

Westbrook Council of Beach Associations
Minutes
May 4, 2026

The Westbrook Council of Beach Associations (WCOB) meeting was called to order by President Pat Marcarelli at 7:04 P.M.

The following people were in attendance:

Pat Marcarelli	President
Annmarie Ferreira	Treasurer
Pauline Peterson	Pointina Beach Association
Michael Tosatti	Grove Beach Terrace Association
Richard Fazzuolli, Jr.	Grove Beach Terrace Association
Ian Poulin	Coral Sands
Mary Jane Monahan	Coral Sands
Jacqueline Keith	Pilot's Point Beach
Richard Parks	Old Kelsey Point Beach

The business meeting began at 7:05PM. Officers in attendance were President, Pat Marcarelli and Annmarie Ferreira, Treasurer.

Officer's report.

Pat stated that the minutes from the September 8, 2025 meeting were posted on line. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2025 meeting. There being no further discussion, it was:

- VOTED: To approve the minutes of the September 8, 2025 meeting as presented.
Motion passed unanimously.

Annmarie reported on the treasurer's report. We have a total of \$7,727.08 of which \$1,316.81 is in the checking account and \$6,410.27 in the savings account as of May 4, 2026. Key financial items discussed included a \$144.61 disbursement for ducks for the 250th Celebration on July 11th, a \$350 donation to the Holbrook Foundation, and a recurring \$50 fee for GoDaddy. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report. There being no further discussion it was:

- VOTED: To approve the Treasurer's report as presented.
- Motion passed unanimously

Harbor Commission Update:

Although Andy Calderoni could not attend, we received updates regarding mooring permits. Of the 34 moorings available, 19 have been accepted and the rest are currently full with a waiting list. Additionally, plans are underway to replace a missing red buoy and address shoaling issues in the channel.

Annual Food Drive (July 11, 2026): Our annual food drive coincides with the town's 250th anniversary. We are coordinating with various beach associations and seeking volunteers for the event on the green from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

Donations: Checks should be made out to **SSKP** (Shoreline Soup Kitchen & Pantries) with "**COB**" in the memo line to ensure proper tracking and tax receipts.

Community Support:

We approved a \$250 donation to the YMCA garden to assist with the purchase of seeds and plants for the upcoming season.

250th Anniversary Commemoration: The Council will sponsor official commemorative T-shirts for the town's anniversary. We are fronting the initial costs, with profits from sales returning to the committee.

Upcoming Celebration: Fireworks are scheduled for 9:15 PM on July 11th. This event is fully funded through community donations.

Pat thanked everyone who continues to volunteer and support these initiatives.

Pat also shared an update regarding the recently proposed town budget, which currently reflects a 3.6% increase.

During the recent board review, several items of concern were noted. While approximately \$250,000 in cuts were made, it is worth noting that certain requests for the area south of Route 1—specifically regarding coastal resiliency and the special police vehicle—were removed from the current draft. Additionally, the board approved a \$16,000 one-year rental for a GPS-equipped line painting machine for athletic fields.

I encourage everyone who is in town to attend the upcoming meeting to hear the full details and participate in the voting process. It is vital that our community's voice is heard on these fiscal matters.

Next meeting: Monday, June 1, 2026 at 7 pm in person at the Town Hall, in the Multi Media Room.

There was no other business discussed, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Pauline Peterson
Publishing Secretary