

Minutes of the Westbrook Council Of Beaches Meeting on August 6th, 2018

Multimedia Room, Mulvey Center

Attendees:

Delegate to Harbor Commission	Andy Calderoni
Island View Beach	Tony Cozza
Island View Beach	Steve Smith
Island View Beach	Joe Marino
Old Kelsey Point Associate	Carolyn Fish
Coral Sands	Janice Shaw
Coral Sands	Mary Jane Monahan
Grove Beach Point	Paul Ireland Jr.
West Beach	Pat Marcarelli
West Beach	Mare Palma
West Beach	Sam Panella
Sagamore Terrace Beach	Ted Budney
Grove Beach Terrace	Michael Tosatti
Middle Beach	Amy Palumbo
Pointina Beach	Tom & Lucy Nobile
Grove Beach Improvement	Diane Ammerman
Pilots Point Association	Tony Fastaia
District of Chapman Beach	Ed Gales

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by our new president, Pat Marcarelli

Carolyn Fish led the Nomination Committee. The purpose of this is to elect a new President and Vice President. Nominations for a 2 year term are Vice President Mary Jane Monahan and Treasurer Steve smith. Nomination for the 1 year President term is Pat Marcarelli. Ed Gales was first to approve nomination. The motion was seconded. Pat Marcarelli will lead a 1 year role as president, while Mary Jane Monahan will lead a 2 year role as Vice President. Steven Smith will also lead a 2 year role as Treasurer.

The meeting was turned over to Pat Marcarelli at 7:05 PM. The meeting was called to order.

Scholarship Recognition: Joe Marino / Steve Smith. The scholarship recipient this year is Avery Jordan. Avery was a Football player in 10th & 11th grade. Avery now leads a very successful restaurant cook resume as a part time job in conjunction with finishing High School. Avery will be attending college at Minnesota State University. He plans a study as a business major.

The minutes from the July 8th meeting were approved, Tony Cozza was first to motion to approve, the motion was seconded.

Treasurer's report: Steve Smith. The Council of Beaches provided sign for STUFF A CRUISER, a check has been made out to for Steve Smith for reimbursement. A motion was approved for the reimbursement of the sign. Steve Smith has a detailed Treasurer's report that is available at your request.

Secretary Report / Correspondence: Paul Ireland. Nothing to report at this time.

Pat Marcarelli: Welcoming Sam Panella, Introductions. The meetings from here on will follow the traditional WCOB format. The town's Zoning Enforcement Officer is new, his name is Eric Knapp. Mr. Knapp has drafted new changes for zoning regulations in town. Downloads of the regulations are available from Paul Ireland, WCOB secretary. Downtown revitalization / economic development is still working on making changes to the downtown area.

Tony Cozza: Alleviating Hunger Committee. Stuff a cruiser will have another event with clothes near the Westbrook Outlets during the holidays. The Homebound Food Delivery Program has been successful with 2 active participants. The YMCA has a large garden that needs help being harvested, please contact Tony for more information. Tuesdays 10 - 1 pm St Marks will be accepting food donations.

Unfinished Business: Beach Mooring stickers: Andy Calderoni, a delegate for the Harbor Commission. The harbor commission has tagged and recorded 80 unregistered beach moorings in hopes that decaying moorings do not disturb marine traffic / Environment. Many moorings are abandoned and dangerous. There have been close to 60 mooring permit requests this year as opposed to 4 in the previous year. In late September / October the unregistered moorings will start to be pulled. Please contact Andy or Pat to receive a "IF FOUND PLEASE CONTACT" sticker for Kayaks and other small recreational beach craft as recommended by DEEP. You can also obtain them at DEEP HQ 333 ferry road, Old Lyme (Department of Environmental Protection HQ) stickers are free. On the WCOB website there are instructions on how to build a proper mooring apparatus.

Mike Orle is the new chair of the traffic committee.

Jetty Maintenance: Sam Panella. The Jetties on West beach are in poor condition. The town of Westbrook is supposed to maintain the wood jetties and as of this summer they have not been repaired. Sam is currently working on contacting the Army Corp of Engineers. Pat Marcarelli would like to remind everyone that in order to have any town related repairs done, A work order needs to be generated by Colleen at the Town Works Department. Zoning complaint forms are also available from Colleen.

New Business:

Bill Fish: LED street light update. \$50,000 a year has been saved from switching from Eversource to Siemens for street light maintenance. Pilot demonstration lights have been put up near the town beach. There are 523 Cobra head style streetlights in the town of Westbrook That can be updated to LED. A survey has been posted online on the WCOB website in order to gauge interest in the LED conversion. Bill encourages everyone to check out the 3 lights that are on display near the town beach. A contract with Siemens has been submitted to the board of selectmen, which is the most competitive bid. If you still have lights out in your neighborhood, please contact Colleen at the Public Works Department to have a work order submitted. The LED streetlights use roughly 1/5th the power of traditional lights.

Mary Jane Monahan: Long Island Sound Blue Plan. Mary Jane investigates a new proposal by the CT DEP, the Long Island Sound Blue Plan. This is brings more regulations to preserve the ecosystem of Long Island Sound. More information is needed to see if we can contribute to this. All are invited to check this out on the DEP website.

Bill Fish: Andy Schatz says the Community Television ch 18 showing of The Candidates Forum is one of their highest viewed programs. All Candidates are asked to attend this event. Ed Gales asked who the candidates are to replace Art Linares and that we be introduced to them on the meeting of October 1st. All were in favor of this suggestion.

Pat Marcarelli would like to remind everyone that our August 27th meeting will be considered our september meeting. We will also be having a meeting on October 1st.

Tony Cozza: Motion to adjourn, Pat Second. Motion approved and the meeting was Adjourned at 8:09 PM August 6th 2018.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul Ireland JR
Secretary
Westbrook Council of Beaches