

Westbrook Council of Beach Association
Minutes
September 8, 2025

The Westbrook Council of Beach Association (WCOB) meeting was called to order by President, Pat Marcarelli at 7:02 pm.

Roll call was taken with the following in attendance:

AnnMarie Ferreira	Treasurer
Virginia Wynne	Recording Secretary
MaryJane Monahan	Special Projects Secretary
Bruce Monahan	Coral Sands
Michael Tosatti	Grove Beach Terrace
Ian Polun	Coral Sands Beach
Gary Bazzano	Grove Beach Point
Kevin Wynne	Middle Beach
Amy Palumbo	Middle Beach
Rick Parks	Old Kelsey Point
Joe Gianfriddo	Grove Beach
Rich Fazzuoli	Grove Beach Terrace

A motion was made to dispense with the normal order of business to welcome and accommodate tonight's guest: Leslie Carson, Career College Readiness Coordinator at Westbrook High School – Approved.

Leslie was given the floor and gave a presentation on her role in working with WHS students in preparing them for a successful future by creating with them a realistic vision of what that may look like based on their interests and talents. This is achieved by various activities and workplace opportunities; partnering with such local companies as EB and the Lee Company and their suppliers through internships, volunteer opportunities in the community, tailored curriculum, and training as well as post-secondary education as needed. Leslie encouraged COB members to let her know if anyone needed volunteers which would further their goals of practical workforce development and experience through community service. Leslie was thanked for her time as well as having the WHS art department assist the COB with making posters for the next Food Drive.

After the conclusion of the presentation, normal business resumed at 7:37 pm by motion/seconded/approved.

Minutes Approved

Motion made, seconded, to approve the Minutes of the August 4, 2025, meeting that are posted online. Passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

AnnMarie Ferreira reported that there is \$2,636.86 in the checking account and \$6,401.27 in the savings account. Motion made, seconded, to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Passed unanimously.

Committees

2025 Christmas Tree Lighting/Parade is scheduled for December 7th. Once again, we are Sponsors. We need everyone to march and help decorate a truck or possible float. If anyone has access to a landscape trailer (or boat) to use for this purpose, please contact Pat at your earliest convenience. As previously mentioned, Tony Cozza is retiring as Chair of the Food Drive Committee. A **new Committee Chair is needed**. Please contact Pat as soon as possible to take over this role for the COB. The corresponding Christmas Food Drive in December has been suspended and will instead be held on July 11, 2026, from 9-1 at the Town Green.

YMCA Garden Michael Tosatti projects that 2000 lb. of produce will be delivered to the Westbrook Food Pantry. The WCOB is a co-sponsor for this project, and volunteers are needed for harvesting on Monday nights between 5-6 pm through Thanksgiving. If you want to help with this project, contact Michael or show up on Mondays through November.

New Business

There is no new business to report.

Old Business

Traffic and Speed Management – this is an on-going issue, which has an expressed need in the areas of Chapman Beach, Grove Beach, West Beach, and Middle Beach, which has been dropped in the lap of the COB. As such, Pat has met separately with Selectmen Hall and Bialicki and Officers/Troopers Moran and Miller as well as reviewing stop and road signage. Recommendations from the COB to the town are as follows:

Speed Humps – which are temporary and portable. As a start, the BOS have been encouraged to acquire one set as a trial to be moved around town with signage to gather feedback on their effectiveness.

Speed Enforcement – some speed traps have been set up around town and tickets in the amount of \$300 have been issued as they are state tickets. These speed traps are expected to move around.

Traffic Cameras – Although it has been reported that other communities have used this tool which additionally resulted in a significant revenue stream, Trooper Moran is against this option. It would also need some planning as to best placement.

Acquisition of an ATV – which can be used for both traffic enforcement and event control as well as access to remote areas throughout town that cannot be safely accessed by cruiser. The COB has backed the Police Department on the proposal of this vehicle being added to the new budget and being available for use by July 2026.

Pat expressed some concern over the lack of officers patrolling the town despite having hired additional personnel. He expects to review the police contract via FOIA and using the support of the ATV as a possible bargaining chip to get more enforcement and presence in Town.

There is also a new Committee being formed to review existing Ordinances to see what may be updated or changed including smoking on beaches (tobacco and/or cannabis) as brought up by a resident.

The Harbor Master was present and reported a safe and productive season in Westbrook.

Elections

Steve Mason of the Nominating Committee has nominated the following candidates for re-election:

President – Pat Marcarelli

Secretary – Virginia Wynne

Pat called on the floor for additional candidates to step forward for these positions, and no one did so. Therefore, the above two candidates were voted for and approved by all for additional terms.

Good and Welfare

Nothing to report this month.

This is the final meeting of 2025.

2026 Schedule of Meetings is as follows: 5/4 (via Zoom); 6/1; 7/6; 8/3 and 9/7.

Adjournment: Motion made to adjourn the meeting. So approved.
Meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Wynne, Recording Secretary