

# TOWN OF BARNSTABLE

## SANDY NECK BOARD

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### Sandy Neck Board Meeting

August 10, 2020

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Sandy Neck Board was held on August 10, 2020 at 7:00 pm by remote Zoom meeting. *In accordance with the Governor's Order Prohibiting Gatherings of More Than 10 People, issued on March 15, 2020, and effective through May 18, 2020, unless further extended, the June 8, 2020 public meeting of the Sandy Neck Board shall be physically closed to the public to avoid group congregation.*

Chairman:

Thomas O'Neill

ViceChairman:

Peter Sampou

BoardMembers:

Ann Canedy  
William Carey  
William Monroe  
Hank Farnham

CouncilLiaison:

Gordon Starr  
Kris Clark

#### Roll Call:

- Board Members remotely present: Tom O'Neill, Pete Sampou, Bill Monroe, Ann Canedy and Bill Carey.
- Board Member absent: Hank Farnham .
- Staff: Division Director Natural Resources, Nina Coleman and Donna Bragg, Operations Supervisor.
- Staff Member absent: None.
- Council Liaisons present: Gordon Starr.
- Public: Diane Lomba and Wendy Paquette
- Guest Speaker: None.

#### Act on Minutes:

- Tom O'Neill addressed the Board regarding Zoom clarification. If you attend the virtual meeting and wish to speak, you must use your name and identify yourself to the Chairman. Should there be any disruption, the Chairman has the right to warn and or remove anyone who causes the disruption.
- On a **motion** by Pete Sampou and seconded by Ann Canedy, the Sandy Neck Board voted by Roll call to approve the July13, 2020 minutes as printed.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Correspondence:** None.

#### Staff Report:

*Nina Coleman addressed the Board.*

- ORV Beach open 0.9 miles.
- ORV opening up being held up by Least Tern nests. Least Terns are State listed as protected.
- Two Least Tern colonies, 1A & 1B. Map of birds on beach provided. Discussion followed.
- Enforcement is way down for the season regarding issues with alcohol and citations. Two ORV permits revoked.
- June there were five medicals.
- July, four abusive and aggressive behavior, one water rescue.
- August to date, one abusive and aggressive behavior, one medical and one water rescue.

- Half the amount of ORV permits have been sold this year compared to 2019.
- Monies have been borrowed from the rainy day fund to provide services.
- No campfires allowed and shorter days have contributed to less revenue.
- Staying the course, no campfires and 9 pm curfew for season.
- 40% of staff leaving within a week due to Covid self-quarantine prior to starting back to school.
- All other ORV beaches are also not allowing campfires this season.
- Discussion followed regarding budget and staff safety.

### **Old Business:**

**1. Conservation and beach erosion along our coastlines.** None.

**2. Economic sustainability.** None.

**3. Public outreach and public use & participation.**

1. Bill Monroe addressed the Board. He is still in talks with the Eagle Scout who would like to do project at Sandy Neck.

**New Business:** None.

**Matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair:** None.

### **Public Comment:**

1. Diane Lomba addressed the Board. Biggest complaint from campers is that day trippers get to go out on the ORV every day while campers can only come out for two nights and off for ten nights with the current camper reservation system. Some nights are very light on campers on the ORV.
2. Nina Coleman addressed the Board and responded that the new reservation system will be able to adjust for nights when beach is not full. Currently chase vehicles can daytrip and campers can also daytrip with a call to the Gatehouse to confirm there is space available.
3. Wendy Paquette addressed the Board and expanded on camper questions. Asked if the ORV beach was still closed due to birds or Covid.
5. Tom O'Neill addressed the Board and reiterated that the ORV closure was due to the protected bird species.
6. Donna Bragg addressed the Board regarding the camper reservation system.

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Bragg, Secretary Pro Tem