

October 5, 2015

Westbrook Council of Beaches Minutes of Meeting

Multimedia room, Mulvey Center

Attendees:

Coral Sands	Mary Jane Monahan
	Janice Shaw
District of Chapman Beach	Ed Gales
Grove Beach Improvement Assoc.	Dianne Ammerman
Grove Beach Point Assoc.	Traver Steiner
Grove Beach Terrace Assoc.	Michael Tosatti
Island View Beach	Tony Cozza
Old Kelsey Point	Carolyn Fish
Pointina Beach	Thomas Nobile
	Lucy Nobile
	Linn Morgan
Stannard Beach	Stephen Mason
West Beach	Patty Hubbard

Others:

First Selectman Noel Bishop

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM

A correction was made to the minutes for August 31, 2015. Devin Carney is our State Representative, not State Senator and he is a Republican, not a Democrat. The minutes with the corrections can be viewed on the website.

Motion was made to approve minutes for the August 31st meeting as amended. Motion approved.

State of Route 1 Corridor Plan – Traver said that Barbara Wolf said it would only take a couple of weeks to do the changes we requested, but we probably won't see the draft until the dead of winter. We should watch the web-site.

Report on meeting of Westbrook, Old Saybrook, Clinton and Old Lyme beach associations – Traver reported that they met a Saybrook Manor. Clinton and Old Lyme have a Council of Beaches, but Old Saybrook does not, but some people came from Old Saybrook Beach associations. The main discussion was about sewers. Point of Wood is installing sewers. Old Saybrook is working with the State WPA to identify areas in Old Saybrook. Clinton is interested also. Traver said it was a great meeting. They also talked about the Route 1 Corridor study.

Noel Bishop said we had asked for a schedule of when all the various boards and commission meet. Noel had a list and passed around the list. The list is published each January.

Noel said there will be a Freedom of Information seminar on November 12 and it is open to the public. It will be at 1 PM in the Multi-Media room. It should last about an hour.

The Blight Committee is scheduled for a public hearing with the town Selectmen. It will then go to a town meeting either the end of October or they could postpone it until late May. He asked us which times would we prefer. We said we would prefer the end of May when more people could attend.

Someone complained to him about the confusing process of getting a mooring permit. He asked if anyone else had a problem. One of our attendees said yes. Noel will look into this problem.

Noel talked about the upcoming presentation on the Study done in Grove Beach Area. He said this was a major issue. There is a watershed run off from Route 1. The engineering firm will give a presentation this Thursday, October 8, at 4 PM in the multi-media room. The engineering study alone will cost \$50,000. He said this is a major project.

Report from Traffic Authority – The State of Connecticut is responsible for the turn in to Flat Rock Road. A Walk/Don't Walk sign at Seaside Avenue and Route 1 is under review. They discussed the traffic citation forms. Noel said they want to change the town's share of fines to 100 %. The traffic authority wants to seek uniform no parking signs.

Carolyn Fish said the Energy Committee for the Town of Westbrook will have a light bulb swap on October 24, 2015 at the Daisy Ingraham School from 8AM to noon. One light bulb will be swapped for an LED bulb. There is a maximum of 5 bulbs to swap. Also there would be a Solar Challenge Workshop on October 19, 2015 at 7 PM in the Westbrook Library's community room, which is on the lower level of the library.

The next Council of Beaches meeting will be Monday, May 2, 2016. Our agenda had an incorrect date.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucy Nobile, Secretary
Westbrook Council of Beaches