

Westbrook Council of Beach Associations  
Minutes  
September 7, 2022

The Westbrook Council of Beach Associations (WCOB) meeting was called to order by President Pat Marcarelli at 7:05 P.M.

The following people were in attendance:

Pat Marcarelli	President
Steve Smith	Island View Beach / Treasurer
Joe Marino	Island View Beach Association
Tony Cozza	Island View Beach Association
Mary Jane & Bruce Monahan	Coral Sands
Maria & Ron Botelho	Coral Sands
Denise Kennedy	Coral Sands
Gary Bazzano	Grove Beach Point
Michael Tosatti	Grove Beach Terrace Association
David Borg	Old Kelsey Point Hill & Beach
Rick Parks	Old Kelsey Point
Jackie Keith	Pilot's Point
Tom & Lucy Nobile	Pointina Beach Association
Ted Budney	Sagamore Terrace Beach
Steve Mason	Stannard Beach
Salvatore Campailla	Middle Beach
Jack Zamarly	West Beach
Marie Palma	West Beach

The business meeting began at 7:05PM. Officers in attendance were President, Pat Marcarelli, Vice President, Mary Jane Monahan, Treasurer, Steve Smith, and Marie Palma, Sitting in Secretary. Pauline Peterson, Secretary was absent.

Pat thanked everyone from all Beach Associations for attending

**Nominations and Elections:**

Cindy Howard of Island View Beach Association, although not present, was nominated and elected as Vice President. Mary Jane Monahan reported that she submitted the Article for the Calendar of Events and it will be published in the Harbor News either this week or next. Mary Jane will continue being point of contact for correspondence with the local newspapers and Westbrook Events.

Steve Smith is staying on as Treasurer. Steve reported on the Treasurer's Report: Checking Account Balance: \$2,205.37 and Savings Account Balance: \$6,399.24. Funds should remain the same over the off season. No major expenses expected. Pat mentioned the only expense may be the Zoom Renewal and Go Daddy for the Website. A motion was made and a report accepted.

**Harbor Committee:**

Andy Calderoni is out of country. Pat advised that all Mooring information is on the COB website. Registering for 2022 is online and the form can be downloaded. After a few glitches the online registry

seems to be working. Permits were down this year. Pat mentioned that Chapman Beach is requiring Orange Notification Stickers be placed on non-motorized paddle boards, kayaks etc. The Harbor Commission will ask the Town to do the same. We will support that move as well.

**Police Advisory & Traffic Boards:**

Eric Peterson was not in attendance "Personal". Pat reported that a third Full Time Police Officer has been hired. That Officer will be working evening and late-night shifts. Pat mentioned that on Saturday's and Sunday's we sometimes have only one officer on the road and one sometimes goes with Dave Russell on the boat. Working on getting one more officer on the weekends.

**Alleviating Hunger:**

Tony Cozza reported the next Stuff a Cruiser Food Drive will be December 3rd . It will take place at the Westbrook Mall in front of William Sonoma from 9:00am to 1:00pm. Volunteers will be needed. Posters are ready to go.

**Old/New Business:**

Literacy Volunteer Program is in full swing. It is an organization primarily run by volunteers. It takes place at the library and teaches English to those that it is a second language to them. It is a community service and so the COB is involved.

Affordable Housing is required by state law. We are a diverse community and a good working community. A plan is being worked on to help fill the needs of those who are in need.

Pat reported that the Jetty repairs at Chapman Beach is ready to go. Pointina is done, Middle Beach is finally going to be done. Kirtland Landing on the river is being worked on.

Pat has been working along with Peter Gillespie (Town Planner) and the D.E.E.P. Land and Resources Division on their new publication and program "CT Beach Associations Guide to Coastal Activities and Permitting." Pat obtained preliminary copies of the publication so WCOB members could read and review it.

Pat spoke about a letter he sent to Peter Gillespie, the Town Planner. The letter is in regard to the WCOB supporting the Long Island Sound Futures Fund 2022 Sustainable and Communities-Coastal Resiliency Plan for Westbrook, Clinton, Old Saybrook(Fenwick). A presentation is on the WCOB website called Tidal Rise and Storm Water Flooding. The new guide is also available on the WCOB. Important to view it. Will give insight to the issues. Pat also said that WCOB is moving forward with the New Resiliency Plan and in the process of forming a committee in joint effort with Clinton and Old Saybrook. Pat has 4 candidates for the Resiliency Committee, already have submitted their resumes. Ron Botelho/Coral Sands Area, Jackie Keith/Pilots Point area, Gary Bazzano /Grove Beach Point area, Salvatore Campailla/Middle Beach area.

D.E.E.P. is excited Westbrook is so interested in this and that the WCOB and Town of Westbrook take the lead for the state. October 3rd is a meeting at 6:30. It is open to the public. Pat would like to get the meeting recorded for Valley Shore TV. Jack Zmary and Chris Morgan are going to work on recording the meeting.

Pat spoke about the list for next year's meetings. Unfortunately, this past year meetings were bounced around a lot. Town Boards have first choice of location of meetings:

5/1/23 7pm Multi Media Room or possible Zoom

6/5/23 7pm Multi Media Room

7/10/23 7pm Multi Media Room

8/14/23 7pm Multi Media Room

9/11/23 7pm Multi Media Room

10/2/23 7pm Multi Media Room

These dates will be posted on the website.

**Next meeting: Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 at 6:30pm in person at the Town Hall, in the Multi Media Room.** Two representatives from the Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP) and a representative from FEMA will be joining us and presenting the “Connecticut Beach Association’s Guide to Coastal Activities and Permitting.” Note: there will be no business meeting.

There was no other business discussed, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Marie Palma

Sitting In Secretary