

## TOWN OF BARNSTABLE SANDY NECK BOARD

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## Sandy Neck Board Meeting November 13, 2017

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Sandy Neck Board was held on November 13, 2017 in the Selectmen's Conference Room, 367 Main Street, Hyannis, MA. The meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm by Chairman Rich French.

<u>Chairman</u>: Richards French

Vice Chairman: Thomas O'Neill

Board Members: William Carey Nate King William Monroe Wendy Paquette Peter Sampou

Council Liaison: Phil Wallace John Flores

#### **Roll Call:**

- Board Members present: Tom O'Neill, Bill Carey, Wendy Paquette, Pete Sampou, and Rich French.
- Board Members absent: Bill Monroe, and Nate King.
- Staff: Nina Coleman, Sandy Neck Park Manager.
- Council Liaisons present: none.
- Council Liaisons absent: John Flores and Phil Wallace.
- Public: none.

#### **Act on Minutes:**

• On a **motion** by Tom O'Neill and seconded by Pete Sampou, the Sandy Neck Board voted to approve the October 16, 2017 with one minor spelling error (Gannet rescue not Garnet rescue). Bill Carey abstained because he was not at that meeting

#### **Correspondence:**

• None.

### **Staff Report:**

#### Nina Coleman addressed the Board:

- As of November 1<sup>st</sup>, the winter curfew is in effect. The beach is open daily from 8 am to 4 pm. All vehicles must exit the park by 4 pm. Off-Road closed from 4 pm to 8 am. The Gatehouse is open for business Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 9 am to 3:30 pm. Staff is available by appointment the rest of the week. Call the gatehouse at 508-362-8300. Leave a message.
- Pheasant hunting until the day after Thanksgiving.
- 2017 Deer Hunt is coming up soon. The mandatory archery meeting is Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> and the hunt is November 20<sup>th</sup> November 25<sup>th</sup>. The mandatory primitive meeting is Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> and that hunt is December 11<sup>th</sup> December 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Turtle stranding season will start shortly and they will continue patrols and look outs.
- Busy fall because of the beautiful weather.

#### **Old Business:**

### Update - Long-term Coastal Resiliency Alternatives Report Rich French

- Nothing new to report. He will ask our Town Liaison John Flores for any update.
- Pete Sampou will meet with the newly elected Town Councilors before any meeting with the Board and the Town Council.

#### **New Business:**

2017 Annual Report

Nina Coleman addressed the Board and presented the following report:

### **Piping Plover**

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Total Pairs (Total Count)	27	34	40	34	28
Number of Eggs	169	115	142	206	159
Eggs Hatched	36	70	75	43	48
Chicks Fledged	16	42	55	23	15

Over seven (9<sup>+</sup>) miles of symbolic fencing installed for plover habitat protection.

## **Diamondback Terrapin**

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
# of Nests Head Started	4	5	5	7	13
# of Nests Capped	82	131	133	135	139

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Number of Nests	87	153	147	176	202
Number of Nests Predated	4	11	14	21	124
Potentially Hatched Nests	83	142	133	155	78

Diamondback Terrapins Head-Started: 65 turtles in 23 organizations.

## Terns:

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Least Terns (pairs)	79	223	144	54	73
Common Tern (pairs)	0	0	0	0	0

### **Stranded Sea Turtles (fall of 2016):**

5 Kemp's Ridley

0 Loggerheads

#### **Wetland Restoration:**

52 isolated freshwater wetlands treated.

5 acres (approximately) of saltmash treated.

\*Restoration refers to application of herbicides on Common Reed (*Phragmites australis*) Rusty Willow (*Salix atrocinerea*) and Bittersweet (*Celastrus orbiculatus*) and mechanical removal of Purple Loosestrife (*Lythrum salicari*) and an introduced grass (*Panicum amarum ssp. amarulum*).

# **Enforcement:**

	2014	2015	2016	2017
Citations	61	53	79	67
Written Warning	5	6	13	8
Verbal Warnings				591
Permits Revoked	13	12	24	16
"No Trespass" Issued	0	2 people, 3 dogs	5 people, 1 dog	4 people, 1 dog

# **Hunting**

Pheasant Hunt: October 14-November 25 (estimated total of 250-275 pheasant stocked) Deer Hunt: anticipated dates November 20-25 Archery, December 11-16 Black Powder

# Revenue (fiscal year-Munis)

	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17
Dune Fees (ORV)	\$431,782	\$541,363	\$567,069	\$725,578	\$728,512
Beach Parking	\$123,634	\$113,336	\$116,158	\$125,815	\$144,880
Sandwich Revenue	\$41,605	\$42,654	\$43,711	\$44,804	\$45,924
Beach Concession	\$15,996	\$10,500	\$7,500	\$4,200	\$4,313
Cottage Lease Fees	\$43,115	\$37,435	\$34,700	\$55,800	\$53,200
Parking Stickers	\$31,095	\$58,965	\$58,316	\$70,135	\$68,640
Merchandise	\$16,659	\$24,168	\$25,150	\$40,017	\$48,715
Miscellaneous	\$1,057	\$1,130	\$1,393	\$1,473	\$1,856
Earnings on Investments	\$9,643	\$11,466	\$10,833	\$6,110	\$7,191
Sale of Bond	0	0	0	0	0
Total Revenue	\$714,586	\$841,017	\$864,830	\$1,073,932	\$1,103,231

## Off Road Vehicle Permits (calendar year Jan.-Oct.)

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Barnstable Resident	1,399	1,566	1606	1880	1761
Sandwich Resident	863	932	N/A	N/A	N/A
Non Resident	1,145	1,389	2395	2665	2731
Property Owner	143	151	144	138	146
Total # ORV permits	3,550	4,038	4,145	4,683	4,770

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Number Camping Nights	5,279	5,847	6,550	7,282	5,976

### **Escorts**

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June	0	47	30	6	4	10
July	14	74	51	13	6	5
August	24	7	37	13	0	0
September	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	38	128	118	32	10	15

**Tent Camping:** 132 nights

**Campfire Permits for the Pubic Beach:** 607 permits

Four-Wheel Drive Camper Tests: 31 tests

**Trails Passes Issued**: 37 passes

**Special Permits (weddings, groups, gatherings, etc.):** 48 permits

**Daily Horse Permits:** 234 daily permits

Walks and Talks (working with BLT and MA Audubon): 16 events

**Turtle Talks for School Groups:** 16 classroom talks

**Beach Clean-ups (working with MBBA and Coast sweep):** 2 events

Junior Ranger Programs (working with the Recreation Department): 1 program

**<u>Halfway House Permits:</u>** 5 daytrips, 3 overnights

Portable Toilets Available on the Beach: 9 units

The entire annual report is available on line at the Town Website. http://streaming85.townofbarnstable.us/CablecastPublicSite/show/7387?channel=1

#### **New Business:**

### 2018 Sandy Neck Board Meetings

January 08, 2018
February 12, 2018
March 12, 2018
April 09, 2018
May 14, 2018
June 11, 2018
July 09, 2018
August 13, 2018
September 10, 2018
October 15, 2018 (NOTE: third Monday)
November 19, 2018 (NOTE: third Monday)

On a **motion** by Pete Sampou and seconded by Bill Carey, the Sandy Neck Board unanimously voted to accept the 2018 dates as proposed (and listed above).

December 10, 2018

### Matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair:

• Pete Sampou spoke about the "Winder's at Blue's Point" project. Looking really good. Thank you again for all the help so far. The roof needs to be finished this fall – prior to the winter.

#### **Public Comment:**

• None

#### **Adjournment:**

• There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Lavoie, Secretary