

Minutes August 29, 2016
Westbrook Council of Beaches Meeting
Meeting starts at 7:00 PM

7:00

-Barbara Wolf gives brief introduction

-Jim Crawford: **Presentation on hunger in Westbrook**

20% qualifies for free breakfast at public school. The breakfast program has seen a big improvement over the past year

-Alice: Westbrook is the 2nd worst in poverty next to Middletown by 2 points.

Summer meals = Free meal. The meals have to be dispersed in the effected zone. The USDA does not get involved. There is no reimbursement program.

-Tony Costa: We need a board organized for food collection. Ideas raised: Summer meals, food drives, marina, sponsor a child, events, Friday nights/work meal

-Elizabeth Carpenter: We have a dire need for food/medical assistance in Westbrook. There will be liability issues serving a meal. Ed Gales has a surplus from his community garden program.

-Jim Crawford: The backpack program should be implemented during the summer months.

-Patty Dowling: Sponsor a child anonymously.

Diane, Pat, Jamie, and Tony form a board for food collection.

Barbara Wolf: We need to make people aware in ways other than an email

Noel Bishop: We can use the selectman's corner of the Harbor News to spread the word.

Conversation over.

Ed Gales: Any community garden program that has a surplus, donate the surplus to the food pantry.

8:10

-Barbara Wolf – **Election**

The group nominated Paul Ireland for Secretary position

Nominations from the floor: 0

-George Abraham: Motion to approve the nominees. All are in favor.

Conversation over.

8:15

-Noel Bishop – **Conversation on blight** – Continuing forward to vote on the referendum next July

The Board of Selectmen recommend it to continue to referendum.

Conversation over.

8:20

-Barbara Wolf – **Announcements discussion from beach associations**

-Gary Bazzano: Conversation started on voting rights. Property owners are questioning their rights to vote. The stature says you need to be a person, not a LLC or Trust. Proxy voting is allowed. *An attorney should be looking at the general statures.

-Gary Bazzano: Traffic committee is not currently active. The committee should be looking at: Signage, policing in Westbrook, infrastructure in other towns.
Conversation over.

8:30

Ed Gales – **Request of report on Barbara Wolf meeting with surrounding beaches.**

-Barbara Wolf: At our meeting we spoke about different types of waste treatment, and how they vary between the towns. Westbrook has a sewer avoidance program. The whole group is in favor of meeting more as the “Shoreline Coalition”. Flood insurance changes. Strengthening seawalls.

Conversation over.

Motion to adjourn.

Motion accepted

Meeting ends 8:43 PM

Last edited 10/1/2016 – Paul Ireland