



SANDY BEACH COMMISSION

September Meeting Agenda *Minutes*

Date: September 18, 2025

6:00 PM

Location: Sandy Beach, East Shore Rd, Morris

In attendance: Corinne Houle, Terry Connor, Lindsay Z, Jennifer Parsons, and Todd Dyer- Beach Manager. Guest-Lauren Wheeler Not in attendance: Kathy VO, Tom Matthews, Ed Ryle, Andy Parker

- Call to order: 6:25PM
 - note-group toured beach, beach buildings prior to start of meeting
- Approval of minutes from August 21, 2025 meeting.
- Treasurers report: Kathy not able to attend but shared financials. End of season income down vs 2024 income approx 5%. Motion made by Corinne to reimburse operating funds from restoration account to cover costs of building maintenance. Linds 2nd. Motion passes. Commissioners to review next years to include increased funding request from both towns due to increased personnel costs.
- Correspondence:
 - Kathy rec'd letter from CT Department of Labor with unemployment claim from Todd. Upon investigation, we learned that it was fraudulent. Kathy to contact CT Unemployment.
 - Request to use beach next September by Portuguese Dog training group? Corinne to follow up.
- Old Business
 - Well/water final update: no noticeable leaking since Todd repaired pipe. Will keep an eye next spring.
 - Beach Cleanup-Fall not necessary. Staff did great job buttoning up beach. Todd will bleed lines. Power and Cable to be turned off Oct 1.
 - Playroom: Reminder to post signs about rules in playroom next year. Adults responsible for being sure room is picked up.
 - Final version of Rules Sign. Tabled until next month.
- New Business

- Scarecrows in Meadow. Tossed around creative ideas. Lindsay to reach out for a time to put the scarecrow together. Sitting in beach chair or lifeguard stand.
- Beach Manager's Report
 - 2nd largest number of passes sold (higher during covid), swim lesson numbers increased. Pre-K lessons a great success! Profit not realized due to higher costs on everything. No response after reply sent to community member with complaint about flotation device. Todd shared staff evaluation sheet to be used next year. Once reviewed and updated, it will be shared with staff at beginning of seasons so they know what they will be evaluated on. List of highlights included below. Todd neglected to include benefit of working with PTO and hope to do next year.
 - Future agenda items: Next year "events"-ie, concerts, Friday Fun with fire companies, Fall Festival (Todd agreed to donate time). Finalize sign verbage, Litchfield Paddle, Season Car tags vs stickers.
 - NOTE, Lauren Wheeler joined meeting. She was appointed a commissioner (and sworn in) by Tom Weik, however no one on commission was informed of her joining. Since Chairman Ed was not at meeting and not knowing what to do, we welcomed her as a guest.
- Adjourn : 7:40 PM

-Jennifer Parsons, co-secretary

Next meeting: Thursday October 16, 6pm at Forman School

2025 Season Highlights

- Addition of Pre-School Lessons
- Refurbish of Cottage exterior
- New Well
- Cubby Space Room Painted
- Play room opened
- Shade Sail Installed
- Maintenance role added
- New Signs
- Partnership with Litchfield Park & Recreation
- Collaboration with local Fire Departments for Fun Days
- Addition of "bear resistant" dumpster
- Swim Meet vs. Litchfield Country Club
- Live Music Night
- Multiple Night Events
- Outstanding staff
- New Lifeguard Equipment
- PTO collaboration