



# TOWN OF BARNSTABLE

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## **Sandy Neck Board Meeting** **April 13, 2026**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Sandy Neck Board was held on April 13, 2026, at 7:00 pm in the Selectmens Conference Room.

Chair:

Thomas O'Neill

Vice Chair:

Peter Sampou

Board Members:

William Carey  
William Monroe  
Maureen Piccione  
Tina Carrington  
Rich French

Council Liaison:

Gordon Starr  
Kris Clark

Barnstable

PD Liaison:  
Chris Kelsey

### **Roll Call:**

Board Members present by roll call: Tom O'Neill, Bill Monroe, Rich French, Bill Carey, Maureen Piccioni, Tina Carrington, and Pete Sampou, (arrived late).

Board Members absent:

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

Staff Members absent:

Council Liaisons present: Kris Clark.

Barnstable Police Liaison:

Public: Wendy Paquette, Paul Berger, Tracy Hallett, and Robert Bilideau.

Guest Speaker:

**Act on Minutes:** On a motion from Bill Monre and seconded by Rich French, the Board, by voice and show of hands, voted on the March 9, 2026, minutes. The vote passed.

**Notes from the Chair, Et al:** Tom O'Neill addressed the Board. Tom had spoken with Rich French regarding the open issue of a memorial for Nate King for his service to Sandy Neck. An inscription on a rock had been mentioned. Rich spoke about Nate's contribution. Rich said we spoke about an Access Trail boulder to commemorate his service. The discussion led to deciding where to place the rock. Nina said she was open to suggestions. Nina said first there would have to be a permit issued through the town. Nina said there was a boulder at the entrance to the Great Marsh Trail already. Nina said once they had a vision of what they wanted, we would have to go through the Planning Commission to get a permit. Tom asked who wanted to follow up with this project. Maureen asked if this would be a stand-alone rock for Nate, or would the rock also be used in the future. Bill Monroe said Nate deserved a stand-alone rock. Tina thought that if it were a large boulder, perhaps engraving it would work better than a plaque. Tina said she would take the point on the project and asked Rich if he would find out what Nate's family would like on the rock. Donna said in the past we have used Maki Monument to do the engraving. Tina said would present information at next Board Meeting.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Staff Report:** Nina Coleman addressed the Board. \* See attached report.

- Nina said we have signed with a new concessionaire for the Snack Shack. Curb Café. She would like to have him at the next Board Meeting. His name is John Cannova.

- All Off-Road Vehicle Permits will be held at the Gatehouse for pick-up on the weekends. We are still under construction and currently the Off-Road corridor is open 8am-4pm on Saturday and Sunday. It is still an active construction zone during the week and for safety, we will remain closed on weekdays.
- Due to ongoing construction, the Gatehouse is open Saturday and Sunday from 8am-4pm.
- Parking lots remain closed.
- Paving will continue through the end of April, and we are hoping to have some access to the public on May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- No campfires until May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **Upcoming Events:**
- Nina has been doing outreach for our project. There is the Cape Cod Coastal Conference going on today and tomorrow and Sandy Neck is being heavily highlighted. Nina has a group of people coming to see our project and she is one of the speakers at the conference. Nina said the outreach was very important to show other communities how Sandy Neck is handling coastal resiliency.
- April 18, Sandy Neck Spring Beach Clean Up. Massachusetts Beach Buggy Association, (MBBA), partners with staff for this event. MBBA will be placing pallets in the Habitat Conservation Plan, (HCP), area. We appreciate MBBA immensely for all the work they do. All are welcome to join.
- May 19<sup>th</sup>, ORV 101 for Beginners. 5:30-7pm. Register by emailing the Gatehouse at [sandyneck@barnstabel.gov](mailto:sandyneck@barnstabel.gov).
- Nina showed pictures of all the work that has been done in the parking lot. These pictures are included in the attached report. She answered questions from Board members regarding the work and explained the layout.
- April 18<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts Beach Buggy Association, (MBBA), workday. All are welcome to join.
- Nina showed a video of her walking up the new overlook. It is included in the report. Nina spoke about the forebay in the upper parking lot. Water flows into it and it is a large drainage area. Nina intends to put fencing and vegetation planted. She also spoke about the drainage system in the lower lot. She pointed out the handicap access area and the other access areas to the beach. The next shot was of the new location of the Gatehouse and the work that was being done and the new road configuration. She showed a picture of the Access Trail and the new compressor building. In addition to adding a couple more air hoses to the Access Trail, we have installed four additional air hoses at the garage. The emergency access in the lower parking lot is controlled by staff and will not be used except in emergencies or at staff discretion.
- Rich offered to help paint the trim at the Gatehouse.
- Next slide was the 2026 ORV Beach Pricing Matrix for all ORV beaches in our area. Donna will email Board Members. Nina said we are still the least expensive ORV beach. This information will be used to help set prices in the fall.
- The discussion turned to how the project has been a long time coming and the tools over the years that pushed the project forward. Great information for other beaches and towns to look at.
- Kris Clark asked Nina if she was projecting May 1<sup>st</sup> for opening. Nina said she doesn't want to say May 1<sup>st</sup> as there is still a lot to be done. Nina stated she would just like to say May instead of a date certain.

## **Old Business:**

### **Conservation and beach erosion along our coastlines.**

- **Economic sustainability.**
- **Public outreach and public use & participation.**

- **Sandy Neck Beach Reconfiguration Project Update.** This information was included in the Staff Report.

**New Business:** None.

- **Guest Speaker:** None.

**Matters not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair:** None.

**Public Comment:** None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Bragg, Operations Supervisor, Sandy Neck

Attachments:



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