



TOWN OF BARNSTABLE

SANDY NECK BOARD

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Sandy Neck Board Meeting May 13, 2013

Chairman:

Richards French

Vice Chairman:

William Carey

Board Members:

Barbara Bell
Lynn Heslinga
Nate King
George Muhlebach
Peter Sampou

Council Liaisons:

June Daley

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Sandy Neck Board was held on May 13, 2013 at the Selectmen's Conference Room, 367 Main Street, Hyannis, MA. The meeting was called to order at 7:34 pm by Chairman Richard French.

Roll Call:

- Board Members present: Barbara Bell, George Muhlebach, Lynn Heslinga, Pete Sampou, and Rich French.
- Board Members absent: Bill Carey and Nate King.
- Staff: Nina Coleman, Sandy Neck Park Manager; and Debbie Lavoie, Secretary Pro Tem.
- Council Liaison: June Daley was not present.
- Public: Chris Greim, Wendy Paquette, Diane Lomba, Elena McCorrison, and Kylie Palomba.

Act on Minutes:

- On a **motion** by Pete Sampou and seconded by Barbara Bell, the Sandy Neck Board voted to approve the April minutes with one minor correction. Lynne Heslinga abstained as she was not present at that meeting

Correspondence:

- none

Staff Report:

Nina Coleman addressed the Board:

- The Gatehouse is open everyday 9 am to 4 pm with extended hours on weekends. The gatehouse will be open 8 am to 9 pm everyday after Memorial Day. Staff is on later but the gatehouse is closed.
- Nina Coleman will lead a plover walk on June 5th.
- The Junior Ranger Program will include a spring session this year – in addition to with the summer and fall sessions. Very popular.
- The Tracks Newsletter is on the website and was also sent digitally to people on our email list.
Link:
<http://town.barnstable.ma.us/SandyNeckPark/Newsletters/SNK%20Newsletter%20Winter2013.pdf>
- Thank you to MBBA for the very successful, wonderful two days of Beach Clean-Up.
- Curfew is now 11 pm - unless you are a camper or chase vehicle or people who are actively fishing.
- Campfires (including cooking fires) are allowed on the front beach sunset or 7:00PM, whichever is earlier. Fires must be placed on the Cape Cod Bay side of the established ORV corridor. This is all dependent on the weather and wind conditions. Diagram of proper location is on the website at:
<http://town.barnstable.ma.us/SandyNeckPark/orvbeach/beachstatus.aspx?type=Camp%20Fires>
- There are currently 14 plover nests. Many nests were already lost to predation from coyotes, foxes, crows and seagulls. Currently plover nest at the access trail are with three eggs but too early to tell if this will close beach on July 4th. The beach closes only if the chicks hatch – not while there are eggs. But predation is the big issue.
- Beach has built up since the Nemo Storm.

Parking plan for the next month



Decent amount of beach between access trail and a little past trail one - looking west. This area can accommodate campers and still keep the 30 foot ORV corridor in place.



This section of the beach is extremely narrow it from .5 miles (a little past trail one) to 2 miles - 1 ½ miles of very soft sand and on an angle. This area will be for day trippers only. Portable toilets are available in this area. Make sure you air down.



This is around mile two. It is wider and can accommodate campers.

All information is posted on line. Check before you go to the beach.
<http://town.barnstable.ma.us/SandyNeckPark/Default.aspx>

New Business:

Bathhouse Update and Food Vendor Update

Nina Coleman reported that the bathhouse will be up and running for Memorial Day Weekend. Porky's BBQ is the food vendor again this year and will be ready for this season.

Old Business:

Taisto Ranta Dedication



Rich French reported the memorial was held and the “stone” was unveiled. Taisto Ranta’s family and friends were pleased and glad he is being remembered. This is an outdoor classroom area and also faces the hiking trails. His picture will hang in the Gatehouse.

New Business:

Budget Status

Nina Coleman reported on:

- Thursday May 16th - she will go before Town Council for an emergency appropriation because of the Nemo storm. She took \$14,000 out of the operating budget for immediate work and wants to replace that money with money from surplus. This money is needed to finish out the fiscal year.
- June 13th - is hearing before Town Council for next year’s budget. She is requesting \$740,382 from protected revenues. Additional (\$31,000 from surplus) funding request for safety items. AEDs for vehicles, mobile solar speed sign, and upgraded radio equipment.

Public Comment:

- Chris Greim asked about the AEDs. He and Nina Coleman will discuss the types to buy. He also asked about beach closures.

Adjournment:

- There being no further business, the Chairman ended the meeting at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Lavoie, Secretary Pro Tem