



TOWN OF BARNSTABLE

SANDY NECK BOARD

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Sandy Neck Board Meeting October 21, 2013

Chairman:

Richards French

Vice Chairman:

William Carey

Board Members:

Lynn Heslinga
Nate King
George Muhlebach
Peter Sampou

Council Liaisons:

June Daley

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Sandy Neck Board was held on October 21, 2013 at the Selectmen's Conference Room, 367 Main Street, Hyannis, MA. The meeting was called to order at 7:31 pm by Chairman Rich French.

Roll Call:

- Board Members present: Lynn Heslinga, Bill Carey, Nate King, George Muhlebach and Rich French. Bill Carey arrived later.
- Board Members absent: Pete Sampou.
- Staff: Nina Coleman, Sandy Neck Park Manager; and Debbie Lavoie, Secretary Pro Tem.
- Council Liaison: June Daley
- Public: Wendy Paquette, Diane Lomba, and Kylie Palomba.

Act on Minutes:

- On a **motion** by Nate King and seconded by George Muhlebach, the Sandy Neck Board voted to approve the September minutes as printed. Bill Carey abstained.

Correspondence:

- none

Staff Report:

Nina Coleman addressed the Board:

- Winter hours now in effect. Gatehouse open 9 am to 4 pm daily with extended hours on Friday and Saturday to 8 pm. Curfew is 8 pm.
- Coastsweep was successful. A lot of data was collected.
- The Junior Ranger program (through the school department) is now going on at Sandy Neck on Tuesdays.
- Hunting season has started. You can hunt every day except Sundays. It is hunting season for pheasants, ducks, geese, and more. Hunters must check in at the Gatehouse.

Old Business:

Proposed dune nourishment in front of parking lot

Nina Coleman addressed the board and explained that the restoration project is moving forward. Funding was secured from Town Council for both the nourishment project and funding for Phase 2. She also has submitted the amendment to the Notice of Intent with the Conservation Commission and is waiting for approval from DEP.

New Business:

Sandy Neck Deer Hunt

Nina Coleman stated that the Sandy Neck Deer Hunt has, historically, been held every other year. Nina Coleman is recommending a deer hunt for 2013.

2013 Sandy Neck Deer Hunt

The 2013 Sandy Neck Deer Hunt will be as follows:

- Archery hunt will be November 25 – 30, 2013 or until six (6) deer are taken, whichever comes first.
- Primitive firearms hunt will be December 16 – 21, 2013 or until six (6) deer are taken, whichever comes first.

If six (6) deer are not taken during the week of the archery hunt, the remaining number will be added to the primitive firearms hunt. Thus, a total of twelve (12) deer will be harvested from Sandy Neck in 2013.

You **MUST** attend a night meeting. The archery meeting is Tuesday, November 19, 2013 at 7:00 pm at the Centerville Recreation Building, 524 Main Street, Centerville, MA. The primitive firearms meeting is Wednesday, December 11, 2013 at 7:00 pm at the Centerville Recreation Building, 524 Main Street, Centerville, MA. Please bring your valid hunting license to the meeting at which time you will be registered for the hunt. Participants for each hunt will be selected by lottery during their respective meetings.

Sandy Neck Deer Harvest Supplemental Regulations:

1. These regulations are issued in lieu of the Sandy Neck Beach Park Regulations §601-5 Hunting Regulations A, C & G. Other regulations remain in full force and effect.
2. In accordance with the provisions of Town of Barnstable Ordinances §177-2, all vehicles operating on Sandy Neck must have a valid Sandy Neck Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) sticker.
3. All participants must attend a Sandy Neck Deer Harvest Meeting that will be held prior to each deer hunt. (Meetings - Archery, Tuesday, November 19, 2013 and Primitive Firearms, Wednesday, December 11, 2013).
4. Hunt limited to successful participants in the special lottery held prior to the event. All hunters participating in the White Tailed Deer harvest must register at the station prior to each hunting trip on Sandy Neck.
5. All deer taken must be reported at the station. All deer "struck and lost" shall be reported to the Natural Resource Officer on duty.
6. Specific zones will be identified on Sandy Neck for the hunting of White Tailed Deer. During the open season as proscribed by the controlled hunt regulations, areas designated for deer hunting will be closed to other forms of hunting, and general public use will be limited.
7. No blinds shall be established or maintained prior to the opening of the limited deer harvest season for Sandy Neck, or after either season established by the Town.
8. Any hunter receiving any citations will be suspended from further participation in the harvest.
9. Those regions of the front beach adjacent to deer hunting zones may be closed to the parking of off road vehicles, except those displaying a Sandy Neck Deer Harvest Parking Pass.
10. Access to the cross trails and Marsh Trail for the purposes of recovering harvested deer may be allowed BY SPECIAL PERMIT FROM THE OFFICER ON DUTY ONLY.
11. All persons possessing primitive firearms and archery equipment within the bounds of Sandy Neck must have a special permit issued from the Town of Barnstable in addition to all permits required by the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife.
12. No person shall carry a shotgun in the area of Sandy Neck designated for deer hunting, during the open deer season on Sandy Neck.

13. *Deer may be hunted within the bounds of designated deer harvest areas on Sandy Neck by means of archery from November 25 – 30, 2013 or until six (6) deer have been harvested, whichever comes first. And by means of blackpower (muzzleloader) from December 16 – 21, 2013 or until six (6) deer have been harvested, which ever comes first. A total of twelve (12) deer will be harvested.*
14. *Hunting shall occur between ½ hour before sunrise and sunset only.*
15. *Access to the beach will be granted to deer hunters one hour before sunrise, as determined by the Sandy Neck tide chart, on each day that deer may be hunted on Sandy Neck. No hunter may access the beach prior to one hour before sunrise. All hunters must be off the beach no later than one half hour after sunset.*
16. *All vehicles entering or leaving the controlled hunting area will be subject to search at the discretion of any Natural Resource Officer and/or staff at the Check Station.*
17. *Harassment of hunters or the obstruction, interference, or prevention of the lawful taking of fish or wildlife within the bounds of Sandy Neck is prohibited.*
18. *During the 2013 hunting season, the provisions of the Sandy Neck Regulations and the Sandy Neck Deer Harvest Supplemental Regulations may be enforced within the bounds of Sandy Neck by Natural Resource Officers, and any employee of the Town of Barnstable appointed to serve as a police officer.*
19. *Bag limit: One deer may be harvested per hunter participating in the controlled harvest. Possession: No more than one deer in possession for each licensed and permitted participant.*
20. *Hunting is prohibited on or from pre-existing blind structures, posted private or leased property, areas marked with symbolic fencing and red surveyors tape, within 150 feet of Access Trail and the front beach or within 500 feet of any dwelling in use or public building.*
21. *Patrol vehicle sirens shall signal a mandatory evacuation. All hunters must return to the front beach and/or their vehicles immediately after the evacuation siren is sounded, where they will await further instructions.*
22. *As stipulated in the Sandy Neck Beach Park Regulations, the Marine and Environmental Affairs Division reserves the right to close the beach to hunting if weather conditions or other factors constitute a hazardous or unsafe environment.*

On a **motion** by Nate King and seconded by George Muhlebach , the Sandy Neck Board unanimously voted to support the Sandy Neck Park Manager’s recommendation that there be a Sandy Neck Deer Hunt this season and also vote to support the rules for this hunt as presented to the Board.

NOTE: This still needs approval from the Town Manager.

Public Comment:

- Wendy Paquette asked about the new proposed fee changes for next season.

Adjournment:

- There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Lavoie, Secretary Pro Tem