

**DISTRICT OF CHAPMAN BEACH
ANNUAL MEETING
May 21, 2011
Mulvey Community Center
Westbrook, CT**

The meeting was brought to order by President Tom ODell at 10:07am.

There was a moment of silence for District members who passed away this past year, Judith Ouellette and Tom Hozebin. Memorial gifts for each have been made to the Westbrook Ambulance Service.

Clerk's Report – report from May 22, 2010, Annual Meeting was distributed.

Treasurer's Report – given by Pete Potter

Checking account balance - \$66,000; \$13000 still to be disbursed.

Some items were over budget due to capital improvement purchases.

Tax Collections – 93% of taxes have been collected; \$4500 still outstanding.

Delinquent taxes - \$45,936 owed by 2 property owners

Motion made and seconded to accept Treasurer's Report.

Bills and Correspondence – Nothing to report.

Old Business

Aramony court date is July 19, 2011. A decision may take several months. Discussion about whether we can countersue after the case is decided.

Jackie Coppes said the gate at First Ave. needs repair. The Board of Directors will address the problem in July.

New Business

Kayak Racks - Written plan, including cost and a diagram, was drawn up and distributed by Kevin Kinsella for installation of kayak racks to free up space on the beach. His plan has the racks at the edge of main beach at hillside. There was a discussion regarding security of the kayaks. This would remain the owner's responsibility as it currently is. Discussion regarding placement of the racks. Mary Beth Calderoni suggested moving them further down by the wall. This would be studied and the best place chosen. A show of hands indicated that members approve of the BOD pursuing the project.

Survey – District members were asked to complete and return a survey. The BOD hopes to use the results of the survey to improve the District. A copy of the survey will be put on our web site, www.chapmanbeach.com, so members who were not at the meeting can download it. The survey can be returned to any Board member.

Budget for 2011-12 - presented by Pete Potter who discussed some changes in the budget.

- >Only six people at preliminary budget meeting on 5/7.
- >Largest budget item is road repair including installing storm water sumps. Repair will extend from First Ave. to end of road. Our District will pay for the stretch from First to Second Ave. Cedar Crest will pay from Second Ave. to end. Will not be done until fall when traffic is less.
- >Lawn/Brush care – spring cleaning on both beach areas.
- >Need for replacement of buoys and lines
- >Jetty loan is paid.
- >Increase in insurance and taxes which now include Dibble Beach area.
- >Most of the items on the new budget are the same as last year.

Motion to approve the 2011-12 budget was made by Kevin Kinsella; seconded by Jackie Coppes. Carried unanimously.

Signs – Ed Gales reported on new signs which would be placed on corner at Rt. 1 and at stop sign on Waldron Dr. Signs would be made of wood and resin. He presented several samples. Members were asked to look at them and state their preference. Tom said Town of Westbrook is doing a survey on signs along roads. Not sure if we will need a permit to install our new sign. This needs to be researched. There was also a discussion regarding placing signs on the beach asking dog owners to pick up their dog ♠litter.♠ A suggestion was made that the District place refuse bags for dog waste near the trash cans. BOD will discuss the matter.

Stairs - Andy Calderoni discussed new stairs which will be placed at each jetty. Some have been built but not all will be completed this year.

- >Andy encouraged District members to get involved. There are a number of projects currently being undertaken to improve the District: roads, signs, stairs, buoys, etc. Input is welcomed and members♠ participation and help is needed.

Nominating Committee – presented by Marlena Whaley

- >Marlena says she had no response from District members who might want to volunteer to be on the BOD.

There were no nominations from the floor.

- >Members whose terms expire this year: Pete Bransfield, Andy Calderoni, Damian Ranelli

All three have agreed to serve another term.

- >The Clerk cast one vote to accept the Nominating Committee♠s request that present members retain their places on the Board.

- >Tom ODell will step down from the position of president but will remain on the Board.

- >Nominations for Officers Board of Director♠s:

President – Andy Calderoni

Vice-President – Ed Gales

Treasurer – Pete Potter


Clerk – Jon Dymczyk

There were no nominations from the floor. Election was unanimously approved by members.

Council of Beaches – no report. Tom ODell said they have a web site. It might be a good idea to provide a link between our web site and theirs.

Tom ODell encouraged attendance at the Westbrook Plan of Conversation and Development: Plan Hearing – Monday, May 23, at 7:00pm.

Sweatshirts – Sandy Gales asked if members were interested in purchasing sweatshirts this year. Cost: \$39 for a hooded sweatshirt. Members were interested in sweatshirts and tee shirts for adults and children. She will be placing an order. Proceeds of these sales will benefit the Recreation Committee.

Recreation Committee – maybe a kids  parade.

Motion to adjourn by Jackie Coppes; seconded by Kevin Kinsella. Meeting adjourned at 11:07am.

Submitted by

Elaine Dymczyk

(for Jon Dymczyk, Clerk)