

Westbrook Council of Beach Association  
Minutes  
May 5, 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 via Zoom:

Pat Marcarelli	President
AnnMarie Ferreira	Treasurer
Virginia Wynne	Recording Secretary
Pauline Peterson	Publishing Secretary
MaryJane Monahan	Special Projects Secretary
Andy Calderoni	Chapman Beach
Jackie Keith	Pilot's Point
Steve Mason	Stannard Beach
Rick Parks	Old Kelsey Point
Michael Tosatti	Grove Beach
Jack Zamar	West Beach
Ian Polun	Coral Sands Beach
Anthony Cozza	Island View
Gary Bazzano	Grove Beach Point
Ron Botelho	Coral Sands Beach

**Minutes Approved**

Motion made, seconded, to approve the Minutes of the September 9, 2024 meeting that have been posted on-line. Passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report**

AnnMarie Ferreira reported that there is \$1,592.64 in the checking account and \$6,401.66 in the savings account as of May 5, 2025 for a total of \$7,994.30. Motion made, seconded, to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Passed unanimously.

**President's Report**

Additional Financial Business – WCOB has applied for a PayPal account rather than writing checks when feasible. WCOB still pursuing 501(c)3 status to determine if worthwhile and appropriate, which will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Dues - AnnMarie will send out a letter and email to the beach associations regarding dues which will remain at the same level as the past year.

Anthony Cozza reported that next Monday is the Town's Budget Meeting and there will be more information to follow on the budget and mill rate increase at the next meeting.

### **Committees:**

#### Harbor Commission (Andy Calderone)

Andy reported that the new on-line mooring registration system is working well. The Harbor Master (Charlie McSorley) is requiring that a picture of gear be included as part of the inspection process which is considered a better alternative than having to hire an outside company to perform the inspection with a corresponding additional cost. They are continuing to remove derelict moorings and using numbered stickers to track moorings.

#### Hunger/Food Drive/YMCA Garden (Tony Cozza and Michael Tosatti)

The Food Drive is 7/12/25 from 9-1 on the Town Green. Still looking for volunteers to collect money and/or food from each Association to Fill a Boat.

YMCA Community Garden - Michael Tosatti has been certified as a Master Gardener with two others, and last year produced about 2500 lb of produce for the Westbrook Food Pantry. Would like to increase output in 2025 and a grant was received to improve beds and purchase equipment to assist with that goal. Some crops are already planted but all should be in by Memorial Day. The WCOB is a co-sponsor for this project and volunteers are needed for planting and harvesting. Monday evenings (approx. 5-6pm) volunteers can assist in harvesting with delivery to the Food Pantry by Tuesday AM. If you want to help with this project, contact Michael Tosatti.

#### Coastal Resiliency (Ron Botelho)

The report has been completed and now headed towards implementation. \$150K was budget for this issue, and grants are being investigated, although they may be decreasing in availability.

### **Good and Welfare**

Project Graduation/Scholarship – successfully completed over the winter

Christmas Tree Lighting on the Green – wonderful event with the WCOB as the 2024 honorees, and the corresponding food drive was also a success. Thanks to all who helped out. We will make this one of our annual events moving forward.

## **Old Business**

Outlet Redevelopment – Awaiting permits at this time

Community Center – No movement on this project at this time

Krauser Building – Moving forward with a different franchise which has met the zoning requirements and is expected to be a deli/pizza slice/ice cream establishment.

Pond Meadow Project – appears to be back to the drawing board.

Pilot's Point Marina – was sold to Blackstone Corp. and changes, if any, are TBD.

Next Meeting – Monday June 2, 2025 at 7 pm at Westbrook Town Hall in the Multi Media Room across for the Selectman's Office.

Adjournment: Motion made to adjourn the meeting. So approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:32pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Wynne, Recording Secretary