



TOWN OF BARNSTABLE

SANDY NECK BOARD

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Sandy Neck Board Meeting April 14, 2014

Chairman:

Richards French

Vice Chairman:

William Carey

Board Members:

Lynn Heslinga
Nate King
George Muhlebach
Tom O'Neill
Peter Sampou

Council Liaisons:

Ann Canedy
Phil Wallace

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Sandy Neck Board was held on April 14, 2014 at the 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: Bill Carey, Pete Sampou, George Muhlebach, Tom O'Neil, Nate King, and Rich French.
- Board Member absent: Lynne Heslinga.
- Staff: Nina Coleman, Sandy Neck Park Manager; and Debbie Lavoie, Secretary Pro Tem.
- Council Liaison present: Phil Wallace.
- Council Liaison absent: Ann Canedy.
- Public: Wendy Paquette, Diane Lomba and Russ Keyes.

Act on Minutes:

- On a **motion** by Bill Carey and seconded by Pete Sampou, the Sandy Neck Board voted to approve the March minutes as printed. Nate King abstained as he was not present at that meeting.

Correspondence:

- Memorandum from Town Council Office re: 2014 Reappointment Form for Pete Sampou and Nate King. It was signed and will be submitted to Appointments Committee.

Staff Report:

Nina Coleman addressed the Board:

- Gatehouse is open daily 9 am to 4 pm. New ORV stickers are available. Staff has been hired for the next season.
- The winter curfew is still in effect which means you must be off the beach by 8:00 pm.
- All fencing is now up.
- First plover sighting was March 20th – which is right on time.
- First osprey sighting was April 1st. Osprey nest at the gatehouse has been repaired. (thanks to all who helped).
- There will be a "Celebrate Spring on Sandy Neck" walk on Wednesday, April 16th 10 am to noon. For more information, call Long Pasture Wildlife Sanctuary at 508-362-7475 Ext 9355 or online www.massaudubon.org/longpasture.
- New merchandise is in at the gatehouse.

Staff Report cont'd. :

- MBBA Beach Cleanup was held on April 13th. There were approximately 124 people.
- Thank you to all the wonderful helpers.



- During the last storm, the tide came in and took out a lot of the sand in front of the upper lot.
- The dune restoration project “worked”.
- Approximately 25 feet of the 40 feet put down was “taken” which means the parking lot was not damaged. This is very important.
- This area is posted and will be fenced.



- N-Star took down an osprey nest for safety reasons on Route 6A at Bayview Farms.
- This 35 foot pole was put up as a replacement away from the electrical wires.
- The pole is on Route 6A west (near the railroad crossing).
- Within 1 ½ hours the osprey returned to their nest at this new location.
- Thanks to the Sandy Neck staff, MEA staff, Mass Audubon, Fire Dept., WB Land Trust, DPW workers, and the public at large.

Old Business:

Update on the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program's (NHESP) grant proposal for a future Section 10 permit.

Nina Coleman addressed the Board:

- Last month this grant proposal information was brought forward to the Board's attention. NHESP was looking for a letter of support from the Town. NHESP is trying to secure funds in the form of a grant from the Federal government. The grant money would be used to hire a consultant who would work on trying to get a Section 10 Permit for the entire state.
- Town Manager Tom Lynch wrote a letter of support.
- The town's information generating during our plover monitoring would be used for their Section 10 Permit request.
- Nina Coleman will keep the Board updated on this issue.

Town of Sandwich fee discussion.

Rich French reported:

- At last month's meeting there was a lengthy discussion about the option of creating a Sandwich Resident Sticker for Sandy Neck Beach. The Board asked Rich French to contact Town Manager Lynch regarding their discussion of the Sandwich Fee structure. He wrote a note to Assistant Town Manager Ells (because he was the point person when this was discussed before). He has not heard back yet.

Marsh Trail repair update

Nina Coleman reported:

- An extension was granted to do the work beyond April 1st.
- The work has continued from where they left off last year. The work started about nine years ago and hopefully the work will be completed in a few years and only need maintenance after that.

New Business:

New Policy: acceptable spare tire sizes for off road vehicle use

Nina Coleman addressed the Board:

- The Sandy Neck Regulations state:
 - §601-4. Required Equipment and Minimum Standards: All off road vehicles (ORVs) must carry the following equipment:
 - 1) Spare tire—spare shall be the same tire and wheel size as the other four tires mounted on the vehicle (trailer included). Exception: two wheel drive motor homes and "dune buggies" must carry one spare tire of sufficient height and aspect ratio to allow the vehicle to drive off the beach under its own power should any of the tires mounted on the vehicle fail.
- The newer off road vehicles come with a spare tire that is the same size as the other four tires however it is does not match exactly. It is not a "donut size" tire.
- Staff experimented with this newer ¾ tire and it does work on the beach. They could use it to get off the beach.
- The regulations do not allow this newer tire because it is not the "exact" size.
- The Board suggested there be an amendment allowing an intermediate size tire.

On a **motion** by Rich French and seconded by Bill Carey, the Sandy Neck Board unanimously voted to add an amendment to the Sandy Neck Regulations stating "Intermediate size spare tires may be acceptable at the discretion of Sandy Neck Staff."

Town Council Meeting items for upcoming presentation

Rich French addressed the Board:

- Originally, the Board was going to be in front of Town Council next week. That has been postponed to a meeting in May. Therefore, this item can be extended to the next meeting.
- The Board will highlight what they do and what they want to do in the future.
- Town Councilor Phil Wallace explained that the Board should list things that have happened. For example, dune restoration project, new concession stand, the NHESP plover grant, etc.
- Tom O'Neil volunteered to make a PowerPoint presentation.

Emergency hearing request to impose a new Sandy Neck parking permit for non-residents for calendar year 2015.

Rich French addressed the Board:

- Fee hearings are usually held in December. He would like a “special hearing fee” for the Town of Sandwich.
- There is inequity in the fee structure with regard to Sandwich.
- Can the Town Manager or the Town Council address this situation – bring this forward.
- It is considered “emergency” because it can not wait until December. It needs to be addressed sooner rather than later.
- This will continue to stay on the agenda until addressed.
- This could be discussed in May when they go before Town Council.
- This fee discussion started over three years ago.

Public Comment:

- none

Adjournment:

- There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Lavoie, Secretary Pro Tem