

Walnut Beach Association Meeting Minutes November 8, 2021 Firehouse Gallery

All Officers in Attendance

Called to Order at 7:05 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

A Sign-up sheet was passed around the tables to also update e-mail information

Guest Speaker

Sarah Bromley of All In For Milford spoke about her organization's work for food and housing for Milford's less fortunate and asked WBA for inclusion in the All In For Milford alliance. Vote passed to participate in the organization, details to follow.

President's Report – Wendy Terenzio

-Proposed Budget was passed unanimously with no changes (See file)

-Stowe Avenue Project – More appropriate plantings have been ordered for the spring. Reimbursement to Josephine Robinson will be made. Volunteers will be needed in the spring to clean up and assist planting in March.

-Election – No nominations were brought forward; current Board agreed to remain. All voted in unanimously.

-Lease Agreement – We have copy of lease; looking into renewal details

-Attorney who will work for fraction of usual rate is reviewing our By-Laws; more info to come. Maria Bruno offered alternate pro bono attorney as an option.

-Holiday Party is Monday, December 6th at the VFW Post on Naugatuck Avenue from 6-10 p.m. (See file)

-Purple Pantry is located at Firehouse Gallery for holiday contributions

-Smile.Amazon - IF YOU ARE AN AMAZON SHOPPER, PLEASE SET UP SMILE.AMAZON.COM TO USE IN LIEU OF REGULAR AMAZON.COM AND KINDLY CHOOSE WALNUT BEACH ASSOCIATION AS YOUR NON-PROFIT OF CHOICE ... No cost to you, this is Amazon's "give-back" to communities. Our association is all set up to receive 1/2% of all purchases you make! It adds up, especially at the holidays.

-Band selection will be omitted this year; the bands will be the same bands as last year if they agree. If not submissions will be considered for schedule. THIS IS BECAUSE WE HAVE A SERIOUS SHORTAGE OF VOLUNTEERS HERE AT WALNUT BEACH ASSOCIATION.

-Marty Hardiman, Brett Broesder and Michael Casey are the District 3 Aldermen as of election.

Vice President's Report – Donna Travis

Firehouse Gallery has an exhibit (Still Life) opening November 11th from 6-8 with live music.

Financial Report - Elana Zabari

Operating (Main) Account: \$6,984.06

Concert Series Account: \$11,963.98

Festival Account: \$3,997.24

TOTAL: \$22,945.28

A motion was made and passed to combine all three accounts into one for easier bookkeeping. The budget has passed, going forward that is how the year's expenses will be itemized. All officers to go to Milford Bank on Thursday, December 9th to change account.

Secretary's Report – Kim Thompson

October meeting minutes were e-mailed and passed around tonight's meeting. Motion to accept minutes without changes passed unanimously.

Membership Report – Pam Parisi 70 Paid Members

Committee Reports

Blockwatch (no representation)

Cornhole Tournament (Nothing to report)

Music (Donna Travis) Nothing to report

Walnut Beach Arts and Business Association (Susan Patrick)

Tree Decorating at the Arch will be Wednesday, Nov. 17th at 10 a.m. Anyone welcome to join!

Tree Lighting Ceremony (at the Arch) is Sunday, December 5th at 5 p.m. Please join us! Caroling, hot chocolate and Santa!

WABABA will be getting a mural painted on the side of the building on Broadway near Naugatuck Ave.

WABABA has budgeted funds to have storm drains painted to beautify the area.

Walnut Beach Festival

Maria Bruno is interested in getting information on how to proceed if a location can be found.

Concert Series (No report)

Concert Series Fundraiser (No report)

Beautification (Melissa Wasik)

Going forward Melissa will help but cannot chair this committee; WABABA has offered to take care of the Arch property.

Government

Simon McDonald attended the Aldermen's meeting last Thursday; spoke to Phil Ventro and Board about WBA/WABABA having more input on certain local areas such as parking issues. Laura Ambrogio stated the Ordinance Chair needs written notice of requests before Aldermen can proceed; policy will be followed.

Website (Erik Johnson)

We could use another one or two people to learn how to update the website. Gean Brown has already agreed.

Scholarship (Nothing to report)

Old Business

New Business

-Milford Green will have Snowmen to raise money for the Milford Prevention Council

-WBA was asked to pay \$300 to appear in the Embassy Guide of local businesses to be purchased by travelers; it was thought to not be conducive to WBA events.

No December meeting, only our Holiday Party on December 6th. Please join us for a wonderful time. The Board wishes everyone a very happy and safe holiday season. Next meeting will be Monday, January 10th, 2022 at the Firehouse Gallery. Motion to adjourn passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim S. Thompson

Secretary

Walnut Beach Association