

Walnut Beach Association  
Meeting Minutes  
November 14, 2022  
Firehouse Gallery

All Officers in Attendance

Called to Order at 7:03 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

**President's Report – Wendy Terenzio**

-Holiday Party/Fundraiser tickets available until 25<sup>th</sup> so get your tickets now!!! We need a headcount for tables/food, etc. Go to [walnutbeachassociation.com](http://walnutbeachassociation.com) to sign/pay online.

-Merchandise available tonight at sale prices ... \$5/T-shirts, \$25 sweatshirts ... we need to eliminate the inventory on hand

-Nautilus Restaurant owners Nick and Crystal were introduced; looking at opening (soft) in the next month or so. WBA presented a handcrafted sign with their name by local artist Sue Dangle, in appreciation for always contributing to our events with MANY gift certificates and with their promise to support our community

-Walnut Beach Coffee House manager Max was introduced and added their promise to support the community; check out their Facebook page for upcoming menu, hours and events

-Testo's Pizza owner Rob Testo was introduced, along with his new chef Matt, who is a pizza wizard, having literally written a book on pizza ... looking forward to having it back (name might be changing, still a work in progress)

-P&Z meeting Tuesday night regarding a change in housing issue which would enable more affordable housing in Milford

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**Vice President's Report – Donna Travis**

Nothing to report

**Financial Report – Sherri Ton**

Account currently has \$20,508.63 as of 10/31/2022

**Secretary's Report – Kim Thompson**

Minutes of October's meeting were distributed at the meeting. Sign-up sheet is currently being passed around ... Please sign if you have not already done so.

Motion to accept minutes of October passed. No changes.

**Membership Report – Pam Parisi**

Current membership is 62 paid, without tonight's payments.

**Committee Reports**

**Walnut Beach Arts and Business Association – Kim Thompson**

Holiday Tree Lighting will be Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. at the Arch ... there will be caroling, hot chocolate, warm cider and a special appearance by a special guy!

### **Concert Series – Wendy Terenzio**

Simon McDonald has stepped up to chair the concert series. At this time, he plans on August through Labor Day concerts on Sundays. Simon will be working in conjunction to his duties at Milford Regional Chamber of Commerce; committee is looking for volunteers.

### **Concert Series Fundraiser –**

TIME IS RUNNING OUT TO PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS ... \$45 per person includes buffet dinner by Lasse's, DJ Erik for your dancing and listening pleasure, raffles, optional grab bag, optional Ugly Sweater contest, BYOB. The price of admission also reflects the fundraising efforts for the summer concert series. Come have a blast, support our association and feel the holiday spirit with old friends and new!

[www.walnutbeachassociation.com](http://www.walnutbeachassociation.com) to purchase online tickets.

### **Website – Erik Johnson**

Website is being updated for the election results and removing old business. If any of our local businesses have events, please contact [walnutbeachassociation@gmail.com](mailto:walnutbeachassociation@gmail.com) to get them on our website ... we support our local community!

### **Old Business**

Waiting on new DJ equipment. It will be used at our holiday party, looking forward to it.

Motion passed to install sign at the end of Stowe Avenue Project. Erik will contact Public Works.

More info will be looked into to see about future signs for Walnut Beach, including the possibility of adding the QR codes that were a project by a local student.

### **New Business**

Election of new Board results:

President – Kim Thompson

Vice President – Simon McDonald

Treasurer – Sherri Ton

Recording Secretary – Gean Brown

Terms begin January 1 ... congratulations to the new Board.

**Simon announced a benefit on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> with the Milford Police Department doing a Polar Plunge to raise money for the families of the fallen Bristol police. Motion passed for WBA to contribute \$500 to this very worthy cause. If anyone would like to donate, plunge (\$20) or attend it will be Saturday with registration at 10 a.m., Plunge at 11 .m. and food trucks ... all donating money to the cause. IF ANY OF OUR BUSINESSES WOULD LIKE TO DONATE A PERCENTAGE OF PROCEEDS THAT DAY TO SUPPORT, all monies benefit the families.** Contact Milford Regional Chamber of Commerce for information.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. Next meeting is January 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at the Firehouse Gallery. Hope to see you at the Holiday Party. Happy Holidays to all!

Respectfully submitted,  
Kim S. Thompson, Secretary  
Walnut Beach Association