



TOWN OF BARNSTABLE SANDY NECK BOARD

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Sandy Neck Board Meeting November 16, 2015

Chairman:

Richards French

Vice Chairman:

Thomas O'Neill

Board Members:

William Carey
Lynn Heslinga
Nate King
George Muhlebach
Peter Sampou

Council Liaison:

Phil Wallace

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Sandy Neck Board was held on November 16, 2015 in the Selectmen's Conference Room, 367 Main Street, Hyannis, MA. The meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm by Vice Chairman Thomas O'Neill.

Roll Call:

- Board Members present: George Muhlebach, Lynne Heslinga, Pete Sampou, Bill Carey and Tom O'Neill.
- Board Members absent: Nate King and Rich French.
- Staff: Nina Coleman, Sandy Neck Park Manager, Sean Kortis, Natural Resource Officer, and Debbie Lavoie, Secretary.
- Council Liaison absent: Phil Wallace.
- Public: Wendy Paquette, Diane Lomba, and Kylie Palomba.

Act on Minutes:

- On a **motion** by Lynne Heslinga and seconded by George Muhlebach, the Sandy Neck Board voted to approve the October minutes as printed. Pete Sampou and Bill Carey abstained because they were not present at that meeting.

Correspondence:

- none.

Staff Report:

Nina Coleman addressed the Board:

- The gatehouse is open Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 9 am to 4 pm or by appointment. Leave a message. Remember ORV permits are required year round.
- Pheasant hunting is still allowed until Saturday, November 28th. It is recommended you wear orange on the back trails. Hunting is not allowed on front beach. No hunting allowed on Sundays.
- The 2015 archery deer hunt will be held November 23, 2015 – November 28, 2015 and the primitive firearms hunt will be November 30, 2015 – December 05, 2015. You must attend a night meeting at the Centerville Recreation Building, 524 Main Street, Centerville, MA. The archery meeting is Wednesday, November 18, 2015 at 6:00 pm followed by the primitive firearms meeting at 7 pm.
- As of today there are two snowy owls on the beach.
- A deceased leatherback turtle washed up on the beach and was sent to MA Audubon for testing. It was determined it died from plastic entanglement. Staff will continue to be on the look out for stranded Ridley Turtles.
- Sean Kortis was introduced to the Board. He is the new full time Natural Resource Officer assigned to Sandy Neck. He worked part time at Sandy Neck for the past three years and among his assignments over that time were plover and turtle monitoring.

Old Business:

Update on the CZM Grant Project.

Nina Coleman addressed the Board:

To review - we have hired the consultants and they have completed the survey and are working on the alternative analysis. Next will be the workshop. A site plan was created and the wetlands were flagged for

the area of concern. The draft plan was shown to the Board. Nina Coleman will report on the date of the workshop as soon as everything is ready to present. .

New Business

2016 Sandy Neck Meeting Dates

Please note – the dates presented at this meeting were incorrect. These are the correct dates and need to be voted upon at the December meeting.

- January 11, 2016
- February 08, 2016
- March 14, 2016
- April 11, 2016
- May 09, 2016
- June 13, 2016
- July 11, 2016
- August 08, 2016
- September 12, 2016
- October 17, 2016 (NOTE: third Monday)
- November 14, 2016
- December 12, 2016

The following *Year End Report* was presented by Nina Coleman and discussed with the Board:

Piping Plover

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Total Pairs (Total Count)	44	40	27	34	40
Number of Eggs	189	197	169	115	142
Eggs Hatched	80	14	36	70	75
<i>Chicks Fledged</i>	<i>57</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>42</i>	<i>55</i>

Plover Habitat Protection

Over six (6⁺) miles of symbolic fencing installed and 2 wire nest exclosures installed.

Diamondback Terrapin

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
# of Nests Head Started	6	5	4	5	5
# of Nests Capped	112	110	82	131	133

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Number of Nests	116	110	87	153	147
Number of Nests Predated	4	1	4	11	14
<i>Potentially Hatched Nests</i>	<i>112</i>	<i>109</i>	<i>83</i>	<i>142</i>	<i>133</i>

Terns:

	2012	2013	2014	2015
Least Terns (pairs)	75	79	223	144
Common Tern (pairs)	0	0	0	0

Wetland Restoration:

33 isolated freshwater wetlands treated. Approximately 4 acres of saltmarsh treated

*Restoration refers to application of herbicides on Common Reed (*Phragmites australis*) and Bittersweet (*Celastrus orbiculatus*) and mechanical removal of Purple Loosestrife (*Lythrum salicari*) and an introduced grass (*Panicum amarum ssp. amarulum*).

Enforcement:

	2012	2013	2014	2015
<i>Citations</i>	118	62	61	53
<i>Written Warning</i>	21	3	5	6
<i>Permits Revoked</i>	17	11	13	12
<i>“No Trespass” Issued</i>	4	2	0	2 people, 3 dogs

Hunting

Pheasant Hunt: October 17-November 28 (estimated total of 250-275 pheasant stocked)

Revenue (fiscal year-Munis)

	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15
Dune Fees (ORV)	\$379,827	\$549,593	\$431,782	\$541,363	\$567,069
Beach Parking	\$109,590	\$130,050	\$123,634	\$113,336	\$116,158
Sandwich Revenue	\$39,599	\$40,589	\$41,605	\$42,654	\$43,711
Beach Concession	\$14,499	\$13,711	\$15,996	\$10,500	\$7,500
Cottage Lease Fees	\$35,343	\$41,522	\$43,115	\$37,435	\$34,700
Parking Stickers	\$31,146	\$31,321	\$31,095	\$58,965	\$58,316
Merchandise	\$16,783	\$18,390	\$16,659	\$24,168	\$25,150
Miscellaneous	\$1,832	\$671	\$1,057	\$1,130	\$1,393
Earnings on Investments	\$4,698	\$7,848	\$9,643	\$11,466	\$10,833
Sale of Bond	0	\$5,629	0	0	0
Total Revenue	\$633,317	\$839,324	\$714,586	\$841,017	\$864,830

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

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Barnstable Resident	1,430	1,504	1,399	1,566	1606
Sandwich Resident	826	926	863	932	N/A
Non Resident	1,160	1,273	1,145	1,389	2395
Property Owner	122	142	143	151	144
Total # ORV permits	3,538	3,845	3,550	4,038	4,145

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

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Number Camping Nights	7,373	7,911	5,279	5,847	6,550
Number of Day Trips	12,845	11,081	12,454	17,056	15,725
Number of Trips Cottages	372	404	610	696	582
Total # of Vehicle Trips	20,590	19,396	18,343	23,599	22,857

Escorts

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June	15	23	0	47	30	6
July	26	41	14	74	51	13
August	27	18	24	7	37	13
September	1	0	0	0	0	0
Total	69	82	38	128	118	32

NOTE: The Board asked if next year, the revenue information can be given to them in calendar year format not fiscal year (munis) format.

New Business

Open Meeting Law Training

The Town Clerk's Office, the Legal Department and Information Systems are presenting an Open Meeting Law training on Tuesday, December 1st at 5 PM for Board Members. It will be held at the Town Hall Hearing Room at 367 Main Street, Hyannis. Debbie Lavoie will send the information about this meeting via email to all Board Members.

Public Comment:

- none

Adjournment:

- There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Lavoie, Secretary