

TOWN OF BARNSTABLE SANDY NECK BOARD

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Sandy Neck Board Meeting October 21, 2019

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Sandy Neck Board was held on October 21, 2019 in the Selectmen's Conference Room, 367 Main Street, Hyannis, MA. The meeting was called to order at 7:11 pm by Chairman Tom O'Neill.

Chairman:
Thomas O'Neill

ViceChairman:
Peter Sampou

BoardMembers:
Ann Canedy
William Carey
Nate King
William Monroe

CouncilLiaison:
Phil Wallace
John Flores

Roll Call:

- Board Members present: Tom O'Neill, Pete Sampou, Bill Carey, Ann Canedy, Nate King and Bill Monroe.
- Board Member absent: none.
- Staff: Nina Coleman, Park Manager and Donna Bragg, Operations Supervisor.
- Staff Member absent: none
- Council Liaisons present:
- Council Liaisons absent: Phil Wallace, John Flores.
- Public: Wendy Paquette, Diane Lomba, Kylie Palomba.

Act on Minutes:

- On a **motion** by Nate King and seconded by Bill Carey, the Sandy Neck Board voted to approve the September 9, 2019 minutes as printed.

Public Comment:

- Wendy Paquette asked about the status of the Veterans program at Sandy Neck. Count as of meeting provided by Donna Bragg. All 20 permit coins were given out by Cape Cod Veterans Center. Sandy Neck has had 16 Veterans to date get their Off Road Vehicle Permits.

Correspondence:

- Tom O'Neill addressed the Board. Town Manager Mark Ells sent a note stating he couldn't attend Board meeting.
- Chairman Tom O'Neill asked for a moment of silence for Town Council President James Crocker.

Staff Report:

Nina Coleman addressed the Board:

- Gatehouse hours, currently 9 am-3:30 pm Sunday through Wednesday. 9 am-9pm Thursday through Saturday. As of November 1st. Closed Monday through Thursday, open Friday through Sunday 9 am-3:30 pm.
- Off season ORV hours start November 1st. ORV hours 8 am to 4 pm. No campfires.
- Pheasant hunt on Sandy Neck has begun.
- Two storms since last Board meeting. First storm caused some erosion damage. Second storm was out of the south and caused no damage
- Seven Mola Molas (Ocean Sunfish) washed up on the beach and were necropsied.
- No charge for campers and chase vehicles overnight as of November 1st. Still must have permits.

Old Business:

none.

New Subcommittees:

none.

1. Conservation and Beach Erosion Along Our Coastlines:

1. Tom O'Neill addressed the Board and will be sending each member a report on Chatham coastline and their efforts regarding coastal resiliency.

2. Economic Sustainability:

3. Public Outreach and Public Use & Participation:

New Business:

1. Tom O'Neill addressed the Board. Hank Farnham has been selected as the new Sandy Neck Board member. Will be sworn in and should be attending the November board meeting.
2. Town Manager Mark Ells will be attending November board meeting.
3. Nina Coleman addressed the Board and presented the proposed changes in Sandy Neck regulations. **See attachment.** The first proposed change was regarding additional language for management parking off road vehicles during times of a shortened beach. Suggestion was made regarding more explicit language to that effect. Suggested verbiage change included, vehicle traffic or access in regards to shortened beach periods. The Board members and Sandy Neck staff discussed the value of more public communication. Use of social media, Sandy Neck App, bullet points in front of regulation booklet, and frequency of communication were suggested. The second proposed regulation change was dogs on leash year round. Nina Colman addressed the Board regarding the fact that there are more dogs on beach. That there are more frequent dog to dog interaction, dog to people and dog to wildlife interaction. The point was made that there are dog parks available for those who wish to have dogs off leash. Discussion followed dogs on and off leash and length of leash. The third proposed regulation change was a clarification regarding fishermen and curfew. Nina was asked about hunters and curfew and will clarify with language in regulations. The fourth proposed regulation change was in regards to Off Road Vehicles saving spots during shortened beach times. Clarification that there is no saving of spots. The fifth proposed regulation change was clarification regarding fat tire bikes. Management reserves the right to determine where fat tire bikes can go. Discussion regarding potential permitting of fat tire bikes. Discussion of e-bikes not being allowed. Suggestion that e-bike verbiage be changed to electric bike. The sixth proposed regulation change was a clarification regarding drone flying. Drone flying would not be allowed on the entirety of Sandy Neck without special permitting.
4. Nina Coleman addressed the Board and presented the 2019 Sandy Neck Deer hunt regulations. Discussion followed. Vote was taken on the regulations and the motion carried. The changes which will be sent to the Town Manager for final approval. **Attachment.**

Matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair: none

Public Comment:

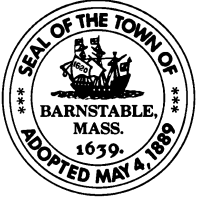
Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Bragg, Secretary Pro Tem

Attachments:



Town of Barnstable

Sandy Neck Beach Park Regulations

Marine and Environmental Affairs Division

Welcome to Sandy Neck:

§ 601-1. Introduction. Sandy Neck Beach Park (Sandy Neck), a coastal barrier beach, is approximately six miles long, varying in width from 200 yards to one half mile. The majority of this unique conservation and recreation area is owned by the Town of Barnstable and is under the supervision and jurisdiction of the Town Manager, with the advice of Sandy Neck Board. The Sandy Neck Park Manager (Park Manager) handles daily operations. Help us to preserve and protect the heritage and integrity of this resource by reading this brochure and abiding by the rules and regulations outlined herein.

§ 601-2. Beach closures for protection of rare and endangered species: Shorebirds, including Piping Plovers and Least Terns, nest on Sandy Neck. To protect nesting activity, shorebird nesting areas are fenced to exclude pedestrians and speed limits are reduced to 5 mph where posted. The Piping Plover, a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act, is given special protection once eggs begin to hatch. Pursuant to federal, state and local law, vehicle traffic is limited to protect developing chicks not yet able to fly. **During times of beach closures, the Park Manager and his/her designee reserve the right to restrict vehicle use and determine or change parking arrangements on Sandy Neck. The Park Manager or Natural Resource Officers have final discretion on all beach parking. Additional restrictions may apply. Failure to comply with these restrictions shall result in immediate removal from the property for no less than 24 hours and/or revocation of the ORV permit.**

§601-3. General Regulations:

- A. Acts of a lewd or lascivious nature (including public nudity) are prohibited.
- B. All rubbish and garbage must be kept in suitable containers and removed from the beach. Burial or burning or dumping of rubbish, garbage or refuse is prohibited.
- C. Glass beverage containers are prohibited.
- D. No person shall feed, harass, molest or disturb wildlife on Sandy Neck. No person shall injure or remove any trees, shrubs, plants or other vegetation from Sandy Neck. *Exception: edible fruits and legally hunted game.*
- E. No person shall dig, remove, damage or disturb any artifact on Sandy Neck. The discovery of any artifact(s) should be reported to the Natural Resource Officer on duty.
- F. Removal or disturbance of buoys, storm debris, marine salvage, municipal or private property is prohibited.
- G. No person shall traffic (or allow any pet to traffic) in any posted area. All persons shall stay on marked trails and keep off all vegetation, dune faces, steeply sloped dunes, foredunes, and primary dunes. People who are hunting, berry collecting, involved in professionally lead educational hikes and/or scientific studies are permitted off the marked trail. All activities require prior approval by the Sandy Neck Gatehouse.
- H. All dogs must be leashed ~~from March 1 to October 31~~ **at all times and in all areas on Sandy Neck Beach. Leash must be a physical restraint no greater than 15' in length. At all other times, dogs must be kept leashed or under direct voice control of the owner or keeper.** *Exception: dogs actively engaged in the legal hunting of game.* The owner or keeper of any dog shall clean up and properly dispose of all fecal material deposited by the animal. Dogs involved in dog-bite incidents must be removed immediately from the beach until further notice by the Park Manager.

