



SANDY BEACH COMMISSION

July Special Meeting Minutes

Date: July 20, 2026

6:00 PM

Location: **Sandy Beach**

- In attendance: Chairman Ed Ryle, Jennifer Parsons, Kathy VanOrmer, Lauren Wheeler, Terry Connor, Andy Parker, and Lara Norris. Unable to attend: Corinne Houle, and Tom Matthews
- Call to order: 6:00pm
- Approval of minutes from June 18, 2026, meeting. Motion to approve-Lauren. Andy 2nd. All in favor.
- Treasurers report: Kathy shared the current balance as of July 20 = \$22,805.01 100% of Litchfield annual contribution has been received. Additional 1000.00 from Morris 2026, additional 2000.00 from Litchfield 2026 budgets also received. Kathy sent request to Morris for 2026 contribution. Has not heard anything or rec'd payment yet. Kathy has not met with Mike Gacek as of yet. We have has one less payroll week this year vs last year due to later opening of beach full time. Kathy also mentioned we have NOT rec'd a bill from USA Hauling yet this season. Discussed overall finances and concerns about meeting payroll through end of summer. Much of that will be determined by weather. Kathy wondered if we need to have a certain amount of money left over in order to open beach next season. Will revisit in August.
- Correspondence: Kathy had received notification from TAHD regarding annual water testing. SB is responsible to have water from snack shack tested annually. List of accepted testing vendors on TAHD site. Test done. Passed. Certificate hanging in Snack Shack through season. Will put on calendar to test water first week of June going forward. Jenn read email from Robyn at Litchfield Town Clerk about resident having difficulty getting her FREE Senior pass. More investigating showed that this person is a Watertown resident and not eligible for free season pass. Lengthy discussion of Seniors and First Responders getting free passes and the issues that have been created. Customers receiving free passes bringing many children with them. Grandparents, etc. Can we continue to afford this perk? How can we still receive payment for families that are attached to free passes? Will put on August agenda to continue to discuss. Kathy to pick up forms and \$ in Litchfield and drop more passes in Morris. Terry met with Lukas from WMM to discuss financial challenges SB is facing. Maybe WMM can reduce our yearly rental fees? Or make a donation? Lukas to discuss at WMM

board meeting and report back to Terry. Nothing yet. Terry to follow up and cc Ed with any correspondence. Lauren reached out to Raz at Litchfield Public works for help with mowing. Was told no. She then reached out to Denise to see if they can do anything to help. Litchfield did rake beach prior to season, once. Morris has been mowing every other week (so have done beach twice now). Lauren will ask about raking again. Terry has done what he can with his personal mower, raking the sand and will do another pass before ski show. Lara reports that the roof leaked in snack shack during past week's nasty rain storm. Will watch to see if roof is leaking often or if that was one off. Ed rec'd signed BLSC Ski show contract and shared with Lara. Lara will send a copy to Jenn to archive. Still waiting for Laurentano's to deliver new lines for outside the dock.

- Old business-mowing and beach upkeep covered in correspondence. Also, Terry sold old SB mower on FB Marketplace for \$700. Purchased one for beach for \$500. Gave Kathy \$200 cash. Terry also fixed old cart found behind cottage. Lara will do full inventory of SB equipment at end of season. BLSC-see above in correspondence.
- Beach Manager report: Lara has rec'd MANY compliments on beach and staff! One guard moved out of the area so now 11 guards. Staff working well together and doing great job. She did have to purchase some supplies as per Torrington Area health. Lara plans to do annual reviews for all staff at end of season. Lara will reach out to Corinne to see where things stand with Laurentanos.
- Future agenda items: discussion of comps, fees increased for next year

Adjourn: 7:18 PM Terry moved, Jenn second.

-Jennifer Parsons, co-secretary

Next meeting:

August 20, 2026 at 6pm @ Sandy Beach