

WALNUT BEACH ASSOCIATION

Meeting minutes 10/17/2005

- Thank you notes were sent to:
 - Jill Dion
 - Milford Savings Bank
 - Margaret Egan Center
 - Milford Housing
- Elvira suggests a telephone squad be formed for meeting notification.

Committee Reports:

- **Festival Report**
 - Susan Patrick gave the committee report. She submitted a sample of their letterhead stationery. The Walnut Beach Day Festival will take place on Sunday August 6, 2006. The day will kick off with a 5K run at Walnut Beach from 8:30am-9:30am. The committee hopes to expand the children's area by bringing back the "Treasure Chest" and a mural contest. There are plans to offer more food service and a map of the area. Chair people are still needed for vendors, food, signage, and children's area, sanitation and morning refreshments. Rich Coda will handle "A-signs", entertainment and letters to public works and police and Rich and Mike Caro will do set up, clean up and the tents.
 - The next festival meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 17 at 7pm at the home of MaryAnn Spangler.
- **Block Watch**
 - 3 calls received:
 - Drinkers at the end of Laurel Avenue
 - Concern about a skunk
 - Loud music on Park Avenue
 - Police responded to all calls
- **Publicity**
 - Peggy White needs timely notification from President Coda about upcoming events so she can submit to the newspapers.
- **Grants**
 - Gloria has been in touch with Dick Anderson, who has contacted Marcia Winter, a grant writer for the city of Milford. They will meet this coming Monday.
 - Mike Caro expressed his concern that we may not receive the money that has been earmarked for us if Gov Rell makes her proposed cuts.
 - Mike also questioned why the sidewalks have not been done on Laurel, Park and Stowe Avenues. Do we still qualify? Cathy Hamill does not think so. Tom Ivers says the money for sidewalks must come from other sources.
 - After some discussion the membership decided to invite Bob Gregory and Tom Ivers to speak at the January 2006 meeting.

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- **Aldermanic**
 - Joe Garbus discussed his frustration with the lack of progress regarding the Stowe Farm. The City of Milford owns the property and is negotiating with the Milford Fine Arts Council (MFAC) to take over the management. The MFAC cannot take on a project of this magnitude at their current staffing level. The Stowe Farm must be self-sustaining. Peggy White and Joe Garbus are on the steering committee, which is scheduled to meet with the MFAC on November 21. Peggy states that the Stowe Farm would be a benefit to the neighborhood, as well as the Walnut Beach Association. Mike Caro suggested asking the state for support. The question was also raised as to whether John Cusano could be of assistance.
- **Planning and Zoning**
 - The Naugatuck Avenue project was approved for 21 units. The West Shore Neighborhood Association is suing P&Z, as well as the developer, to stop construction.
- **Revitalization**
 - Dick Anderson was not present. It was reported that Tom Ivers said the proposal request went out.

Old Business:

- There was discussion with Frank Goodrich about the issue of “river sand”, how much is in question? He thinks there are 600,000 tons, with 1 ton = 1 yard. If the sand is placed on a lot formerly deemed as unsuitable for building, can it now be a building lot? The Army Corp of Engineers will charge \$6/ton to move it. Who will incur that cost?

New Business:

- Broadwater Project-a liquid natural gas platform 12 miles off the coast of Branford
 - Concerns about this being a “target”, a danger to marine life, the danger of leakage and pollution, restricted recreation
 - Do we want 2 tankers/day, each way?
 - Iroquois would run the pipeline
 - CT must give the ok
 - President Coda encouraged members to get as much information as possible in order to make an informed decision. Frank Goodrich and Joe Garbus will get the informational pamphlet.
- Devon Rotary has offered to sponsor movie nights when the new pavilion is completed. Nanci Seltzer has offered to facilitate this project.
- Mary Ann Spangler will undergo surgery this week, WBA will send something appropriate.

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- WBA voted to acknowledge Elvira Prokowski at the November meeting for her many years of dedication to the WBA.
- A question was raised about the delay in opening for the lobster place on Broadway. They need a grease trap in order to comply with codes.
- There was no information available about the projected opening date for Susan Patrick's ice cream parlor, as she had to leave the meeting early.
- The discussion of organizing a phone squad was tabled until next month.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm, with a motion from Joe Benefico and a second by Joe Garbus.

The next meeting of the Walnut Beach Association will take place on **Monday November 14, 2005 at 7:00 pm** at Saint Gabriel Parish Hall. Please make every effort to attend and bring a neighbor. **November is Membership Renewal month.**

Respectfully submitted:

Catherine Coda, Secretary