



TOWN OF BARNSTABLE
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Sandy Neck Board Meeting

February 8, 2010

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 February 8, 2010 at the Barnstable Town Hall, Selectmen's Conference Room, 367 Main Street, Hyannis, MA. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Chairman Rich French.

Roll Call:

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

Act on Minutes:

- On a **motion** by Nate King and seconded by Pete Sampou, the Sandy Neck Board voted unanimously to approve the January minutes as printed. Lynn Heslinga abstained from voting on the minutes because she was not at that meeting.

Correspondence:

1. Letter from West Barnstable Civic Association (WBCA) thanking the SN Board members for attending the WBCA Annual Meeting and discussing the SN Bathhouse Project. (Letter on file).
2. Letter from Mass Beach Buggy Association (MBBA) informing the SN Board that MBBA has set aside the date of Sunday, April 25th for the 2010 Sandy Neck Beach Conservation Project. (Letter on file).
3. Letter from Rich French to Bob Lovell, Highway Supervisor, commending the work done by the Town on the Cottage Colony Breach. (Letter on file).

Staff Report:

Nina Coleman addressed the Board:

- The current ORV stickers are valid until April 15th. Renewal applications (for 2010 permits) will be mailed out in beginning of March. The gatehouse will reopen on April 1st.
- Planning to start advertising for summer employment/seasonal help in mid-February.
- There is some erosion – it comes and goes – as expected this time of year.
- Recent seal strandings. Nothing to worry about.
- The newest “Sandy Neck Tracks” newsletter is out. Check it out on the website: www.sandyneckbeachpark.com. There will be four editions per year. Also this spring, more educational classes will be conducted.
- The “cable” is gone. (Refer to January Sandy Neck Minutes for complete information. Photos on file).
- Nina did a presentation on *Barnstable This Morning*.

Old Business:

Marsh Trail Improvement Update

Nina Coleman addressed the Board:

- Work slated to be done mid to late February. Have to work around the tides.
- Will talk to the cottage owners and see what requests they have for the upcoming season. Lynne Heslinga will help facilitate. Usually they contact Rich French and he brings forward a list.

Breach at the Cottage Colony

Nina Coleman addressed the Board:

- No new information to report but so far it is holding. Looks good.

Bathhouse Update:

Nina Coleman addressed the Board:

- Some members of the Sandy Neck Board attended the January 26th meeting of the West Barnstable Civic Association. Nina presented all the information and told those present she is looking for feedback. Those in attendance liked the overall ideas.
- There will be another big meeting for the public on Wednesday, February 24th. This meeting will be more in-depth. Everyone from the public is welcome. Looking for suggestions and/or concerns the neighbors might have along with any other questions.
- Must continue to stress this project is funded completely by Sandy Neck User Fees. No general funds will be used.
- Beginning of March will go to ConComm. After that, need to go to Old Kings Highway for review/approval. Hopefully, the construction will begin right after Labor Day (September 2010).

New Business:

Transfer of surplus funds:

Nina Coleman addressed the Board:

Needs to go before Town Council to increase the amount in the line item for the purchase of merchandise. Presently, the amount is \$5000. She would like to increase the amount to \$10,000. (Additional \$5000 will be requested). This is a transfer within the Sandy Neck budget. New merchandise will be bought and sold for this coming summer. Very popular. Sells out every year.

Changes in the Town Ordinances to Section 177-1, Section 177-2 and Section 177-3 and Schedule of Fines under Chapter 177, Article I and Chapter 177, Article II

Nina Coleman addressed the Board:

The Town Ordinances for Sandy Neck Beach Park are outdated. Some things need changing such as (1) references to the Sandy Neck Governing Board instead of the Sandy Neck Board (2) ORV permits are called an “inspection sticker” (3) dollar amounts for fines (in many cases) are less than the cost of an off road vehicle permit. This makes driving illegally on the beach less expensive than buying a permit. (4) the term “speed limit” is used – which is wrong.

The following **motion** was made by Barbara Bell and seconded by Pete Sampou:

The Sandy Neck Board supports the changes to the Town Ordinances as presented and recommends they be brought forward to the Town Manager and the Town Council for adoption.

Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment:

- None

Adjournment:

- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Lavoie, Secretary Pro Tem