



TOWN OF BARNSTABLE SANDY NECK BOARD

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Sandy Neck Board Meeting October 18, 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 October 18, 2010 at the Barnstable Town Hall, Selectmen's Conference Room, 367 Main Street, Hyannis, MA. The meeting was called to order at 7:36 pm by Chairman Rich French.

Roll Call:

- Board Members present: Barbara Bell, Nate King, Peter Sampou, Bill Carey, and Rich French.
- Council Liaison: Hank Farnham
- Staff: Nina Coleman, Sandy Neck Park Manager, and Debbie Lavoie, Secretary Pro Tem.
- Public: Diane Palompa, Robert Lomba, and Doug Moquin.

Act on Minutes:

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

Correspondence:

- None.

Staff Report:

Nina Coleman addressed the Board:

- The gatehouse is open only on the weekends. During the weekdays, sales of ORV permits are by appointment only. [Note: ORV stickers are required year round.]
- Winter curfew: Beach closes at 8 PM.
- Currently there is pheasant hunting at Sandy Neck and will continue until the weekend after Thanksgiving. Hunting is not allowed on Sunday. Hunting is not allowed on the front beach. Anyone walking should wear some orange. (Pete Sampou explained that pheasant hunting weapon discharge only goes for about 40 yards due to lack of fire power so public interaction is limited).
- Phragmites work that was done on the beach this year has ended. This is an ongoing project that has been done for the past 10 years.
- Hopefully more things will be put on the website such as (1) a clip of the phragmites work (2) halfway house video (3) "the burning" of the bathhouse.

Old Business:

Bathhouse Update

- There was a PowerPoint slide show of the burning of the bathhouse. The pictures are available upon request.
- The burning was used a training session for the West Barnstable Fire Department.
- There was a lot of preparatory work behind this controlled burn. Rich French explained what was done over the two days prior to the burn. Different scenarios were used and it was a great learning exercise attended by many firefighters. Rich also explained what was done on site at the burn itself. A big thank you to WB Fire Chief Joseph Maruca.
- Along with the fire preparatory work, the project required and received DEP approval. Town permits were also needed and approved.
- On Sunday, the public was allowed on site and got to see the actual celebratory burning of the bathhouse in anticipation of the new bathhouse next spring. This event was attended by many

- bystanders over the entire afternoon. The concrete blocks left standing will be removed later this week.
- Thanks to all who helped and volunteered their services. (Including Porkys BBQ of Marstons Mills, the Polar Cave Ice Cream Shop, UTZ chips).
- More pictures will be available later on the Town's website.
- Tuesday October 26th will be the last day for contractors to submit bids for the new bathhouse. They will be opened and reviewed by the bathhouse committee. The contract will be awarded with the completion date of next spring.
- Thanks to Nina Coleman, the Sandy Neck Staff, and the Staff at MEA who volunteered their time on Sunday.

New Business:

Deer Hunt 2010

Nina Coleman explained that there is usually a deer hunt every other year. There was a hunt in 2009 where only three deer were harvested – they did not get the 12 deer that were allowed. In recent years, the deer population has declined throughout the State and she has not seen an increase in the deer population this year to warrant a hunt two years in a row. She would suggest they wait until next year (2011) and see if a deer hunt is warranted.

Breach Adjacent to the Heslinga Cottage

- Rich French gave the details regarding this breach. It is in the berm constructed during the dredging project last year. This area is near the Heslinga Cottage. Could it be refilled this winter? How would it be done, who will do it, and when does it need to be looked at? Can the Town do it over the winter?
- Nina Coleman reviewed the pictures. The pictures are available upon request. This work may not be allowed under the current work permits. This breach may require an amendment or may need a new permit if it is outside the fence line. Must look and see if it is within the current work limit. She explained that “just moving the material” will not hold the water back – it will need more work than that. A base core is needed. A temporary fill will only last until another storm.
- Pete Sampou suggested that perhaps jute rolls can be used. These are made of organic materials.
- This breach is affecting the dredging material that was put there during the Barnstable dredging project and may be allowed by ConComm as an emergency measure. Nina Coleman will discuss this breach with Rob Gatewood.

Sandy Neck Meeting Dates for 2011

The meetings will be held the 2nd Monday of every month with the exception of October (due to the holiday.)

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| January 10, 2011 | February 14, 2011 | March 14, 2011 |
| April 11, 2011 | May 09, 2011 | June 13, 2011 |
| July 11, 2011 | August 08, 2011 | September 12, 2011 |
| October 17, 2011 | November 14, 2011 | December 12, 2011 |

Meetings start at 7:30 PM at Town Hall, Selectmen's Conference Room – 2nd Floor, 367 Main Street, Hyannis.

Public Comment:

- Doug Moquin addressed the Board regarding the breach at the Cottage Colony. He is representing the Heslingas. They would like to work with the Board to find a solution to the problems so that one “fix” does not cause another problem.

Adjournment:

- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Lavoie, Secretary Pro Tem