



SANDY BEACH COMMISSION

January Minutes

Date: January 22, 2026

6:00 PM

Location: Bantam Annex

In attendance: Ed Ryle, Chair, Terry Connor, Jennifer Parsons, Kathy Van Ormer, Lauren Wheeler

Not in attendance: Tom Matthews, Andy Parker, Corinne Houle

- Call to order: 6:02
- Approval of minutes from November 20, 2025 meeting. Motion to approve-Kathy, Second Lauren. .
- Treasurers report: Kathy provided final 2025 p and l. Loss of 10,581. Cash on hand: 4,446. Kathy forwarded all financial statements to both Litchfield and Morris Town Halls. She pointed out that we are required to provide copies of all insurance policies also; Kathy will forward Workman's Comp policy. As per MOU, towns are to provide SBC with copy of insurance policies annually too. Ed addressed the 2026 budget request form from Litchfield. No communications from Morris. He requested same funding with caveat : Commission to go back to boards of selectmen if we need additional monies. Lengthy discussion between Commissioners about running the beach at a loss for the last several years is not sustainable. Ed will go back to Litchfield to request in increase in funding for SB operating costs. (Minimum wage has increased again!) Group believes we'll need between 20-50k. SBC has not asked for an increase in municipal funding in excess of 15 years. Denise suggested a request to Seherr -Thoss, however, our immediate need is not for a capital project. Ed to report back.
- Correspondence: budget request as discussed above
- Old Business
 - Sign approval-would like to change "Sandy Beach Commission Rules" to "rules".
 - Roof repair update-TC spoke to Jefferson. He'll will do when weather is acceptable. TC to purchase supplies as directed by Jefferson
 - Paddle group update-tabled
 - 2026 events calendar-tabled

- New Business
 - Kathy suggested we work harder finding additional members. One from each town. Agreed to prospect from pass holders. Will ask Todd to bring binder to Feb meeting.
- Beach Manager's Update: none

Future Agenda items not addressed at Jan meeting:

2026 events calendar (see above, will address in March)

Playroom rules

Shade at beach/Trees at beach

BLSC Ski Show contract to be done in March.

Discussion on dredging lake? Who does? Can we pay someone to do it?

- Adjourn : 7:08 PM (Kathy moved, TC second)

-Jennifer Parsons, co-secretary

Next meeting: Special Meeting, January 8,
6pm, Bantam Annex