



TOWN OF BARNSTABLE SANDY NECK BOARD

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Sandy Neck Board Meeting October 6, 2008

Chairman:

Richards French

Vice Chairman:

William Carey

Board Members:

Barbara Bell
Lynn Heslinga
Nate King
George Muhlebach
Peter Sampou

Council Liaison:

Henry Farnham

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Sandy Neck Board was held on October 06, 2008 at the Marine and Environmental Affairs Division Building at 1189 Phinney's Lane, Centerville, MA. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by Chairman Rich French.

Roll Call:

- Board Members present: Barbara Bell, Rich French, Nate King, and Lynn Heslinga.
- Staff: Nina Coleman, Sandy Neck Park Manager and Debbie Lavoie, Secretary Pro Tem.
- Public: Kathy Fillman.

Act on Minutes:

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

Correspondence:

- The Board discussed a letter [sent via email to all Board Members] from Wendy Bowles regarding alcohol (mis)use and glass containers on the beach over Labor Day weekend. Nina Coleman stated that next summer they plan to be more proactive at the beginning of the summer season to stop the drinking on the beach and that glass containers are not allowed at all. They also would like more police presence on holiday weekends. It was also suggested that perhaps the police could check for sobriety on Sandy Neck Road.

Staff Report:

Nina Coleman:

- Gatehouse is open daily until Columbus Day then it will be weekends only thru Thanksgiving.
- Starting October 18th, they will be stocking pheasants twice a week until Thanksgiving Day.
- CoastSweep 2008 was very successful. Best year ever.
- MBBA fishing derby went well. No problems.

Old Business:

◆ **Bathhouse Update**

Rich French: Nothing new to report. Still waiting to hear from Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program (NHESP). Very frustrating. Note: There is a huge "puddle" - over ½ the parking lot is unusable. There is no drainage.

Nate King: This is very discouraging.

◆ **Barnstable Dredge Project:**

Rich French: Per Bob Burgmann, the dredge work in Barnstable Harbor will start in early December.

Nina Coleman: They will not be getting the soil/fill from the Steamship Authority. She was told that the town would have to pull new permits to allow this and that is not something they want to do.

◆ **Sidewalk:**

Rich French: The Town is going to put in a sidewalk on the westerly side of Sandy Neck Road which will go from the town line (top of the hill) to the gatehouse. The funds are already in place.

Nina Coleman: The project does need ConComm approval.

◆ **Regulation and Fee Review:**

Rich French: The Board should be looking at any changes and/or updates they would like to see in the regulations. All suggestions should be sent to Nina Coleman. It will be discussed again next month.

Rich French: As far as fees, some could be adjusted. Please look this over before next month (November) because any increase(s) need to go to Town Council by December.

Nina Coleman: Will present a complete analysis at the November meeting.

Rich French: Hopefully, Mark Milne, Finance Director, can come to the November meeting and give a quick overview of the budget process for Sandy Neck.

New Business:

◆ **Sandy Neck Handbook:**

Rich French: A memo was sent by Leah Curtis, Town Council Appointments Committee Chair, to all Boards and Commissions regarding a Committee Handbook. The Town Council is looking for ideas from every Board and Committee about what information they would like included in a handbook given to all Boards and Committees.

Rich French is looking for input from the Board for next month. Debbie Lavoie will email all Board Members the information that is on the town's website in the Administrative Code regarding the Sandy Neck Board.

Public Comment:

Cathy Fillman: MBBA held the Everill MacKay Derby. There were 63 people in total. 43 vehicles. 46 people actively fishing. She presented a check for \$81 as a donation. She reported that since the numbers were down and all the work involved, they do not think they will do this again next year. It was a wonderful opportunity and she is sad that they will not do it again next year.

Nina Coleman: In answer to the question regarding a deer hunt this year, it is highly unlikely.

Adjournment:

- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Lavoie, Secretary Pro Tem