



## TOWN OF BARNSTABLE SANDY NECK BOARD

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### Sandy Neck Board Meeting May 9, 2011

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Sandy Neck Board was held on May 9, 2011 at the Barnstable Town Hall, Selectmen's Conference Room, 367 Main Street, Hyannis, MA. The meeting was called to order at 7:34 pm by Vice Chairman Bill Carey.

#### Roll Call:

- Board Members present: Peter Sampou, Nate King, George Muhlebach, Lynn Heslinga, Barbara Bell and Bill Carey.
- Council Liaison: none
- Staff: Nina Coleman, Sandy Neck Park Manager, and Debbie Lavoie, Secretary Pro Tem.
- Public: Wendy Paquette and Diane Lomba.

#### Act on Minutes:

- On a **motion** by Nate King and seconded by Barbara Bell, the Sandy Neck Board voted to approve the April minutes as printed.

#### Correspondence:

An invitation was sent by Dr. Peter Auger inviting Nina Coleman and the Board to the following presentation:

*Coyotes at The Door! Human impacts on Coyote Abundance and Movement Patterns in Jamestown R.I.*

*By Dr. Numi Mitchell on Wednesday, May 11, 7pm. This is for anyone interested in cutting-edge research into coyote/human interactions.*

#### Staff Report:

##### *Nina Coleman addressed the Board:*

- The gatehouse is open everyday (including Saturday and Sunday) from 9 am to 4:30 pm. Almost completely staffed for the season.
- Summer beach curfew now in effect. Must be off the beach by 11 pm. Beach is closed from 11 pm to 8 am unless you are actively fishing.
- The plovers are back. All over the area. Currently there are 17 nests. Habitat is spectacular this year. Too early to project any closures – more information in June.
- There were some break-ins at the point earlier this winter. More recently, there were some break-ins reported at cottages between Trails 2 & 4 and one as far as Trail 5. They are stepping up surveillance. Cottage owners are reporting anything suspicious. Interestingly, door locks were broken but nothing appears to have been taken. Broken windows were also reported.
- Parking lot will be closed for a brief period in May to allow for final paving and stripping. ORV beach will remain open during this time.

**Old Business:**

***Bathhouse Update***

The bathhouse is on schedule to open on Memorial Day. There will be a Grand Opening Celebration with a ribbon cutting on June 8<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm.

The following pictures were shown.



Before is picture after bad storm this winter and after picture of beach showing repair to the dune and stairs. Beach grass was replaced.



Before picture is upper lot after the storm. And picture after planting beach grass and beach fencing.



Latest picture of the garage.



The bathhouse is almost completely finished. Stairs are in. Cupola is in.



Osprey in nest outside the Halfway House.

***Halfway House Usage Guidelines***

Pete Sampou has been working on this project. He has reviewed different links regarding the use of State /Town property. Reserve America is a website that allows campers, through the internet, to reserve different campsites. The website is used by major camping sites. This might be too big an undertaking for what is needed at the Halfway House. The National Seashore uses their short term cottages for non profit usages and education forums. Not-for-profit or private use is allowed at the Park Service (except for pre-existing leases). Pete stated that he believes the Halfway House should be for a more local not profit use. Is this Board looking to have the house used by for profit groups? He does not believe that is where the Board is going with this building. Cost for the usage of the Halfway House must be considered in any use. The fee could be monetary but should be affordable. It was also brought up that the Barnstable Fifth Graders have a field trip to the National Seashore. Pete said he will look into how that is arranged. Nina Coleman stated that some of the people that use the Halfway House give back in non monetary ways. Wheaton College is an example of “pay back” for usage for the cottage. They payback in labor, some maintenance, restoration and scientific reporting. Pete Sampou and Rich French will meet again and they should have some written guidelines and policies for the Halfway House Usage for the next meeting. Any policy would be added to the Sandy Neck Rules and Regulations.

### ***Taisto Ranta Memorial***

Barbara Bell and Nate King are proposing to put a big boulder (to be placed near the flagpole) with some kind of memorial engraving on it. There will be a separate dedication after the completion of the bathhouse. An official request will be sent to the Town Manager seeking his approval.

### ***Cape Cod Art Association request to use the Halfway House.***

Although the new Halfway House Guidelines are not in place, Nina Coleman can write a special permit for this non profit use. The group that wants to use the house must submit a special permit request and sign a waiver. Nina Coleman, as Park Manager, signs the special permit giving them permission and includes any restrictions and comments on their special permit. She currently issues such a permit for the Boy Scouts. She will send an application to Cape Cod Art Association.

### **New Business:**

- None

### **Note:**

Nina Coleman wanted to thank the MMBA, the three Boy Scout Troops (20+ scouts), and one cub scout for all their great help during Beach Clean Up. It was very successful. The Scouts dug out the handicapped ramp. Kudos to all.

### **Public Comment:**

Wendy Paquette, MBBA representative, commented on how well the beach clean up went that day. She said there were over 50 MBBA members present. Wendy also invited Nina Coleman and the Board to the Annual MBBA Spring Meet and Annual Meeting at Scusset Beach State Park on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> & Sunday May 22<sup>nd</sup>. MBBA would like to have Sandy Neck Staff present to sell ORV stickers. More information is available on their website: <http://www.mbba.net>

### **Adjournment:**

- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Lavoie, Secretary Pro Tem