



TOWN OF BARNSTABLE SANDY NECK BOARD

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Sandy Neck Board Meeting September 12, 2016

Chairman:

Richards French

Vice Chairman:

Thomas O'Neill

Board Members:

William Carey

Nate King

Peter Sampou

Vacant

Vacant

Council Liaison:

Phil Wallace

John Flores

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Sandy Neck Board was held on September 12, 2016 in the Selectmen's Conference Room, 367 Main Street, Hyannis, MA. The meeting was called to order at 7:33 pm by Vice Chairman Thomas O'Neill.

Roll Call:

- Board Members present: Bill Carey, Nate King, Pete Sampou, and Tom O'Neill.
- Board Member absent: Rich French
- Staff: Nina Coleman, Sandy Neck Park Manager, and Debbie Lavoie, Secretary.
- Council Liaisons present: None.
- Council Liaisons absent: John Flores and Phil Wallace.
- Public: Wendy Paquette, Diane Lomba, Kylie Palomba, Ruby Coleman, and Bill Monroe.

Act on Minutes:

- On a **motion** by Pete Sampou and seconded by Nate King, the Sandy Neck Board voted to approve the July 11, 2016 minutes as printed.
- On a **motion** by Bill Carey and seconded by Tom O'Neill, the Sandy Neck Board voted to approve the August 08, 2016 minutes as printed.

Correspondence:

- None.

Staff Report:

Nina Coleman addressed the Board:

- Labor Day weekend did not have good weather however, it was a good summer on the whole – will give statistical information at a later meeting. Prior to the storm, the beach was secured. The storm came during low tide and there were no major issues. The beach is now fully open and still quite busy.
- Gatehouse hours are Monday and Tuesday from 9 am to 3:30 pm. Wednesday – Sunday from 9 am to 9 pm. The gatehouse is staffed until midnight every night.
- There are 177 Diamondback terrapin turtle nest. That is an amazing amount from prior years. They are moving further out on the trails.
- The Board extended “kudos” to the staff at Sandy Neck.

Old Business:

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....
- Review – Pete Sampou met with Councilors Flores and Wallace.

- Review – at the August Meeting Councilor Flores indicated that he and Councilor Wallace came to a consensus that they would also recommend the Conceptual Alternative #5. He did not say Alternative #5D which is what the Board voted on at their May meeting.
- Pete Sampou reported on his discussion with the two Town Councilors. They discussed all the options and had many questions. In his opinion (although not speaking for them), he believes they both realized the best management plan would be Alternative Plan #5D.
- In August, Pete Sampou has also met with the working group which includes town employees and Christine Player. They brought Town Manager Mark Ells “up to speed” on the project. Funding was an issue/concern but once this was explained in detail – they all appeared to be on board. The hope was to meet in small groups with other Town Councilors but that did not happen. It was hard to meet because of time restraints – but “education is key”.
- The best available science needs to be brought forward to everyone. There are alternatives, and they have been discussed at length by those involved. Fifty year time frame is what they are looking at for this project. And, of course, funding is a big issue, too. But remember, Sandy Neck is an enterprise account so this will cost the town taxpayers little to nothing to fund. They will look to state and federal money and grants.
- Pete Sampou has made himself available to any Town Councilors who want to meet with him to discuss this plan.
- The Conceptual Alternative Plan will be mentioned in the Town Manager’s report on September 15th and then discussed with the Town Councilors on September 29th. Pete Sampou will be there along with Nina Coleman and Christine Player to answer questions.
- The end date for the grant is September 30, 2016. The final report is ready and will be submitted to Coastal Zone Management (CZM) as required. .
- The Board stressed again that the best scientific plan available is Coastal Resiliency Alternative #5D.

New Business:

- none

Matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair:

- none

Public Comment:

- none

Adjournment:

- There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Lavoie, Secretary