



# TOWN OF BARNSTABLE SANDY NECK BOARD

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## Sandy Neck Special Board Meeting April 25, 2016

Chairman:

Richards French

Vice Chairman:

Thomas O'Neill

Board Members:

William Carey  
Lynn Heslinga  
Nate King  
George Muhlebach  
Peter Sampou

Council Liaison:

Phil Wallace  
John Flores

A Special Meeting of the Sandy Neck Board was held on April 25, 2016 in the Selectmen's Conference Room, 367 Main Street, Hyannis, MA. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Chairman Rich French.

### Roll Call:

- Board Members present: Pete Sampou, George Muhlebach, Tom O'Neill, Bill Carey, Nate King, and Rich French.
- Board Member absent: Lynne Heslinga.
- Staff: Nina Coleman, Sandy Neck Park Manager, Sean Kortis, Natural Resource Officer and Debbie Lavoie, Secretary.
- Council Liaisons absent: John Flores and Phil Wallace.
- Public: Lynne Poyant, Director Community Services Dept.

### *Rich French reviewed...*

*On April 11, 2016 there was an informational meeting for interested citizens on the Long-term Coastal Resiliency Alternatives Report funded through a MA Coastal Zone Management Grant. The entire presentation is available on the Town's website:*

<http://www.townofbarnstable.us/TownHall/Public-Presentation-Resiliency-Alternatives.pdf>

*This meeting (tonight) is a follow-up discussion. Rich French stressed that anyone who has not attended these meetings, but has an opinion, question, comment, etc. should contact their Town Councillor.*

### DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTS:

Christine Player and the Sandy Neck Board:

- *Must work within many agency guidelines – many layers. Looking for long term alternatives. What we thought was good 40-50 years ago is now causing some of the problems we are currently experiencing (groins, jetties, stone/concrete seawalls, armoring, etc). There needs to be more than just a barrier to stop sand from moving – that is what sand is supposed to do. And that is the difficulty.*
- *There were many various conceptual alternatives presented.*
- *There is currently a change in management on the state and federal level leaning more toward town issues and concerns so this seems like a good time to bring these plans forward and take advantage of the situation. The goal is to maintain level of parking and maintain level of access while not harming habitat.*
- *The prominent use and majority of revenue generated is from the ORV beach. Bathhouse, parking lot and septic are at risk but is that the driving force - is that what we should be protecting? But the parking lot does bring in revenue. And money should not be the driving force. But, remember, if you lose any parking spaces due to storms – you will not get them back.*
- *It is important to restore the primary dune and adding sustenance to the flood & storm protection.*
- *The past 50 years is not necessarily an indication of the next 50 years due to the rise in sea level and climate change.*

## **DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTS CONT'D:**

- *RE: Conceptual Alternatives 5A - 5D discuss the removal of the upper and lower paved areas and restoring the primary dune. But there is a difference in the ORV access location and the height of the air-down station area. Request for elevation maps. Christine Player said that this is still conceptual and once an alternative plan is chosen the next step will be to look at elevation. The regulators will be looking for that information, too. There will be 3D renderings at that point.*
- *What's next...The "working group" will look at everything that has been brought forward. If anyone has more questions or needs anything else – they should contact Nina Coleman. Then the Board will vote on their alternative choice recommendation at the next Sandy Neck Board Meeting on May 9<sup>th</sup>. The "working group" will have their recommendation which may or may not be the same as the board's choice.*
- *There is another round of grants (through CZM) that will become available soon and they hope to apply for them to cover the next step in this process. It will probably include permitting and final design.*
- *This will be funded through grants and debt services in the enterprise account – not town funds.*
- *Nina Coleman will keep the Board abreast of the "working groups" progress.*

## **Adjournment:**

- There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Lavoie, Secretary