



**TOWN OF BARNSTABLE**  
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**Sandy Neck Board Meeting**  
**April 8, 2019**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Sandy Neck Board was held on April 8, 2019 in the Selectmen's Conference Room, 367 Main Street, Hyannis, MA. The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm by Chairman Thomas O'Neill.

**Roll Call:**

- Board Members present: Tom O'Neill, Bill Carey, Pete Sampou, Ann Canedy, Nate King, Bill Monroe and Bob Lovell
- Board Member absent: none
- Staff: Nina Coleman, Park Manager and Donna Bragg, Operations Supervisor
- Staff Member absent: none
- Council Liaisons present: none
- Council Liaisons absent: Phil Wallace, John Flores
- Town Manager: Mark Ells
- Public: Diane Lomba, Wendy Paquette, Kylie Palomba, Rich French, Craig Madore, Charlene St. Peter, Michael Barselow, Todd R Jacobs, Denise DeMelo, Janice McFarland, Abe Kasparian, Jr., Steven G. Xiarhos and Gordon Starr.

**Act on Minutes:**

- On a **motion** by Ann Canedy and seconded by Bill Monroe, the Sandy Neck Board voted to approve the March 11, 2019 minutes as printed.

**Public Comment:**

- Diane Lomba addressed the Board with a reminder that the annual MBBA, Sandy Neck Beach cleanup is Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to Noon. All are welcome.

**Correspondence:**

- The Sandy Neck Board was emailed regarding an Open Meeting Law seminar.

**Staff Report:**

*Nina Coleman addressed the Board:*

- ORV corridor is open 8 am – 11 pm. Must be through Gatehouse by 9 pm.
- Campfires at 7 pm.
- Staffing for the season continues.
- Dogs must on a leash at all times.
- Speed limit on ORV is 5 mph.
- Stop signs are up at the Gatehouse.
- Plovers are back and starting to pair up.
- 2019 Walks and Talks start April 16<sup>th</sup>. This month's walk is called "Signs of Spring" and other hikes are listed on the Sandy Neck web site.
- Volley Ball nets are being ordered to be put up on beach.
- April 15<sup>th</sup> is the last valid day for 2018 ORV permits.
- MBBA cleanup is April 13<sup>th</sup>, Camper Crew and Troop 54 participating.
- NRO Hannah Hamilton will be attending May Board meeting to meet Board and do a presentation on fencing and plovers.
- Required plover fencing is up and there is a lot of habitat.

## **Old Business:**

none

## **New Subcommittees:**

### **1. Conservation and Beach Erosion Along Our Coastlines:**

Bill Monroe addressed the Board and presented a synopsis of the Town of Barnstable public workshop he attended called Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP). There was a participant vote on the most vulnerable areas to coastal hazards and climate change and Sandy Neck was ranked as number two. A report of the workshop will be passed along to Board members.

### **2. Economic Sustainability:**

### **3. Public Outreach and Public Use & Participation:**

## **New Business:**

### **1. “A Place to heal” Veterans ORV Permit project, Deputy Chief Steven Xiarhos.**

Donna Bragg addressed the Board to introduce the Sandy Neck Beach, “A Place to Heal” program. A video followed. Tom O’Neill introduced Deputy Chief Steven Xiarhos who explained the program. The Nicholas G. Xiarhos Memorial Foundation has partnered with the Cape Cod Foundation and is providing funds for Veterans and Gold Star families who meet the qualifications, to receive a Sandy Neck 2019 ORV permit. The United States Department of Veterans has vetted this program and Veterans and Gold Star family participation will go through The Cape Cod Vet Center in Hyannis. A group of volunteers have made packages of necessary equipment for the Veterans and Gold Star families. Discussion followed.

### **2. Town Manager Mark Ells. *This item was taken out of order:***

Tom O’Neill addressed the Board and introduced Town Manager Mark Ells. Mr. Ells addressed the Board regarding the Town of Barnstable MVP (discussed above). Education and engagement of the public is important. The Town Council prioritizes safety, natural resources and infrastructure in this process. There was a discussion regarding Sandy Neck and beach use in general. Mr. Ells spoke to the Board regarding the Sandy Neck Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) to move the gatehouse and access trail into less vulnerable areas. The CIP is for the design and permitting phase. Moving the parking lot will require additional discussion. Discussion of plovers and recreational beach use occurred. Mr. Ells noted that the Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) is being used to help balance beach use and protection of Sandy Neck resources including plovers.

**Matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair:** none

**Public Comment:** Rich French asked about the merchandise at the Gatehouse. There was a question regarding the RFID tracking.

## **Adjournment:**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Bragg, Secretary Tem