

IVBA SPRING MEETING- June 12, 2022

Roll call of members present and addresses. 22 households attended and quorum fulfilled.

Old Business:

President's report- Ed Potanka

Sweitzer carting has been arranged for all members who have not opted out of the service. Prices higher than last year, but competitive. Pick-up day is Monday

Treasurer's Report- Jim Delldonna

Budget for 2022 was reviewed. There is a new assessment and mill rate for this year therefore taxes will be reconfigured to reflect this. Overall budget surplus approximately \$3000 which was put into the general fund.

Executive board made the decision to move equities into a savings account last year focusing on capital preservation. Because of this no monies were lost in the stock market. The goal is preservation of assets.

Tax Collector's Report- Jim Delldonna

Everyone has paid their taxes for the fiscal 2021-2022 year.

Audit Committee

Budget will be audited in August.

Council of Beaches- Joe Marino

All are welcome to attend Council of Beaches meetings, first Monday of the month at Town Hall from May-Oct. A scholarship was given to a Westbrook senior. Looking for participation to 'Stuff a Cruiser', food for Westbrook Food Bank.

Reminder to bring canned and dry goods to our food collection at the Fourth of July breakfast. Town is putting together a committee to study implications of the rising sea level and explore possible solutions to flooding.

Social Committee- Mary Polchaninoff

Many people attended our welcome back social. Thanks to all who helped.

Pat Cozza- Fourth of July breakfast will be a packaged meal this year due to Covid. Volunteers needed. See Pat.

Upcoming dates: July 3rd Door decorating contest 11:00a.m.
July 4th 9:00 a.m. Breakfast on the beach, 10:00 parade
August 6th Dance Party and Food truck

Beautification Committee- Neil Gottfried Beach and triangle are now being attended to by landscapers.

Beach Committee- Steve Smith Beach plowing to be completed week of June 13. Beach guards will be new and varied this year. Jeff P. has volunteered to build a box to replace the shed to hold beach community recreation items.

Volleyball poles will be fixed or replaced. A new net is being ordered.

Personal kayaks, etc. must be labeled and kept on the inside of fence.

Tony Cozza brought up the following town news items:

1. Willard Ave. is closed until Labor Day to fix a bridge. Detour is marked.
2. The channel in Westbrook is being dredged this summer
3. Frontier is installing fiber optic cables which may cause some redirecting/blocking of traffic for a short time
4. Westbrook Dog Park coming to area near St. Mark's Church
5. DQ has mentioned the possibility of adding a drive through...No paperwork has been filed with town. Staying abreast of the situation.
6. Stuff a Cruiser July 9 or bring food to July 4th parade for collection
7. Ed P announced that this is an election year for IVBA Officers and called on any and all to volunteer (see Lynn Abraham on Nominating Committee)
8. There is a Climate Resiliency Committee including Westbrook, Old Saybrook and Clinton to address coastal flooding.

New Business:

Treasurer proposed the new budget. Ed Potanka suggested that we add \$2000 to the Long Term Capitol Improvement Fund as has been done in the past. Members voted and agreed.

Jim Dellonna anticipated this years taxes will be a bit lower.

Anticipate an increase in insurance costs with inflation.

Goodwill/Hospitality requested an increase of \$1000 to lower the ticket cost for social events.

Knox Landscaping for beach and triangle care added cost of \$3000 for property management.

A memorial donation was made to the Westbrook Ambulance Association in memory of Jean Marino.

Motion to accept the budget was passed.

Cindy Howard volunteered to be on the Climate Resiliency Committee.

Brian Clampett raised concern regarding the speed of drivers traveling through IVB streets.

Suggestions were made including putting out "slow/children playing" signs on personal properties, speaking directly to drivers and especially delivery drivers and/or calling companies to report drivers, and notifying Westbrook Police to monitor the area.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Dellonna, IVBA Secretary