

Westbrook Council of Beach Associations  
Minutes  
September 11, 2023

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

The following people were in attendance:

Pat Marcarelli	President
Pauline Peterson	Secretary
Gary Bazzano	Grove Beach Point
Ron & Maria Botelho	Coral Sands Beach
Jackie Keith	Pilot's Point Beach
Steve Mason	Stannard Beach
Bruce and Mary Jane Monahan	Coral Sands Beach
Tom Nobile	Pointina Beach
Gary & Amy Palumbo	Middle Beach
Rick Parks	Old Kelsey Point
Eric Peterson	Pointina Beach

The business meeting began at 7:03PM. Officers in attendance were President, Pat Marcarelli, and Pauline Peterson, Secretary. Cindy Howard, Vice President and Steve Smith, Treasurer were absent.

Pat called for a "Moment of Silence" in remembrance of 9/11/2001. The attendees took a moment of silence. Pat discussed with the audience his personal experience as a former fire fighter working the piles at ground zero.

Boy Scouts Presentation – Two boy scouts presented their Eagle Scout project. Oliver Snow from Troop 7 and a junior at Xavier High School discussed constructing a trail kiosk on Chapman Mill Pond Rd. Devin Wojecki, Troop 256 from Berlin plans to build a composting bin for the Westbrook, YMCA garden. Pat thanked both individuals for their community involvement and on behalf of the WCOB, presented each of them with a check for \$200 to get started.

**Officer's report.**

Pat stated that the draft minutes from the August 7, 2023 meeting were posted on line. A motion was made and seconded to approve the draft minutes of the August 7, 2023 meeting. There being no further discussion, it was:

- VOTED: To approve the draft minutes of the August 7, 2023 meeting as presented.  
Motion passed unanimously.

Pat reported on the treasurer's report. We have \$2,252.14 in the checking account and \$6,399.94 in the savings account as of September 11, 2023. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report. There being no further discussion, it was:

- VOTED: To approve the Treasurer's report as presented.  
Motion passed unanimously

**Harbor Committee:**

Andy Calderoni was absent. Nothing new to report.

**Police Advisory & Traffic Boards:** Eric Peterson reported. The Board met earlier this evening, and three members resigned. It is expected that the November meeting will be their last one. They will inform the Board of Selectmen as the dissolution of the board has to be approved by the Board of Selectmen. A discussion followed. Pat will speak with the First Selectman.

**Alleviating Hunger:** Tony Cozza was absent. Pat reported there will not be a winter drive, only a summer food drive.

**WEIA** – Tony Cozza was absent. No report. Pat mentioned that the group is working with the Westbrook Merchants, Career Pathways, local businesses, and our youth.

**Coastal Resiliency Committee** - Ron Botelho reported that the Coastal Resiliency website is now up ([www.4ShoreResiliency.com](http://www.4ShoreResiliency.com)) He also mentioned that the "pop up" event held on August 19th at the Town Beach was well attended. On August 23rd the consultants visited all the sights identified that day. He mentioned that on September 13th a community workshop will be held at the Town Hall for all to share their thoughts and concerns. This is a community outreach to hear from all of the stakeholders regarding vulnerabilities to climate change and sea level rise. The purpose is to listen to residents voicing their opinions on any issues that are of concern. Presentations will be made by the consultants, etc.

**New Business / Old Business:**

Election of officers - Steve Mason nominated Pat Marcarelli as President for the next two years. Secretary, Pauline Peterson casted the vote for Pat to continue as President. Pauline Peterson, Secretary resigned due to health reason. We need a new Secretary. Please consider volunteering. Pauline will assist with the transition. Mary Jane Monahan will continue as our publicist, with the Westbrook Event magazine and articles/photos in the Harbor News.

Mary Jane Monahan stated that Saturday, September 16th is International Beach Clean Up. If you can help out in any way, be a part of it. Plastic is the worst thing in the ocean. Save the Sound. You can register at West Beach before you clean up your beach. Please plan to join us.

**Next meeting: Monday, October 2nd at 7 pm in person at the Town Hall, in the Multi Purpose Room, 1st Floor. Topic: Coastal Resiliency Presentation.** It is expected to be a great meeting. Please make every effort to attend. Valley Shore will broadcast live to all 4 towns. Consultants will do the presentation.

**Adjournment:** There was no other business discussed, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Pauline Peterson  
Secretary