

LONG BEACH WEST BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MEETING

The Mayor's Long Beach West Blue Ribbon Commission conducted a meeting on Monday, August 1, 2011 in room 213 of Stratford Town Hall, 2725 Main Street, Stratford, CT pursuant to notice duly posted.

1. Call to Order: by Chairman Patrick Gribbon at 5:30 p.m.

COMMISSION MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Patrick Gribbon, Milan Bull, Morgan Kaolian, Marcia Stewart, Devin Santa, John Zbell, Non-Voting members: David Killeen – Town Planner, Carol Szymanski - DEEP, Brian Carey – Conservation Officer, Capt. Joseph McNeil – Stfd Police

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Edward Scinto, Non-voting members Andrew French – US Fish & Wildlife, Sharon Marino – US Fish & Wildlife

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Audubon Connecticut rep. Sandy Breslin — Dir. Of Governmental Affairs

DOCUMENTS DISTRIBUTED DURING MEETING:

- Long Beach West Recap of Input from the July 2011 Meeting – authored by: Patrick Gribbon

2. Approval of Minutes of Meetings of: June 6 and July 6, 2011

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. BULL SECONDED BY MS. STEWART TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING MINUTES. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Correspondence – No business furnished.

4. Committee Reports/Reviews

As Messrs. Bull and Zbell were not present at the meeting of July 6, they presented their view/vision for Long Beach West.

Mr. Bull — (paraphrased) Keep natural area, promote and care for wildlife, improve check station and improve parking, comfort station, snack bar, kayak/canoe launch area, ADA approved walkway, trail wide enough for emergency vehicle, camping area.

Mr. Zbell — (paraphrased) similar to Mr. Bull's vision also to include improve guard shack and entryway, define parking area, additional signage, comfort station, elevated boardwalk and platform, camping/ kayak/canoe area.

5. Old Business — Mr. Gribbon's above-cited document was reviewed and discussed. The following issues/concerns arose: meeting with Bridgeport to coordinate Long Beach/Pleasure beach efforts, breach of Beach, causeway, government funding. Questions were posed to Mr. Carey re: vegetation and invasive species management, plantings and foliage.

6. New Business — The following issues were discussed: Signage consistent with all Stratford Signage, the existing trail, DEEP's ability to close off nesting areas, Federal Threatened Species Act, Tern and Plover nesting habits and the fines levied for destruction, the coastal site plan, restrictions to barrier beaches, jetties. A plan with conceptual drawings, funding. Sponsorship.

7. Other — None

8. Adjournment — Hearing no other business, Mr. Gribbon entertained a motion to adjourn at 7:25 p.m.

UPON A MOTION BY MR. BULL AND SECONDED BY MR. ZBELL, IT WAS VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.

Respectfully submitted *Carol Cabral*
Carol Cabral, Secretary