



TOWN OF BARNSTABLE

SANDY NECK BOARD
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Sandy Neck Board Meeting **April 8, 2024**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Sandy Neck Board was held on April 8, 2024, at 7:00 pm in the Selectmen's Conference Room.

Chair:

Thomas O'Neill

Vice Chair:

Peter Sampou

Board Members:

William Carey
William Monroe
Maureen Piccione
Rene King
Rich French

Council Liaison:

Gordon Starr
Kris Clark

Barnstable

PD Liaison:

Chris Kelsey

Roll Call:

Board Members present by roll call: Tom O'Neill, Bill Carey, Bill Monroe, and Rene King.

Board Members absent: Pete Sampou, Maureen Piccione, and Rich French.

Staff: Sandy Neck Park Manager, Nina Coleman, and Operations Supervisor, Donna Bragg.

Staff Member absent:

Council Liaisons present:

Barnstable Police Liaison:

Public: Paul Berger and Tracy Hallett.

Guest Speaker:

Act on Minutes:

On a motion from Bill Carey and seconded by Rene King, the Board voted on the acceptance of the March 11, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes.

Notes from the Chair: Tom O'Neill addressed the Board. Rich French is the new Board member.

Tom publicly thanked the Massachusetts Beach Buggy Association for coming out, in terrible weather, to assist in the beach cleanup.

Correspondence: None.

Staff Report: Nina Coleman addressed the Board. * See attached report.

- For the month of April, Gatehouse is open from 9am - 3pm daily.
- Off Road Vehicle Beach for April is open 8am-4pm daily.
- No campfires allowed.
- Starting May 1st, Gatehouse is open 8am-9pm daily. Off Road Vehicle Beach open 8am-10pm daily. Campfires will be allowed. (7pm or sunset, whichever comes first).
- Speed limit on the Off-Road Vehicle Beach is 5mph, strictly enforced.
- Upcoming events. April 16, Signs of Spring Hike, 10am-Noon. April 18, ORV 101 for Beginners, 5:30pm-7pm, (Women only). June 27, ORV 101 for Beginners, 5:30pm-7pm, (Open to all). Email Gatehouse to register for the ORV 101 Courses. (sandyneck@town.barnstable.ma.us). May 15, Spring Flora and Fauna Hike, 10am-Noon. May 18, Spring Walking Weekend Hike, 10am-11:30am.
- Spring storms have left minor damage overall with moderate damage between Trails 4 & 5. Nina said there was a lot of damage out on the front beach and between Trails 4 & 5 it becomes impassable during high tides, even moderate high tides. We also lost about a mile of plover habitat.
- Thanks to Massachusetts Beach Buggy Association, (MBBA). A lot of pallets were put out in the HCP, (Habitat Conservation Plan), thanks to the MBBA volunteers. Tomato stakes were hammered into the sand and twine strung. The pallets put down are part of the Sandy Neck deterrent efforts to keep the plovers from nesting in the first part of the beach. Nina also thanked Tom for his participation,
- Rene King announced that all the upcoming events for the month of April to be held at Sandy Neck were announced at the Recreation Commission meeting. She will continue to provide Sandy Neck event information at all the Recreation Commission meetings.

Old Business:

- **Conservation and beach erosion along our coastlines.** Tom O'Neill combined bullet points one and four.
- **Economic sustainability.** None.
- **Public outreach and public use & participation.** Bill Monroe addressed the Board regarding the progress of the Eagle Scout Osprey Pole project. On Sunday the nest box was assembled and on Sunday, April 14th, the nesting box will be attached to the post and installed by the Bathhouse.
- **Sandy Neck Beach Reconfiguration Project Update.** Tom O'Neill addressed the Board. There was a third public meeting held in March regarding the Sandy Neck Coastal Resiliency Project. Around twenty people attended. Amber did a great job of presenting. One part of the plan has evolved regarding the placement of the compressor down by the garage for airing up vehicles at high impact times. There was concern by neighbors of the noise. This was addressed during the meeting regarding placement of the compressor to keep the noise at a minimum. Tom indicated that he received several letters from the surrounding neighborhood and the neighbors felt that the placement of the compressor was responsive and shouldn't present an issue. The project is moving along and permitting and funding are ongoing. Nina said we were in the process of writing the grants. The Conservation Commission will be meeting soon regarding the project. The story board has been updated and it is available for viewing on the Sandy Neck Website.

New Business: None.

Matters not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair: None.

Public Comment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Bragg, Secretary Pro Tem

Attachments:



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