- I. ORV Beach Curfew: *In Season*: (April 1 to October 31): No vehicles may enter the beach between 9:00 PM and 8:00 AM. Vehicles must exit prior to 11:00 PM. *Off Season*: (November 1 to March 31): No vehicles may enter the beach between 4:00 PM and 8:00 AM. All vehicles must exit prior to 4:00 PM. Self-contained vehicles, fishermen, cottage owners and their guests may enter the beach past curfew if tidal conditions allow. *Curfew may be moved forward as tidal conditions warrant. Fishing exceptions at the discretion of the Officer on-duty.*
- J. All organized gatherings at Sandy Neck involving twenty or more individuals must obtain a Special Permit from the Park Manager. A Special Permit is also required in order to conduct scientific research on Sandy Neck. Fees may apply. Please call the Sandy Neck Gatehouse for further information (508-362-8300).
- K. Campfires:
- (1) A Sandy Neck campfire permit is required.
 - (2) This campfire permit is included with an ORV permit.
 - (3) All other patrons wishing to have a campfire may purchase a permit at the Sandy Neck Gatehouse after 5:00 PM on the day they wish to have the campfire. Permits may be limited.
 - (4) Weather permitting, open campfires on the front beach are allowed *In Season* (April 1 to October 31) after sunset or 7:00PM only, whichever is earlier. Campfires are prohibited at all other times of the year.
 - (5) A campfire permit holder (which includes all ORV permit holders) is responsible for adhering to the Sandy Neck Beach Park Regulations.
 - (6) Campfires located on the ORV Beach must be at least 10-feet from the Cape Cod Bay side of established ORV corridor and must not impinge on vehicular travel.
 - (7) All fires shall be doused with water before being buried.
 - (8) The burning of wood pallets or garbage is prohibited at Sandy Neck.
 - (9) The Park Manager or Natural Resource Officers have final discretion on all fires.
- L. All people sleeping overnight at Sandy Neck shall remain inside self-contained vehicles. No tenting lean-tos, camping trailers, or temporary shelters are allowed. Registered owners will be responsible for anyone sleeping outside of said vehicles, i.e., in sleeping bags, tents, chase vehicles, or any other manner. Tenting in designated areas is allowed at the discretion of the Park Manager (permit required).
- M. The discharge of gray water or waste water from holding tanks, portable toilets, sinks, or any other source is prohibited.
- N. If high tide forces passage within 15' of the toe of the dune or any vegetation, the beach shall be considered closed, with no traffic being allowed to travel either off or on, until the Park Manager or the Natural Resource Officer on duty has determined the tide has receded to an appropriate level.
- O. When vehicle limits reach capacity, there will be no waiting lines (no "one off –one on policy") or "spot saving." Access will be on a first come, first serve basis. Cottage owners and their guests, and chase vehicles returning from emergency work (with a valid hangtag), will be allowed access over the beach if tidal conditions permit.
- P. The Park Manager reserves the right to close or limit use of Barnstable's land at Sandy Neck to all oversand vehicles (ORVs), horses, dogs, bikes and/or pedestrian and recreational traffic when public safety, wildlife habitat, tidal or extreme weather conditions warrant. This includes access for fishing, shellfishing, and hunting.
- Q. No refunds will be granted for any reason including foul weather, evacuations, personal emergencies, or limitations on access.
- R. All terrain vehicles, dirt bikes and snowmobiles are prohibited at Sandy Neck. **The use of "e-bikes" are prohibited on all areas of Sandy Neck with the exception of Sandy Neck Road and the public parking lot.**

- S. Motorized personal watercraft (jet skis) are prohibited on Sandy Neck in all areas except Beach Point and the Great Marsh. Transporting a personal watercraft via the ORV corridor is prohibited.
- T. Permit holders are responsible for the safe operation of their vehicle and compliance with all Sandy Neck Regulations by all operators and passengers of their vehicle. The penalty for violations by permit holders as well as non-owners and/or guests may include suspension and/or revocation of the ORV permit.
- U. Vehicle operation on those areas of Sandy Neck owned by the Town of Barnstable, by election to exercise the privilege of driving on this Town property, which is not a public way, are subject to being stopped by Natural Resource Officers or the Park Manager (or any other employee designated by the Town Manager to enforce the regulations at Sandy Neck) in order to ascertain the identification of the occupants, and to determine if there are violations of the Sandy Neck Beach Park Regulations and/or the Barnstable General Ordinances.
- V. The use of generators is prohibited between the hours of 10:00 PM and 8:00 AM.
- W. The use of fireworks (including sky lanterns) is prohibited.
- X. The use of drones is prohibited. A Special Permit for drone operation may be provided at the discretion of the Park Manager with proper certification and permitting with the FAA.

