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Sandy Neck Board Meeting
September 10, 2018

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Sandy Neck Board was held on September 10, 2018 in the Selectmen's Conference Room, 367 Main Street, Hyannis, MA. The meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm by Chairman Thomas O'Neill.

Roll Call:

- Board Members present: Tom O'Neill, Bill Carey, Pete Sampou, Ann Canedy, Robert Lovell, and Bill Monroe.
- Board Member absent: Nate King.
- Staff: Nina Coleman, Sandy Neck Park Manager, and Debbie Lavoie, Secretary.
- Council Liaisons present: Phil Wallace.
- Council Liaisons absent: John Flores.
- Public: Diane Lomba, Wendy Paquette and Kylie Palomba.

Act on Minutes:

- On a **motion** by Bill Carey and seconded by Pete Sampou, the Sandy Neck Board voted to approve the June 11, 2018 minutes with a minor spelling correction.
- On a **motion** by Bill Carey and seconded by Pete Sampou, the Sandy Neck Board voted to approve the July 09, 2018 minutes with a minor typo. Bill Monroe abstained as he was not present at that meeting.

Public Comment:

- Wendy Paquette addressed the Board. She thanked the Chairman for changing the order of the agenda and putting Public Comment in the beginning not at the end.
- Pete Sampou also asked if someone from the public wanted to comment during a topic - that the Board was discussing - could the public speak.
- Chairman O'Neill said he would allow it (if requested).

Correspondence:

- Chairman O'Neill was invited to the Cottage Colony annual meeting. Those present at that meeting complimented the Sandy Neck Staff and were thankful for the work done on the Marsh Trail by DPW.

Staff Report:

Nina Coleman addressed the Board:

- Gatehouse hours: Sunday - Wednesday 9 am to 3:30 pm and Thursday - Saturday 9 am to 9 pm.
- Excellent staff - good summer. The "numbers" are down and she will present detailed information at a future meeting. Labor Day weekend was successful - very busy - lot of vehicles on the beach.
- There were 27 plover nests with 47 chicks fledged. That was good. Terns were not as successful due to predation. FYI - plovers are federally listed/protected. Terns are state listed/protected.
- CoastSweep is Sunday September 23rd 9 am to noon. Everyone is welcome - please come help.
- Also, hiking for Terrapin Hatchlings on Sandy Neck, Saturday, September 15, 10 am - noon.

Staff Report: *cont'd*

- Sandy Neck Fall Migration Hike: Wednesday September 19, 9am – noon. Check out the website.
- The APP worked wonderfully this summer. Great informational tool.

The following chart was reviewed by Nina Coleman. It was “not as bad as people are saying.” These are the actual beach closures. This is the data to substantiate the information. There is a Sandy Neck Blog that also reports information. The Section 10 permit helped Sandy Neck – without it – the entire beach would have been closed.

Beach Closures
2009 - 2018

Year	Date	Beach Amount	Date	Beach Amount	Date	Beach Amount	Date	Beach Amount	Date	Beach Amount	Date	Beach Amount	Date	Open
2009	13-Jun	Closed at 3.0 miles	18-Jun	Closed at 1.6 miles	1-Jul	Closed at 0.6	11-Jul	Open to 1.5 miles	15-Aug	Open to 3 miles	21-Aug	Open to T6		
2010	4-Jun	Closed at 3.1 miles	11-Jun	Closed at 1.5 miles	23-Jun	Closed at 1.3 miles	25-Jun	Open to 2 miles	8-Aug	Closed at 1.0 mile	11-Aug	Open to 2 miles	3-Sep	Open to T6
2011	8-Jun	Closed at 1.6 miles	7-Jul	Open at 3 miles	4-Aug	Open to T6								
2012	11-Jul	Closed at 1.7 miles	16-Aug	Open to T6										
2013	7-Jun	Complete closure	13-Jun	Open to 0.9 miles	6-Jul	Open to 1.3	6-Jul	Open to 1.8 miles	8-Aug	Open to T6				
2014	9-Jun	Closed at 1.6 miles	22-Aug	Open to T6										
2015	9-Jun	closed at 1.5 miles	4-Jul	Open to 1.6 miles	18-Jul	Open to 1.7 miles	24-Jul	Open to 1.8 miles	14-Aug	Open to 2 miles	19-Aug	Open to 3.7 miles	13-Aug	Open to T6
2016	10-Jun	Closed at 3.5 miles	21-Jun	Closed at 1.9 miles	31-Aug	Open to T6								
2017	1-Jun	Closed at 3.5 miles	5-Jun	Closed at 1.16 miles	12-Jun	Closed to 0.7 miles	13-Jun	Open 0.8 miles	10-Jun	Open to 1.25 miles	13-Jul	Open to 2 miles	9-Aug	Open to T6
2018	3-Jun	Closed at 1.4 miles	8-Jun	Closed at 0.4 miles	June 9-Jul 13	Slowly push line to 0.9	14-Jul	Open beach to 0.9	26-Jul	Open to 1.5 miles	24-Aug	Open to 1.8 miles	10-Aug	Open to T6

