



**TOWN OF BARNSTABLE**  
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Phil Wallace  
John Flores

**Sandy Neck Board Meeting**  
**May 14, 2018**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Sandy Neck Board was held on May 14, 2018 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: Tom O'Neill, Wendy Paquette, Bill Carey, Pete Sampou, Nate King, and Rich French. Bill Monroe arrived after the roll call.
- Board Member absent: none.
- Staff: Nina Coleman, Sandy Neck Park Manager, and Debbie Lavoie, Secretary.
- Council Liaisons present: Phil Wallace.
- Council Liaisons absent: John Flores.
- Public: Diane Lomba, and Kylie Palomba.

**Act on Minutes:**

- On a **motion** by Bill Carey and seconded by Nate King, the Sandy Neck Board voted to approve the April 09, 2018 minutes as printed.

**Correspondence:**

Chairman French read a note from the Kelly Crahan / Appointments Committee. Richard French, Wendy Paquette and Thomas O'Neill appointments will expire in June 30, 2018. All three signed the sheet indicating they wish to serve another term. Town Council Liaison Wallace explained to the Board what happens next with the appointments committee. Debbie Lavoie will forward the form tomorrow (Tuesday May 15<sup>th</sup>).

**Staff Report:**

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

- The Gatehouse hours are Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm. Thursday, Friday and Saturday hours are 8:00 am to 900 pm.
- Almost fully staffed and staff is on daily extended hours – not only during Gatehouse hours.
- The speed limit is 5 mph. This is for everyone's safety and because plovers have arrived.
- All dogs must be on leash at all times. Strictly being enforced. Town regulations state no dogs on any public beach after May 15<sup>th</sup> so that means no dogs on Bodfish Beach. Also, no dogs in the parking lot.
- There are 15 nests (numbers change daily). Be aware there are no parking areas on the beach.
- HCP Permit (2<sup>nd</sup> year). This permit allows staff to "discourage" plovers from nesting. This allowed staff to "encourage" the pair not to nest in the main corridor but instead east of Trail . If not for the permit, the beach potentially would have had to close for a period of time. More information next month. Too early now to predict for summer.
- New merchandise has arrived – check it out at the gatehouse.
- The lean-to project is scheduled for May 26<sup>th</sup>. Bill Monroe will give more information later tonight.

## **Staff Report cont'd:**

- There will be a Sandy Neck Spring Flora & Fauna Hike on Wednesday, May 23, 10 am – noon.
- Tomorrow night (May 15<sup>th</sup>) Nina Coleman will be a guest speaker at West Barnstable Civic Association meeting.
- Thursday night (May 16<sup>th</sup>) is Town Council Budget hearing for Sandy Neck. Budget requests include:
  - Purchase new vehicle
  - RFID license fee (yearly)
  - Facility improvements
  - New tank for the pumper truck
  - RFID unit
  - \$125,000 for sand stabilization
  - \$40,000 to raise the gatehouse.
- Thank you again to MBBA clean-up that was held on April 21<sup>st</sup>. They did a wonderful job.
- When there is helpful information available – it will be put on the Sandy Neck APP.

## **Old Business:**

***Long-term Coastal Resiliency Alternatives Report including any update regarding plans to seek money to implement this study.***

***Pete Sampou addressed the Board:***

- He is waiting to appear before Town Council to tell them about the Board's work on this project and their choice of option 5D.
- He has heard from one more new Town Councilor and will sit down for a "one-on-one" session. Only one more left.
- Please check out the information in the local papers regarding the Town of Sandwich and its work on their boardwalk and desire to keep the access to the water open.
- Rich French said he heard from the Council President who told him that at some point this summer, the Sandy Neck Board may be going in front of Town Council.
- Town Councilor Phil Wallace reported that there is only one meeting in July. He will ask if the Board can be on the agenda.

## ***Winders Lean-to Project***

***Bill Monroe addressed the Board:***

- In October 2017, a lean-to type structure was built and added to a platform that will be used by hikers and campers.
- At this time, the temporary stairs are in place and about half of the debris is cleaned up.
- It is not completed finished and Bill Monroe reported that Mike Moynahan, Tom Long and others plan to do more work on Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. They hope to have the internal work finished and roof finished. And start the siding.
- When the work is completed – there will be a "thank you" party.

## **New Business:**

***Conflict of Interest Meeting Update***

***Rich French addressed the Board:***

- He recently attended an Open Meeting Law Training Update Class. He stressed to all that if you think there might be a conflict of interest – before you do anything – contact the Town Attorney or the Town Clerk.
- There is an Open Meeting Law Regional Training Workshop on Monday May 21, 2018 at the Barnstable Harborview conference Room, 3195 Main Street, Barnstable, MA. 5:30pm to 7:30pm.
- More information can be found at <https://www.mass.gov/the-open-meeting-law>

***Friends of Barnstable Harbor's Benthic Mapping Project Information***

***Rich French reported this information to the Board:***

- Friends of Barnstable Harbor's BHMP will map the entire harbor including the outer flats ensuring a comprehensive understanding of the entire harbor ecosystem.
- Data will include detailed imagery and location of eelgrass beds, natural shellfish beds, and marine debris, as well as sediment types and macro-invertebrate counts.
- The mapping location includes Sandy Neck - around the point and Little Neck.
- The work will be performed by Mark Borrelli of Provincetown Center for Coastal Studies.
- Upon completion of the project, they will have an image of the harbor .
- More information can be found at <http://www.friendsofbarnstableharbor.org/benthic-habitat-mapping/>

**Matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair:**

- Bill Munroe reported there are river otters in-and-around Trail 5. He sent photos to Nina Coleman.
- Phil Wallace reported the Town received money for Blish Point.

**Public Comment:**

- Diane Lomba, MMBA spoke. She reported there were 77 people at beach clean-up. Very successful day. Fencing was completed. Trash picked up. MBBA is "thankful" for the productive day, too. Mutual appreciation.
- She reported there are otters at Long Pasture and all along Route 6A – in the marshy areas.

**Adjournment:**

- There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Lavoie, Secretary