



TOWN OF BARNSTABLE SANDY NECK BOARD

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Sandy Neck Board Meeting April 13, 2009

Chairman:

Richards French

Vice Chairman:

William Carey

Board Members:

Barbara Bell
Lynn Heslinga
Nate King
George Muhlebach
Peter Sampou

Council Liaison:

Henry Farnham

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Sandy Neck Board was held on April 13, 2009 at the Marine and Environmental Affairs Division Building at 1189 Phinney's Lane, Centerville, MA. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Chairman Rich French.

Roll Call:

- Board Members present: Barbara Bell, Pete Sampou, George Muhlebach, Lynn Heslinga, Nate King, and Rich French.
- Council Liaison: Hank Farnham.
- Staff: Nina Coleman, Sandy Neck Park Manager and Debbie Lavoie, Secretary Pro Tem.
- Public: Patrick Paquette, and Wendy Bowles.

Act on Minutes:

- On a **motion** by Barbara Bell, and seconded by George Muhlebach, the Sandy Neck Board voted unanimously to approve the February minutes. *Nate King abstained from voting because he was not at that meeting.*

Correspondence:

- none

Staff Report:

Nina Coleman addressed the Board:

- As of April 1st, the gatehouse is open for business every day from 9 am to 4 pm.
- Cape Cod Jeep Club helped with the fencing which is up and looks great. Thank you to the club.
- Staffing for the summer – had 100% return in the gatehouse staff but still looking for field staff.
- Plovers have returned. First seen on the beach on March 21st. Too soon to report anything.
- Beach clean-up is April 26th from 9:30 am to noon.
- New merchandise for sale this year. Long sleeve shirts with new design. New hats and sweatshirts, too. Available now. Limited supply. Revenue from sale of merchandise goes back to Sandy Neck.
- The osprey has returned to the gatehouse [pole]. Not sure about other locations at this time but will check before next meeting.
- Minor spruce-up of the bathhouse. Restroom interior will be painted as well as the concession stand.
- New person will be running the concession stand this summer.

Old Business

Marsh Trail Repair update:

Nina Coleman: The repair has been completed. Patched low areas (and culverts) between trail 2 and trail 4. Next year's work will start at trail 4 where they left off this year – ran out of time.

Rich French: Thank you to the Highway Dept for their work. He will send a letter to Bob Lovell.

Public Comment: *Taken out of order*

Wendy Bowles: MBBA will be at the beach clean-up on April 26th. Free hot dogs and soda

after the clean-up and fencing completed. Public welcome.

Hank Farnham: He talked to Roger Parsons (DPW). The sidewalk will be started soon.

New Business:

Guest Speaker - Dr. Jonathan Way, Barnstable High School Teacher and Researcher of Eastern Coyotes. Dr. Way had a Special Permit to conduct coyote research on Sandy Neck and the Board asked him to return and update them on his research.

Highlights / Overview:

- Not too much to report – coyote was shot around Thanksgiving (2008). He tracked it and got the radio collar back.
- Because hunters are going after coyotes on Sandy Neck, he will not putting a lot of effort into that location.
- His trap at Sandy Neck was stolen – does not know where it went.
- He does not have State Permits so he can not trap at this time. Waiting to hear more from the state but stalled at this time.
- He estimates that there are 3-4 animals – one pack of coyotes in the Sandy Neck area.
- Overall - he is in transition. The State has not renewed his permits. Neither he nor Eric Strauss (Boston College) has a permit to trap coyotes on Cape Cod.
- Unsure if he wants to continue to pursue getting a State Permit. He needs a permit to “handle” the animals not to track them. He is still tracking seven now.
- He will keep Nina Coleman abreast of his progress.

Adjournment:

- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Lavoie, Secretary Pro Tem