

TOWN OF BARNSTABLE

SANDY NECK BOARD

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Sandy Neck Board Meeting September 09, 2013

Chairman:

Richards French

Vice Chairman:

William Carey

Board Members:

Lynn Heslinga
Nate King
George Muhlebach
Peter Sampou

Council Liaisons:

June Daley

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Sandy Neck Board was held on September 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: Lynn Heslinga, Pete Sampou, Nate King, George Muhlebach and Rich French.
- Board Members absent: Bill Carey.
- Staff: Nina Coleman, Sandy Neck Park Manager; and Debbie Lavoie, Secretary Pro Tem.
- Council Liaison: none.
- Public: Tom O'Neill, Margi O'Neill, Diane Lomba, and Kylie Palomba.

Act on Minutes:

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

Correspondence:

- none

Staff Report:

Nina Coleman addressed the Board:

- It was a rainy Labor Day and end of summer season. Sticker sales are down for the entire season.
- Now off season rate for stickers. Residents = \$25. Sandwich residents = \$35. Non-residents = \$50.
- Bird report: only 27 nests and 16 chicks fledged. Nemo Storm contributed to this low count. Other beaches are seeing same low numbers. Plus predation from coyotes, foxes, crows and gulls. Terns also faired poorly for the same reasons (washovers and predation).
- Terrapins are hatching. When ready, they will be sent to different schools again this year for the head start program.
- Phragmites and other invasive species removal project will be starting soon from the gatehouse to Trail 4 and they will all also treat an area near the cottage colony.
- Hiking for Terrapin Hatchlings on Wednesday, September 11th 10 am – noon.
- Junior Ranger program will be starting again soon. This is thru the school department.
- Coast Sweep 2013 is scheduled for Saturday, September 28th 9 am – noon. Not only do they remove debris but participants collect bags of trash and debris, and record their findings.
- Sandy Neck Fall Flora & Fauna Hike on Friday, October 11th 10 am – noon.
- Please keep checking the website for events on Sandy Neck:
<http://www.town.barnstable.ma.us/SandyNeckPark/events/eventshome.aspx>

Old Business:

Election of Sandy Neck Board Officers:

A **motion** was made by Nate King and seconded by Pete Sampou to retain the current officers – Rich French as Chairman and Bill Carey as Vice Chairman.

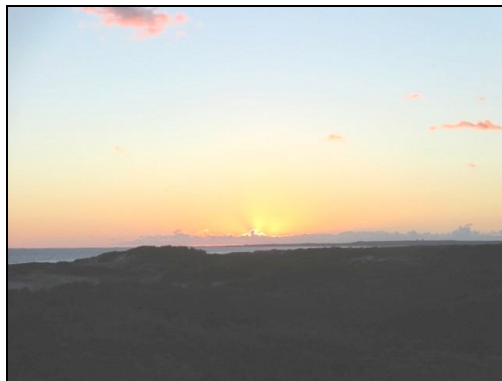
Discussion: Rich French stated he believes in term limits. Perhaps someone else may want to be Chairman as others have a lot of knowledge to bring to the table. The Board expressed their appreciation to Rich and thanked him for his service.

Vote: All voted yes

Staff Report cont'd:

Nina Coleman again addressed the Board:

An artist group spent a weekend at the Halfway House. Nina Coleman wanted to share some of the photos that Sara Hunter took during their excursion:





Proposed Fee Changes

Nina Coleman presented proposed new fees last month and continued the discussion to tonight.

Board Discussion:

- Rich French would like to propose a \$50 Sandwich Parking Permit. This would be a new fee for Sandwich Residents. We currently honor Sandwich Resident Beach Stickers at Bodfish Beach because of an old “agreement” with Sandwich – not a contract. Plus, the Town of Sandwich pays the Town of Barnstable for this privilege. This year it was approximately \$42,000. With this new Sandwich Resident Sticker, we would not longer honor their sticker and the Town of Sandwich would no longer pay a fee. This idea was brought up in August 2010 but after many discussions was not implemented.
- The Board felt that Sandwich Residents should be included in the Non-Resident fee schedule for everything on Sandy Neck. The money received from Sandwich [for their sticker sales] is for the Bodfish Beach not the ORV beach. They questioned why Sandwich was given a reduced fee for the ORV Beach. The 2 ½
- Important Note: Sandwich town line is ¼ mile west of the Bodfish Beach. The town line is diagonal and all the facilities – gatehouse, bathhouse, snack bar, lifeguards, etc. are in Barnstable. The road to Sandy Neck is a town [Sandwich] maintained public road.
- There were no fee increases last year.
- The Board would like the discussion of Sandwich fees to resume between the two Town Managers. [Barnstable and Sandwich].
- Suggestion: Raise both the Sandwich and Non-Resident fee to \$150. Rather than increasing Sandwich by \$10 and Non-Residents by \$20. Sandwich would be considered a Non-Resident.
- Nina Coleman was concerned with these last minute proposals. Sandwich should be given time to respond.
- This proposal [and the rationale behind it] would next go to the Town Manager, then Town Council for a public hearing and final approval.

