



TOWN OF BARNSTABLE

SANDY NECK BOARD
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Sandy Neck Board Meeting **August 14, 2023**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Sandy Neck Board was held on August 14, 2023 at 7:02 pm in the Selectmen's Conference Room.

Chair:

Thomas O'Neill

Vice Chair:

Peter Sampou

Board Members:

Ann Canedy
William Carey
William Monroe
Maureen Piccione
Rene King

Council Liaison:

Gordon Starr
Kris Clark

Barnstable

PD Liaison:

Chris Kelsey

Roll Call:

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

Board Members absent: Ann Canedy, Rene King, and Bill Monroe.

Staff: Hannah Lawrence, Assistant Sandy Neck Park Manager, and Donna Bragg, Operations Supervisor.

Staff Member absent: Sandy Neck Park Manager, Nina Coleman.

Council Liaisons present:

Barnstable Police Liaison: Chris Kelsey.

Public: Paul Berger, and Wendy Paquette.

Guest Speaker:

Act on Minutes:

On a motion by Pete Sampou and seconded by Maureen Piccione, with Bill Carey abstaining; the Sandy Neck Board voted to approve the August 14, 2023 Board Minutes.

Notes from the Chair: Taken out of order*.

Tom O'Neill addressed the Board. We do have a new Board member from Recreation, Rene King, who could not make the meeting this evening.

Correspondence: Taken out of order. Tom O'Neill addressed the Board. He received correspondence from Cindy Lovell regarding the Board members which will need to do the Conflict of Interest Training. He will email those members who need to complete the course.

Staff Report: Hannah Lawrence. **Taken out of order***. * See attached report.

- Seasonal Staff is beginning to leave, leaving us short staffed. Please have patience.
- Off Road Vehicle Beach, (ORV), is open 1.75 miles. Trail 1 and Trail 2 are open for Cottage Owners and guest access.
- Speed limit on the Off Road Vehicle Beach, (ORV), is 5 mph.
- Campfires can start at 7 pm or sunset, (whichever is first).
- Gatehouse hours through Labor Day Weekend are 8 am – 9 pm. Gatehouse hours will be updated in September.
- A couple of events coming up. On September 6th we have the hike for Diamondback Terrapin hatchlings. This will be held from 10 am to Noon. On September 13th we have the fall migration hike from 10 am- Noon. On September 17th we have CoastSweep beach cleanup at Sandy Neck from 9 am – Noon. Massachusetts Beach Buggy Association, (MBBA), will be joining staff for the cleanup. This event is open to the public.
- A big thank you to Pete Sampou and students from Sturgis for cleaning the Halfway House this past weekend. Tom asked what the fall migration hike was about. Hannah explained that folks would be seeing different birds staging up to begin their migration.

Old Business:

Conservation and beach erosion along our coastlines. Tom O’Neill addressed the Board and asked if anyone had anything to add regarding conservation. Pete said that he had been out to the Halfway House several times this season and noticed that in some critical areas on the Great Marsh Trail that people seem to be making their own paths around certain areas and disturbing vegetation and dunes. Hannah will get with the Cottage Owners and Marsh Trail camp owners to let them know that they cannot do that. Staff will do an assessment of critical areas of concern on the trail which will be addressed in the spring.

1. Economic sustainability. None.

2. Public outreach and public use & participation. None.

3. Sandy Neck Beach Reconfiguration Project Update. Tom O’Neill addressed the Board. He reiterated the fact that the public meetings had been held and no real issues that were brought up. The project is moving towards ninety percent conceptual design. Everyone is involved in the permitting process. A meeting, time to be determined will be held. Town Manager, Mark Ells will be at the September 11th Board meeting to speak to the project. Tom asked Board members to let him know what topics they would like to discuss with the Town Manager.

New Business: None.

Matters not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair: None.

Public Comment: Bill Carey addressed the Board regarding the joint firefighting exercise performed out at the Cottage Colony with Barnstable Fire Department, West Barnstable Fire Department and Sandwich. Chris Kelsey said that Forestry also had staff out there. It was a joint exercise in case of a home fire out at the Cottage Colony. Chris Kelsey spoke about the homes all needing to be numbered from both the front and the back of the cottage for home identification purposes. Bill Carey will speak with Kathleen Bresette regarding getting the houses all numbered.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Bragg, Secretary Pro Tem

Attachments:



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