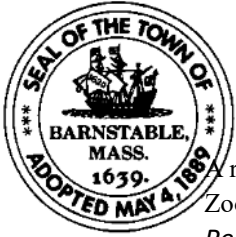


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Sandy Neck Board Meeting
May 10, 2021

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Sandy Neck Board was held on May 10, 2021 at 7:00 pm by remote Zoom meeting. *In accordance with the Governor's Order Prohibiting Gatherings of More Than 10 People, issued on March 15, 2020, and effective through May 18, 2020, unless further extended, the June 8, 2020 public meeting of the Sandy Neck Board shall be physically closed to the public to avoid group congregation. Zoom information can be found on the Sandy Neck Agenda.*

Chairman:
Thomas O'Neill

ViceChairman:
Peter Sampou

BoardMembers:
Ann Canedy
William Carey
William Monroe
Hank Farnham
Joe O'Brien

CouncilLiaison:
Gordon Starr
Kris Clark

BarnstablePD
Liaison:
Chris Kelsey

Roll Call:

- Board Members remotely present: Tom O'Neill, Bill Monroe, Ann Canedy, Bill Carey and Pete Sampou.
- Board Members absent: Joe O'Brien and Hank Farnham.
- Staff: Division Director Natural Resources, Nina Coleman, and Donna Bragg, Operations Supervisor.
- Staff Member absent: None.
- Council Liaisons present: Kris Clark and Gordon Starr.
- Barnstable Police Liaison: Chris Kelsey.
- Public: Wendy Paquette, Paul Berger, and Rich French.
- Guest Speaker: None.

Act on Minutes: Vice Chairman Pete Sampou conducted the meeting.

- Bill Carey noticed an error on the minutes. Donna Bragg stated the number should have been 1,205 instead of 12054. Final minutes to be amended.
- On a **motion** by Tom O'Neill and seconded by Bill Monroe, the Sandy Neck Board voted by Roll call to approve the April 12, 2021 minutes as amended. Pete Sampou, yes; Tom O'Neill, yes; Bill Carey, yes; Bill Monroe, yes; Ann Canedy, yes.

Public Comment: None taken at this time per Vice Chairman, Pete Sampou.

Correspondence: Tom O'Neill addressed the Board.

- Tom sent out a letter of thanks from the Sandy Neck Board to Director of Public Works, Dan Santos, with a copy going to Town Manager, Mark Ells, for the work done at Sandy Neck this spring on the Great Marsh Trail and other projects.
- * **Taken out of order.** Pete Sampou addressed the Board. The Town of Barnstable Attorney, Karne Norber, has informed the Board that members are being directed to take the Conflict of Interest training and quiz online. This class is needed every two years for standing members or if you a new member of a Board. Pete indicated that the link to the training had been forwarded on to all Board members. Kris Clark said she had spoken to Karne Norber and some members of different Boards have not taken the required training and quiz. It is a legal requirement. Tom O'Neill asked that it be put in the minutes that Tom requests that every Board member get back to him within the next month to let him know that they have completed the requirement of taking the training and test within the prescribed time. Kris Clark stated that she believed that either Cindy Lovell the Administrator for the Town Manager or Bill Cole at Human Resources is in charge of the Conflict of Interest training. The certificate of competition should be forwarded to Tom O'Neill and he will get them to Cindy Lovell.

Staff Report:

Nina Coleman addressed the Board.