§601-4. Required Equipment and Minimum Standards:

- A. All off road vehicles (ORVs) must carry the following equipment:
 - (1) Spare tire—spare shall be the same tire and wheel size as the other four tires mounted on the vehicle (trailer included). *Exception: intermediate size spare tires may be acceptable at the discretion of Sandy Neck Staff and two wheel drive motor homes and “dune buggies” must carry one spare tire of sufficient height and aspect ratio to allow the vehicle to drive off the beach under its own power should any of the tires mounted on the vehicle fail.*
 - (2) Tow device—minimum length 15 feet
 - (a) rope - 3/4” diameter, or
 - (b) strap - 6,800 lb. capacity, 1 1/2” wide, or
 - (c) chain - 5/16” link, or
 - (d) cable - 3/8” diameter, or
 - (e) suitable vehicle mounted winch.
 - (3) Jack—standard type jack or hydraulic jack.
 - (4) Support board—minimum size 18” x 18”, 3/4” plywood or 1/4” thick steel.
 - (5) Shovel—heavy duty, equal to military folding type or better.
 - (6) Tire gauge—low pressure type, must register 10 psi or lower.
 - (7) Sandy Neck Beach Park Regulations and tide current chart (both provided).
 - (8) Self-contained vehicles must carry a measuring device that determines a 30 foot distance and an operational carbon monoxide detector.
- B. It is recommended that all ORVs are equipped with a bucket, fire extinguisher and a first aid kit.
- C. Minimum acceptable tire rim size for all ORVs is 13 inches.
- D. Trailers:
 - (1) All trailers must be inspected and receive a trailer permit at the gatehouse prior to beach access.
 - (2) All trailer tires must meet the minimum rim size of 12 inches.
 - (3) Matching spare tire is required.
- E. Self-Contained Vehicles:
 - (1) Self-contained camping vehicles are allowed to stay overnight when equipped with a permanently installed sanitary unit with holding tanks for sewage and “gray water”, and adequate built-in bed space for each member of the camping party. Detachable gray or black water overflow tanks are prohibited.

- (2) Maximum stay for self-contained vehicles is 96 hours. All self-contained vehicles shall exit the beach for a minimum of 24 hours before being readmitted. Self-contained vehicles must be attended overnight by a qualified driver. The Park Manager or Natural Resource Officers may reduce the maximum stay of a self-contained vehicle.
- (3) Properly equipped two-wheel drive permanently self-contained vehicles are allowed, subsequent to a beach driving test that is supervised by the Park Manager or a Natural Resource Officer. Tests are available Monday through Thursday only by appointment. Vehicles with ORV permits from the prior calendar year do not need to repeat the trial run unless ownership of said vehicle has changed.
- (4) Only one designated chase vehicle is permitted per self-contained vehicle.
- (5) *In Season* (April 1 to October 31), all self contained vehicles, and associated chase vehicles, must purchase an Overnight Camping Permit in order to stay on the beach past curfew. The permit must be placed in an area that is clearly visible to Sandy Neck staff from the ORV corridor.

