey Point Hill & Beach
Eric Peterson	Pointina Beach Association
Steve Mason	Stannard Beach
Ed Gales	Chapman Beach
Gary Bazzano	Grove Beach Point

The business meeting began at 7:01 PM. Officers in attendance were President Pat Marcarelli, Treasurer, Steve Smith, and Secretary, Pauline Peterson.

Treasurer's Report: Steve Smith reported that as of August 31, 2019, the checking account balance is \$2,215.73 and the savings account balance is \$6,396.05. The Treasurer's report was accepted.

Secretary's Report: The August minutes were accepted as they were posted on the WCOB website in the Archives section.

Vice President Report: Mary Jane Monahan is absent. She is representing The Council of Beaches at the Hazardous Mitigation Meeting taking place simultaneously as tonight's meeting.

President's Report: President Marcarelli reminded everyone to provide him with the most recent contact information for each of your association's officers.

Committee Reports:

Alleviating Hunger: Tony Cozza reminded everyone to please bring a canned good/non-perishable item to the Public Candidates' Forum on Monday, October 7, 2019. He also mentioned that the "Stuff a Cruiser – Clothing Event" will be held again this year on December 7th from 10am to 3pm. There is a great need for teen and adults clothing. Please consider donating those items. Volunteers are also

needed for a one to two hour shift the day of the event. Please contact Tony if you can assist. Tony also reminded everyone of the very successful Summer Weekly Lunch Program that was offered at the Daisy School. The program was financially sponsored by the Oxford Academy, and the committee is most appreciative of their support and wish to formally thank Mr. Phil Cocchiola from Oxford Academy on behalf of the Council of Beaches.

Westbrook Economic Action Initiative (WEAI): See the attached handout provided by Tony Cozza. Please reach out directly to Tony if you have any questions.

Traffic: Tony Fastaia reported that Michael Oryl, Kimberly Bratz, Tony Fastaia, Don Harger, Peter Parisi, and Jill Brainerd are members of the Westbrook Police Advisory/Traffic Authority Board. The board meets the second Monday of each month at 7pm. However, the next meeting is scheduled for November 18th. All meetings except for executive sessions are open to the public. Public comment is permitted at the start and conclusion of each meeting. Tony reported that a few of the beach associations have asked for more “no parking” signs. A few have been denied and a few are still under review. Westbrook now has seven constables and two full-time state troopers.

Harbor Management: Andy Calderoni was absent. There are no updates.

Old/Unfinished Business:

Candidates’ Forum: Mr. Phil Cocchiola from Oxford Academy has volunteered to be the Moderator of our Candidates’ Forum to be held October 7th. The four candidates running for 1st and 2nd Selectmen will be in attendance. They are: Noel Bishop, Hiram Fuchs, George Pytlik, Jr., and John Hall. Please email Bill Fish at wmwfish@aol.com, with questions to ask the candidates prior to the event. The meeting will take place at the Teresa Mulvey Municipal Center and may also be viewed on TV Channel 19 or online at <http://www.vsctv.com>. We are in need of volunteers to help with the distribution of posters, as well as to assist the night of the event. Please reach out to Pat Marcarelli if you can assist.

Natural Hazardous Mitigation Meeting: The Town of Westbrook is in the process of updating the **Town’s 5 Year Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP Update)**. Mary Jane Monahan is representing the Council of Beaches at this evening’s Hazardous Mitigation Meeting.

Special Tax Districts – M-1 and M-20a. Paul Beaulieu and Gary Bazzano facilitated a conversation on this topic. The State of Connecticut is reaching out directly to the Presidents of the associations who are in a Special Tax District. Special Tax Districts need to complete two forms which are attached for your review. If you have any questions, please reach out to Martin Heft, 860.418.6355, Martin.Heft@ct.gov from the State of CT.

There was no other business discussed, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

Next meeting: October 7, 2019 at 7:00 PM Council of Beaches Candidates’ Forum

Respectfully submitted by Secretary, Pauline Peterson