



SANDY BEACH COMMISSION

June Minutes

Date: June 18, 2026

6:00 PM

Location: **Sandy Beach**

In attendance: Chairman Ed Ryle, Jennifer Parsons, Kathy VanOrmer, Corinne Houle, Lauren Wheeler, Terry Connor, Tom Matthews, Andy Parker, and Lara Norris.

- Call to order: 6:03pm
- Approval of minutes from May 21, 2026, meeting. Lauren pointed out that the minutes read as if Ed was in attendance. Jenn will adjust to reflect that his to do list was agreed upon by him at the April meeting, not at May meeting. Corinne moved to approve May minutes with adjustments. Lauren second. All in favor.
- Treasurers report: Kathy shared the current balance as of June 18 = \$6651.19 Kathy informed the Commission that she lent the Beach \$800 on 6/4/26 in order to cover payroll. She reimbursed herself \$800 on 6/11.. Kathy and Corinne attended the Morris Finance Committee meeting on 6/9 to ask for supplemental funding ASAP. Morris BOF members communicated that they had no prior request or formal request from SB for additional funds. Kathy shared that Litchfield was giving the Beach and extra 2k, additional to 2026 funding. We asked Morris for 1k. They requested more information. Kathy provided it via email on 6/10. Funds were received 6/11/26. Payroll is being processed every other week now to reduce expenses from payroll company. Note-Morris BOF commented that they don't get SB minutes. Minutes are provided to Morris and Litchfield Town Clerk each month within ten days of meeting. In an effort to save the Commission money, Kathy has done all the printing on her own, we are using beach passes left over from prior years to avoid printing costs. Bank fees are due to the fact that we aren't keeping our bank balance where fees would be waived. Mike Gacek, a beach patron and Morris BOF member offered to meet with Kathy to review financials and suggest ways to run more financially efficient. Kathy and Mike met in June and he suggested that we send monthly financials to BOF in each town so they will always know where we stand financially. Kathy to forward reports. They also directed us to have separate accounts: operating and capital. Will WMCC reduce our annual rental fee? Terry to schedule meeting with Lukas to see if they can help with SB financial issue.
- Terry shared ideas on how to increase revenue. Two suggestions-bring back Triathalon. Also create season program to include sponsor ads. Would need to start that in Q4. Jenn will put

that on the calendar so we can discuss at that time. Group supported the idea. Tom reminded us about Buckets for the Beach where we gave each kid a bucket to take home and fill with change. When they turned them in they got a prize. Memory serves that we raised about 1k or so years ago. Lara to consider. Discussed shutting down snack shack to save money on product and staff. Or we may consider cutting hours the beach is opened.

- Correspondence: Kathy verbally offered her resignation effective 12/31/26. She will help to train a new Treasurer once one is appointed or found. Terry reported that he sold the SB mower on FB Marketplace for \$700. He was looking to purchase a used one for \$500. Jenn inquired about Morris and Litchfield town crew scheduled to mow. No one had contacted either crew as of today's meeting. Corinne to speak to Kyle on Friday 6/19 and ask if they'll come first and third weeks of each month. Lauren to ask Litchfield Town Crew to do every other. Ed forwarded Bantam Lake Ski Club contract last weekend and has not gotten it back. He also asked Lara if she would work Saturday night party (7p-11p) for \$200 to be paid by BLSC. Lara agreed to cover the shift. Ed to forward a copy of the contract to Lara.
- New business-Kathy shared that Tom W indicated we did not follow thru with interlocal agreement. Confusion as to who is responsible for setting that meeting each year ???
- Beach Manager report: Lara has hired two more guards with one interview coming. She reached out to Laurentano last week to move the dock our further as it has moved closer to shore. No response. Ed to call Matt asap. Terry will drop off his zero turn mower over the weekend for SB to borrow for a mow. Kathy suggests that we use September's final beach manager's report to create report for towns and present to Denise and Tom at that time.
- Jenn will share email creds with Lara. Lara to update shadow boxes with 2026 info. Kathy to ask Fire Company to do select Friday Fun Day (s). Lara to make signs for playroom (which is open M-F only).
- July meeting date needs to be changed due to vacation schedule. Group agreed to meet either 7/20 or 7/21 depending on Ed and Terry schedule. Jenn will reach out and share new date with group and change with Town Clerks.

Adjourn: 7:50PM Corinne moved, Kathy second, unanimously approved

-Jennifer Parsons, co-secretary

Next meetings:

Regular Meeting: July 20, 2026 at 6pm @ Sandy Beach