



# TOWN OF BARNSTABLE SANDY NECK BOARD

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## Sandy Neck Board Meeting November 09, 2009

### Chairman:

Richards French

### Vice Chairman:

William Carey

### Board Members:

Barbara Bell  
Lynn Heslinga  
Nate King  
George Muhlebach  
Peter Sampou

### Council Liaisons:

Henry Farnham  
Ann Canedy

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Sandy Neck Board was held on November 09, 2009 at the Barnstable Town Hall, Selectmen's Conference Room, 367 Main Street, Hyannis, MA. The meeting was called to order at 7:44 pm by Chairman Rich French.

### **Roll Call:**

- Board Members present: Pete Sampou, Bill Carey, Barbara Bell, and Rich French.
- Council Liaison: None.
- Staff: Nina Coleman, Sandy Neck Park Manager and Debbie Lavoie, Secretary Pro Tem.
- Public: Wendy Bowles.

### **Act on Minutes:**

- On a **motion** by Pete Sampou, and seconded by Bill Carey, the Sandy Neck Board voted unanimously to approve the October minutes as printed. Barbara Bell abstained from voting on the October minutes because she was not at that meeting.

### **Correspondence:**

*Rich French* reported to the Board that he sent an email to the Waterways Committee (through Joe Gibbs, Mooring Officer) expressing the concern of the cottage colony and their request to have a no wake zone in front of the Sandy Neck mooring area and that they would like the area delineated by well marked buoys and enforcement of this no wake zone on a consistent basis. Joe replied that he would forward the request to the committee.

### **Staff Report:**

#### *Nina Coleman addressed the Board:*

- The gatehouse is operating under winter hours and open by appointment only with limited weekend hours until Thanksgiving. Still doing patrols and night curfew runs - must be off the beach by 8:00 pm.
- Pheasant hunt in progress – stocking birds twice a week until Thanksgiving.
- Deer hunt for 2009 was approved by the Town Manager. The mandatory archery hunt meeting is Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. The deer hunt for archery hunters will be November 16 – 21. The mandatory meeting for primitive firearms is Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup> and the primitive firearms hunt for deer will be December 14 – 19.

### **Old Business:**

#### **Final Fee Determination**

##### *Discussion:*

- Fees have not increased for the past three years.
- Better to have a couple of small increases rather than one big increase – increments.
- Large capital expenditures up-and-coming and need to stay on the positive side.
- Sandy Neck is an enterprise account so must be aware of all costs.
- Questioned if the Town of Sandwich is paying their fair amount.
- Proposal of adding \$5/\$10 this year.

**Final Fee Determination cont'd.**

*On a motion by Pete Sampou and seconded by Barbara Bell, the Sandy Neck Board unanimously voted to accept the new fee schedule as proposed [and as listed below].*

**Annual ORV (Off Road Vehicles) Permits**

|              |                    |             |                            |
|--------------|--------------------|-------------|----------------------------|
| Resident     | \$70.00 (current)  | <b>2010</b> | <b>\$75.00 (proposed)</b>  |
| Sandwich:    | \$105.00 (current) | <b>2010</b> | <b>\$115.00 (proposed)</b> |
| Non Resident | \$140.00 (current) | <b>2010</b> | <b>\$150.00 (proposed)</b> |

**Marsh Trail Improvement Update**

*Nina Coleman addressed the Board:*

- She is going before ConComm on Tuesday morning seeking a 3 year extension to the Order of Conditions.
- This is for continued maintenance of the marsh trail as granted in the original Notice of Intent.

**Breach at the Cottage Colony**

*Nina Coleman addressed the Board:*

- Also before ConComm on Tuesday morning is an amendment to the Order of Conditions to repair the breach at the cottage colony. Bob Burgmann, Town Engineer, will be presenting that request.
- The materials and the extent of the work permitted will be discussed at that meeting.
- As soon as the permit is granted - the work will start. Hopefully within the next 4-6 weeks.

**Bathhouse Update:**

*Nina Coleman and Rich French addressed the Board:*

- Proposal (as discussed in last month’s meeting) was brought to the Town Manager who gave “permission” to move forward with the project.
- Need to start the permitting process. The permit is for a “rebuilt” so this should move forward without any problems.
- Also need to go to Town Council for their approval. Rich French will talk to Hank Farnham, Sandy Neck liaison, prior to the next meeting to update him. Need Town Council on board.
- This winter, the Board will also hold a meeting for the public (and residents of West Barnstable) to show the plans and hear any comments. Many of their (prior) requests were incorporated into the plans.

**New Business:**

**Year End Report (entire report on file):**

*Nina Coleman addressed the Board:*

**2009 Highlights:**

- Twenty-eight piping plover chicks fledged.
- One hundred eight diamondback terrapin nests were capped with zero predation. Potentially, one hundred nineteen could hatch.
- Over four hundred least terns. No common terns.
- More citations were written in 2009 (75 total) in part due to more enforcement of alcohol rules.
- From Jan to Oct 2009, almost 3,000 ORV permits were purchased.

**Public Comment:**

- **Wendy Bowles:** Asked (1) for clarification regarding the breach at the cottage colony, (2) if there was ever consideration of one set fee for the entire season for campers (3) why chase vehicles used also for fishing have to pay to be a chase vehicle.

**Adjournment:**

- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Lavoie, Secretary Pro Tem