

Westbrook Council of Beaches
Minutes
July 6, 2020

The Westbrook Council of Beaches (WCOB) Zoom 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
Steve Smith	Treasurer
Pauline Peterson	Secretary
Gary Bazzano	Grove Beach Point
Bob Brancato	West Beach
Andrew Calderoni	Chapman Beach Association
Tony Cozza	Island View Beach Association
Ed Gales	Chapman Beach Association
Steve Mason	Stannard Beach
Amy Palumbo	Middle Beach
Marie Palma	West Beach
Michael Tosatti	Grove Beach Terrace Association
Susan McDonald	
Pam Sabith	West Beach
Noel Bishop	First Selectman

The business meeting began at 7:03 PM. Officers in attendance were President, Pat Marcarelli, Vice President, Mary Jane Monahan, Treasurer, Steve Smith, and Secretary, Pauline Peterson.

Treasurer's Report: Steve Smith reported that as of June 30, 2020, two checks were written, one for the scholarship recipient and one to Pauline Peterson for reimbursement of Zoom subscription. The Treasurer's report was accepted. Most all of the beach associations have paid their annual dues. Please Note: As of this writing ALL are paid (per Pat Marcarelli)

Secretary's Report: The June 1, 2020 minutes were accepted as they were posted on the WCOB website in the Archives section.

Vice President Report: Mary Jane Monahan reported on the By-laws committee. She stated that Andrew Calderoni, Tony Cozza and she are reviewing the by-laws and will have a few minor suggestions to review soon. The by-laws should be reviewed every 3-5 years.

President's Report: President Marcarelli stated that the new animal control officer is Harry Plaut and can be reached at 203- 780-1311.

Pat also mentioned that the office of Vice President and Treasurer for the COB are up for re-election this year. Steve Smith, the current treasurer expressed interest in continuing in his role.

Pat reminded everyone to email him or Pauline Peterson your updated 2020 Point of Contacts for your Association.

Pat stated that we are planning for the October 5th Candidate's Forum. Mark your calendars for this important event.

Committee Reports:

Alleviating Hunger: Tony Cozza reminded everyone to please donate canned goods and/or non-perishable items to the Westbrook Food Pantry. There is a tremendous need for food during this time. Demand is up and supplies are low. You may drop off your food items at St. Mark's.

Tony also reminded everyone about the "Stuff a Cruiser – Food Drive" to be held on Saturday, July 11th from 9am to 1pm at the town center. Volunteers are still needed for a one to two hour shift the day of the event. Please contact Tony if you can assist.

Ed Gales, Chapman Beach mentioned that their association had a food drive and collected 271 pounds of food for the local Food Pantry. Chapman Beach also sold masks that they decorated and raised \$1000. Coral Beach Sands holds monthly food collections.

Harbor Management: Andy Calderoni mentioned that the mooring tackle requirements for beach moorings have recently been revised. Go to the [Harbor Management website](#) for the most up to date information. There are no more Patchogue River moorings available. There are still beach moorings available. Please send in your registrations. Members commented that some of this year's stickers are peeling off the moorings. Harbor, Master, Harry Plaut, will be looking for abandoned moorings.

POCD (Plan of Conservation & Development Committee): Pauline Peterson reported that the Town of Westbrook is updating the Plan of Conservation & Development. An update of the plan is required every ten years. The committee has been meeting via zoom. Their next meeting is July 9th. Please take time to review the fifth booklet. It contains important information about strategies and action steps being considered for the next 10 years. You may find the latest information on the town website, [click here](#). Your thoughts and ideas are important to help create a vision with common goals for the community's future.

Scholarship: Steve Smith stated that a Westbrook High School Senior, Callie Newberg was selected as this year's Scholarship Recipient. A check was presented to her.

Fourth of July Update: First Selectman, Noel Bishop joined the meeting at 7:30pm. Mr. Bishop provided an update on the fireworks on the 4th of July and related parking. Overall, there were no major incidents in town. There was an unanticipated problem with fireworks on Duck Island on 4th of July. Noise was harmful for nesting birds and debris was left on the island. Steps will be taken next year to prevent this from happening again. He mentioned that the town beach will have constables on duty only Friday to Sunday from now on. It is anticipated that the Mulvey Municipal Center will open to the public on August 1. A reminder to all that paddle boarders are required to have a flotation device with them.

Association members in attendance each provided an update on how things went on fourth of July for their respective associations. Overall, there were no major concerns. Members of the COB asked First

Selectman Bishop to thank the constables/troopers for their visible presence throughout town, especially at the Public Beach on July 4th.

A round the table discussion of Beach Association happenings and a discussion of how the COB is doing took place. Most associations are holding their annual meetings via conference calls or Zoom. Some associations use a newsletter to keep their members informed. There was good sharing of information by all association members. As to how the COB is doing, Mr. Bishop specifically thanked Pat Marcarelli for attending all of the Board of Finance meetings this past year and several other town committee meetings. He is appreciative of Pat's commitment and participation in the community and he recognized Pat, specifically for his excellent communication skills and his numerous contributions. Pat thanked First Selectman Bishop for taking time to join the meeting.

There was no other business discussed, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:08pm.

Next meeting: August 10th at 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted by Secretary, Pauline Peterson