



# TOWN OF BARNSTABLE SANDY NECK BOARD

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## Sandy Neck Board Meeting January 12, 2015

### Chairman:

Richards French

### Vice Chairman:

Thomas O'Neill

### Board Members:

William Carey  
Lynn Heslinga  
Nate King  
George Muhlebach  
Peter Sampou

### Council Liaisons:

Ann Canedy  
Phil Wallace

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Sandy Neck Board was held on January 12, 2015 at the Selectmen's Conference Room, 367 Main Street, Hyannis, MA. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Chairman Rich French.

### **Roll Call:**

- Board Members present: George Muhlebach, Pete Sampou, Nate King, Tom O'Neill, Bill Carey and Rich French.
- Board Member absent: Lynn Heslinga.
- Staff: Nina Coleman, Sandy Neck Park Manager, Donna Bragg, Sandy Neck Division Assistant, and Debbie Lavoie, Secretary Pro Tem.
- Council Liaison present: Ann Canedy.
- Council Liaison absent: Phil Wallace.
- Public: Wendy Paquette and Dan Horn, Harbormaster.

### **Act on Minutes:**

- On a **motion** by Nate King and seconded by George Muhlebach, the Sandy Neck Board voted to approve the December minutes as printed.

### **Correspondence:**

- none.

### **Staff Report:**

#### *Nina Coleman addressed the Board:*

- The Gatehouse is closed. Call for an appointment to buy your ORV permit. The current permits do not expire until April 15<sup>th</sup> 2015.
- Winter curfew – must be off the beach by 8 PM. Be aware of the tides.
- Reminder: there will only be two categories of ORV permits. Residents and Non Residents. There are no longer "Sandwich only" permits. Sandwich residents pay the same as Non Residents.
- A record number of sea turtles stranding themselves and were rescued at Sandy Neck. Seventy-eight Ridley Turtles were rescued and 2 Loggerheads and one Loggerhead/Ridley hybrid.
- Still seeing snowy owls – but they are out past trail 6 and beyond. Stay out of the dunes.

**Staff is asking that you do not walk in the dunes. This is not good for the environment and not good for the Snowy Owls. Do not get too close to the owls.**



**This picture shows tire tracks right at the toe of the beach. Dune hopping is not allowed. Do not drive on the tide flats.**



**This picture shows tire tracks of someone driving too high up on the dune and footprints walking into the dune area right in front the “Erosion Control – Keep Off Dunes” sign.**

### **Continuation of Staff Report:**

- Thatcher Drake’s Eagle Scout Project (the Adirondack type shelter) received ConComm approval. It will go before Old Kings Highway on Wednesday night.
- New BLOG is available on the Town’s Website. <http://www.townofbarnstable.us/sandyneckblog/>. The BLOG is “real time” and current. It is updated as needed by staff. It will be very valuable in season to give up-to-date information immediately. There is a place for public comments (that are posted after staff review).
- Credit card use will now be allowed at the gatehouse and in the field. The company is called *Square, Inc.* This will help with the sale of merchandise. Plus, for the first time – they will be selling taxable items such as mugs.
- There is new merchandise available now. Call the gatehouse 508-362-8300.
- The Wood Carvers from the Senior Center are creating a 3 foot round carving of the logo to hang at the gatehouse. It will be ready in about 6 months.

### **Old Business:**

- None.

### **New Business:**

#### ***Update on Dune Restoration Project – Phase II***

#### ***Nina Coleman addressed the Board:***

- The Phase II Project was awarded to CLE Engineering, Inc., who will design and obtain permits for softscape solutions. They are moving forward as planned. They may present at the March Sandy Neck Board meeting.

### **Public Comment:**

- Wendy Paquette asked about emails. (Staff will send out information – only if you want – via email). She likes the idea of “t-shirt design” contest.

### **Adjournment:**

- There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Lavoie, Secretary Pro Tem