F. Motor Vehicle Operation:

- (1) Speed limit:
 - (a) No person shall operate a motor vehicle on Sandy Neck at a rate of speed greater than is reasonable and proper, or in excess of posted speed limits.
 - (b) *In Season* (April 1 to October 31), unless otherwise posted, speed limit shall be ~~45~~ 5 mph. Speed shall not exceed ~~25~~ 15 mph at all other times.
 - (c) Maximum speed near shorebird nesting areas is 5 mph.
- (2) Permits:
 - (a) The only vehicles eligible for an ORV permit are Park Manager approved all-wheel or four-wheel drive vehicles as well as two-wheel drive motor homes and suitably equipped 'dune buggies'.
 - (b) All motor vehicles operating "oversand" on Sandy Neck must have a valid Sandy Neck ORV permit affixed to the lower left hand corner of the vehicle's windshield (or as directed by the gatehouse staff).
 - (c) The ORV permit does not afford access to parking in the public beach parking lot during business hours.
 - (d) Those with suspended permits must remove the associated sticker from the vehicle at the time of notification.
- (3) No person shall operate a motor vehicle on the following areas:
 - (a) the designated public bathing beach, or
 - (b) the toe of the dune: defined as the foredune and/or vegetation area, or
 - (c) below the berm: defined as the foreshores and tidal flats, or
 - (d) outside of the established ORV corridor, or
 - (e) posted shorebird nesting areas or other "closed" areas, or
 - (f) within the inner dune routes and cross trails without a valid trail pass.
- (4) Beach parking:
 - (a) All vehicles shall be parked parallel to the frontal dune, at least 30 feet from the dune fence line, unless otherwise directed by the Sandy Neck Staff.
 - (b) For ORV corridor safety, all portions of the vehicle and beach accessories must be at least 30 feet from the dune fencing line unless otherwise directed by the Sandy Neck Staff. This includes (but is not limited too): slide-outs, awnings, grills, etc.
 - (c) Further parking location restrictions on self-contained vehicles over 33 feet in length may be enacted by the Park Manager.
 - (d) No parking within posted shorebird nesting areas.
 - (e) In the off season when dune fencing is absent, vehicles must be parked at least 15 feet from the toe of the dune. In addition, parking on dune vegetation is prohibited.

- (f) The Park Manager or Natural Resource Officers have final discretion on all beach parking.
- (5) Self-contained vehicles shall always have the right of way due to size and weight of the vehicle. Otherwise, vehicles with the Cape Cod Bay on the driver's right have the right of way.
- (6) No person shall obstruct the established ORV corridor or park so as to impede vehicle travel within said corridor unless directed by Sandy Neck Staff.
- (7) No person shall operate a passenger vehicle (or tow a trailer) with tire pressure in excess of 18 psi. (*Self-contained campers shall maintain tire pressure appropriate for the vehicle.*)
- (8) No person shall operate a vehicle:
 - (a) without a valid driver's license, or
 - (b) so as to endanger the public, or
 - (c) engage in dunehopping, doing "zigzags", "donuts", "cutting tracks" or in any other reckless or unacceptable fashion.
- (9) Riding on tailgate, roof, bumper or any exterior portion of a vehicle not designed to carry passengers is prohibited. Standing in truck beds or sitting on truck bed rails is prohibited.
- (10) All holes, campfire remains or alterations of the beach shall be restored to natural condition.

§601-5. Hunting Regulations:

- A. Hunting possessing, taking, molesting or disturbing deer within the boundaries of Sandy Neck, unless authorized by the Town Manager or Park Manager is prohibited.
- B. Discharging a firearm within the boundaries of Sandy Neck from Memorial Day to Labor Day is prohibited.
- C. No person shall hunt any game, except waterfowl, without wearing a "hunter orange" cap or hat. "Hunter orange" vest or coat is also recommended.
- D. All hunters must check in at the Sandy Neck Gatehouse prior to and at the conclusion of their hunt.
- E. Hunting or discharging a firearm or release an arrow upon or across the "front beach", that area between the primary dune and the high water mark, without written permission from the Town Manager or the Park Manager is prohibited.
- F. Discharging a firearm or releasing an arrow is prohibited on and within 150 feet of the access trail and front beach, or within 500 feet of any public building or structure, or any occupied dwelling. Discharge of a firearm or release of an arrow for any means other than hunting within the grounds of Sandy Neck Beach Park is strictly prohibited.
- G. Hunting for in-season game shall occur between ½ hour before sunrise and sunset only.

