

**District of Chapman Beach
Board of Directors Fall Quarterly Meeting
Monday October 17, 2016 7:00pm
Mulvey Center**

7:04 Call to Order

Present: Andy Calderoni, Pete Potter, Damian Ranelli, Dave Osella, Nancy Fuller, Nicole Vitrano, Eloise Kumnick, Marlena Whaley, Patrice Horan

Clerk's Report. We did not approve the BOD minutes for July as some members did not receive them. We will resend them and approve them at the next BOD meeting.

Treasurer's Report. Diane Fuller gave the report. We may be short about \$700.00 in the line item for taxes because of the new properties that we own. Motion to accept report made by Damian seconded by Marlena.

President's Report. Andy received a letter from a resident of Cedar Crest, Kendra Richards. She was upset about receiving a note in her mailbox about her dog. She remarked about the passive aggressive behavior of Chapman Beach residents as she assumed the note was from a Chapman Beach member.

Motion to enter public session.

Motion made by Damian seconded by Pete. Motion passes.

Recreation Committee Report. No report.

Watercraft Registration. No report. Andy reminded everyone that registering the boats was intended to be a service to residents not a source of controversy. Residents and renters are encouraged to register their watercraft. If problems arise Andy is available.

Public issues

No public issues were raised at this meeting.

Council of Beaches. Ed Gales reported that the Council sponsored a political forum that was very well received and attended. There was also a meeting about poverty in Westbrook. They are asking for food donations. Other topics discussed were transportation, sewers, and planning for the center of Westbrook. Andy also added that they are looking for volunteers for the Soup Kitchen.

Motion to end Public Session made by Damian and seconded by Pete.

Old Business.

Andy made a motion to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Damian. Motion then made by Andy and seconded by Damian to come out of Executive Session. Minutes from the July BOD meeting were revised and accepted.

Audit of financial statements. We have 4 members of Chapman Beach who have volunteered to be on this committee. The members are Ed Gales, Jeff Picciolo, Brendan Leary, and George Zinser. Unfortunately Ed Gales is not eligible as he was on the Board of Directors during the time the audit is focusing on. We thank the other 3 members for volunteering. Diane will meet with them and begin the process.

Protection of beach rights. A committee will be formed to research what we need to do. Some topics to be addressed are - the necessity of a Hammer Law, defining a Chapman Beach member, and if we need an ordinance to effect change. Nicole, Damian, and Andy have volunteered to be on this committee.

Vista Project Update. A discussion was had about the Chapman Beach Sign at the end of the road. Various ideas were discussed. Andy and the committee will continue to work on this. There is a pooling of water on the property that needs to be addressed.

Discussion regarding proper procedure to report complaints, concerns, or to request action by the BOD. This has been previously stated and posted. Sometimes this is impractical. Good judgement must be used.

Speeding and parking on our roads. We have previously explored using speed bumps or gates to slow down traffic. These are prohibited by the Westbrook Traffic Authority. This is a common problem in beach communities. It has been discussed by the Council of Beaches. We can request a constable to monitor traffic and to borrow the portable speedometer that tells drivers how fast they are going. Ed Gales will make this request for us. We will also investigate the cost of buying such a sign for ourselves.

Relationship with Cedar Crest. The new BOD members were interested in the history of the formation of the Chapman Beach Taxing District and the Cedar Crest beach association. We own the beaches and roads. We pay to insure them.

Watercraft rules. A discussion took place regarding whether or not a motorized boat can be left on the beach. There is some concern about space. Some people leave

their boats on the beach and don't use them. We ask everyone to be considerate. The bollards have been successful in stopping the launching of boats. A suggestion was made to limit the area where boats can be placed on the beach.

7 Hogan Rd update. The owners have resubmitted their application to expand the size of their house necessitating moving the house closer to the water.

Land Management committee. Nothing new to report. We will ask Anthony to instruct the people mowing the grass to be careful of the fence. Some discussion of replanting the slope behind Schmidt's house. Some grass seems to be taking hold.

Road paving update. We will need to reseed the borders of the road.

Clarification of voter eligibility. Research trustees. We need to research the state statues. Are all residents able to vote in referendums? What if the property is in trust?

Motion to adjourn made by Diane, seconded by Patrice.