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A message from the Chairman of the Board of Governors. By Tony Zimmitti

There is good news to report to you regarding the nourishment of the Association's beach. As you are probably aware, many of us at one time or another have shouted, "Why can't we get the sand from the channel put back on our beach!"

Well, here comes the good news. Finally, the DEP has authorized the Town of Westbrook to in fact deposit the sand that will be hydraulically dredged from the outer channel, back to where it came from, Grove Beach Point. Officially, the role of the GBPA is one of merely helping the Town by offering a site to deposit the sand, and nothing more. Fortunately, this sand, six thousand cubic yards or more, is free! The Association, of course, will be responsible for the spreading of the sand (as we do annually anyway when we clean and groom the beach), and the dewatering of it, a process designated to prevent the 10%-20% of silt that will be mixed with the sand and the water to be dissipated by the filtering nature of the sand, before the water reenters the Sound. The process of spreading and dewatering all of this sand will cost, based on estimates, an additional \$10,000 to \$15,000 over what we normally pay for cleaning and grooming the beach. In return, however, the Association will receive in excess of \$100,000 worth of beach sand. The dredging should be completed by early May of this year.

This Agreement with the Town and the DEP promises to be a great opportunity for the Association, and equally important, establishes a precedent. It also puts a feather in the Town of Westbrook and the DEP's hats, and ours as well, since it discontinues the long standing practice of "dumping" into the Sound –

it seems Connecticut is the only state in this region to employ the dumping technique; New York and Rhode Island are no longer allowed to do so.

The effort and all the work this Association has done on this issue spans almost two decades. Finally a golden opportunity has been made available to us and we must do everything right the first time around in order to be able to reap the benefits now and in the future. The

Board of Governors has discussed this project at length, has recognized the value of this opportunity, and voted in favor of it. Once again I want to single out Mr. Rick McGinley for all he has done, and continues to do, to make sure the most valuable asset the GBPA possesses, the beach, is preserved.

On behalf of the Association, I also want to thank Kelly Giuliano, attorney and member of the GBPA Board of Governors, for offering to handle, pro bono, all of the legal aspects, agreements, contracts, etc., that are part of any project of this magnitude.

And now to other news. The Annual meeting that will be scheduled for May 24, 2008 is coming up fast. The BoG is working on the preparations for the meeting. The call for the meeting will be sent out in mid-May. As usual we anticipate a great turn out.

Some time ago, I collected all the phone directories that were left out, on the ground, getting wet and providing a loud signal that no one was home, and stored them in the Association's shed. When you return, that is where you can collect them. In the future, you may want to instruct the phone company not to deliver them. If that is not possible, ask that they take the books back after they have been lying around for no more than a week. Thank you and good luck.

This is addressed to the individual who may have found the padlock used to lock the gate of the Association's parking lot; if you have it still, please return it. Just leave it where you found it. Thank you.

**Garbage & Recyclables
By Gary Bazzano**

We will be staying with Hometown waste for another year. The price per month will be \$21.00. Jim Palumbo will be the contact person at Hometown Waste. His telephone number is 203-245-8840. **Please call him with any problems you may have regarding your rubbish pickup.** Just a reminder to the year round residents, that starting in May, all pick ups will be on Mondays. Please remember to complete the form attached to this Newsletter and send it in with a check to Hometown Waste. The form is for recycling and rubbish pickup. If anyone has any issues with Hometown Waste, please contact me at 860-604-0500 or gbazz@cox.net.

**Special Projects Committee
By Joe Palmieri**

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NEWSLETTER BY E-MAIL!**

Save a tree, save postage, save me some work!

Contact Kelly Giuliano at kgiuliano@hill-hill.com to do so!



GARBAGE/RECYCLING COLLECTION

We have been doing the “group” garbage collection from Neelys Waste Removal Company (Hometown Waste, LLC) since October 1, 1996. The monthly fee is now \$21.00. The summer residents have a choice of the 4 month plan or the 6 month plan as follows:

May 15 to September 15 – 4 month plan for \$84.00
May 1 to November 1 – 6 month plan for \$126.00

The full time residents will be billed directly by Hometown Waste, LLC @ \$21.00 per month.

Garbage and recycling pick up will be on MONDAY starting in May.

NAME: _____

Mailing Address: _____

GBPA Address: _____

Four Month Plan enclose \$84.00 _____ Six Month Plan enclose \$126.00 _____

Make Checks Payable to Hometown Waste, LLC

Please mail this completed form with your payment in advance to:

Hometown Waste, LLC
P.O. Box 1340
Madison, CT 06443

If you have any questions concerning your bill please call 203.245.8840.