



TOWN OF BARNSTABLE
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Sandy Neck Board Meeting
May 08, 2017

Chairman:

Richards French

Vice Chairman:

Thomas O'Neill

Board Members:

William Carey
Nate King
William Monroe
Wendy Paquette
Peter Sampou

Council Liaison:

Phil Wallace
John Flores

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Sandy Neck Board was held on May 08, 2017 in the Selectmen's Conference Room, 367 Main Street, Hyannis, MA. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Chairman Richard French.

Roll Call:

- Board Members present: Pete Sampou, Nate King, Tom O'Neill, Bill Carey, Bill Monroe, Wendy Paquette, and Rich French.
- Staff: Debbie Lavoie, Secretary.
- Council Liaisons present: John Flores.
- Council Liaisons absent: Phil Wallace.
- Public: Diane Lomba and Kayla Chandler.

Act on Minutes:

- On a **motion** by Tom O'Neill and seconded by Pete Sampou, the Sandy Neck Board voted to approve the March minutes with a minor correction.

Correspondence:

- none.

Staff Report:

Debbie Lavoie read the Staff Report.

- Gatehouse hours are Sunday –Thursday from 8:00 am-3:30pm. And Friday and Saturday from 8:00 am-9:00 pm. The Gatehouse is staffed during those hours.
- Hang tags for campers and campfire permits for the public beach are sold at the Gatehouse daily.
- ORV corridor open daily 8:00 am-11:00 pm. Must be through the Gatehouse by 9:00 pm to stay out to 11:00 pm. Vehicles must be off the beach and aired up by 11:00 pm.
- ORV beach is open to Trail 6. Which is approximately 4.5miles
- Current Speed Limit on ORV Corridor – 5mph
- No fat-tire bikes are allowed beyond the closure line due to nesting shorebirds.
- All hikers must remain below the high tide line when hiking beyond the closure line.
- As of May 15th, dogs will no longer be allowed up to the parking lot/public beach. Currently, dogs must be leashed at all times.
- Piping Plovers have officially begun nesting. There are currently 10 nests at Sandy Neck with many more pairs exhibiting mating behavior. The birds are right on schedule and it is setting up to be a good year as of now.
- There are several No Parking Areas along the beach where nesting shorebirds are present.
- We currently have 2 seasonal staff members in the field monitoring shorebirds, with another starting this Friday 5/12/17.
- We currently have 1 seasonal NRO on full-time, with 2 more expected to start on 5/19/17.
- Our Maintenance staff has been working on getting the bathhouse and other facilities open asap with the expected date of 5/14/17.

- Hiring and training of new staff is ongoing.
- Cape Cod Tech students have been working hard to shovel out the handicap ramp. A group from the Barnstable County Correctional Facility will be working to finish clearing the ramp tomorrow 5/9/17 through community service work.
- A possible sick Coyote has been reported along the front beach between Trail 2 and Trail-4. We are currently investigating, and encourage patrons to report any sightings to staff immediately. We caution people to keep their distance and remain in vehicle if possible, especially if the animal is exhibiting strange behavior.

Old Business:

The Long-term Coastal Resiliency Alternatives Report.

- Continued to next month.

The Winders Lean-to Shelter

- Continued to next month.

Public Comment:

- Diane Lomba, on behalf of MBBA, thanked the 64 volunteers who came out for the beach cleanup. There was a lot of trash removed and they also helped with fencing.
- Bill Monroe also thanked Centerville Boy Scouts Troup 54 who also came out and helped.

Adjournment:

- There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Lavoie, Secretary