



TOWN OF BARNSTABLE

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Sandy Neck Board Meeting May 8, 2023

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Sandy Neck Board was held on May 8, 2023 at 7:03 pm in the Selectmen's Conference Room.

Chair:

Thomas O'Neill

Vice Chair:

Peter Sampou

Board Members:

Ann Canedy
William Carey
William Monroe
Maureen Piccione

Council Liaison:

Gordon Starr
Kris Clark

Barnstable

PD Liaison:
Chris Kelsey

Roll Call:

Board Members present by roll call: Tom O'Neill, Pete Sampou, Maureen Piccione, and Bill Carey.

Board Members absent: Ann Canedy and Bill Monroe

Staff: Hannah Lawrence, Assistant Sandy Neck Park Manager, Donna Bragg, Operations Supervisor.

Staff Member absent: Nina Coleman, Sandy Neck Park Manager.

Council Liaisons present:

Barnstable Police Liaison: Chris Kelsey.

Public: Paul Berger, Tracy Hallett, Wendy Paquette, and Rich French.

Guest Speaker:

Act on Minutes:

On a motion by Pete Sampou and seconded by Bill Carey, the Sandy Neck Board voted to approve the April 10, 2023 Board Minutes.

Notes from the Chair:

Tom O'Neill addressed the Board. He reported that he had checked on the delayed appointment to the Sandy Neck Board from the Recreation Department. Tom sent a note asking to fill the vacancy and has heard nothing back. He will write a letter to Paula Schneppe, who is the Appointments Committee Head, requesting that they post a person to the Board.

Correspondence: None.

Staff Report: Hannah Lawrence addressed the Board. * See attached report.

- Gatehouse hours are currently 9am-3:30pm. Once we are fully staffed, the hours we be updated.
- Off Rod Vehicle, (ORV), beach hours are 8am-10pm. Campfires at 7pm or sunset whichever comes first.
- Speed limit is 5 mph. We have Plovers all over the beach.
- Reservations for camping; tenting and recreational vehicle, (RV) campers, are live on our website. Reservations may be made through the website.
- Tom asked about the Halfway House and it is his understanding that only non-profit groups are allowed to rent the building. Donna responded that on the Sandy Neck website there is information regarding the rules and regulations regarding the Halfway House.
- The new Sandy Neck merchandise is in. Hannah and Donna showed samples. Merchandise is available at the Gatehouse and will also be taken out on the beach for sale during the summer. We take credit cards or cash.
- Ongoing projects on Sandy Neck: Native Plant Trust. Seed collection, (on-going). Spade Foot Toad disease surveillance. Collaborative research project through UMASS Boston, (pending state permitting). A request came in today for Lone Star tick project. Bill Carey asked about the seed collection. Hannah said that the Native Plant Trust comes out to collect specific plant seeds for purpose of preservation.

Old Business:

Conservation and beach erosion along our coastlines.

1. Economic sustainability.

- 2. Public outreach and public use & participation.** Tom O'Neill addressed the Board. Bill Monroe had sent Tom an email, which Tom read to the Board members. Regarding Public Involvement: Jordan Munoz is moving forward with his plan to build benches in the Sandy Neck Garage on May 20th provided the Town can obtain the required materials by that date. Please let me know if there any questions or concerns about the list provided to Hannah. While he expects to install the benches the same day, I suspect that it may require another day to complete the project.

- 3. Sandy Neck Beach Reconfiguration Project Update. *New Business:** Tom O'Neill addressed the Board. The project is going really well. The Project Team has done a good job of managing the project through the various kinds of hurdles that are encountered regarding a project like this. There are stakeholders, and lots of interest from people in the town. There are permitting issues, funding issues and public issues. It is a very complex project. Tom said the progress that has been made is really excellent. The public has been very involved. There have been 3 public meetings with around 150 people involved. Good feedback from the public. The core of the project; making sure we save the parking lot has been really supported by everyone involved in the process. Project is still in the thirty percent design level. Tom put forward to the Board that they vote on the new recommended alternative that the Project Team has put forward. As everyone recalls, there were five or six alternatives put forth initially. Those were reviewed by the Project Team in January after the public meetings. Subsequently the Project Team came up with two alternatives. Option 8 is to move the parking lot behind the fifty year erosion line and leave the Off Road Vehicle Trail where it is. The other option would be to move the parking lot behind the fifty year erosion line and move the Off Road Vehicle Trail. Moving the Off Road Vehicle Trail was found to have permitting issues as well as negative public issues. After consideration, the Project Team voted to approve Option 8. Tom would like to move this forward and have the Sandy Neck Board vote and approve Option 8 recommendation so as to move it forward to the Town Manager and Town Council for consideration. Tom said at the last Town Council meeting fifty thousand dollars was approved to keep the project moving forward. Things are progressing. Tom drafted a resolution for the vote:

WHEREAS, the Sandy Neck Coastal Resiliency Project Team has conducted a thorough evaluation of the various conceptual design options for the project; and has conducted two public meetings to gain feedback; this work has resulted in a revised option known as conceptual design #8;

WHEREAS, the Project Team has voted to recommend conceptual design #8 for continued design progression, which would result in full relocation of parking lot to behind the 50 year erosion line and would leave the ORV trail in its current location; and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the recommendation of the Project Team;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sandy Neck Board hereby approves the recommendation of the Project Team and resolves to vote on the option that has been recommended, namely conceptual design #8, for continued design progression and funding.

DATED this 8th day of May, 2023.

Bill Carey asked about how many parking spots we have now and how many we would end up with. He wanted to make sure that we ended up with the optimal number of parking spaces. Tom stated that the Project Team is not trying to make fewer spaces and the design for the parking lot spaces will have to be up to current codes. We are still in the thirty percent design level. There was a discussion regarding spaces and legalities. Tom spoke about the new design of the parking lot with access to the front beach.

Pete Sampou made a motion to accept the resolution as written and read into the record. Bill Carey wanted to know about cost, but Tom said we were not there yet. Maureen said that this approval is based on a lesser cost than what the design the Board approved prior to this vote. Tom asked to move the vote forward. Bill asked to put Exhibit 8 on the design which was agreed upon.

Bill Carey seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously to pass the resolution.

New Business: *See Sandy Neck Beach Reconfiguration Project Update

Matters not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair:

Public Comment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Bragg, Secretary Pro Tem

Attachments:



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