



TOWN OF BARNSTABLE SANDY NECK BOARD

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Sandy Neck Board Meeting May 09, 2016

Chairman:

Richards French

Vice Chairman:

Thomas O'Neill

Board Members:

William Carey
Lynn Heslinga
Nate King
George Muhlebach
Peter Sampou

Council Liaison:

Phil Wallace
John Flores

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Sandy Neck Board was held on May 09, 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: Pete Sampou, George Muhlebach, Tom O'Neill, and Rich French.
- Board Members absent: Lynne Heslinga, Bill Carey and Nate King.
- Staff: Nina Coleman, Sandy Neck Park Manager, and Debbie Lavoie, Secretary.
- Council Liaisons absent: John Flores and Phil Wallace.
- Public: none.

Act on Minutes:

- On a **motion** by Pete Sampou and seconded by Tom O'Neill, the Sandy Neck Board voted to approve the April 11, 2106 minutes as printed.
- The April 25, 2016 Special Meeting Minutes were deferred to the next meeting.

Correspondence:

- The Chairman received a flyer from WADS (Waves Attenuation Devices). On file at MEA office.
- An email was sent to Rich French from John Juros (retired Town of Barnstable Engineer?) volunteering to be on the Sandy Neck Board (to replace Lynn Heslinga as her appointment expires June 2016). However, he does not live in the Town of Barnstable – which is a requirement. Rich French said that he would invite John Juros to participate as a “non paid advisor/member of the public”.

Staff Report:

Nina Coleman addressed the Board:

- The Gatehouse is open Thursday - Saturday from 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM and Sunday - Wednesday from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. It will be open every day from 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM after Memorial Day Weekend. We are now 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.
- The plovers have returned. Some nests – to the east - but too soon to tell about any possible closures.
- Norm Fontaine passed away recently. He was an avid “Sandy Necker”. The family requested that memorials be sent in his memory to Sandy Neck Beach Park. We have received them and put the money into the educational (donation) account.
- Nina Coleman has been working on a special project. It is a statewide section 10 permit. This would allow Sandy Neck to become a Sub-Permitees. Under this permit, a “recreational zone” would be created. This area would be for ORV use and no plovers would be “allowed” to nest there. She has submitted the paperwork and is waiting for the state's review and decision. More information will be presented to the board at a later date.

Old Business:

Long-term Coastal Resiliency Alternatives Report

Rich French reviewed...

On April 11 and April 25, 2016 there were informational meetings for interested citizens on the Long-term Coastal Resiliency Alternatives Report funded through a MA Coastal Zone Management Grant. The entire presentation is available on the Town's website:

<http://www.townofbarnstable.us/TownHall/Public-Presentation-Resiliency-Alternatives.pdf>

DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTS:

Christine Player and the Sandy Neck Board:

- No new questions have been brought forward since the last meeting.
- Regarding options 5A-5D: they all discuss moving the ORV access trail – will the town departments be able to help with the project to help defer the cost. Yes, the potential is there – but remember this is only at the conceptual stage and those things will be discussed later and new dollar amount estimates will be given.
- Money will have to be allocated for long term dune restoration.
- Next step would be a recommendation from the Board and then a recommendation from the working group.
- Nina Coleman reminded everyone that this project is still a few years away. Any project can be scaled back, keep it flexible, too. You can not get “bigger” but can “reduce”.
- Too early to talk about funding. There are many funding agencies down the road. Some money will come out of Sandy Neck Enterprise Account and hopefully money will be from state and/or federal grants. Too early to look. A business plan would be developed. As a reminder, there is already \$50,000 budgeted early for sand restoration.

A **motion** was made by Tom O’Neill and seconded by Pete Sampou, the Sandy Neck Board recommends the following to the working committee to bring forward to the Town Council.

First, the Sandy Neck Board agrees the best alternative is Conceptual Alternative 5D: Parking Lot and ORV Access Relocation with Screening Dune. This alternative must include the installation of adequate screening of the dune with trees around the air down area in order to maintain the beautiful vista from the other side.

Second, the Sandy Neck Board agrees if another alternative is chosen other than Alternative 5D, it must include proper screening so the area looks the same from the side maintaining the beautiful vista.

Vote: Three yes and one abstention. George Muhlebach abstained because he stated he does not understand the rationale behind the plan.

New Business:

- None

Public Comment:

- none

Adjournment:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Lavoie, Secretary