§601-6. Shellfishing, Fishing, and Boating Regulations:

- A. All shellfishing at Sandy Neck requires a valid Town of Barnstable shellfishing permit.
- B. A Sandy Neck Shellfish Trail Pass must be obtained in order to utilize the cross trails by vehicle to access the shellfishing areas. A Shellfish Trail Pass can be obtained at the Sandy Neck Gatehouse (508-362-8300).
- C. The launching of motor vessels from Sandy Neck and their operation in waters offshore must be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 90B and Barnstable General Ordinances.
- D. All fishermen must be actively engaged in fishing to remain past curfew as well as receive approval from a Natural Resource Officer on duty. Equipment shall be no more than 10 feet from the water.
- E. Violations may result in fines and/or the revocation of trailers and/or ORV permits.

§601-7. Horse Regulations:

- A. Horseback riding shall be allowed on the Cape Cod Bay Trail (front beach to Trail #5), and on the Braley's Dune Trail (known as the Horse Trail) only. All riders must enter the beach via the Access Trail.
- B. Between the Friday before Memorial Day and the day after Labor Day, the following restrictions shall apply:
 - (a) Horseback riding allowed from Monday 12:00 noon until Friday 12:00 noon. All riders shall be off the beach by 9:00 PM, Monday – Thursday.
 - (b) Groups with more than two trailers must obtain a Special Permit from the Park Manager.
- C. All riders shall obtain a daily permit and register at the Sandy Neck Gatehouse before entering the beach.
- D. All organized trail rides of 8 or more horses must be approved by Special Permit issued by the Park Manager.
- E. All riders shall stay on trails designated for use by horses.
- F. All riders shall remove horse droppings from the parking lot
- G. Riders must maintain 100' buffer between the horses and all bathers.
- H. All riders must wear an ASTM/SEI approved horseback riding helmet.
- I. Note: It is recommended that riders on the front beach after sunset wear reflective clothing.

§601-8. Obtaining an Off Road Vehicle Permit:

- A. Off road vehicle (ORV) permits are available at the Sandy Neck Gatehouse.
- B. Vehicles leased for a minimum term of one year will be allowed to register for oversand travel. Vehicles rented or leased for shorter terms are ineligible for oversand permits.
- C. A valid registration is required in order to purchase an ORV permit (no dealer, farm, or repair plates).
- D. Proof of residency is required in order to obtain a Barnstable ORV permit. Residency can be proven by:
 - (a) Tax bill,
 - (b) Minimum one year property lease,
 - (c) Vehicle registration with a street address (PO Box is not sufficient),
 - (d) Other legal documents such as a deed or will (this does not include utility bills, excise tax bills, etc.).
 - (e) College students may provide a tuition bill with a Barnstable address.
- E. Barnstable residents wishing to obtain an ORV permit must have their vehicle registered in their name (or the name of a person residing at the same address) unless:
 - (a) They have written permission to use a company vehicle.
 - (b) Proof of ownership of the company on the vehicle registration.
 - (c) A minimum one year vehicle lease agreement.
- F. All ORV permits (issued by the Sandy Neck Gatehouse) and Resident Parking permits (issued by the Barnstable Recreation Division and the Town of Sandwich) are not valid unless they are permanently affixed to the lower left hand corner of the vehicle's windshield and the license plate number on the vehicle matches the permit (except for authorized laminated permits). The protective sheet must be removed from the adhering side of the sticker and the permit must be adhered to the windshield of the vehicle.

§601-9. Enforcement:

- A. In addition to Sandy Neck Beach Park Regulations, all applicable Town of Barnstable Ordinances and Massachusetts General Laws apply at Sandy Neck will be enforced.
- B. The Park Manager and Natural Resource Officers will enforce the provisions of Town Ordinances on all public lands at Sandy Neck including all parking areas, public ways, the Great Marsh and Bodfish Park.