- We are revving up for the 2021 season. Permit sale are extremely high for this time of year. We are attributing that as folks are excited about outdoor activity. Many newcomers are purchasing permits. Our new system to purchase permits online without coming to the Gatehouse has contributed to the increase in permit sales.
- The Gatehouse remains closed as do all town offices and we will adhere to that until we are told otherwise.
- There are many conduits regarding obtaining a permit. There is a renewal application online for those who had a 2020 permit. For those who have never had a permit there is an application on our website. It can be filled out online and emailed. Printed and filled out and emailed, mailed or dropped off at the Gatehouse. Folks who go through this application process can select whether they want the permit mailed or picked up at the Gatehouse.
- Camp fires are allowed after 7 pm, weather permitting. Camp fires are included with an off road vehicle permit. For those who wish to have a fire on the public beach and they don't have an off road vehicle permit, they can purchase a camp fire permit at the Gatehouse after 5 pm.
- Curfew is 10 pm. The beach is open 8 am to 10 pm.
- Regarding Plovers. We have eight nests so far, most of which are way out at the point. There are the usual locations being investigated by Plover pairs.
- For public education regarding the Plovers. We have a Habitat Conservation Permit, also known by its federal name as a Section 10 Permit. This permit allows the deterring of Plovers in the recreation area, 0.4 miles of beach. We have been raking the beach in the recreation area and removing the wrack line where Plovers feed. The fencing has been pushed back. Pallets have been put down in good habitat to deter nesting. Flagging tape is also being used to deter nesting.
- While we are doing the online permitting, we are missing the opportunity of face to face interaction with patrons regarding off road vehicle rules and regulations. Paula Hersey from Channel 18 created a Public Service Announcement, (PSA), that is 3 minutes long and goes over the basics for the off road vehicle beach. This PSA will be available online for patrons and public to view. Nina shared the video for the Board. We are trying to figure out how to integrate the video with the permitting process. Discussion followed. Going to put it on the Sandy Neck website and also make it part of the permitting process. People will be able to pull up to the Gatehouse and do the permitting process through a QR code. The video will also have a QR code for patrons who are doing their permitting to access. Kris Clark asked if there was a way for patrons to take a quiz after the video. Nina agreed that that was a good idea, but right now her priority list is to get the camper reservation system up and running. Also pushing to get a link where an applicant can fill out their own application easily to help facilitate the process.
- Bill Carey asked about turnaround time to get a permit. Nina said it depends on the day. Bill said he hadn't received his yet. Donna Bragg said she would look into it and get back to him.
- Pete Sampou asked Nina if she would speak to the erosion he observed while operating on the front beach. Nina said that there was extensive erosion east of Trail 4, between Trail 4 and Trail 5. Nina stated that she had never seen anything like it in her tenure. It has eroded premier Plover habitat and that is why the Plovers are moving west in some cases. Nine foot tides are coming right up to the dune.

Old Business:

- 1. Conservation and beach erosion along our coastlines.**
 1. Pete said there was progress on the long term resiliency plan which is progressing with capital commitment. Pete is going to step back with this as it is in process.
- 2. Economic sustainability.** None.
- 3. Public outreach and public use & participation.**
 1. Bill Monroe said the new bird houses were installed adjacent to the Gatehouse and were already being occupied. 37 bird houses at the Halfway House. Scouting Troop 54 was at the Sandy Neck camp ground and had a great time.
 2. Tom O'Neill said that those who were waiting on their reappointment information for the Board had received the information. Hank Farnham has decided not to continue on the Board. Tom sent Hank a note thanking him for his time on the Board.

New Business: None

Matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair: None.

Public Comment:

1. Wendy Paquette said the video Nina did was amazing and very upbeat. Confusion regarding tire pressure in the video. Nina clarified that patrons must air down to at least 18psi. We recommend 15 psi but the regulation is 18 psi.
2. Kris Clark spoke to the Board regarding appointments to the Board. She has advocated that appointments check with the Board Chair regarding Board members are robust to keep the Boards fully functioning.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned by roll call vote at 7:34 pm. Tom O'Neill yes; Bill Carey, yes; Bill Monroe, yes; Ann Canedy, yes; Pete Sampou, yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Bragg, Secretary Pro Tem

Attachments:

1. Video included in the Board Presentation
2. Letter to Department of Public Works

<https://youtu.be/uiwbzjAifi8>

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April 15, 2021

Daniel Santos
Director Public Works
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Dan,

Every year, the town's Public Works department provides valuable support to Sandy Neck Beach. From routine maintenance issues to the more complex and challenging repair of the marsh trail, the DPW team has been there to support Sandy Neck. Once again this year, repairs to the marsh trail were required due to flood damage and your team did an amazing job keeping the trail open and usable for both the cottage owners and hikers.

On behalf of the Sandy Neck Advisory Board, I wanted to thank you and your team for your continued support and contribution to keeping Sandy Neck a phenomenal resource for the Town of Barnstable and all its users groups.

Sincerely,

Tom O'Neill
Chairman
Sandy Neck Advisory Board

CC. Nina Coleman, Donna Bragg, Mark Ells, Kris Clark, Gordon Starr