

IVBA SPRING MEETING- June 11, 2023

Roll call of members present and addresses. 25 households attended and the quorum was fulfilled.

Old Business:

President's report- Ed Potanka

Motion to approve the minutes passed. Will be on the Website.

Sweitzer carting has been arranged for all members who have not opted out of the service. Prices increased. Pick-up day is Monday.

At the executive board meeting 5/26/23 The Executive Board voted to:

- expend funds to purchase additional beach tags if needed.

-permitted the IVBA Book Club to install a Little Library in the beach area in honor of Bruni Levine.

A request was made to seek volunteers to review and propose revisions to the IVBA Charter. Volunteers are Cindy Howard, Tony Cozza, Dea Leonardi, Darren Gagliardi

Vice President's report-Tony Cozza

1. Exits 64 and 65 of I-95 will be worked on over the next 2-3 years, adding traffic lights at exit and redesign.
2. Redecking of The Singing Bridge by Bill's Seafood.
3. Traffic study along Rt.1 with repositioning/addition of traffic signals.
4. Coastal Resiliency Committee representing Westbrook, Old Saybrook, and Clinton to study rising tides and coastal flooding. Funded by a \$200,000 grant. Looking for community input, watch for opportunities. Website: Coastalresilience.org
5. Planning meeting June 12, 2023, regarding businesses dealing in Marijuana sales. 7 p.m. Town Hall. Meeting June 26 of Planning and Zoning regarding zoning changes regarding marijuana sales.

Treasurer's Report- Jim Dellonna

Budget for 2023 was reviewed. 2 memorial donations: Chuck Slade and Bruni Levine
The Executive board is focused on capital preservation of assets. In March \$60,000 investments were made into fixed income, interest bearing products (CD and money market fund)
We are currently budgeting \$2000 per year in line item f or long-term capital expenses.
Membership questioned whether there was a capital improvement plan in place for roads/sidewalks, etc. There is no current plan. Ed Potanka will publish a list of deeds, so we have a clear record of all roads and sidewalks we are responsible for maintaining.

Tax Collector's Report- Jim Dellonna

Everyone has paid their taxes for the fiscal 2022-2023 year.

Audit Committee

Budget will be audited in August by Christine Hartman.

Council of Beaches- Joe Marino, Cindy Howard (VP of the Council)

All are welcome to attend Council of Beaches meetings, on the first Monday of the month at Town Hall from May-Oct. A scholarship was given to a Westbrook senior.

Blessing of the Fleet July 1st Duck Island.

Looking for participation to 'Fill a boat', food for Westbrook Food Bank. A motion was made and passed to donate \$200 from IVBA to "Fill a Boat"

Reminder to bring canned and dry goods to our food collection at the Fourth of July breakfast. Cindy reported on a new Merchant's Association in town representing the 20 merchants in town and working with the Chamber of Congress.

Social Committee- Mary Polchaninoff

Great start to summer. Lots of activities planned. Welcome Back social upcoming on June 10. IVBA t-shirt sale. See Mary or Sandy D.

Upcoming dates: June 10 Welcome Back Social and Pizza

July 2nd 9:00 am Breakfast and Parade

July 12th Music on the patio by Boomerang (Neil & Co.)

August 5th DJ Dance Party and catered dinner

Beautification Committee- Neil Gottfried Beach and triangle are now being attended to by Knox landscaping. Beautification Committee has been merged into Beach Committee

Beach Committee- Steve Smith Beach plowing to be completed week of June 12. Beach guards will be from the Slade family.

Personal watercraft- kayaks, etc. please remove for beach plowing.

Items must be labeled BOTH with names written with marker AND identification stickers by town and kept on the inside of the fence. See Tony/Steve for stickers.

A foot wash was installed below the drinking fountain.

All members and RENTERS must use IVBA TAGS on the beach.

New Business:

The treasurer proposed the new budget and went over line by line.
\$2000 was added to the Long-Term Capital Improvement Fund as has been done in the past. (See Treasurer's Report)

Anticipate an increase in insurance costs with inflation.

Estimates will be requested to replace wooden ties around the beach plantings.

Motion to accept budget with an additional \$200 increase to charity. Motion passed.

Discussion regarding the adding of a beach gate to reduce/eliminate nonmembers from using the beach for leisure, dog walking, using the patio area, and teenagers partying on the patio/ beach at night. Design and costs were discussed. Pros and cons were discussed.

Motion was made to vote on the addition of a beach gate. The vote was 11 yes votes, 6 no votes, and 8 abstentions. President ruled that the motion did not carry not due to not achieving a majority.

Some members voiced that they needed more time to study the gate proposal.

Ed Potanka agreed to email the membership a write up of the proposal and revisit issue for the August meeting.

A suggestion was made to hire a police officer to monitor the patio area at night during weekends. Costs were questioned. No one volunteered to pursue it.

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Delldonna, IVBA Secretary