

Minutes of the Westbrook Council Of Beaches Meeting on July 9th, 2018

Attendees:

Island View Beach	Tony Cozza
Island View Beach	Joe Marino
Coral Sands	Janice Shaw
Grove Beach Point	Gary Bazzano
Grove Beach Point	Jon Russell
Grove Beach Point	Paul Ireland Jr.
West Beach	Pat Marcarelli
Sagamore Terrace Beach	Don Carlson
Sagamore Terrace Beach	Ted Budney
Grove Beach Terrace	Michael Tosatti
Middle Beach	Amy Palumbo
Pointina Beach	Pauline Peterson
Pointina Beach	Tom & Lucy Nobile
Grove Beach Improvement	Diane Ammerman
Pilots Point	Tony Fastaia
District of Chapman Beach	Ed Gales
Old Kelsey Point Hill & Beach	Lynn Masson
Cedar Crest	Rick Vynavek
Stannard Beach	Steve Mason

WCOB July 9th

The Meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Ed Gales. Ed has volunteered to conduct this meeting.

The minutes of the June 4th, 2018 meeting are pending approval.

The treasury report was waived till the August 6th meeting.

7:12 Alleviating Hunger Committee Update. Tony Cozza: Stuff a cruiser in the center of town was successful with 500 pounds of food donated. Donations are still encouraged and can be brought to St Mark's Church.

Gary Bazzano raised a question about the private moorings. There was no notice sent out about the moorings before tags were placed on them. Pat Marcarelli had valuable information to share

regarding the moorings. The town has allocated 130 mooring permits at a first come first serve basis. The town has never had near 130, this is a number allocated by the town based on miles of coastline. The town is preparing to pull abandoned and unregistered moorings. We are the last town on the shoreline require registration for individual mooring balls.

Download form from WCOB website or from the bottom this month's minutes, please bring the filled out form to the town clerk's office with \$20

Steve mason stannard beach: July 14th was the cutoff date,

7:20 Pat Marcarelli: Westbrook Marine police (David Russell) has started enforcing the life jacket policy for people on kayaks and paddleboards. The law is the on CT state website. Amy Palumbo Suggested the laws be posted on the WCOB website. That post is currently pending.

Tony Cozza suggested having David russell come in for an educational session.

7:28 Pat Marcarelli: On the topic of speed / traffic control in our neighborhoods. Asking if anyone has used traffic chicanes in their private street beach communities. The response was that no one has been able to implement them due to the roads being public. An idea was raised to park the off-duty police cars in the high speed areas.

Michael Tosotti: Responded to Pat's question about traffic calming devices. People are very against speed bumps, anything permanent will not work. Electronic speed readers are still being moved around town every few week. There are only 2 in town currently.

Gary Bazzano: The Traffic Committee has changed drastically and is reorganizing their leaders this summer. Tony Fastaia has approved speed bumps on certain private roads but nothing has materialized.

Amy Palumbo: A letter was written to our first selectman about the speeding & stop sign problem. There has not been a response. Amy adds that most offenders are year round residents, not just seasonal.

7:48 Tony fastaia joins the meeting and gives and update from the Traffic Committee. Westbrook has added a new constable. 7 constables, 3 troopers is now a full staff for the town.. The addition of a new constable is a huge success for the traffic committee. Tony suggests pick the major offending roads to put the electronic speed readers on. The selectman's office rejected the speed bump idea because it would slow emergency vehicle response times.

Ed Gales: Raises the idea for speed cameras. That is a possible idea but requires both parties to go to court, which is unlikely.

7:53 New topic. HOLES IN JETTIES

Pat Marcarelli: Jetties have had money set aside each year. \$15,000 has been allocated each year to maintain and repair the jetties. West beach has holes in their jetties which is allowing sand to shift. Sandbars have been increasing in size. Pat would like to find someone to contact about repairs or replacement

7:58 New topic LED STREET LIGHTS

Tony fastaia: LED street lights. Who has been receiving them? How do we apply for them? Who is getting the lights first?

Tony Cozza suggests anyone interested in receiving new lights contact Bill Fish.. Only half a dozen have been installed as a test run, waiting for public response. When the trial proves successful and the public sees a need for the modern lights, they will start to be installed. Based on public input, the type of light that should be used will be determined

Amy Palumbo shares that lights have been out on her street in very critical locations (Dead ends, blind turns) her complaints to the town and Eversource have yet to be answered.

Pat Marcarelli suggests Amy (and anyone who needs a light fixed) notify the Public Works Department. Pat says that a work order must be opened by Public Works and they will add it to the "to do" list of town maintenance.

Tony Cozza reminds us that **we are still looking for a President and Vice President**, an official notice of election (August 6, 2018) has been sent out on Friday, July 20.

The report on the WCOB scholarship has been postponed till the August 6th meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 PM by Ed Gales.

Thank you Ed Gales for leading this meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul Ireland Jr.  
Secretary  
Westbrook Council Of Beaches