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Sandy Neck Board Meeting

December 12,

2010

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Sandy Neck Board was held on December 12, 2010 at the Barnstable Town Hall, Selectmen's Conference Room, 367 Main Street, Hyannis, MA. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Chairman Rich French.

Roll Call:

- Board Members present: Peter Sampou, Lynn Heslinga, George Muhlebach, Barbara Bell, Bill Carey, and Rich French.
- Council Liaison: Hank Farnham and Ann Canedy.
- Staff: Nina Coleman, Sandy Neck Park Manager, and Debbie Lavoie, Secretary Pro Tem.
- Public: None

Act on Minutes:

- On a **motion** by Barbara Bell and seconded by Pete Sampou, the Sandy Neck Board voted unanimously to approve the October minutes as corrected. Robert B. Our Company was incorrectly listed as Robert B. Orr.

Correspondence:

- None.

Staff Report:

Nina Coleman addressed the Board:

- The gatehouse is closed. Staff is available for the sales of ORV permits by appointment only. [Note: ORV stickers are required year round.] Merchandise is still available for purchase – call first.
- There is duck hunting currently at Sandy Neck. Pheasant hunting is over.
- Nine turtles were rescued from the beach. The Kemp's Ridley Sea Turtles become "cold stunned" because of the drop in water temperature and beach themselves. A video is available on the Sandy Neck website showing staff looking for and rescuing turtles. Click on *Cold Stunned Sea Turtle Rescue* on the Town's website. [<http://www.town.barnstable.ma.us/SandyNeckPark>]
- Also on the website is a section entitled: *Video Series: The Seasons of Sandy Neck*. There are currently 3 videos available (1) Cold Stunned Sea Turtle Rescue (2) Halfway House (3) Phragmites. Plus, soon will have a video showing the burning of the bathhouse.
- Another osprey pole is being placed on Sandy Neck. It will be near the Halfway House which will allow students to be able to observe it from the cottage.

NOTE: Sandy Neck Park Beach is mentioned on the Nature Conservancy Website @ www.nature.org

Old Business:

Bathhouse Update

Nina Coleman reported that the contract was awarded to Robert B. Our Company, Inc. of Harwich. They have already started work. She will email the Board pictures as the work progresses over the winter.

Marsh Trail Repair

Nina Coleman indicated there are no updates to report at this time.

Breach Update

There was a general discussion among the Board Members about the breach. Specifically, Nina Coleman reported that she received approval from ConComm to fix the breach. This approval is an amendment to the existing Orders of Conditions. She has the materials and will work with highway. Not sure of the time frame but hopefully it will be soon.

New Business:

Regulation Review

A discussion started regarding the Sandy Neck Rules and Regulations. All Board Members have a copy of the regulations and were asked to look at the regulations and see if they would like any changes brought forward for next year.

Low Profile Tires

Rich French would like “low profile tires” addressed. There is no language in the current regulations regarding these tires. Should that be looked at? What should be allowed? These tires can not air down enough and may be ruining the beach. The CC National Seashore does not allow them. They have very specific language.

Nina Coleman said the language must be specific to allow for proper management but she does not want to micro manage the beach through the regulations. Clearance is a big issue, too. There are lots of variables. She would want to do more research about these tires.

Barbara Bell will ask MBBA what is allowed at other beaches. Do they have any ideas/suggestions?

Ann Canedy suggested car dealers should be alerted so they can tell people before they buy a car with these tires so they will know they may not be allowed on Sandy Neck if the regulations are changed.

Hunting Times

Pete Sampou stated that the regulations [Section 601-5. Hunting Regulations] allow hunting between sunrise and sunset only. The State and Federal Regulations both allow hunting ½ hour before sunrise. All other town owned property allows hunting ½ hour before sunrise. He would like the regulations changed so it is consistent throughout the town. That ½ hour makes a big difference for duck hunting.

If anyone has any other suggestions they should email Nina Coleman before the next meeting. All proposals will be discussed at the next meeting.

Public Comment:

none.

Adjournment:

- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Lavoie, Secretary Pro Tem