



TOWN OF BARNSTABLE SANDY NECK BOARD

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Sandy Neck Board Meeting July 11, 2016

Chairman:

Richards French

Vice Chairman:

Thomas O'Neill

Board Members:

William Carey
Nate King
George Muhlebach
Peter Sampou

Council Liaison:

Phil Wallace
John Flores

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Sandy Neck Board was held on July 11, 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: Bill Carey, Nate King, Tom O'Neill, Pete Sampou, and Rich French.
- Board Member absent: George Muhlebach.
- Staff: Nina Coleman, Sandy Neck Park Manager, and Debbie Lavoie, Secretary.
- Council Liaisons present: John Flores and Phil Wallace.
- 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 June 13, 2016 minutes as printed.

Correspondence:

- Thank you note from Tom Lynch.

Staff Report:

Nina Coleman addressed the Board:

- July 4th weekend was extremely busy (Thursday – Monday). Sandy Neck was the only ORV beach open. Sunday was an extraordinary day. The ORV beach was closed for a few hours due to the high tide. They also had to close the Bodfish Beach. The staff was spectacular – kudos to them.
- There were police on site around the clock and there is funding in place for more police patrols over the summer. There is collaboration between the police chief, the fire chiefs and the park manager to keep the beach safe. Many violations – mostly alcohol issues. Minors with alcohol. Need to have more discussion about enforcement during the off season.
- Plovers chicks on the ground Predation still an issue – but not as bad as some years.
- The terns will be there for most of the summer, still have eggs on the ground.
- Diamondback terrapin turtles – good year.

Old Business:

- none

New Business:

- none

Matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair:

The Long-term Coastal Resiliency Alternatives Report was discussed.

- Review – at the May meeting, the Sandy Neck Board made a motion to “...recommend Conceptual Alternative 5D: Parking Lot and ORV Access Relocation with Screening Dune which must include the installation of adequate screening of the dune with trees around the air down area in order to maintain the beautiful vista from the other side...” Included in the motion was the wording “...the Sandy Neck Board recommends the following to the working committee to bring forward to the Town Council.”
- Review – at the June meeting, the Board was told that a public workshop is needed with all the Town Councilors because “...there does not appear to be a majority vote of the Town Councilors.”
- A lengthy discussion followed and staff will work with the Town Manager to update the Town Council on alternatives and recommendations.
- Councilor Flores is in support of this project. Councilor Wallace wants to see the presentation before he answers.
- Pete Sampou is on the Working Committee as the Board’s representative. He will bring the information to both Councilor Flores and Councilor Wallace prior to the actual Town Council meeting to answer any questions they may have regarding the project.

Public Comment:

- Wendy Paquette spoke. She asked if the new plover habitat permit will take effect this year or next year. Nina Coleman is waiting for final approval from the State. The permit will allow Sandy Neck to “deter “ pre-nesting situations.

Adjournment:

- There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Lavoie, Secretary