

TOWN OF BARNSTABLE SANDY NECK BOARD

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Sandy Neck Board Meeting November 08, 2010

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Sandy Neck Board was held on November 08, 2010 at the Barnstable Town Hall, Selectmen's Conference Room, 367 Main Street, Hyannis, MA. The meeting was called to order at 7:31 pm by Chairman Rich French.

Roll Call:

- Board Members present: Peter Sampou, Lynn Heslinga, George Muhlebach, Barbara Bell, Nate King, Bill Carey, and Rich French.
- Council Liaison: Ann Canedy.
- Staff: Nina Coleman, Sandy Neck Park Manager, and Debbie Lavoie, Secretary Pro Tem.
- Public: Gary Ostrum

Act on Minutes:

- On a **motion** by Barbara Bell and seconded by Pete Sampou, the Sandy Neck Board voted unanimously to approve the October minutes as printed. Lynn Heslinga and George Muhlebach abstained from voting because they were not at that meeting.

Correspondence:

- None.

Staff Report:

Nina Coleman addressed the Board:

- The gatehouse is closed. Staff is available for the sales of ORV permits by appointment only. [Note: ORV stickers are required year round.]
- Winter curfew: Beach closes at 8 PM. Campfires are allowed at sunset.
- There is pheasant hunting at Sandy Neck and will continue until the weekend after Thanksgiving. Rabbit hunting is also active right now.
- This is turtle stranding season. The Kemp's Ridley Sea Turtles become "cold stunned" because of the drop in water temperature and beach themselves. These turtles are endangered and considered rarest of sea turtles. They are usually along the rack line – mixed in with the seaweed. If you see one, do not move it but you can turn it over if it is on its back. Do not attempt to "warm them up". Call the Gatehouse or Natural Resources or the Environmental Police.
- Nina will be going before ConComm tomorrow morning (Tuesday, November 9th) to request a three year extension on the existing Orders of Conditions. These conditions are the documents that allow ORV vehicles and cottage colony vehicles to go onto the beach.

Old Business:

Bathhouse Update

Nina Coleman reported that the bids closed on Tuesday October 26th. Fourteen companies bid and the lowest bidder was Robert B. Our Company, Inc. of Harwich. The bid was vetted but needs to be signed by all the proper authorities and the Town Manager will announce the winning bidder. Then the contract must be written, reviewed and signed. The bid was \$1.1 million and includes everything – even the sidewalk.

(Copy of bid report available – on file.)

Marsh Trail Repair

Nina Coleman reported that there are no updates at this time but Bob Lovell, Highway Supervisor, has found some native material that can be used in the spring for some marsh trail repair work. Repair work will be reviewed in February.

New Business:

Sandwich Fee Discussion/Recommendation

Rich French explained that at the present time that information is with the Town Manager and they can not get into the discussion right now but it is moving along and active.

Year End Report as prepared and presented by Nina Coleman

Piping Plover

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total Pairs (Total Count)	23	35	31	28	38
Number of Eggs	102	141	142	101	145
Eggs Hatched	66	93	60	66	98
<i>Chicks Fledged</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>53</i>	<i>43</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>60</i>

Plover Habitat Protection

Over six (6+) miles fencing installed.
4 wire nest exclosures installed

Diamondback Terrapin

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Number of Nests Collected	7	2	2	7	6
Number Nests Capped	28	21	49	108	115

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Number of Nests	44	36	59	119	122
Number of Nests Predated	2	0	2	0	1
<i>Potentially Hatched Nests</i>	<i>42</i>	<i>36</i>	<i>57</i>	<i>119</i>	<i>121</i>

Terns:

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Least Terns	249	192	432	245
Common Tern	0	0	0	0

Enforcement:

	2008	2009	2010
<i>Citations</i>	<i>56</i>	<i>75</i>	<i>47</i>
<i>Written Warning</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>9</i>
<i>Permits Revoked</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>“No Trespass” Issued</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>

Hunting

Pheasant Hunt: 10/16-11/27 (estimated total of 250-275 pheasant stocked)

Revenue (fiscal year-Munis)

	FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10
Dune Fees (ORV)	\$312,626	\$358,926	\$337,579	\$386,512
Beach Parking	\$85,919	\$88,683	\$87,790	\$97,230
Sandwich Revenue	\$35,875	\$36,772	\$37,691	\$38,633
Beach Concession	\$10,502	\$14,886	\$11,839	\$8,238
Cottage Lease Fees	\$33,350	\$34,650	\$43,050	\$41,464
Parking Stickers	\$25,909	\$25,683	\$27,445	\$30,666
Merchandise	-	\$10,244	\$16,248	\$15,584
Miscellaneous	\$3,439	\$2,660	\$1,178	\$1,205
Earnings on Investments	\$7,530	\$11,103	\$6,742	\$2,421
Total Revenue	\$515,150	\$583,543	\$569,564	\$622,155

Off Road Vehicle Permits (calendar year Jan.-Oct.)

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Barnstable Resident	1,312	1,212	1,355	1,253	1,410
Sandwich Resident	605	631	744	678	774
Non Resident	926	853	923	919	1,073
Property Owner	117	122	123	127	124
Total # ORV permits	2,960	2,818	3,145	2,977	3,381

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Number of Camping Nights	4,817	4,924	6,144	6,683	7,023
Number of Day Trips	12,391	10,109	13,059	12,391	14,105
Number of Trips to Cottages	822	591	456	429	566
Total # of Vehicle Trips	18,030	15,624	19,659	19,503	21,694

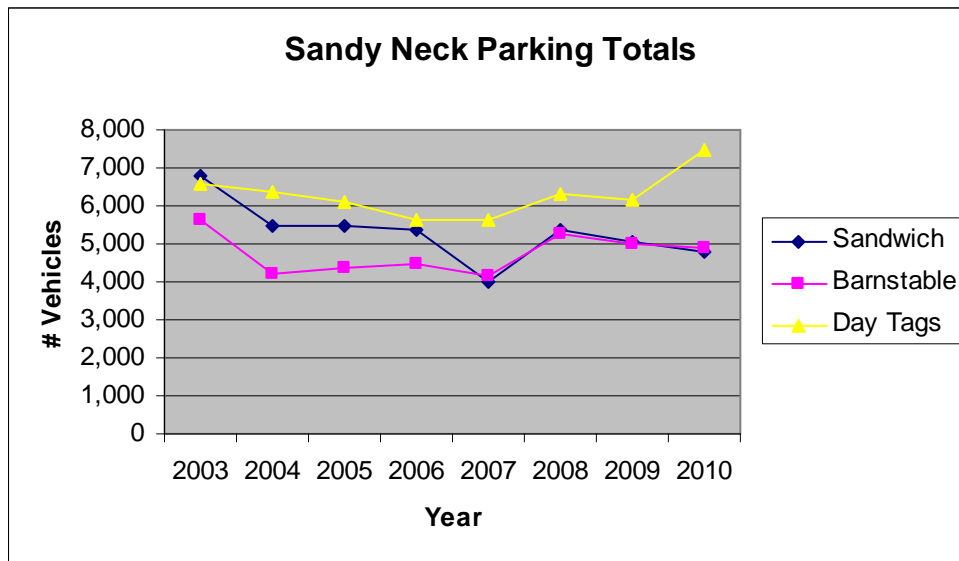
Escorts

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
June	44	65	15	17	15
July	49	83	48	80	26
August	28	55	52	17	27
September	0	26	5	0	1
Total	121	229	120	114	69

Number of vehicles using Sandy Neck Parking during business hours.

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Sandwich	5,463	5,488	5,353	4,009	5,384	5,068	4,788
Barnstable	4,195	4,390	4,487	4,143	5,244	5,011	4,897
Day Tags	6,391	6,126	5,621	5,613	6,307	6,182	7,460

Business hours = 8AM-3:30PM on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays only from Memorial Day until the third weekend in June and then everyday from the third weekend in June until Labor Day.



Public Comment:

Gary Ostrum addressed the Board regarding the deer hunt. He was hoping it was not too late to have a hunt this year. [It is too late]. He would like to help Nina Coleman next year with the deer hunt in an effort to get more hunters involved. It was suggested he come to the September 2011 Board Meeting.

Adjournment:

- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Lavoie, Secretary Pro Tem