

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT BOS MEETING

TOWN OF WESTBROOK, CONNECTICUT
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL MEETING
Thursday, June 11, 2020
Via ZOOM

CALL TO ORDER

First Selectman Bishop called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. In attendance included: First Selectman Bishop, Selectman Hall, and Selectman Fuchs, Rich Annino, Director of Park & Rec., Pat Marcarelli, COB President, Don Izzo, Emergency Management Director, Tony Cozza, BOF member, Ken Butterworth, IT, Mary Jane Monahan, Jill Brainerd, Facilities, Marie Palma, Aviva Luria, Press, and Vince Gentile.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – RE: MATERIALS AND RELATED ITEMS; I.E. CANOPIES, TENTS, UMBRELLAS, ETC. ON TOWN PUBLIC BEACHES

At the 6/9/20 BOS meeting, the Board had a discussion relative to personal property being left on public beaches overnight and for extended periods of time. At that meeting, the consensus of the BOS was that no personal property may remain on public beaches after 8 p.m. including, but not limited to, umbrellas, chairs, tents, canopies, kayaks, canoes, boats, toys, and athletic equipment.

The First Selectman forwarded the above to Mr. Marcarelli, COB President, for distribution to the COB membership. Mr. Marcarelli requested that the BOS to-revisit the recommendation.

Mr. Marcarelli commented that the beach associations, at no cost to the town, provide planters, garbage cans and “clean-up” of the public beach.

Mr. Marcarelli reported that items of concern include canopies, tents, and volleyball nets. When these items are left on the beach overnight and for extended periods of time, they interfere with the Public Works ability to adequately maintain the beach; i.e. raking and use of other equipment as appropriate. For many years, residents have been permitted to secure their kayaks and canoes, etc. along the seawall.

Mr. Marcarelli requested that the BOS consider allowing residents to continue to secure their kayaks, canoes, etc. and asked that “structures”; i.e. canopies, tents, and volleyball nets be removed on a daily basis. Mr. Marcarelli reported that each Beach Association should monitor their areas.

The consensus of the BOS was that the BOS will allow NO overnight structures on public beaches in the Town of Westbrook.

A communication will be crafted and reviewed by Attorney Forsyth.

Additional signage/update of current signage at the beach (beach parking lot and Elks’ Club area) will be installed.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bishop made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:55 p.m. Mr. Hall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Suzanne Helchowski
Executive Assistant

Attest,

Noel Bishop
First Selectman