

Andy received an attorney's letter on behalf of a Chapman Beach resident requesting any correspondence with regards to our past election under the FOIA. In response, our attorney Suzanna McCauley advised the BOD to gather emails, written correspondence, text, etc. and forward to her. Andy read a response to the resident on behalf of the BOD.

Marlena requested the FOIA letter be read in order that all BOD members are on board with the request.

Andy also gave totals for past election:

Andy Calderoni 33, Patrice Horan 30, Damian Ranelli 29, Janet O'Donnell 24

Motion to close President's Correspondence by Damian Ranelli with Pete Potter seconding.

Motion passes.

Public Session

Rec Committee. Marybeth Calderoni reported that "Wakeup to Summer" was a success as well as tee shirt sales. There are a few large/xl available. Yoga was also a well-attended event.

Watercraft Registration. Janet O'Donnell had 4 people ask for stickers and things have gone smoothly. Andy stated the BOD's intention to place sign for boat placement on the beach but at this time sees no need for it as there are no large ones taking up space.

Council of Beaches. Ed Gales reported on the June meeting. Topics included "alleviating hunger" program and opposition to sidewalks on Rt 1 as well as an alternative sidewalk survey done by the COB. There are traffic problems on beaches being addressed by the traffic authority, state trooper, and 1st selectmen. Speed bumps and other traffic calming devices were discussed. Speed bumps and humps not allowed by ordinance. At the June 26 meeting hunger, sidewalk survey, and conservation developments were discussed. Additionally, it was noted that golf carts not allowed on town roads and operators of golf carts drivers must be licensed drivers.

Andy noted they are allowed in Old Saybrook but not Westbrook. State Police would be the enforcer and not CB. Any incidents are to be reported to resident trooper. Lastly the COB also provided their Scholarship report

Mrs. Terry Barton, 19 First Ave. asked that all BOD members introduce themselves to the group.

Patty Pandolfe, 3 Marvin Drive asked for a railing on Fox St.

Sand. Ed Gales stated that this issue is not about sand but of leadership and he questioned the vote to move sand out of line item to common area. Janet O'Donnell asked if the board took a re vote after the sand was moved. Andy replied yes. Jim Mallozzi, 15 2nd Ave. asked for a quick recounting of the sand issue; Andy read the petition. Ed noted that the 2016/17 operating budget did not have a separate line item for sand. Diane stated in preparation for 17/18 budget it was noted that sand might be "considered". Andy stated that budget line items are things known to be spent every year but other expenditures are only potential expenditures. Jim Mallozzi states if budgets are set it is with the possibility of use. Margaret Levine 77 Waldron stated her concern is sand and believes we do not do enough to maintain it. Having

extra sand will only make it look better, feel better, be nicer. Annie Mallone of 6 Fox Street stated one of the reasons she came here was for sand and wonders why we just don't get sand since we have money. Andy states the BOD had discussions to move rather than purchase sand both due financial reasons and that we had two other big expenditures. In preparing this year's budget the Board was working to keep taxes flat. Michael Zubretsky, 65 Chapman Beach Rd. questioned whether sand was not procured because we didn't have money or sand was needed and we had money. He suggested using metrics going forward to determine sand need. Lastly, Mike stated that he believed as a Board we do not communicate issues well to the community. Pat Williams, 85 Chapman Aves spoke about the subjectivity of needing sand. She felt it unfair of people to say the majority want sand and asked how many people signed that petition. Sue Potter stated she has been at CB for over 50 years, the tide comes and goes, she enjoys all of what sand has to offer. She appreciates the BOD and questions the sanitation part of the petition. Further stating life is too short to be so angry and fighting, her family, the Marvin's has been at CB over 100 years and is embarrassed by the signs and fighting. "How lucky we are to live at the beach and thank you to the Board for not spending money for sand". Julie Norman, 85 Chapman Ave. agreed whole heartedly with Sue about coming back to the beach. She sees a slippery slope if we import sand to make it more resort styled. Nature has given us a laid-back lifestyle to enjoy and would like us to just agree to love the beach and all it has to offer.

Ed Gales reviewed previous budgets when sand was included as a line item.

Maureen Mallozzi, 15 2nd Ave. spoke up about the sand petition not speaking for the majority of residents. Her family has enjoyed this beach and that nature is nature and it is impossible to keep sand clean. Storms are one thing for possible needing sand but sand for the sake of sand is another. Jim Mallozzi felt there are two issues, one being sand and another being governance and bylaws. He respectfully requested the conversation tonight keep with sand and nothing more. Margaret Levine loves the beach and would like more sand than shells.

George Zinser voiced Mike Zubretsky's concern about the amount of sand needed and what does it look like on the beach. Marlana stated the rock exposure would need 84 tons to cover. The BOD voted that we move sand rather than buy additional. George asked for a follow-up to which Andy stated there was a few years that sand was budgeted for. The line item was taken out as sand is not something we anticipate every year so it went into Capital Improvements. Eighty-four tons spread evenly would be about $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch. Anthony quoted just for the main beach. Andy further advised that unlike past years the steps in front of Grogan's are buried, rock wall to the east of the 1st Ave ROW is buried as well since Andy used to dangle his feet when doing movie night and currently this is no longer the case. Andy then stated the Board is seeking to form a sand committee going forward and is actively looking for volunteers to serve. Anyone having interest should contact Andy.

Michael Zubretsky stated that a request made by his attorney was not responded to in a timely manner. Our attorney, Suzanna McCauley has responded on the BOD's behalf with an explanation for said delay.

Michael Zubretsky asked if there was other correspondence; Andy said no.

Damian made motion to close public session, seconded by Marlana. Motion passes.

First Order of Business

Old Business

- White Tarp on Main beach hillside: Damian spoke with Dave Roach from All Habitat who came out to look and stated it doesn't look bad, things are established, barberries and junipers need weeding. Fabric seems to have stretched but Mr. Roach deemed it a modified success and is pleased with how it turned out. Some plantings could be added between the two rows of plantings towards the bottom of the hill.
- 1935 update: 16 to 20 additional condos to be marketed to Vista members. Safety concerns should be address by CB.
- Beach Rights: Nicole stated she will have a presentation at next BOD meeting about rules and rights. Damian, Nicole, mike, Andy on committee. Going further we would have to decide whether or not we want to take the next step to our attorney which would incur costs not budgeted. Defining ownership and beach rights could not be transferred (i.e. timeshare). Marlena asked about money designated for this as it is not a line item designation.

Land Management Committee

- Hedges on 1st and 2nd ROW to be done today.
- 1st Ave paving quotes: Pete advised us on three quotes obtained.
 - J Potter at \$ 21,471.
 - Dibble at \$21, 350
 - B & L at \$15,876.

Pete further stated that B&L not only did a great job but were very accommodating to CB.

Damian and Pete asked to be on the LMC as they are year-round. Marlena advised Billy Glynn is also on LMC and is year-round. Additional member is Janet O'Donnell. Both Marlena and Eloise agreed the committee was adequate enough but always welcome input from all members of CB.

Question was asked about how much sand was CB considering this year versus the last time we order it. Discussion this year was for 84 tons or 31 yards; the past order placed was for 400 yards.

FOIA Request: Nicole clarified what was requested. Andy asked all BOD members to forward correspondence; Marlena will forward them to Suzanne as Andy was going on vacation.

Motion to Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Damian seconded by Pete

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Fall meeting date – Sept. 2, 2017

Respectfully submitted,
Patrice Horan