A **motion** was made by George Muhlebach and seconded by Pete Sampou to implement a new 2104 Sandwich Parking Permit for \$50.00 for the Bodfish Beach (pending a discussion between Barnstable Town Manager and Sandwich Town Manager) and to “treat” Sandwich as Non-Residents in the ORV fee structure. No change to Non-Resident Annual Sticker Fee.

Public Comment on this discussion only:

- *Tom O’Neil* asked why Non-Resident Annual Stickers were not raised at all. Perhaps they should go up \$5 like Barnstable Residents.

An **Amendment to the motion** was made by George Muhlebach and seconded by Pete Sampou to increase the Sandwich and Non Resident fee for 2014 to \$155.00.

Vote: All voted yes

FINAL PROPOSAL TO BE PRESENTED TO TOWN MANAGER LYNCH

Proposed Sandy Neck Fees for 2014

Special Permit (no changes proposed)

2013* No fee for non-profit and school groups
2013*..... \$30 for groups of 20-50 people
2013*..... \$60 for groups over 50 people
2013*..... \$60 for tent camper rescue fee
*At the discretion of the Park Manager

Annual Sticker

Resident: 2013.....\$80.00
2014.....\$85.00 (proposed)
Sandwich: 2013.....\$125.00
2014.....\$135.00 (proposed)
Non Resident: 2013.....\$150.00
2014.....\$170.00 (proposed)
~~Sandwich: 2013.....\$125.00~~
~~Non Resident: 2013.....\$150.00~~
Sandwich and Non Resident: 2014.....\$155.00

Cottage Owner: 2013.....\$30.00 (no change proposed)
Trailer: 2013.....\$25.00 (no change proposed)

Overnight Camp

Resident: 2013.....\$6.00 per night
2014..... \$7.00 (proposed)
Sandwich & Non Resident:
2013.....\$12.00 per night
2014..... \$14.00 (proposed)
All Chase Vehicles:
2013.....\$6.00 per night
2014..... \$7.00 (proposed)
Tent Camping:
2013.....\$20 per night (no change proposed)

Seasonal Stickers: (Sold after Labor Day)

Resident: 2013.....\$25.00 (no change proposed)
~~Sandwich: 2013.....\$35.00 (no change proposed)~~
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Sandwich/Non Resident 2014 \$50.00
Cottage Owner 2013.....\$10.00 (no change proposed)

Horses

2013.....\$30.00 (no change proposed)

Halfway House Use (no changes proposed)

2013.....\$100.00 day use only
2013.....\$150.00 per night

Sandwich Parking Permit

2014.....\$50.00 (proposed)

Proposed Changes in red

Old Business:***Proposed dune nourishment in front of parking lot***

Nina Coleman addressed the board and explained this restoration project is for 5,000 cubic feet of purchased sand to be put on the dune above the mean high tide line. This can be done under the existing 2007 Dredging Permits but they need a minor amendment because it is not natural sand. This will cost \$125,000 (approximately) and she will “borrow” the funds from the Town’s general funds and “repay” it when the Sandy Neck funds have been certified.

An additional \$28,000 is needed for Phase 2 – which would include a long term fix – softcape. A sample Dune Reinforcement Project was passed out to the Board and is available for review at the main office [1189 Phinney’s Lane, Centerville]. This is a suggestion – not the final project. A few solutions need to be analyzed and presented to the Board. A new Notice of Intent would be needed for this Phase 2 Project.

Important dates:

September 19th = first read at Town Council (for borrowing money)

October 1st = hearing at ConComm for amendment

October 3rd = second read and vote at Town Council

New Business:

- None

Public Comment:

- none

Adjournment:

- There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Lavoie, Secretary Pro Tem