

TOWN OF BARNSTABLE

SANDY NECK BOARD

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Sandy Neck Board Meeting December 09, 2013

Chairman:

Richards French

Vice Chairman:

William Carey

Board Members:

Lynn Heslinga
Nate King
George Muhlebach
Tom O'Neill
Peter Sampou

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Sandy Neck Board was held on December 09, 2013 at the Selectmen's Conference Room, 367 Main Street, Hyannis, MA. The meeting was called to order at 7:31 pm by Chairman Rich French.

Roll Call:

- Board Members present: Bill Carey, Nate King, Pete Sampou, George Muhlebach, Tom O'Neill and Rich French.
- Board Member absent: Lynn Heslinga.
- Staff: Nina Coleman, Sandy Neck Park Manager; and Debbie Lavoie, Secretary Pro Tem.
- Public: Wendy Paquette, Diane Lomba, and Kylie Palomba.

Act on Minutes:

- On a **motion** by Nate King and seconded by Pete Sampou, the Sandy Neck Board voted to approve the November minutes with one minor correction – Bill Carey was not at that meeting. Bill Carey abstained from this vote.

Correspondence:

- none

Staff Report:

Nina Coleman addressed the Board:

- The Gatehouse is open by appointment only. Call the gatehouse (508-362-8300) and leave a message.
- Nina Coleman and Natural Resource Officer Chris Nappi are doing daily patrols.
- Pheasant hunting season is over.
- There were two Kemp's Ridley Turtles rescued recently at Sandy Neck. They were in excellent shape.

Old Business:

Proposed dune nourishment in front of parking lot

- Nina Coleman reported the project was awarded to CC Construction. It is for 5,000 cubic feet of sand. Good grain match. Not beach sand but will bleach out this summer. Kick off meeting tomorrow and should be completed this month. She will take "before" and "after" pictures.
- The softscape project is phase 2.
- Pete Sampou previously gave Nina Coleman information regarding Biomimicry Strategy and Techniques. It is an innovative, random matrix, coastal restoration system that uses cedar shakes/shingles to harvest sand from the wind. The information is at the gatehouse if anyone is interested to reading about this habitat restoration management program.

Sandy Neck Deer Hunt

Nina Coleman reported on the 2013 Sandy Neck Deer Hunt. The archery hunt was November 25th – November 30th. No deer were taken. That means during the primitive firearms hunt, they can harvest up to 12 deer. That hunt is December 16th – December 21st. The ORV beach is only open to trail 2 – for safety reasons – as the hunt is between trail 2 & trail 5. No hunting allowed on the front beach.

New Business:*Nina Coleman presented the 2103 Sandy Neck Year End Report:***Piping Plover**

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total Pairs (Total Count)	28	38	44	40	27
Number of Eggs	101	142	189	197	169
Eggs Hatched	66	93	80	14	36
<i>Chicks Fledged</i>	28	60	57	3	16

Plover Habitat Protection

Over six (6⁺) miles of symbolic fencing installed and 7 wire nest exclosures installed.

Diamondback Terrapin

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
# of Nests Head Started	7	6	6	5	4
# of Nests Capped	108	115	112	110	82

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Number of Nests	119	122	116	110	87
Number of Nests Predated	0	1	4	1	4
<i>Potentially Hatched Nests</i>	119	121	112	109	83

Terns:

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Least Terns	245	180	75	79
Common Tern	0	0	0	0

Wetland Restoration:

45 isolated freshwater wetlands treated

6.3 acres of saltmarsh treated

*Restoration refers to application of herbicides on *Phragmites australis* and mechanical removal of *Lythrum salicaria* and *Panicum spp.*

Enforcement:

	2010	2011	2012	2013
<i>Citations</i>	47	29	118	62
<i>Written Warning</i>	9	2	21	3
<i>Permits Revoked</i>	8	11	17	11
<i>“No Trespass” Issued</i>	0	1	4	2

Hunting

Pheasant Hunt: 10/14-11/23 (estimated total of 250-275 pheasant stocked)

Revenue (fiscal year-Munis)

