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Sandy Neck Beach Park Management Policies

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Section 8 only presented in this version as it pertains to the Halfway House use

Section 8: Halfway House Usage

8:1 Intent

The purpose of this recommendation is to provide clear direction and consistency for the Park Manager and the potential users and/or advocates interested in maintaining the special nature and use of the Halfway House.

8:2 Eligibility

The Halfway House has a long and stable history of educational and research based occupancy (spanning more than 30 yrs). It was regularly used by the Barnstable High School as part of a coastal ecology program. For the last twenty years the Halfway House has been used as a college level research station.

However, there are groups of people besides scientists that can impart a lasting benefit to the ecology and unique nature of Sandy Neck and the community of greater Barnstable. These groups must receive no monetary benefit from access to the Halfway House rather they might request to access this shelter because of the uniquely serene and beautiful environs the Halfway House offers. For a set fee (or another form of donation acceptable by the Sandy Neck Park Manager) certified non-profit groups that run art or nature based educational programs should have the ability to visit and/or stay at the Halfway House.

In addition, the Halfway House should continue to be used by science based educators and researchers in exchange for services and/or monies that these groups have traditionally provided to Sandy Neck.

While the Halfway House can always provide emergency shelter for youth groups, it is not the intention of these policies to suggest that young people (who can make use of the existing camping facilities at Trail 4) should have access to the Halfway House unless there is a reason that camping is not feasible. Requests from such groups will be considered on their respective merit and judged by the Sandy Neck Park Manager on a case by case basis.

8:2 Permit Requirements

Interested non-profit educational, scientific and art groups may apply for consideration for use of the Halfway House. If selected, the organization would be granted a Special Permit that will set fees and usage guidelines. In addition, insurance and liability waver requirements will be set forth under a Sandy Neck Beach Park License Agreement.