



TOWN OF BARNSTABLE
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Sandy Neck Board Meeting
June 12, 2017

Chairman:
Richards French

Vice Chairman:
Thomas O'Neill

Board Members:
William Carey
Nate King
William Monroe
Wendy Paquette
Peter Sampou

Council Liaison:
Phil Wallace
John Flores

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Sandy Neck Board was held on June 12, 2017 in the Selectmen's Conference Room, 367 Main Street, Hyannis, MA. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Chairman Richard French.

Roll Call:

- Board Members present: Pete Sampou, Nate King, Tom O'Neill, Bill Carey, Bill Monroe, Wendy Paquette, and Rich French.
- Staff: Nina Coleman, Sandy Neck Park Manager, and Debbie Lavoie, Secretary.
- Council Liaison present: Phil Wallace.
- Council Liaison absent: John Flores.
- Public: Diane Lomba and Kylie Palomba.

Act on Minutes:

- On a **motion** by Nate King and seconded by Bill Carey, the Sandy Neck Board voted to approve the May minutes with a minor correction to the spelling of Wendy Paquette's name.

Correspondence:

- none.

Staff Report:

Nina Coleman addressed the Board:

- The Gatehouse is open daily and fully staffed. There will be an additional staff person hired after 7/1/17 as part of the action plan.
- There was an additional beach closure. Nina Coleman described in detail the beach, the dune face, the location of the plovers. The "working board" she described is on the bulletin board at the Gatehouse. She showed all the current locations of plovers and terns. The habitat conservation permit was utilized and they were able to deter a bird before it scrapped (i.e. starting the nesting process). There are 28 pairs right now on the beach.
- Worst case scenario for July 4th is ½ mile open. Based case scenario is one mile. But that is still not enough as National Seashore and Nauset Beach are closed. Also, Race Point is closed. Sandy Neck will be the only ORV beach open on July 4th.
- As of July 1st, there will be two police officers on duty at Sandy Neck. This is an increase from only one detail officer last year.
- The Board asked if there was a way to notify the public (instantly) about beach closures. Perhaps a Sandy Neck App (a web application or online application). Nina Coleman stated she will try to look into this after the holiday.
- Junior Ranger program will start soon through Recreation. This is for 9-12 year old children.
- Nature Hikes are available – check the website for details.
- Diamond terrapin turtles are being released now.

Old Business:***The Long-term Coastal Resiliency Alternatives Report.***

- Nothing new to report at this time. This is a plan not only for the erosion but also a plan to make entering and exiting the ORV beach more efficient. The plan can be viewed on the town's website at <http://townofbarnstable.us/TownHall/Public-Presentation-Resiliency-Alternatives.pdf>

The Winders Lean-to Shelter***Nina Coleman addressed the Board:***

- This is an "off season" project. A generous donation was received to be put toward this project and still looking for more donations. More information to follow in the fall. Still open to the idea of an Eagle Scout helping with this project – after the summer.

Public Comment:

- Diane Lomba, MBBA, addressed the Board
 - Regarding notifying the public if the beach is open or closed – can you use the live web-cam that is on the website?
 - She was on the beach last weekend and praised the staff regarding their "warning" people about the shark sighting.
 - The air-up line was very very crowded on Sunday but the staff was wonderful helping to move the people along as best they could. Kudos.
- Nina Coleman thanked Diane and agreed it was a hot, busy weekend and her staff were wonderful.

Adjournment:

- There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Lavoie, Secretary