



TOWN OF BARNSTABLE SANDY NECK BOARD

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Sandy Neck Board Meeting August 11, 2008

Chairman:

Richards French

Vice Chairman:

William Carey

Board Members:

Barbara Bell
Nate King
George Muhlebach
Peter Sampou

Council Liaison:

Henry Farnham

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Sandy Neck Board was held on August 11, 2008 at the Marine and Environmental Affairs Division Building at 1189 Phinney's Lane, Centerville, MA. The meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm by Chairman Rich French.

Roll Call:

- Board Members present: George Muhlebach, Barbara Bell, Rich French, Nate King, and Bill Carey.
- Staff: Debbie Lavoie, Secretary Pro Tem.
- Council Liaison: Hank Farnham.
- Public: Wendy Bowles, Patrick Paquette, Doug Moquin, Cathy Fillman, and Paula Curry.

Act on Minutes:

- On a **motion** by Barbara Bell and seconded by George Muhlebach, the Sandy Neck Board voted unanimously to approve the July minutes as printed. Nate King abstained from voting because he was not at that meeting.

Correspondence:

- None

Staff Report:

Debbie Lavoie read the staff report written by Nina Coleman:

- We had 36 pairs of Plovers this year and we have had 41 fledged chicks with 2 more chicks due to fledge bringing the potential total chicks fledged to 43. This number is down a bit from last year but still not bad.
- The tern colony at 1.8 miles is still holding the beach closed. We had tern chicks hatch in this colony on August 8th and we still have two more nests that may or may not hatch. Therefore, we are expecting that the beach is going to stay closed for at least another month.
- We may have located the handicapped wheelchair. Bourne police called me on Friday about a wheelchair they had found that seems to match our description. I will be going on Wednesday to hopefully retrieve it if it is the right one. We will then have two chairs and my plan is to have the second one available for users of the ORV beach.

Old Business:

◆ **Bathhouse Update**

Rich French: About two weeks ago, staff went to Westborough, MA [Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program (NHESP)] to talk with them about spadefoot toads and the placement/potential locations of the new bathhouse. They made some progress with the bathhouse project. Hopefully, the next meeting will be with DEP. This will take time – it is a long process and not an easy fix.

◆ **Barnstable Dredge Project:**

Rich French: Per Bob Burgmann, all permits are now in place. Waiting for the money. The Town Council will vote on Appropriation Order #2009-010 [on August 21, 2008] which includes \$419,250 for the Barnstable Dredging Project.

On a motion made by Barbara Bell and seconded by Nate King the Sandy Neck Board unanimously voted to authorize Rich French to write a letter to Town Council in support of Appropriation #2009-010.

◆ **Budget Items**

Rich French: Would like all Board Members to come up with ideas to put on the wish list for next year at Sandy Neck. Can be either on the expense side or revenue side. If budget item – research the cost.

George Muhlebach: Would like to see continued maintenance on the current bathhouse since it will be at least 2/3 years until new bathhouse.

George Muhlebach: Can a priority list be kept regarding other town owned buildings on the Sandy Neck that may need upkeep so they are not lost by neglect.

Rich French: The town only owns 1 cottage. The rest of the cottages are individually owned or leased. The lease agreement states the building(s) must be maintained.

Rich French: The marsh trail needs more repair – towards trail 4 (where the previous work ended).

Bill Carey: Will update the Board next month with issues/concern from the Cottage Colony re: marsh repairs. He will work with Doug Moquin.

Rich French: Suggested maybe an independent stand-alone website just for Sandy Neck.

◆ **Board Member Replacement**

Rich French: He does not know the status of the replacement for Holly Heaslip. Hopefully it will be soon.

New Business

- None

Public Comment:

- *Paula Curry:* She asked what the correct hours were for the beach. [Nina Coleman was not present but she will call Ms. Curry and go over this matter.]
- *Kathy Fillman MBBA:* (1) Submitted a copy of a letter to the Division of Fisheries & Wildlife from Representative Jeffrey Perry re: Sandy Neck Access dated August 15, 2008. (2) Reminded everyone that the Everill Mackey Fishing Derby will be held on September 19- 21, 2008. (3) She felt that seasonal help seemed to be riding the ATVs too fast near the closure (this past weekend).
- *Patrick Paquette:* He felt not only do the seasonal staff drive too fast but he also the BPD drives too fast on the beach. Three questions he would like Nina Coleman to answer (1) He reported fireworks on beach and asked if anyone was cited for this illegal activity. Were any tickets written for illegal fireworks? (2) Will the “Go round Committee” be put back on the agenda next month? (3) How far will recreational fishing be allowed past Trail #4? Last year they could not go past Trail #4 to Trail #6. Can ORVs go past trail 6 or is it just for boaters?

Adjournment:

- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Lavoie, Secretary Pro Tem