



TOWN OF BARNSTABLE
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Sandy Neck Board Meeting
September 11, 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 September 11, 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, Tom O'Neill, Bill Monroe, Wendy Paquette, Nate King and Rich French.
- Board Members absent: Bill Carey.
- Staff: Nina Coleman, Sandy Neck Park Manager, and Debbie Lavoie, Secretary.
- Council Liaisons present: John Flores.
- Council Liaisons absent: Phil Wallace.
- Public: none.

Act on Minutes:

- On a **motion** by Wendy Paquette and seconded by Nate King, the Sandy Neck Board unanimously voted to approve the August 14, 2017 as printed. Pete Sampou and Bill Monroe abstained from the vote because they were not present at that meeting.

Correspondence:

- None.

Staff Report:

Nina Coleman addressed the Board:

- Number of ORV permit sales was steady. This summer had a number of rainy Saturdays and that affected the parking lot revenue. Sold quite a bit of merchandise. Kudos to the staff. Received many compliments from the public about the staff.
- Gatehouse hours have been reduced. Monday and Tuesday hours are 9 AM-3:30 PM. Wednesday – Sunday 9AM-9 PM. Right now you must be through the gatehouse by 9 PM for curfew. Staff on duty doing curfew runs. Remember -- November 1st curfew will be 4 pm.
- Campfires still allowed after sunset or 7PM (whichever comes first). Check with gatehouse.
- Events still happening at Sandy Neck, including terrapin hatchling walk, fall migration hike, hunt for red October (cranberries), and CoastSweep. This year, CoastSweep is Sunday, September 24, 9 AM – noon. Call Donna Bragg at the Gatehouse (508-362-8300) to volunteer. Check the website for more information: <http://www.townofbarnstable.us/SandyNeckPark/events/eventshome.aspx>
- Hunts – pheasants are in mid-October and there will be a deer hunt this year.
- Lean-to Project. There is funding set aside. Permits, materials, and plans are in place. Also, money has been donated thru the Norm Fontaine Memorial Fund (over \$3,000). Looking for labor. Bill Monroe said he could organize his scout troop and perhaps do this as a community scouting program. Rich French also has some people that are interested in helping. Wendy Paquette offered some helpers, too. An email will go out to all Board Members with details and Nina Coleman will follow up. The goal is to do this project in late October or early November.

New Business (taken out of order):

Deer Hunt

Nina Coleman addressed the Board:

The 2017 Sandy Neck Deer Hunt will be:

- Archery: November 20th – November 25th
- Black Powder: December 11th – December 16th
- You must attend a night meeting.
 - The archery meeting is Wednesday, November 15th at 6 pm at the Centerville Recreation Building, 524 Main Street, Centerville, MA.
 - The primitive firearms (black powder) meeting is Wednesday, December 6th at 6 pm at the Centerville Recreation Building, 524 Main Street, Centerville, MA.
- More information will follow at the next Sandy Neck meeting on October 16th.

On a **motion** made by Pete Sampou and seconded by Nate King, the Sandy Neck Board unanimously voted to support the Sandy Neck Park Manager's recommendation that there be a 2017 Deer Hunt on the dates previously mentioned.

Please note: This still needs approval from the Town Manager.

Old Business:

Update - Long-term Coastal Resiliency Alternatives Report

Rich French

- After the August meeting, Rich French spoke to Cindy Lovell, Administrator to the Town Council, and asked if Town Council Present Eric Steinhilber had received his letter and the Board's request to send a letter to Secretary Matthew A. Beaton. Ms. Lovell indicated that President Steinhilber did receive the letter.
- Council Liaison John Flores stated he would speak to Councilor Steinhilber and get back to the Board.

New Business:

Discussion on improved beach safety measures for the 2018 summer season

Nina Coleman addressed the Board:

- Frustrated after the 4th of July – disturbing trends regarding alcohol, bad behavior of patrons, disrespecting other beach patrons, lack of courtesy and disrespect to staff. This is especially true when other beaches are closed and there is limited beach available for Sandy Neck beach users.
- Concerned about safety – ramped up to a higher level. Assaults on the beach. Concern for staff safety.
- Increasing police presence made a huge difference. Positive outcome.
- However, safety still needs to be discussed this fall to allow for more safety next summer. What is happening? When is it happening? What can be done about it?
- Would like to form a subcommittee to include one representative from the police, one person from the fire department, SN staff, a Board Member and Nina Coleman. This working committee could brainstorm – good and bad issues. Discuss any push back. It might include regulation changes.
- The committee would bring back their recommendations to the Board for their input.
- Bill Monroe volunteered to be on this sub-committee.
- Wendy Paquette will look at the National Seashore reservation system to see how it works.

Matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair:

- None

Public Comment:

- none

Adjournment:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Lavoie, Secretary

PLEASE NOTE: The next meeting is Monday, October 16, 2017 due to the Columbus Day Holiday. This is the third Monday not the second Monday. Still at 7:30 pm in Selectmen's Conference Room.