

Westbrook Council of Beach Associations
Minutes
August 3, 2022

The Westbrook Council of Beach Associations (WCOB) meeting was called to order by President Pat Marcarelli at 7:07 P.M.

The following people were in attendance:

Pat Marcarelli	President
Mary Jane Monahan	Vice President
Steve Smith	Treasurer
Pauline Peterson	Secretary
Dave Beaulieu	Cedar Crest
Bruce Monahan	Coral Sands
Gary Bazzano	Grove Beach Point
Michael Tosatti	Grove Beach Terrace Association
Tony Cozza	Island View Beach Association
Joe Marino	Island View Beach Association
Amy Palumbo	Middle Beach
David Borg	Old Kelsey Point H B
Jackie Keith	Pilot's Point
Eric Peterson	Pointina Beach Association
Ted Budney	Sagamore Terrace Beach
Steve Mason	Stannard Beach
Delia and John Aderno	Guests
Stephanie Castrovinci	

The business meeting began at 7:07PM. Officers in attendance were President, Pat Marcarelli, Vice President, Mary Jane Monahan, Treasurer, Steve Smith and Secretary, Pauline Peterson.

Treasurer's Report: Steve Smith stated that some associations owe dues. Dues 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. As of August 1, 2022, there was \$1,624.04 in the checking account and \$6,399.38 in the savings account. The treasurer's report was accepted.

Secretary's Report: The July 2022 minutes were accepted as they were posted on the WCOB website in the Archives section.

Vice President Report: Mary Jane submitted the WCOB article to the Westbrook Events calendar which was recently published. Mary Jane also stated she is not seeking re-election as VP next year, as her term has expired this year. She will continue to be an active member/volunteer and assist in writing articles for the WCOB. Pat thanked Mary Jane for all of her numerous contributions to WCOB over the last ten years.

Guest Speaker:

Pat introduced Enzo Adorno, a senior at Westbrook High School who presented a Science Project he is working on and will enter in the Connecticut Science Fair on October 1, 2022. He designed an

accelerator that could be used for cancer technology, proton therapy. The small mini size accelerator can kill small cancer cells without harming the good cells surrounding the targeted area. He is working with a few local manufacturing firms in Westbrook: ACMT, Inc., CCAT and the Lee Co. which are helping him with funding. It is being tested. Mr. Joseph Zebrowski, his science teacher is also his mentor. He will be working as an intern with ACMT, Inc. this summer. He hopes to turn his ideas into realities. Any help with funding is appreciated. Dave Beaulieu stated he is the treasurer for the Connecticut Science Fair and stated that the organization makes scholarships and grants available. Many of the grants are available thru the high school teachers simply by applying. Pat stated that Enzo Adorno is a bright spot in the community. Enzo plans to attend the best engineering school in the country. If you know of someone or businesses that may be interested in helping Enzo with funding, please reach out to Pat.

President's Report:

Pat stated we are now meeting in the Multi Media room on the first Wednesday of the month, simply because we can meet in a larger room. If people are not averse to meeting on Wednesday, we can do so. The last meeting of the year, September 7th, will be on Wednesday in the Multi Media room.

Salt Island – there were issues raised by the Fire Dept and Conversation Committee. Amy Palumbo and Pat attended the most recent BOS meeting. Distress calls were received by the fire dept which were generated by Waters Edge guests who walked to Salt Island but could not return because of the high tide. Salt Island will remain open, signage will be put up and the responsibility will lie with Waters Edge to ensure their guests are made aware of the tide condition if they chose to walk to the island. Both the Town and Waters' Edge will work on signage.

Harbor Management:

Andy Calderoni was not present. Pat stated that the Automated Mooring System is up & running. He suggested putting the mooring in place first before signing up and registering. A private firm is now issuing permits.

Traffic Commission:

Eric Peterson stated there are no new updates at this time. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 8th. Mike Tosatti thanked the traffic commission for the quick action taken to have a stop sign installed on Grove Beach Road to slow down the traffic. He also acknowledged the increased police presence in the area in early July. He asked for more police presence in the area for the remainder month of August, as there are still many speeding cars going thru the stop signs. Eric stated he would bring it up at the next meeting and also asked Mike to send the commission a brief email with that request.

Alleviating Hunger:

Tony Cozza reported that there was a great turn out for the July Food Drive – Over \$6000 raised and 1,300 pounds of food collected for the Food Pantry. A Food Drive is scheduled for Saturday, December 3rd at the Westbrook Outlets. We are involving the seniors of the High School, and hope that they can take on this project in the future with the guidance of the WCOB. It was decided that a food drive was a greater need than the clothing drive. More to come.

Elections: The positions of Treasurer and Vice President are open this year. Steve Smith has chosen to stay on as Treasurer. Mary Jane has decided not to seek re-election. Steve Mason, Chair of the Nominating Committee is working with Tom Nobile to search for a VP candidate. No one has stepped up at this time. Pat asked that each member of WCOB go back to their association and ask for

interested volunteers who may be new to the area or are here year-round and would be interested in the VP role. Great opportunity to meet new people and get involved.

Old Business:

Middle Beach has a COP from DEEP. Work will be done on the two rock jetties.

Information Sharing –Dave Borg met with Tony F. to review the data he collected. Dave stated we should consider developing a questionnaire and ask the beach associations about their willingness and level of participation. Dave has taken the lead and will discuss further with Pat. He also mentioned that we need to make the information shared anonymous.

New Business:

No new business

Red Cross did a great program last month. Pat reminded everyone that the Red Cross would install smoke detectors for free if needed. These are the ones with a 10-year battery.

Pat handed out the CT Beach Association's Guide to Coastal Activities and Permitting. This is a great resource and will be available on the WCOB website. Pat asked that the associations take a look at this and provide feedback. He and Peter Gillespie are attending a day seminar on Resilience Planning.

Gary circled back with the WCOB re: new tax assessment for some of the Grove Beach Association properties. He spoke with the Westbrook Assessor, which was able to make adjustments, that said he stated that their taxes went up by 100% from \$5,000 to \$10,000 per year.

Next meeting: Wednesday, September 7th, 2022 at 7PM in person at the Town Hall, in the Multi Media Room. Please note the change in day of the week.

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

Respectfully submitted by:

Pauline Peterson
Secretary, WCOP