



TOWN OF BARNSTABLE

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Sandy Neck Board Meeting June 13, 2022

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Sandy Neck Board was held on June 13, 2022 at 7:00 pm by remote Zoom meeting.

Zoom information can be found on the Sandy Neck Agenda.

Chairman:
Thomas O'Neill

ViceChairman:
Peter Sampou

BoardMembers:
Ann Canedy
William Carey
William Monroe
Joe O'Brien
Maureen Piccione

CouncilLiaison:
Gordon Starr
Kris Clark

BarnstablePD
Liaison:
Chris Kelsey

Roll Call:

Board Members remotely present by roll call: Tom O'Neill, Pete Sampou, Maureen Piccione, Bill Monroe, and Bill Carey.

Board Members absent: Joe O'Brien and Ann Canedy.

Staff: Nina Coleman, Sandy Neck Park Manager and Donna Bragg, Operations Supervisor.

Staff Member absent: None

Council Liaisons present: Kris Clark.

Barnstable Police Liaison: Chris Kelsey.

Public: Paul Berger, Wendy Paquette, Paul Berger.

Guest Speaker: None

Act on Minutes: Taken out of order.

On a **motion** by Pete Sampou and seconded by Bill Carey, the Sandy Neck Board voted by Roll call to approve the April 11, 2022 minutes. Bill Carey, Aye; Bill Monroe, Aye; Pete Sampou, Aye; Maureen Piccione, Aye; Tom O'Neill, Aye. Motion passed.

Public Comment: None.

Correspondence: Tom O'Neill addressed the Board. Tom received a letter from Leslie Shields, project manager of the consulting firm looking at the reconfiguration of Sandy Neck and all options. Tom was asked to be part of the committee. Nina Coleman addressed the Board. The Town Council issued a Capital Improvement Plan, (CIP), for the reconfiguration of the Bathhouse parking lot area. It has been since 2016 and the Woods Hole Group was hired through a Request for Proposal, (RFP), process. The tasks at hand for the consulting group is to convene a project team comprised of, Department of Public Works, (DPW), Marine Environmental Affairs, (MEA), Tom O'Neill, Sandy Neck Board Chairman, Steve McKenna, Coastal Zone Management, (CZM). First task at hand is to dust off the 2016 Alternative Analysis and take another pass at it to determine if there are any additional options, and also to re-run the shoreline change model. Leslie is working on a CZM grant for the design and permitting portion of the project. We do have the CIP funds in place. Once an alternative is selected through this project team, we would then move into outreach and design and permitting. Will be presenting to the Board what alternative was selected and why. Pete Sampou offered his expertise and assistance in the process.

Staff Report:

Nina Coleman addressed the Board.

- Memorial Day weekend we were fully opened due to a nest that was predated. Spectacular weather. No issues to speak of.
- We are now fully staffed. Took a long time and Nina thanked the full-time staff for stepping up.
- We do have a maintenance person on staff now to run the pumper truck.
- There were three portable toilets on the Off Road Vehicle beach and we now have six.
- We have had many schools and organizations releasing Diamondback Terrapins over the last few weeks.
- Environmental education. We have a walk tomorrow at 10 am that talks about the Diamondback Terrapins program, head start program, and nesting program.
- There is a Piping Plover walk on June 21st at 10 am where walkers will be shown a plover nest and chicks.
- Nina presented the Plover Report* see attached report.
- Seven nests between Trail 1 and Trail 2. From Access Trail to Trail 1 there were two Plover pairs that were deterred from nesting by use of pallet placement and flagging tape on stakes. Nests 9A and 34, nested just east of Trail 1. Both nests were lost due to crow predation. Both pairs have not re-nested. The next nest, 31A is due to hatch June 19th. At this point we have 0.8 miles of beach open. Nina showed the nests moving east from Trail 1. The beach is super wide and we have a lot of room. One more little closure and from then on we will be taking the beach back bit by bit as the Plover chick move east.
- Nina showed slides of the work that was done under the Habitat Conservation Plan, (HCP), in order to deter two Plover nests.
- Nina showed a slide with the new pumper truck.
- Bill Carey asked the distance between the Access Trail and Trail 1 in the deterred area. Nina explained that we are allowed to deter two pairs, up to four acres. Also raking the beach is used as a deterrent as well as the pallets and allowing vehicles to travel in a corridor that is not in the grass.
- Tom spoke about seeing a dog on a leash but not under the direct control of the owner. Nina said we will write a ticket to repeat offender. Nina said in the regulations it states that the dog must be leashed and attached either to a stationary vehicle or the leash in the owner's hand.
- Tom spoke about all wildlife as well as domestic animals being impacted by fireworks. He asks the public be respectful and not set off fireworks. Nina reiterated that curfew is at 10 pm and Sandy Neck will have police details on the fourth of July to help with curfew and fireworks. Nina said fireworks are confiscated and offenders are kicked off the beach.

Old Business: None.

1. Conservation and beach erosion along our coastlines.

2. Economic sustainability. None.

- 3. Public outreach and public use & participation.** Bill Monroe addressed the Board regarding Carter Hickey completing his Eagle Scout projects for Sandy Neck. Water container holder constructed at camp ground and six picnic tables constructed for campground as well as new bench built for Trail 1. Great job by scouts and the many volunteers. Tom asked if Carter should be brought before the Board to show from the Board. Bill said that we should wait until Carter had been awarded his Eagle Scout designation. Bill also said that there is another scout looking to do an Eagle Scout project for Sandy Neck and he will keep the Board informed.

New Business:

1. Resuming meetings in person. Donna will set up the room and inform the Board.
2. Election of Officers. Maureen Piccione asked for clarification of election. Tom explained that he as Chairman and Pete Sampou as Vice Chairman were up for re-election and anyone who may want to be voted on for those positions may do so at this time. Bill Carey said that both Tom and Pete have done a great job and they should continue.

On a motion by Bill Monroe and seconded by Bill Carey, the motion was to approve the current slate of officers for the Board. A voice vote followed. Bill Carey, Aye; Bill Monroe, Aye; Maureen Piccione, Aye; Pete Sampou, Aye; Tom O’Neill, Aye. The motion passed.

Matters not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair: None.

Public Comment: Bill Carey asked for clarification regarding meeting in person. Tom said the Board would be meeting in person unless they hear otherwise. Tom said that when we started to meet in person, he would like to invite experts to come and speak to the Board on different topics. Tom asked Barnstable Police Liaison, Chris Kelsey if there was anything we wished to add. Kelsey said that he and Barnstable Police Department were getting ready for the summer and working with Nina on the Sandy Neck plans.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned by roll call vote at 7:41 pm. Maureen Piccione, Aye; Pete Sampou, Aye; Tom O’Neill, Aye; Bill Carey, Aye; and Bill Monroe, aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Bragg, Secretary Pro Tem

Attachments:



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