



# TOWN OF BARNSTABLE SANDY NECK BOARD

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## Sandy Neck Board Meeting September 14, 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 September 14, 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: None
- Staff: Nina Coleman, Sandy Neck Park Manager and Debbie Lavoie, Secretary Pro Tem.
- Public: None

### **Act on Minutes:**

- On a **motion** by Nate King, and seconded by Barbara Bell, the Sandy Neck Board voted unanimously to approve the August minutes as printed.

### **Correspondence:**

#### *Rich French addressed the Board:*

In July, based on a request from the Board, he sent an email to Ruth Weil, Town Attorney regarding "home rule" and how it would apply to Sandy Neck Regulations. Attorney Weil said the best option would be for the Sandy Neck Park Manager to work directly with the state agencies.

### **Staff Report:**

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

- The last two weekends in August were not good – bad storms. Campers had to stay in parking lot – could not go on the beach. Labor Day was successful. No enforcement issues.
- Sticker sales for the season are up from last year.
- CoastSweep is this Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. Starting at 9 am. It is listed on the website: [www.sandyneckbeachpark.com](http://www.sandyneckbeachpark.com)
- This Thursday (9/17/2009), she is going in front of Town Council. The Nature Conservancy is giving a \$10,000 grant to the Town for the invasive species removal program. The funding is for supplies and labor to continue this on-going project. Staff removes phragmites, purple loosestrife and panicum (switch grass). This is a 6-9 weeks project and the goal is to get it to a 1-2 week project.
- This is early goose hunting season (Sept 8 – Sept 25). More hunting allowed later into season.
- Before the October 19<sup>th</sup> meeting, staff will do the "deer hike" to see if they should have a deer hunt this December. Will report the results at that meeting.
- Because of the bad weather and predation, there were twenty-eight pairs of plovers and only twenty-eight chicks fledged. About half the numbers of chicks from previous years.

### **Old Business:**

- *None*

## **New Business:**

### **Cottage Colony Meeting**

*Rich French addressed the Board regarding the cottage colony meeting he attended.*

Their concerns:

1. The drainage pipe that was dug out during the dredging project that was never filled back in which is causing an erosion problem.
2. The little "bridge" that was ripped out at Trail 5 – problem area - needs a culvert. Nina Coleman has reviewed this area with engineering and the trail needs to be moved. This is an expensive project and will need ConComm approval.
3. Concern with the Fire Dept. being able to land their boat at the cottage colony during an emergency. Also, an AED will be available at the cottage colony.
4. Also discussed "911" calls. Next spring, the cottagers will make sure the phone company has the proper legal address listed in their systems.

### **Spadefoot Toad CD**

*Rich French addressed the Board:*

On two previous occasions, Ian Ives, Director Mass Audubon, addressed the Board regarding his eastern spadefoot toad scientific research. He made a CD of his research. All Board Members were given a copy. Copy on file.

### **Cottage Colony dredge filled area – breach pictures**

*Rich French addressed the Board:*

When they were doing the dredge, they placed a drainage pipe in the area. It was dug out during the dredging project but was never filled back in which is causing an erosion problem. Slide show was shown – pictures and CD on file. If it breaches, it could wash out everything that was just brought in during the dredge project. Breached area is about 30-40 feet wide. Before the dredge project – there was no problem there. The material that was brought in during the dredge project is now washing back and could go right back into the harbor during a high moon tide because the barrier is gone. Would like this area repaired before the next high moon tide. Nina Coleman explained that it is a constant battle with nature. She is going out to review the area with DPW [tomorrow 9/15/2009].

## **Other Business:**

*Nate King asked about the Diamond Back Terrapin Turtles:*

Nina Coleman reported they are doing well. There were 118 nests – most ever. All got capped (milk crate put over the nest to keep predators from eating the eggs) and they are hatching right now.

## **Public Comment:**

- *None*

## **Adjournment:**

- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Lavoie, Secretary Pro Tem

## **REMINDER TO ALL**

**The October Meeting is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday – not the 2<sup>nd</sup> – because of the Columbus Day Holiday. Meeting is OCTOBER 19<sup>th</sup> at Town Hall (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor) in the Selectmen's Conference Room.**