



TOWN OF BARNSTABLE

SANDY NECK BOARD
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Sandy Neck Board Meeting October 16, 2023

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Sandy Neck Board was held on October 16, 2023, at 7:02 pm in the Selectmen's Conference Room.

Chair:

Thomas O'Neill

Vice Chair:

Peter Sampou

Board Members:

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.

Board Members absent: Bill Monroe, Rene King, and Bill Carey.

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

Staff Member absent:

Council Liaisons present: Kris Clark.

Barnstable Police Liaison: Chris Kelsey.

Public: Paul Berger, and Wendy Paquette.

Guest Speaker:

Act on Minutes:

Vote on the September 11, 2023 Sandy Neck Board Minutes was deferred to the October 16, 2023 as there was no quorum present.

Notes from the Chair:

1. Tom O'Neill addressed the Board. He said he would like to get Town Manager, Mark Ells scheduled for the Board Meeting in December. Tom would like to get another project meeting update before the December meeting. Perhaps at the end of November or beginning of December a project meeting update could be scheduled.

Correspondence: None.

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

- Gatehouse hours are 9am-9pm through October 31, 2023. Starting November 1, 2023, Gatehouse hours are by appointment only.
- Off Road Vehicle Beach (ORV), hours are 8am-10pm through October 31,2023. Beginning November 1, 2023 the ORV hours will be 8am-4pm.
- Through October 31, 2023, campfires are starting at sunset.
- No fires allowed on the beach beginning November 1,2023.
- The speed limit on the ORV beach is 15mph.
- We still have Sandy Neck merchandise available at the Gatehouse. Stop by or give a call to set up an appointment.
- Bathhouse is closed and winterized for the season. There are two portable toilets available in the parking lot for patrons. One is handicap accessible.
- Fall hunting season has started and all hunters must sign in at the Gatehouse prior to hunting. Pheasant hunting season has begun. Anyone concerned about hunters should check in with the Gatehouse as all hunters are required to sign in and patrons may look at the sign in sheet to see if there is anyone out hunting. The front beach is off limit to hunting as well as the Access Trail.
- Donna spoke about the success of the CoastSweep event that was held at Sandy Neck. She thanked the Massachusetts Beach Buggy Association, (MBBA), for their amazing support of the event. It was an excellent turn out and a lot of trash was collected.
- Staff are gearing up for turtle stranding season.
- Pete gave a shout out to his fellow pheasant hunters and asked while hunters are out in the dunes to please help out and pick up any trash they find while out there.

Old Business:

Conservation and beach erosion along our coastlines.

- 1. Economic sustainability.** None.
- 2. Public outreach and public use & participation.**
- 3. Sandy Neck Beach Reconfiguration Project Update.** Nina addressed the Board. The project is moving forward. The meeting with the Town Manager, Mark Ells, at the last Board meeting was very informative. The town seems very supportive of the project. Sandy Neck did receive a grant through Coastal Zone Management, (CZM), for design and permitting which is at 90 percent. The grant is \$92,000. That will get us up to the point of looking for funding. Nina spoke about the various funding opportunities through grants which are being pursued. These grants being pursued are both through the state and federal government. Nina said then we will look at what the Sandy Neck Enterprise account will provide for the project. Nina has asked for more team meetings. We just received notification that the Environmental Notification Form, (ENF), has been accepted and that was a big hurdle overcome. Next hurdle is the Natural Heritage Endangered Species Program. There will be a mitigation project as we will be within the Spadefoot Toad habitat. Nina said we were holding the line to keep the same amount of parking that we have now. There was a discussion regarding mitigation. Nina spoke about the archaeological survey that will be coming up. Nina will be talking with Town Finance Manager, Mark Milne regarding the enterprise account prior to the December meeting with the Town Manager.

New Business:

- 1. Sandy Neck Deer Hunt. * See attached.** Nina spoke to the Board regarding the 2023 Sandy Neck Deer Hunt. The archery hunt will take place the week of Thanksgiving; November 20th through the 25th. The black powder, muzzle loader hunt will take place, December 11th through the 16th. Six deer per date range, with a total of twelve deer allowed to be taken for the entire hunt. Hunters must attend the meeting for the hunt. The archery hunt meeting will be held on November 15 at 7pm at the Centerville Recreation Building, 524 Main Street, Centerville, MA. The primitive firearm meeting will be held at the same location December, 6 at 7pm. All hunters must bring their valid hunting license. The hunt will be selected by lottery. There are a number of supplemental regulations that will be available to view on the Sandy Neck website. There will be an opportunity to purchase an Off-Road Vehicle Permit at the meetings.
- 2. Regulation changes.** At this time, we don't see a need to change any regulations as they have been tightened up the last go-around. Nina sees no reason to make any changes at this time.
- 3. Election of Board Officers:** Not having a quorum, we will defer to the November 16, 2023 Board Meeting.

Matters not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair: None.

Public Comment: None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Bragg, Secretary Pro Tem

Attachments: