

Westbrook Council of Beaches
Minutes
June 1, 2020

The Westbrook Council of Beaches (WCOB) Zoom meeting was called to order by President Pat Marcarelli at 7:02 P.M.

The following people were in attendance:

Pat Marcarelli	President
Mary Jane Monahan	Vice President
Steve Smith	Treasurer
Pauline Peterson	Secretary
Dave Borg	Old Kelsey Point Hill & Beach
Ted Budney	Sagamore Terrace
Andrew Calderoni	Chapman Beach Association
Tony Fastaia	Pilot's Point
Tony Cozza	Island View Beach Association
Bill & Carolyn Fish	Old Kelsey Point
Linn Morgan	Pointina Beach Association
Lucy & Tom Nobile	Pointina Beach Association
Steve Mason	Stannard Beach
Marie Palma	West Beach
Sam Panella, Sr.	West Beach
Michael Tosatti	Grove Beach Terrace Association
Noel Bishop	First Selectman

The business meeting began at 7:02 PM. Officers in attendance were President, Pat Marcarelli, Vice President, Mary Jane Moynihan, Treasurer, Steve Smith, and Secretary, Pauline Peterson.

Treasurer's Report: Steve Smith reported that as of May 31, 2020, the checking account balance is \$2,280.39 and the savings account balance is \$6,397.86. The Treasurer's report was accepted. Over half of the beach associations have paid their annual dues. If you have not done so as of yet, please mail to Steve Smith, Treasurer, 24 Young Road, Westbrook CT 06498

Secretary's Report: The September 2019 minutes were accepted as they were posted on the WCOB website in the Archives section.

Vice President Report: Mary Jane Monahan mentioned that June is National Ocean Month. Per her suggestion, we will post on COB website.

President's Report: President Marcarelli stated that the by-laws were re-typed and posted to the COB website. He also mentioned that the by-laws should be reviewed every 3-5 years. A committee was established to review the by-laws and revise and modernize as needed. The committee will consist of Mary Jane Monahan, Andrew Calderoni, and Tony Cozza.

President, Pat Marcarelli also mentioned that the office of Vice President and Treasurer are up for re-election this year.

President Marcarelli commended Secretary Pauline Peterson for all the work she did to improve the COB website.

Committee Reports:

Alleviating Hunger: Tony Cozza reminded everyone to please donate canned goods and/or non-perishable items to the Westbrook Food Pantry. There is a tremendous need for food during this time. Demand is up and supplies are low. You may drop off your food items at St. Mark's. He also mentioned that the "Stuff a Cruiser – Food Drive" will be held again this year on July 11th from 9am to 1pm at the town center. Volunteers are needed for a one to two hour shift the day of the event. Please contact Tony if you can assist. Tony also reminded everyone that the Valley Shore YMCA Vegetable Garden needs volunteers. It is vital to the Westbrook Food Pantry that they are able to grow local produce for those in need. Please email Jon Capozzoli at jcapozzoli@vsymca.org if you can help.

Westbrook Economic Action Initiative (WEAI): Tony Cozza reported on ALICE which stands for - Asset **L**imited **I**ncome **C**onstrained **E**mployed. He stated that the organization met two weeks ago with town leaders, business community leaders, school and state leaders. He offered to have a representative come and speak to the COB to let people know what they are doing in the community.

Traffic: Tony Fastaia reported that the committee is off to a slow start due to Covid-19. Last month's meeting was cancelled. They are planning to meet in June. A traffic situation at Chapman Beach was discussed by Andy Calderoni. Tony stated he would bring it up at the next Traffic meeting.

Harbor Management: Andy Calderoni mentioned that the mooring tackle requirements for beach moorings have recently been revised. Go to the [Harbor Management website](#) for the most up to date information. There are several Patchogue River moorings available. Harry Plaut, Harbor Master is the person to contact to register for moorings.

Literacy Volunteers: No updates.

POCD (Plan of Conservation & Development Committee): Pauline Peterson reported that the Town of Westbrook is updating the Plan of Conservation & Development. An update of the plan is required every ten years. The committee has been meeting via zoom. Their next meeting is June 4th. To learn more about the four 2020 Plan booklets and latest information, [click here](#). Your thoughts and ideas are important to help create a vision with common goals for the community's future.

Scholarship: Steve Smith stated that a Westbrook High School Senior was selected as this year's Scholarship Recipient. She will be notified shortly. We will present her with the scholarship at a future meeting.

Guest Speaker: First Selectman, Noel Bishop joined the meeting at 7:30pm.

Mr. Bishop thanked Pat Marcarelli for attending all of the Board of Finance meetings this past year and for his commitment and participation in the community. The first selectman mentioned that two jetties

were approved as part of the Capital Improvement Budget for West Beach, recognizing Pat for his contributions.

Mr. Bishop provided an update of the Westbrook Public Beaches opening. The West beach parking lot is open only to Westbrook residents and property owners. A constable is on duty there throughout the day. Bathrooms are cleaned hourly. A great deal of precaution is being taken to ensure social distancing and the safety of Westbrook residents. You can read more by going to the COB website under "Important Notice from First Selectman, Noel Bishop."

Mr. Bishop stated that a meeting of the Board of Selectmen is scheduled on Tuesday, June 9th at 2pm. Several items will be addressed, specifically the Fireworks on the 4th of July and related parking issues. This is a very important meeting. He encouraged all to attend. [Click here](#) for zoom meeting details and agenda. Additional troopers/constables will be on duty on July 4th to monitor the public beach. The outcome of the June 9th meeting specific to the fireworks and related parking will be published on all social media websites and in the Harbor News.

Members expressed concerns about beach parking overflow, dogs on the beach and short-term rentals.

Pat thanked First Selectman Bishop for taking time to join the meeting.

Mike Tosatti and Tony Fastaia stated how pleased they are with the job the VISTA workers are doing cleaning their beaches and so is Mary Jane Monahan who uses them at Coral Sands.

There was no other business discussed, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

Next meeting: July 6th at 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted by Secretary, Pauline Peterson