

Walnut Beach Association

Meeting Minutes

Date: Apr 8, 2024

Firehouse Gallery

Officer in Attendance: Simon, Gean, Sheri

Called to Order at 7:04PM

A Sign-up sheet was passed around including update email information.

President's Report – Simon McDonald

Simon reported out on the meeting he attended in Fld for DEEP. He said there is a law that the beach cannot be raked from April 1st to September. It will kill vegetation, turtles and birds. We did just have a big storm with major beach damage. Simon will ask Parks and req. what the plans are for sand or can we do something as an organization. Tyde had it's grand opening which was a big success. The next event is the Chamber After Hours at Tyde on April 17th. \$20 for members.

Simon let the committee members that they will report out at meetings starting in June.

(Committees below.)

Financial Report – Sherri Ton

<u>Balance as of: March 31</u>	<u>Amt: 16,704.20</u>
<u>Previous Balance as of: March 1</u>	<u>Amt: 16,762.31</u>

Expenses: 0

Income:

Secretary's Report – Gean Brown

Motion to accept the minutes: Geoff Viscount, Melissa Wasik

Membership Report

paid members = no report

Need membership chair, Mary Kelly.

Committee Reports

Beautification Committee and Blight Committee

Members thus far: Gail Williams, Valentina Ivezaj, Kerri Swift, Teresa Twombly, Melissa Wasik, Nan McConkey Altieri, Tina Ullmann

Committee would like to plant on the median on Monroe street starting with the first one from Naugatuck. Asked for \$600 to buy supplies Motion made; 1st Geoff and 2nd Erik. All in favor. passed

Scholarship Committee

Members thus far: Gean Brown, Erik Johnson, Martina Porcelli

Fundraising and Events Committee

Gean Brown, Kim Thompson, Ana Martins, Pam Parisi, Sandy Serra, Kathy Kelly, Judy Duffy, Steve O'Connell, Mary Callahan

Gean Brown said the committee was throwing out some ideas, one was to have a pig roast at the pavilion. Geoff Viscount said they have them all the time at another organization and he will look into what the cost is and if there is money to be made. Gean would like to start a bocci fun league at Walnut Beach pavilion. Simon to find out if we need a permit and can we reserve the courts. We would like to have a social breakfast on a Saturday morning at the beach and then help the environmental/beach committee with beach clean up. Simon would like to get donors to provide breakfast food so we don't have to take from our budget. It was also brought up on Facebook to have country line dancing, we would need a teacher and sound system. Erik would be willing to help with sound. We will look into this further.

Environmental/Beach Committee

Judy Duffy, Donna Kydes

Stow Barn Committee

Scott and Helen Kelly, Kerri Swift, Chad and Teresa Twombly, Simon McDonald

Walnut Beach Business Association –

No report

Concert Series –

All concerts set

Government Liasons

Mike O'Mara, Geoff Viscount, Simon McDonald

Website

Erik Johnson

Preservation Trust

Erik Johnson

Guest Speaker (if applicable)

Mary Joe Down Farmers Market at Walnut Beach. Mary Jo reported that she has run the market for the last 5 years and will be doing again this year. It runs from June 6th to September 12th. Thursdays 4-7

She strives to get good farmers. She will have pizza and seafood truck and is trying to get a burger truck. She would also like a good bread vendor if anyone knows someone.

Old Business

New Business –

Valentina reported that there is a hole in the storm drain cover at the end of Naugatuck that could be dangerous for a child. She reported she did let town know a while ago but nothing was done. There is also a sea wall that broke loose at the end of Laurel and it is ready to be swept in the water. There was discussion of various things in the areas that don't get fixed and the noise from motorized bikes is also a problem. Simon suggested we all go to the Alderman meeting on May 6th at town hall to bring up all our concerns. They may listen if we have a good showing.

Tyde, April 17th 5-7 \$20 members

Motion to adjourn – Geoff and Erik

Adjourned at - 7:33 _____

Respectfully submitted,



Gean Brown

Secretary, Walnut Beach Association