



TOWN OF BARNSTABLE

SANDY NECK BOARD

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Sandy Neck Board Meeting October 15, 2012

Chairman:

Richards French

Vice Chairman:

William Carey

Board Members:

Barbara Bell
Lynn Heslinga
Nate King
George Muhlebach
Peter Sampou

Council Liaisons:

June Daley

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Sandy Neck Board was held on October 15, 2012 at the Selectmen's Conference Room, 367 Main Street, Hyannis, MA. The meeting was called to order at 7:33 pm by Chairman Rich French.

Roll Call:

- Board Members present: Barbara Bell, Lynn Heslinga, Nate King, Pete Sampou, Bill Carey and Rich French.
- Staff: Nina Coleman, Sandy Neck Park Manager; and Debbie Lavoie, Secretary Pro Tem.
- Council Liaison: June Daley.
- Public: Wendy Paquette, Diane Lomba, Kylie Palomba, and Town Councilor Ann Canedy.

Act on Minutes:

- On a **motion** by Nate King and seconded by Pete Sampou, the Sandy Neck Board voted to approve the September minutes as printed.

Correspondence:

- none

Staff Report:

Nina Coleman addressed the Board:

- Gatehouse hours are Friday, Saturday and Sunday only from 9 am to 5 pm. Other days it is by appointment only. You must be past the gatehouse by 6 pm to stay on the beach until 8 pm. Beach curfew is 8 pm to 8 am.
- Pheasant hunting has started. Pheasants are stocked very early on Saturday mornings and Monday at night for early morning Tuesday hunting. There is no hunting allowed on the front beach – only the back trails. Also, hunting is not allowed on Sunday.
- CoastSweep was held last Saturday. Very successful - many people helped. Beach looks nice and clean. Plus, this collection of data is part of international discussions.

Old Business:

Air Station area discussion

This issue was brought up this summer. There are a couple of "choke hold areas" that clog up the beach mostly on Sunday nights on busy weekends in the summer. This discussion will continue over the winter. Any ideas from the public should be brought forward to Nina Coleman or Rich French.

New Business:

Discussion/review of the 2012 ORV parking plan

A PowerPoint was presented by Nina Coleman.

(A complete handout is available at MEA Office, 1189 Phinney's Lane, Centerville, MA)

Highlights from the PowerPoint:

- 30 foot corridor is needed for safety on the beach.
- ORV permit sales breakdown:
 - Campers = 456
 - Chase = 316
 - Day trippers = 2923
 - Cottage Owners = 141
 - Total = 3836
- Problems when allowed free choice – 30 foot corridor not maintained.
- Issues with saving spaces.
- Most people are fantastic regarding parking - but staff did have some problems that were addressed and corrected this summer and will not be tolerated next summer.
- Trailers cause some problems.
- Jet skis often increase safety and enforcement issues.
- 2013 staff recommendations:
 - Implement parking plan during “in season” not just during closure time,
 - Create parking restrictions for extremely large RVs,
 - Aggressively address speeding (maybe purchase solar radar speed limit sign),
 - No jet skis launching on front beach,
 - Increase camper / chase night fees.

Preliminary Review of Present Fee Structure

Rich French reviewed and explained

Last year there was a discussion regarding a potential increase in the amount of money that is contributed by the Town of Sandwich for Sandwich resident's use of Sandy Neck. Based on past practice, this year the fee to Sandwich is approximately \$42,500. The Barnstable Town Manager and the Sandwich Town Manager met and they agreed to keep the fee at the same rate for this year but they created a “working group” to discuss the Sandwich Fee Structure. Members of this group will include Assistant Town Manager Mark Ells, Park Manager Nina Coleman, Chairman Rich French and the Sandwich counterparts. All options will be discussed and brought forward for next year. Some Board Members were disappointed that nothing will change for next season because it is too late for the 2013 budget so the fees can not change until at least 2014.

The Board asked if Financial Director Mark Milne could come to the next meeting (Nov. 19, 2012) and give a brief presentation on the general financial overview of Sandy Neck.

Public Comment:

- Wendy Paquette thinks yearly day tripper stickers should go up because they do not pay a daily fee. She also stated that parking plan worked and was great.
- June Daley suggested that possibly all trailers should be banned.

Adjournment:

- There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Lavoie, Secretary Pro Tem