



# TOWN OF BARNSTABLE

## SANDY NECK BOARD

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### Sandy Neck Board Meeting August 10, 2009

Chairman:

Richards French

Vice Chairman:

William Carey

Board Members:

Barbara Bell  
Lynn Heslinga  
Nate King  
George Muhlebach  
Peter Sampou

Council Liaisons:

Henry Farnham  
Ann Canedy

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Sandy Neck Board was held on August 10, 2009 at the Marine and Environmental Affairs Division Building at 1189 Phinney's Lane, Centerville, MA. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Chairman Rich French.

#### Roll Call:

- Board Members present: Barbara Bell, Pete Sampou, George Muhlebach, Lynn Heslinga, Nate King, Bill Carey, and Rich French.
- Council Liaison: Hank Farnham.
- Staff: Nina Coleman, Sandy Neck Park Manager and Debbie Lavoie, Secretary Pro Tem.
- Public: None

#### Act on Minutes:

- The Sandy Neck Board unanimously approved the July minutes as amended with the following correction: *Richards French was voted in as Chairman (not President) and William Carey was voted in as Vice Chairman (not Vice President).*

#### Correspondence:

- None

#### Staff Report:

*Nina Coleman addressed the Board:*

- The big hole (between trails #1 & #2 on the marsh trail) at the Lee Cottage (before the Nickerson Cottage) was repaired by highway.
- Regarding the birds: the beach is open 2 miles – little past trail #2. Two tern colonies are keeping it closed – not plovers. This is better than last year.
- The piping plovers did terrible this year because of predation and two storms this summer. Approximately 20 chicks fledged. This poor plover productivity rate was across the state. Natural predators include crows, raccoons, coyotes, skunks and gulls. The biggest issue this year was “wash-overs”. More eggs were lost during the storms. Nina can bring more information for the next meeting.
- Wednesday night Nina is leading an educational presentation at the Cape Cod Canal. A report on the connection between Sandy Neck and the Canal. This information is posted on the website. Check it out [www.sandyneckbeachpark.com](http://www.sandyneckbeachpark.com)

#### Old Business:

*Rich French addressed the Board:*

Last month he stated that the “hole” at Sandy Neck cottage colony was not filled as much as they had anticipated because a pipe broke. That information was incorrect. He spoke to Bob Burgmann and the pipe did not break. Rich apologized for repeating the information without checking first to see if it was accurate. Everything was done as planned.

#### NOTE:

The Orders of Conditions expire on **October 29, 2010** with the option of an extension through ConComm. The Chapter 91 permit expires on March 18, 2015.

## **Old Business cont'd:**

*Lynn Heslinga* asked Nina to check a problem. There is a drainage pipe that was dug out during the dredging project that was never filled back in. It is causing an erosion problem. It is near the Heslinga Cottage. Now there is a big hole. Nina will look into this matter right away. Highway is going out there to put up dune fencing and she will have them look into it.

*Nate King* asked if Rich had made any progress regarding contacting our legislators seeking help with local management of the beach (see July minutes). Rich replied that he sent a note to Ruth Weil, Town Attorney, regarding "home rule", but he has not heard back yet. He will follow up after the summer.

## **New Business:**

### ***Bill Carey addressed the Board:***

He wanted to discuss the section of the regulations that states only leased vehicles with a minimum one year lease agreement are allowed. No weekly/monthly rented vehicles are allowed. The Board discussed this provision.

### **Discussion / Board concerns:**

- ❖ If a property owner is leasing their property on a weekly or monthly basis– they should provide the vehicle. It should be part of their lease agreement. Or they can come by boat.
- ❖ The regulations as stated keeps rental cars off the beach.
- ❖ No property owner themselves has ever been denied access to their own property if they have auto problems.
- ❖ This is not in the best interest of the beach as a whole.
- ❖ Nina reminded the Board that everyone who goes out to the cottage colony (such as workers, construction people, contractors, etc.) all have to purchase ORV stickers for their [company] vehicles.
- ❖ There is a lot of 'activity' attached to the ORV sticker such as education about the beach, proper airing down, required equipment and such, so a daily or weekly rental would put an added burden on the Sandy Neck staff.
- ❖ If a sticker is purchased for that leased vehicles even after any (weekly) lease is up that car would still have a valid sticker.

**After this discussion, it was the opinion of the majority of the Board that the regulations should stand as written regarding leased vehicles and should not be changed.**

## **Public Comment:**

- *None*

## **Adjournment:**

- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Lavoie, Secretary Pro Tem