- C. Warnings: Any person receiving two warnings in one calendar year may have their ORV permit suspended or revoked.
- D. Citations: Any person receiving a citation may have their ORV permit suspended or revoked. A citation issued for a hunting violation may result in the suspension of the individual to hunt.
- E. The Park Manager or his/her designee, may issue ORV permit suspensions or revocations and hunting suspensions for any violation of Massachusetts General Laws, Town Ordinances, or Sandy Neck Beach Park Regulations. Suspensions and revocations may be issued for any action which jeopardizes the property or safety of another person, or for any action that causes another person to be fearful for their safety and/or their property.
- F. Abusive, inappropriate or aggressive behavior toward other beach users and/or Sandy Neck staff will result in the violator's removal from the beach for no less than 24 hours. In addition, violators may have their ORV permit suspended or revoked.
- G. The Park Manager reserves the right to suspend or revoke beach access to a dog as a result of aggressive behavior and/or due to irresponsible pet ownership.
- H. Any person who is issued a suspension or revocation notice will be provided the opportunity for a hearing with the Director of the Marine and Environmental Affairs Division. Any person desiring such a hearing must submit a written request for said hearing postmarked within five business days of the effective date of the suspension. An appeal of the Director of the Marine and Environmental Affairs' decision may be filed with the Office of the Town Manager within five days of issuance of said decision.
- I. After revocation, the individual may be eligible to purchase an ORV permit in future years at the discretion of the Park Manager.
- J. The Park Manager and the Director of Marine and Environmental Affairs are authorized by the Barnstable Town Manager to issue No Trespass Orders on all public lands at Sandy Neck including all parking areas, public ways, the Great Marsh and Bodfish Park.

§601-10. Alcohol Policy:

- A. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited on all public lands at Sandy Neck including all parking areas, public ways, the Great Marsh and Bodfish Park.

§601-11. Violations and Penalties:

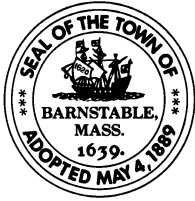
- A. Violations of any provisions of Sandy Neck regulations may be punished by a non-criminal fine not to exceed three hundred dollars (\$300.00), and/or loss of beach privileges. Criminal acts are subject to enforcement as allowed by the Town of Barnstable Ordinances or the General Laws of the Commonwealth.
- B. The provisions of these regulations may be enforced utilizing the procedures contained in Massachusetts General Law C40 s21D as a noncriminal alternative.

§601-12. Contact Information:

If you have any questions pertaining to Sandy Neck operations, call the Gatehouse at 508-362-8300 or the Marine and Environmental Affairs Office at 508-790-6272.

Mark S. Ells

Date



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2019 Sandy Neck Deer Hunt

The **2019 Sandy Neck Deer Hunt** will be as follows:

- Archery hunt will be November 25, 2019 – November 30, 2019 or until six (6) deer are taken, whichever comes first.
- Primitive firearms hunt will be December 16, 2019 – December 21, 2019 or until six (6) deer are taken, whichever comes first.

If six (6) deer are not taken during the week of the archery hunt, the remaining number will be added to the primitive firearms hunt. Thus, a total of twelve (12) deer will be harvested from Sandy Neck in 2019.

You **MUST** attend a night meeting. The archery meeting is Wednesday, November 20, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the Centerville Recreation Building, 524 Main Street, Centerville, MA. The primitive firearms meeting is Wednesday, December 11, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the Centerville Recreation Building, 524 Main Street, Centerville, MA. Please bring your valid hunting license to the meeting at which time you will be registered for the hunt. Participants for each hunt will be selected by lottery during their respective meetings. No exceptions will be made for failing to attend a meeting. In addition, no exceptions will be made if an individual is unable to participate in the hunt they are selected for.

Sandy Neck Deer Harvest Supplemental Regulations:

