



TOWN OF BARNSTABLE

SANDY NECK BOARD

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Sandy Neck Board Meeting May 10, 2010

Chairman:

Richards French

Vice Chairman:

William Carey

Board Members:

Barbara Bell
Lynn Heslinga
Nate King
George Muhlebach
Peter Sampou

Council Liaisons:

Henry Farnham
Ann Canedy

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Sandy Neck Board was held on May 10, 2010 at the Barnstable Town Hall, Selectmen's Conference Room, 367 Main Street, Hyannis, MA. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by Chairman Rich French.

Roll Call:

- Board Members present: Barbara Bell, Pete Sampou, Lynn Heslinga, George Muhlebach, Bill Carey, Nate King, and Rich French.
- Council Liaison: none present
- Staff: Nina Coleman, Sandy Neck Park Manager, and Debbie Lavoie, Secretary Pro Tem.
- Public: Paul Singley, Debra Nourse, Cheryl Letourneau, H.Lucille Moquin, Pamela Buck, and Roger Buck.

Act on Minutes:

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

Correspondence:

- MBBA sent a letter to the Board inviting them to their Annual Meeting to be held on Saturday, May 22, 2010 during the Spring Meet Weekend at Scusset Beach. Anyone wishing to go should tell Rich French who will RSVP to the club.
- Rich French received a letter from Mark Lee of Cross Fit Cape Cod, who wants to run a triathlon at Sandy Neck Beach on Sept 18, 2010. He would like to invite Mr. Lee to the June meeting to discuss this event with the Board.

Staff Report:

Nina Coleman addressed the Board:

- The gatehouse is open every day from 9 am to 4 pm with extended hours on Friday and Saturday until 9 pm. After Memorial Day – the hours will be extended every day from 8 am to 9 pm.
- Sandy Neck is now fully staffed.
- As of May 1st, curfew in place - must be off the beach by 11 pm. No one past the gatehouse after 9 pm. This does not include cottage owners or campers and chase vehicles.
- Regarding high tides and camping/beach conditions – check the website for information. Will make sure the website is up-to-date.
- There are many plovers nesting east of Trail 6. As always, too early to tell if they will be in the ORV corridor.
- There will be a Sandy Neck Plover Walk on Tuesday, June 15th, 10 a.m. – noon with Nina Coleman. It is a one mile hike. This is one of many educational hikes provided during the spring and summer. Usually one a month. Check the website.
- Diamondback terrapin turtles will be nesting on Sandy Neck in late June and July.
- On May 1st, NRO Matt Gough gave a presentation, *Welcome Back ORVs*. It was a good event and they hope to do it again in July.
- Beach cleanup was held on April 25. Great job. Lots of folks showed up. Thanks to everyone who participated.
- Pictures of all the new merchandise for Sandy Neck were shown. Merchandise includes: Official Sandy Neck Zip-Hoodies, Sandy Neck Burgee Flag Hats, Long Sleeve Sandy Neck Map T-Shirt, Authentic 2010 Off Road Vehicle T-Shirts, "Property of Sandy Neck" Hoodies, "Property of

Sandy Neck” T-Shirts, Sandy Neck Sweatpants, and Official Sandy Neck Burgee Flag Bumper Stickers.

- This year there are “kids sizes” available. But all merchandise is limited and sells out quickly.
- All this information is available at the website
<http://www.town.barnstable.ma.us/SandyNeckPark/merchandise/merchandisehome.aspx>

Old Business:

Bathhouse Update

Rich French addressed the Board:

- There will be a meeting this Thursday. Preliminary meeting for electrical, poles, etc. Things are on track and the project should go out to bid in July.
- The money was approved at Town Council. All funds are paid for by the users of the beach. No money comes from general funds.
- OKH has approved.
- NHESP – full approved.

Continuation of Cottage Colony Guest Parking Discussion

Rich French addressed the Board:

In review, the Sandy Neck Beach Management Policies with regard to guests of property owners remains in effect. But, after the meeting, there was the idea of having off site parking available at the West Barnstable Railroad Station. This is town owned land governed by the Lombard Trust. This would be off site parking available for anyone that can not park – for whatever reason – at Sandy Neck. It is not just for the cottage/property owners. This would be for overnight parking with proper hangtags.

At this point, Rich French opened the discussion to the public:

Lucille Moquin stated that Sandy Neck is special. That is their road. People should be able to come. Sandy Neck is unique. They want to be treated special and unique. *[Note: her letter was submitted later and on file.]*

Pamela Buck spoke. She is a taxpayer in Barnstable. She has a cookout at her cottage on the beach for her friends. She wants them to be able to park at the beach for free. Also, if the beach parking lot is full, she wants a place for her friends to park.

Paul Stingley asked if this off site parking would be free. Rich French answered “yes”.

Deborah Nourse was concerned. If this off site parking does not go into effect, where will her friends and the friends of her kid’s park? They do not have the money to pay for parking. This will be a burden for them to pay.

Cheryl Letourneau spoke. She feels the problem is that the property owners should have been notified before the Board made any decision. She wants more communication. She likes the idea of off site parking. **Rich French** stated that the Board has always tried to have an open dialogue and keep everyone informed

Bill Carey explained that he was in fact told by the Town Attorney that there could be a conflict or an appearance of a conflict and neither he nor Lynn Heslinga (as cottage owners) should speak on this issue. They are supposed to recuse themselves.

New Business:

- none.

Public Comment:

- none.

Adjournment:

- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Lavoie, Secretary Pro Tem