Old Business:

Winders Lean-to Project

Bill Monroe reported:

- Still need to accomplish a few minor tasks and then will be complete. Some students from Pete Sampou’s class may be available.
- Hoping for an October dedication. He explained the history of the projects.

New Business:

Chairman Tom O’Neill introduced Town Manager Mark Ells and asked him to (1) explain what he sees as the role of the Sandy Neck Board and (2) what would he like to see regarding Long-term Coastal Resiliency Alternatives Report. These are highlights from what Mark Ells reported:

- ✓ The Sandy Neck Board is advisory to the Town Manager.
- ✓ They play a role to help preserve the beach.
- ✓ Need to work on continued communication – need to have a good “back and forth”.
- ✓ Rules and regulations, fees, management of resources are important issues that the Board should look at and have staff report any recommendations to the Town Manager (if needed).
- ✓ As for the resiliency plan – it is not ready. He will see about how/when/if it should be brought forward. Need to keep the communication open. But more still needs to be done before it can be brought forward. Step back since there are questions that still exist about immediate and long range approaches. The plan came to him as a final alternative – but he still wants to review all alternatives and see what conclusions he would come to as a capital project.
- ✓ Design and permitting money needs to be discussed. Gatehouse, trails and parking issues need to also be addressed. Need to protect Sandy Neck and don’t lose parking in any more storms. What can we do to protect our assets.
- ✓ Continue to work with the State and keep an open mind. The Town Manager relies on his Staff. Also, we will look for grant money.
- ✓ Communication between the Board and Town Manager recently broke down and he does not want that to happen again. Please work with Nina Coleman and he will work with her as she is the Park Manager.

- ✓ Town Councilor Wallace said that when Tom O'Neill (as Sandy Neck Chairman) meets with the Town Manager he should request someone from Town Council also be present so that the communication between everyone is open.
- ✓ Bill Carey asked if a "clerk of the works" could be hired. "Why haven't we moved this further along. Why aren't other departments helping us along". Town Manager Ells said that we are not there yet. This project is still conceptual. It is not a construction project yet. Too early. Other departments will help if and when they are needed.

Thank you Town Manager Ells

New Business:

Sandy Neck Calendar Development

Nina Coleman addressed the Board:

There are certain times during the year when things happen, such as fee hearings, regulations changes, safety solutions, the yearly report, etc. She will have a 2019 working calendar developed for the next meeting. Also, next month the Board must vote on the dates for the 2019 Sandy Neck meetings. Whenever possible, the information for discussion will be given prior to the meetings.

New Business:

Discussion on how Sandy Neck Board will address strategic responsibilities

Chairman O'Neill asked if Board Members could be on "subcommittees" on key strategic areas and report back. Some of the areas of concern are: Conservation, Economic Sustainability, Public Use and Participation, Respect for Private Interest, Education, and Public Outreach.

New Subcommittees:

- **Conservation and Beach Erosion Along Our Coastlines** = Pete Sampou and Ann Canedy
- **Economic Sustainability** = Tom O'Neill
- **Public Outreach and Public Use & Participation** = Bob Lovell, Bill Carey, and Bill Monroe.

New Business:

Discussion regarding increasing the number of members on the Sandy Neck Board

Chairman O'Neill reported that this is a Town Council decision not a Board decision. This Board has no authority over the number of members on their Board and he has no interest in bringing the idea forward [to the Town Council] to increase that number. We should encourage people to come to the meeting and talk during public comment.

Adjournment:

- There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Lavoie, Secretary