



# TOWN OF BARNSTABLE SANDY NECK BOARD

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## Sandy Neck Board Meeting June 13, 2016

### Chairman:

Richards French

### Vice Chairman:

Thomas O'Neill

### Board Members:

William Carey  
Nate King  
George Muhlebach  
Peter Sampou

### Council Liaison:

Phil Wallace  
John Flores

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Sandy Neck Board was held on June 13, 2016 in 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, Nate King, Tom O'Neill, and Rich French. Pete Sampou arrived late.
- Board Member absent: George Muhlebach.
- Staff: Nina Coleman, Sandy Neck Park Manager, and Debbie Lavoie, Secretary.
- Council Liaisons absent: John Flores and Phil Wallace.
- Public: Wendy Paquette, Diane Lomba, Kylie Palomba, and John Juros.
- Guest: Tom Lynch, Town Manager.

Chairman Rich French went out of order and took a moment to thank Tom Lynch for his support of Sandy Neck and his wonderful guidance. He presented him with a Sandy Neck gift bag with some beach memorabilia. Tom Lynch also thanked everyone for their concern for Sandy Neck.

### **Act on Minutes:**

- On a **motion** by Tom O'Neill and seconded by Bill Carey, the Sandy Neck Board voted to approve the April 25, 2106 Special Meeting minutes with the two minor changes that were requested.
- On a **motion** by Tom O'Neill and seconded by Rich French, the Sandy Neck Board voted to approve the May 9, 2106 minutes as printed. Bill Carey and Nate King abstained because they were not present at that meeting.

### **Correspondence:**

- none

### **Staff Report:**

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

- The Gatehouse is open daily from 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM. The gatehouse is staffed 24 hours a day. The gatehouse is fully staffed. Many new staff members this year.
- We are in the "in season" curfew which means vehicles may not enter the beach after 9:00 PM and vehicles must exit the beach by 11:00 PM.
- We are preparing for the Fourth of July holiday. Working with other departments to prepare everyone with proper training. Fire and Police personnel will also be present on the beach.
- Reminder: Fireworks are illegal. The "sky lanterns" are illegal and not allowed. They are a fire hazard and leave trash on the dunes.
- The plovers are nesting. We currently have 35 pairs. Six have already hatched. There is heavy predation this year. Fox, coyote and crow issues. The Marsh Trail looks good so may not need as many escorts as in previous years.
- Terns – too early to tell if there will be any closures.
- Diamondback Terrapin Turtles – coming up from the marsh to lay their eggs in the dunes which later will be part of the head start program.
- Beach access mat in place. Dedication is this Wednesday (June 15<sup>th</sup>) at the beach. All welcome.
- Also: Thank you to the Upper Cape Regional Technical High School (Bourne) for their help.

**Old Business:**

- none

**New Business:**

- None

**Matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair:*****Rich French introduced John Juros.***

- Review – At the May Sandy Neck Board Meeting Rich French spoke of an email from John Juros volunteering to be on the Sandy Neck Board. However, he does not live in the Town of Barnstable – which is a requirement. Therefore he can not sit on the Board.
- John Juros addressed the Board and stated he wanted to see the continuation of the Coastal Resiliency Alternative on the beach. He would lend guidance if the Board asks for his opinion.

***The Board asked Nina Coleman to review the progress of the Long-term Coastal Resiliency Alternatives Report. She addressed the Board.***

- The Town has had to do some “regrouping”. At this time, they did not apply for the second round of grants because more work needs to be done. Additional outreach to Town Councilors is needed to receive their approval before more work can be performed on this project. As it stands – there does not appear to be a majority vote which is needed for this project to continue. A public workshop is needed with all the Town Councilors because ultimately it is their decision if this goes forward.
- This information took everyone by surprise and the Board was very upset with this news. The Board Members were frustrated. They have given a lot of time and effort to this project and believe they have come up with a very viable solution.
- A long debate followed. But in the end – they realized this is a setback only. “A pumping of the brakes.” The project is not dead. This is not a final determination - more information needs to be brought to the Town Councilors. The Board needs to go to a Town Council Meeting with their opinions of - and knowledge about - this project.
- At this time, there is plenty of sand on the beach from the dredge; should there be a storm this winter. Plus, there is money in reserves.
- Rich French will find out if the Council Liaisons John Flores and Phil Wallace are still in support of this project. The new Town Manager Mark Ells needs to be brought up to speed on this topic, too.
- Remain passionate and persistent but be patient.

**Public Comment:**

- none

**Adjournment:**

- There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Lavoie, Secretary