

August 31, 2015

Westbrook Council of Beaches Minutes of Meeting

Multimedia room, Mulvey Center

Attendees:

Cedar Crest:	Barbara Wolf
Island View:	Steve Smith
Coral Sands:	Mary Jane Monahan
	Janice Shaw
District of Chapman Beach:	Ed Gales
Grove Beach Improvement Assoc:	Ginny DiCorleto
	Diane Ammerman
Grove Beach Point Assoc:	Traver Steiner
Grove Beach Terrace Assoc:	Joe Quinn
Island View:	Tony Cozza
	George Abraham
Middle Beach:	Ann Mazur
Old Kelsey Point:	Carolyn Fish
	Bill Fish
Pilots Point:	Tony Fastaia
	Bob Garneau
Pointina Beach:	Keith Rich
	Lori Rich
West Beach:	Patty Hubbard

Others:

First Selectman Noel Bishop, State Representative Devin Carney (R)

Meeting called to order 7:05pm

Two corrections were made to last meeting notes and can be viewed on the website.

Motion was made to approve minutes for August 3, meeting.

Motion approved.

Motion was made to approve the Treasurer's report for August 3, meeting.

Motion was approved.

State Representative Devin Carney (R) for the 23rd district was the quest speaker for the evening. He grew up in Westbrook on King Fisher Lane. He is the grandson of Art Carney. He was elected in 2014 for his first term. He was on the Transportation committee and the Higher Education committee. Representative Carney spoke about the recent budget debate that he did not support that passed 73 to 70 at 2:30 in the morning and was debated for five hours on June 3rd. Other issues discussed were pension and retirement funds, spending caps, luxury item and property taxes. Previously mailed in questions to Representative Carney that were answered included: The status of the Long Island Blue Plan committee covering issues regarding oil and gas lines, endangered species

etc. Micro beads causing major pollution, focus toward Avery Point and clean water regarding shell fish, and sewer systems vs septic systems. The Rte. 1 Corridor Plan was briefly discussed as well as failed discussions for a focus on regionalizing for a shared tax base that Representative Carney opposed. A question was asked regarding bringing Tesla Motors and more jobs to the state and the bill that was turned down for Alternative Energy. Representative Carney believed that politics involving the Connecticut Automotive Retail Association and Connecticut dealerships may have been responsible. A question was asked regarding the State of Connecticut setting aside funds for Health Care and Pension benefits. Representative Carney said he pushed for a hybrid or defined contribution plan but it did not pass. A question was asked if there was any truth to reports of fraudulent welfare and disability benefits being distributed in the state. Representative Carney said the State Government was in control of this area but did not believe so. Asked where he saw the future of this state going forward, he responded by naming Rosa Deloro and Art Linares as well as the possibility of Governor Malloy not running for another term if Hilary Clinton doesn't win election in 2016. Highway tolls were discussed and Representative Carney stated that Governor Malloy had set aside 30 million to fix up the highways in the state. Tolls are on the table and he would not be opposed to state line or boarder tolls but would be opposed to in state tolls.

Sign up sheet, email and literature available at the end of the meeting if you wished to contact the State Representative for more information.

Next Item of Order:

1. Rte. 1 Corridor Plan: No update available at present time.

2. Harbor Commission report:

Keith Rich reported that 28 applications for moorings were mailed, eight were returned with wrong addresses. Stickers are not user friendly for the moorings. Stickers will be smaller next year. Dave Russell really has not been policing the mooring stickers as of yet. There will be a step up next year when issues are resolved. Keith will look into returned applications. At least two people from Coral Sands Beach and one from Grove Beach Point did not hear back at all. Keith stated that you can email him with any issues.

3. Blight Committee report: Ann Mazur. Forms were sent out to be read for the meeting. Dennis Hallerhan will call another meeting to get this to possibly go to a town vote.

4. Barbara discussed current efforts to establish communication in some regular way with beach associations in nearby towns. The status is that Old Saybrook and Old Lyme are interested and we have no response as of yet from Clinton. We will continue to work on this project and perhaps aim for a meeting next spring.

5. Traffic Report: There was an ordinance passed to allow constables to give tickets on town roadways. Speed bumps were voted down. Spacing and road maintenance were a concern.

6. Strategy for Learning about Plans and Projects. At the last Board Meeting it was discussed that a WCOB member should attend each town meeting we may hear of and sit in so we can be informed as to what is happening in regards to each town Committee or meeting. Each Association was asked to compile a list of members willing to sit in on one meeting. Zoning meetings, Board of Selectman

Meetings etc. should be covered. Noel Bishop stated that the town has to file every meeting at the town hall by January and that a 24 hour notice needs to be given before any meeting so this should give us a good chance to discover which meetings are coming up.

New Officers were introduced: Barbara Wolf President, Lucy Nobile and Lori Rich sharing Secretary, Traver Steiner and Diane Ammerman sharing Vice President.

Bill Fish was thanked for his three months of Secretarial responsibilities.

Patty Hubbard, Carolyn Fish, and Tom Nobile were thanked for being the Nominating Committee.

Noel briefly discussed the Town Center Revitalization Vision.

Barbara discussed a meeting re: Trolley Rd (north side) being turned into an historic district. Kathy Doan historian. The meeting was for people interested in turning areas into an historical district.

A Donation was made by WCOB in memory of Steve Flynn.

Carolyn Fish's proposal to sit in a circle was acknowledged as a great idea. Also a thought towards a social gathering was brought up again. Possibly around the holidays.

Motion to adjourn 8:43pm.