1. These regulations are issued in lieu of the Sandy Neck Beach Park Regulations §601-5 Hunting Regulations A, C & G. Other Sandy Neck regulations and all State hunting regulations remain in full force and effect.
2. In accordance with the provisions of Town of Barnstable Ordinances §177-2, all vehicles operating on Sandy Neck must have a valid Sandy Neck Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) sticker. Stickers must be purchased prior to the opening day of each individual's respective hunt. If an individual does not yet have a valid permit, they shall schedule an appointment with the Sandy Neck Gatehouse at least 24 hours in advance to purchase a sticker.
3. All participants must attend a Sandy Neck Deer Harvest Meeting that will be held prior to each deer hunt. (Meetings - Archery, Wednesday, November 20, 2019 at 7pm and Primitive Firearms, Wednesday, December 11, 2019 at 7pm).
4. Hunt limited to successful participants in the special lottery held prior to the event. All hunters participating in the White Tailed Deer harvest must register at the station prior to each hunting trip on Sandy Neck.
5. All deer taken must be reported at the station. All deer "struck and lost" shall be reported to the Natural Resource Officer on duty. No deer shall be tracked outside of the designated deer hunting zone as defined below.
6. Specific zones will be identified on Sandy Neck for the hunting of White Tailed Deer. During the open season as proscribed by the controlled hunt regulations, areas designated for deer hunting will be closed to other forms of hunting, and general public use will be limited.
7. No blinds or tree stands shall be established or maintained prior to the opening of the limited deer harvest season for Sandy Neck, or after either season established by the Town. Only designated hunters are allowed off trail during each respective hunt.
8. Any hunter receiving any citations will be suspended from further participation in the harvest. In addition, a citation issued for a hunting violation may result in the suspension of the individual to hunt at Sandy Neck Beach.
9. Those regions of the front beach adjacent to deer hunting zones may be closed to the parking of off road vehicles, except those displaying a Sandy Neck Deer Harvest Parking Pass.

10. Access to the cross trails and Marsh Trail for the purposes of recovering harvested deer may be allowed BY SPECIAL PERMIT FROM THE OFFICER ON DUTY ONLY. Hunters must contact the Officer on duty prior to recovering any harvested deer.
11. All persons possessing primitive firearms and archery equipment within the bounds of Sandy Neck must have a special permit issued from the Town of Barnstable in addition to all permits required by the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife.
12. No person shall carry a shotgun in the area of Sandy Neck designated for deer hunting, during the open deer season on Sandy Neck.
13. Deer may be hunted within the bounds of designated deer harvest areas on Sandy Neck by means of archery from November 25, 2019 – November 30, 2019 or until six (6) deer have been harvested, whichever comes first. And by means of blackpower (muzzleloader) from December 16, 2017 – December 21, 2019 or until six (6) deer have been harvested, which ever comes first. A total of twelve (12) deer will be harvested.
14. Hunting shall occur between ½ hour before sunrise and sunset only.
15. Access to the beach will be granted to deer hunters one hour before sunrise, as determined by the Sandy Neck tide chart, on each day that deer may be hunted on Sandy Neck. Hunters may not leave their vehicle to enter the hunting grounds until ½ hour before sunrise in accordance with State regulation.
16. No hunter may access the beach prior to one hour before sunrise. All hunters must be off the beach no later than one half hour after sunset.
17. All vehicles entering or leaving the controlled hunting area will be subject to search at the discretion of any Natural Resource Officer and/or staff at the Check Station.
18. Harassment of hunters or the obstruction, interference, or prevention of the lawful taking of fish or wildlife within the bounds of Sandy Neck is prohibited.
19. During the 2019 hunting season, the provisions of the Sandy Neck Regulations and the Sandy Neck Deer Harvest Supplemental Regulations may be enforced within the bounds of Sandy Neck by Natural Resource Officers, and any employee of the Town of Barnstable appointed to serve as a police officer.
20. Bag limit: One deer may be harvested per hunter participating in the controlled harvest. Possession: No more than one deer in possession for each licensed and permitted participant. Once a deer has been harvested, hunters shall return their permit to the Officer on duty for the remainder of the hunt.

21. This is a Deer hunt only. No other species of game other than White-Tailed Deer shall be harvested within the designated deer hunting zone by any means.
22. Hunters must return their own designated special deer hunt permit to the Officer on duty at the end of each day or once a deer has been harvested, whichever comes first. No hunter may return a special permit for any other individual participating in the hunt.
23. Hunting is prohibited on or from pre-existing blind structures, posted private or leased property, areas marked with symbolic fencing and red surveyors tape, within 150 feet of Access Trail and the front beach or within 500 feet of any dwelling in use or public building.
24. Patrol vehicle sirens shall signal a mandatory evacuation. All hunters must return to the front beach and/or their vehicles immediately after the evacuation siren is sounded, where they will await further instructions.
25. As stipulated in the Sandy Neck Beach Park Regulations, the Marine and Environmental Affairs Division reserves the right to close the beach to hunting if weather conditions or other factors constitute a hazardous or unsafe environment.