	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13
Dune Fees (ORV)	\$386,512	\$379,827	\$549,593	\$431,782
Beach Parking	\$97,230	\$109,590	\$130,050	\$123,634
Sandwich Revenue	\$38,633	\$39,599	\$40,589	\$41,605
Beach Concession	\$8,238	\$14,499	\$13,711	\$15,996
Cottage Lease Fees	\$41,464	\$35,343	\$41,522	\$43,115
Parking Stickers	\$30,666	\$31,146	\$31,321	\$31,095
Merchandise	\$15,584	\$16,783	\$18,390	\$16,659
Miscellaneous	\$1,205	\$1,832	\$671	\$1,057
Earnings on Investments	\$2,421	\$4,698	\$7,848	\$9,643
Sale of Bond	0	0	\$5,629	0
Total Revenue	\$622,155	\$633,317	\$839,324	\$714,586

Off Road Vehicle Permits (calendar year Jan.-Oct.)

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Barnstable Resident	1,253	1,410	1,430	1,504	1,399
Sandwich Resident	678	774	826	926	863
Non Resident	919	1,073	1,160	1,273	1,145
Property Owner	127	124	122	142	143
Total # ORV permits	2,977	3,381	3,538	3,845	3,550

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Number of Camping Nights	6,683	7,023	7,373	7,911	5,279
Number of Day Trips	12,391	14,105	12,845	11,081	12,454
Number of Trips to Cottages	429	566	372	404	610
Total # of Vehicle Trips	19,503	21,694	20,590	19,396	18,343

Escorts

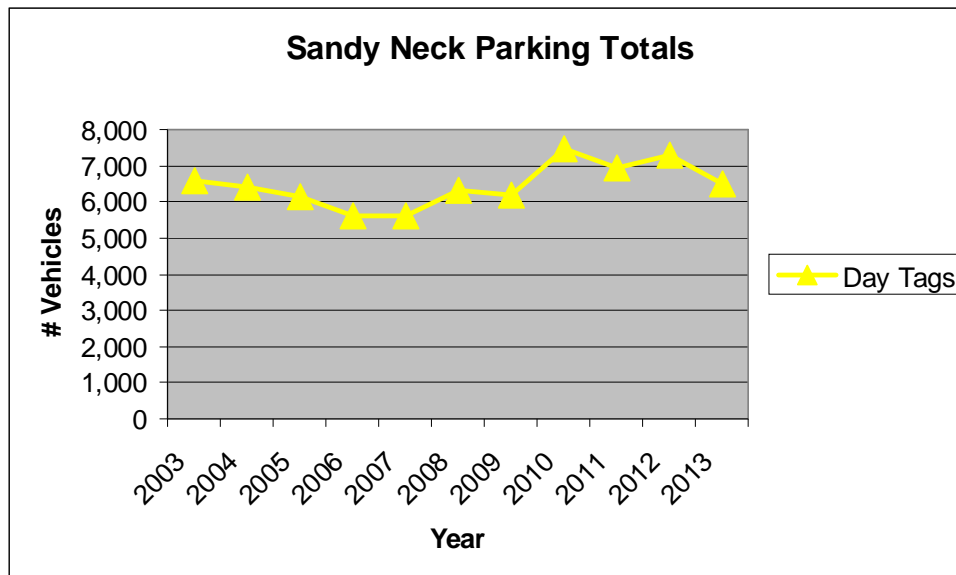
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
June	15	17	15	23	0	47
July	48	80	26	41	14	74
August	52	17	27	18	24	7
September	5	0	1	0	0	0
Total	120	114	69	82	38	128

Number of vehicles parking at Sandy Neck during business hours.

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Sandwich	5,353	4,009	5,384	5,068	4,788	4,669*	4,638*	4,563*
Barnstable	4,487	4,143	5,244	5,011	4,897	4,754*	4,673*	4,382*
Day Tags	5,621	5,613	6,307	6,182	7,460	6,947	7,305	6,502

* estimated in 2011, 2012 & 2013

Business hours = 8AM-3:30PM on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays only from Memorial Day until the third weekend in June and then everyday from the third weekend in June until Labor Day.



Public Comment:

- none.

Other Business:

- Rich French passed out the Sandy Neck Board Draft Annual Report. Please send any corrections and/or additions to Rich French then he will submit.

Adjournment:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Lavoie, Secretary Pro Tem