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Sandy Neck Board Meeting
March 11, 2019

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Sandy Neck Board was held on March 11, 2019 in the Selectmen's Conference Room, 367 Main Street, Hyannis, MA. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Thomas O'Neill.

Roll Call:

- Board Members present: Tom O'Neill, Bill Carey, Pete Sampou, Ann Canedy, Nate King and Bill Monroe
- Board Member absent: Bob Lovell
- Staff: Donna Bragg, Operations Supervisor
- Staff Member absent: Nina Coleman, Park Manager
- Council Liaisons present: John Flores
- Council Liaisons absent: Phil Wallace
- Public: Diane Lomba, Wendy Paquette, Kylie Palomba and Rich French

Act on Minutes:

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

Public Comment:

- none

Correspondence:

- none

Staff Report:

Donna Bragg addressed the Board:

- Gatehouse hours: Gatehouse closed, opens April 1st.
- Stop signs have been put up at Gatehouse.
- Staff did two week Shellfish Constable Training, Hannah Hamilton and Donna Bragg.
- Current Staff: Sean, Hannah and Donna.
- Dogs must on leash at all times now.
- RFID software and training almost completed.
- ORV Permit mail outs are being processed.
- Seasonal staff hiring in process.

Old Business:

Tom O, Neill addressed the Board. Town Manager Mark Ells has been invited to the April Board Meeting.

New Subcommittees:

1. Conservation and Beach Erosion Along Our Coastlines:

Tom O'Neill addressed the Board regarding Chatham Coastal Resiliency project as well as the work in East Sandwich regarding dune reinforcement and stair repairs.

Ann Canedy addressed the Board regarding Cape Cod Engineering awarding three million dollars for Coastal projects. She also provided information regarding Breakwater Beach in Brewster. Attachment. Councilman Flores addressed the Board regarding the study on Commerce Road in Barnstable Village. Discussion followed.

2. Economic Sustainability:

3. Public Outreach and Public Use & Participation:

Bill Monroe addressed the Board regarding Troop 54 meeting with Sean Kortis regarding a further project at Winder's lean-to.

New Business:

none

Matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair: none

Public Comment: none

Adjournment:

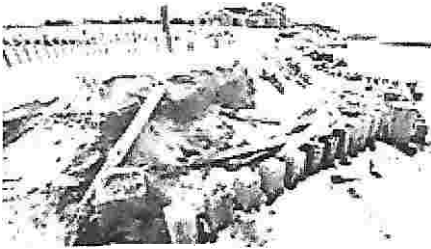
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Bragg, Secretary Pro Tem

Ann Canedy attachment:

Brewster officials stand firm on 'retreat' plan



Storm erosion has damaged Breakwater Beach in Brewster. Town officials are sticking with a plan to

move a parking area despite opposition from neighbors. Merrily Cassidy/Cape Cod Times
Town officials are planning to retreat in the face of erosion on Breakwater Beach in Brewster but neighbors argue the project would block views and cut into small park.

By K.C. Myers kemyers@capecodonline.com

MA_Hyannis_CapeCodTimes BREWSTER — Against a storm of neighborhood opposition, selectmen on Monday night stood firm in their support of a town plan to move a parking area farther away from Breakwater Beach and build an artificial dune to protect it.

Natural resource staff and consultants designed the plan to stop the erosion damage to the current

parking area at the beach on Cape Cod Bay. The \$260,000 project, which is funded primarily through grants, includes removing 12,200 square feet of pavement and building up 9,500 square feet of dune, according to Chris Miller, acting supervisor of the Brewster Department of Public Works.

The plan keeps the number of parking spaces at 57. But some spaces would be moved inland close to

Breakwater Road.


Coastal erosion along most of Brewster's bayside beaches has been constant; about 80 feet has been lost in the past 40 years, Miller said.

Unlike many towns that have large beaches, Brewster's battle against the retreating shoreline is being

waged at small, neighborhood beaches like Breakwater that dot the coastline.

"I've been dealing with damage at Breakwater Landing for all the 8 years I've been here," Miller said. This plan, which Miller hopes can be done before the summer begins, is the best one out there, he

said, because it still provides access for those with limited mobility, while minimizing disruption to natural vegetation and providing a buffer to existing properties, Miller said.

Neighbors, however, are not pleased and have inundated town officials with letters 






David Lapidus, of 115 Tides Court, said the town should not dig up park land to add parking spaces.

The land, where a small park now exists, was donated by Dorothea Cist in the 1950s
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Robert Perry, owner of Cape Cod Engineering, said neighbors hired him to come up with
an alternative plan that would involve retreating only 90 feet back from the beach and
widen the existing

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His plan would keep parking 100 feet away from the nearest property line, rather than 40
feet in the
town's plan, Perry said.

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 paker said the proposed artificial dune is 19 feet tall and would cut off the
water view for

the elderly and disabled who enjoy sitting in
the parking lot. Miller addressed the neighbors'
criticisms one by one.
Only eight percent of the Cist donated land would be changed, and none of that is in the
landscaped
recreation area, he said.
Dune design and building "has been going on for many decades and it's a proven
science," Miller said.
The dune won't be 19 feet tall. The existing elevation is already 11 feet tall, and the
artificial dune

would only be eight feet on top of that. So it would be the same size as the dunes on either side of the existing parking lot, Miller said.

Former Selectman Ed Lewis advised the selectmen to approve the town's plan.

"Sometimes you have to ignore the noise and see what's best for the entire town, because whatever project you do, there will always be opposition. This is a good project and I hope you continue with it," Lewis said.

"Whenever you change something, it creates blow-back," said Selectman John Dickson. "But in my

experience when you have change, people adjust."

The conservation commission and planning board still need to sign off on the plan, and then a contractor will be hired. If all goes smoothly, the project could be done by summer, Miller said.

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