



TOWN OF BARNSTABLE SANDY NECK BOARD

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Sandy Neck Board Meeting May 11, 2015

Chairman:
Richards French

Vice Chairman:
Thomas O'Neill

Board Members:
William Carey
Lynn Heslinga
Nate King
George Muhlebach
Peter Sampou

Council Liaisons:
Ann Canedy
Phil Wallace

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Sandy Neck Board was held on May 11, 2015 at the Selectmen's Conference Room, 367 Main Street, Hyannis, MA. The meeting was called to order at 7:34 pm by Chairman Rich French.

Roll Call:

- Board Members present: George Muhlebach, Pete Sampou, Tom O'Neill, Lynn Heslinga, Nate King, Bill Carey and Rich French.
- Staff: Nina Coleman, Sandy Neck Park Manager, and Debbie Lavoie, Secretary Pro Tem.
- Council Liaison present: Phil Wallace.
- Council Liaison absent: Ann Canedy.
- Public: Wendy Paquette, Diane Lomba, Kylie Palomba, and Elizabeth Carey.

Act on Minutes:

- Continued to next meeting.

Correspondence:

- A letter from the Appointments Committee was passed out. George Muhlebach, Rich French and Tom O'Neill need to be re-appointed (if they so desire).

Staff Report:

Nina Coleman addressed the Board:

- The gatehouse is open Sunday - Wednesday from 8 am to 4 pm and Thursday, Friday & Saturday from 8 am to 9 pm. Almost fully staffed. New people have been hired.
- Plovers are back. As of Saturday, there were 15 nests. Too early to see where they will settle.
- The Halfway House is being used already. (Pete Sampou used it with his school class - good experience). House also being used by other groups. Tenting area is also being used.
- New Merchandise is available. Very popular and sells out quickly – so buy now! Remember you can use your credit cards.
- Lone star ticks are on Sandy Neck – right now in the dense forest area – not on the front beach. The people who go “off trail” need to be aware of these (and any other) ticks.

Rich French asked if the pole in front of the Halfway House (that was supposed to be used for the camera) could be removed. The osprey pole will remain.

Old Business:

Report from the Erosion Solutions Subcommittee

Pete Sampou addressed the Board:

- Pete Sampou, Nate King, Nina Coleman and Dan Horn recently met. They looked at different options.
 - hard core armoring – jetties and cement
 - soft trapping – coir rolls, sacrificial sand, shingles
 - retreat – the opposite of armoring

Report from the Erosion Solutions Subcommittee continued:

- Expense and feasibility to be discussed later at a workshop.
- Look at the Town of Sandwich and their Town Neck Beach. The canal is effecting their beach. They may be looking at “off shore harvesting of sand”.
- Nate King has data from former erosion issues at Sandy Neck.
- Workshop is definitely needed. Invite Town Council President & Liaisons, CZM and perhaps other state and town officials.
- Nina Coleman will bring some possible workshop dates to the June Meeting. (Hopefully, it can be held in July 2015).

NOTE:

- ❖ Sandy Neck budget includes the request for \$50,000 for dune nourishment. The Board asked if the request could be made for \$100,000. Town Council Wallace also thought Nina Coleman should ask for \$100,000 not just \$50,000.
- ❖ Phil Wallace will forward information about the Beach Access Committee meetings and schedules to Debbie Lavoie who will send it to all Board Members. He stressed that any one can come to the meetings.

New Business:

Revenue Ideas

Lynne Heslinga and Tom O’Neill presented this draft. If anyone has more ideas please forward to either of them.

Sandy Neck Revenue Ideas Board Discussion March 13, 2015 DRAFT

Fees:

Fees after 3:30-\$5 (keep lifeguards?)

- Fees for walk ins; (done by CCNS?)
- Higher parking fees on weekends (\$25) and holidays (\$30) helps defray extra staff costs
- Day tripper discount books could be purchased in advance
- Off season charge \$5 per car (one month on each side of summer opening term)
- Protect the beach surcharge to create pool of money for sand replenishment.

Merchandise:

- Sell at bathhouse snack bar; give cut to vendor
- Establish on line purchase capability on SNK website; utilize mailing list to market merchandise

Campers:

- Mid-week lower camping rates
- Sell camper nights in advance; discount booklet
- Frequent camper discounts

Other Ideas:

Hosting 5k runs

Exploit mailing list? Donations, special fundraising programs; solicit families to support program costs, e.g., turtles

Sell trail names to large donors

Benches sponsored for fee

Use volunteers for peak summer support weekends/holidays

Public Comment:

- none

Adjournment:

- There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Lavoie, Secretary Pro Tem