

Westbrook Council of Beach Associations
Minutes
May 2, 2022

The Westbrook Council of Beach Associations (WCOB) meeting was called to order by President Pat Marcarelli at 7:02 P.M.

The following people were in attendance:

Pat Marcarelli	President
Mary Jane Monahan	Vice President
Pauline Peterson	Secretary
Gary Bazzano	Grove Beach Point
Dave Borg	Old Kelsey Point Hill & Beach
Ted Budney	Sagamore Terrace Beach
Andy Calderoni	Chapman Beach
Lynn Masson	Old Kelsey Point Hill & Beach Association
Lucy & Tom Nobile	Pointina Beach Association
Amy Palumbo	Middle Beach
Rick Parks	Old Kelsey Point
Eric Peterson	Pointina Beach Association
Michael Tosatti	Grove Beach Terrace Association

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

Treasurer's Report: Steve Smith was absent. Pat stated that all association dues are now due. They are the same as last year. Please mail in your dues to Westbrook Council of Beach Associations c/o Steve Smith, 24 Young Road, Westbrook, CT 06498.

Secretary's Report: The September 2021 minutes were accepted as they were posted on the WCOB website in the Archives section.

Vice President Report: Mary Jane shared a link to the March Connecticut magazine article titled: Planet Connecticut: The State of Our Environment. It is also on the WCOB website.

President's Report: Pat reminded everyone of the new email address (westbrookcob@yahoo.com) created for the WCOB. He also reminded everyone to email the WCOB their updated Delegate and Alternate Contacts for their Associations for the 2022 Season.

Pat stated that he met with First Selectman, John Hall and the new Town Planner, Peter Gillespie. Peter has signed on to assist with the Resiliency Plan. Westbrook will partner with the Towns of Clinton and Old Saybrook. They have applied for \$150,000 grant to help with the shoreline resilience plan. Pat stated that he is looking for one or two individuals to serve on the Resiliency Committee. This is perhaps one of the most important committees that will be formed in town this year. It is imperative that we have someone knowledgeable with the education background and passion to represent the council of beaches. If qualified and interested, please contact Pat.

Pat also mentioned that the Town of Westbrook installed a check valve at Grove Beach as a way to control flooding. A high school student with an interest in engineering is doing a study to see if it works. Pat also stated that the Town of Westbrook is working with Middle Beach to fix two rock jetties. In addition, he mentioned that the Town of Westbrook Foundation provided \$3100 for two beach wheel chairs that will be available this summer. Pat stated that he has the new M-1 tax forms for any beach association that requires them. He welcomed Rick Parks, the new representative for Old Kelsey Point.

Gary Bazzano asked Pat if the new FEMA Map that were enforced but not approved formally by the town had been discussed with Peter Gillespie, Town Planner. Pat said that it had not, but would inquire and has invited Peter to attend the June 6 WCOB meeting.

Alleviating Hunger:

Tony Cozza was absent. Pat stated that the Stuff a Cruiser Food Drive is scheduled for July 9th at the Town Green from 9am – 1pm. Volunteers are also needed for a one to two hour shift the day of the event. Please contact Tony Cozza if you can assist at tonycozza@comcast.net.

Westbrook Economic Action Initiative (WEAI) – Tony Cozza was absent. No report.

Traffic – Eric Peterson stated that the committee did not meet in April. Their next meeting is scheduled for May 9th at 6pm. In March, the committee wrote a letter to the State of CT DOT supporting a recommendation from the resident State Trooper, April Moran, to lower the speed limit from 40 to 35 mph on Rte. 1 from South Main Street to the Clinton town line. Mary Jane asked if there had been any discussion regarding replacing the missing cross walk signs on Seaside Ave. Eric responded that this had not been discussed but will bring up at the next meeting. Pat asked if the security cameras were up and running by the fire station. Eric stated he will inquire at the next meeting.

Harbor Management: Andy Calderoni stated the on line registering of mooring is not available yet. Mooring permit application forms are available at the town hall. Dredging is taking place at the entrance of the harbor. Discussion is taking place regarding a request for a second police boat to patrol the area north of Rte. 1 (north of the Singing Bridge). A request for \$40,000 was made and is being discussed. Andy also mentioned the erosion of Cold Springs Marsh at Chapman Beach.

New business/old business: Pat also stated that the Town Meeting for Budget Vote will take place May 9th at the Westbrook High School Auditorium. Please vote on the budget.

There was no other business discussed, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Next meeting: June 6, 2022 at 7:00 PM in person at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary, Pauline Peterson