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Sandy Neck Board Meeting April 11, 2011

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Sandy Neck Board was held on April 11, 2011 at the Barnstable Town Hall, Selectmen's Conference Room, 367 Main Street, Hyannis, MA. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Chairman Rich French.

Roll Call:

- Board Members present: Peter Sampou, Nate King, George Muhlebach, Lynn Heslinga, Rich French. Barbara Bell and Bill Carey arrived late and were not present for the voting on the minutes.
- Council Liaison: Hank Farnham.
- Staff: Nina Coleman, Sandy Neck Park Manager, and Debbie Lavoie, Secretary Pro Tem.
- Public: Wendy Paquette, Diane Lomba, Melissa Hersh, Roberta Miller and Jim Kinsella, Barnstable Enterprise.

Act on Minutes:

- On a **motion** by Pete Sampou and seconded by Nate King, the Sandy Neck Board voted to approve the February minutes as printed. George Muhlebach and Lynn Heslinga abstained as they were not present at that meeting.
- On a **motion** by George Muhlebach and seconded by Rich French, the Sandy Neck Board voted to approve the March minutes as printed. George Muhlebach and Rich French were the only members to vote - all other member abstained as they were not present at that meeting. NOTE: There was not a quorum at the March meeting so no votes were taken.

Correspondence:

- none

Staff Report:

Nina Coleman addressed the Board:

- The gatehouse is open everyday (including Saturday and Sunday) from 9 am to 4:30 pm. Winter curfew still in effect which means you must be off the beach by 8 pm unless you are staying over night.
- The plovers are back. Plover monitoring has started. The fencing is up. This year (as an experiment after Trail 2) they are using hybrid fencing - a stake and jute twine - which has been approved by Conservation and the Right Whale agency.
- The upper parking lot has been partially paved. Top coat next. The entire parking lot will be closed from May 16 - May 20 to allow for the final paving coat and painting.

Old Business:

Bathhouse Update

They anticipate the bathhouse will be ready and open for Memorial Day weekend. The following pictures were shown.



This is the garage. It is almost complete. The apron will be paved soon.



This is the walkway. It is not a straight path but rather meanders back and forth into the area. Final coat of pavement soon and then the protective fencing will come down. Open to public soon.



This is the front view of the bathhouse. The siding is up and the roof shingling is complete. The cupola is up. Brass on top of cupola is there.



This is the side of the bathhouse facing the water. It has the lifeguard area and first aid station.



This picture shows the back of the bathhouse. The overhang gives the appearance that the building is bigger but it is the same footprint. The solar panels are for hot water showers.

Beach Clean-up

Rich French reminded everyone that beach clean-up is April 17th starting at 9 am. Clean-up is in conjunction with MBBA. Also local Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts will be coming to help.

Marsh Trail Repair

Nina Coleman explained that the Marsh Trail has been repaired. They did a really good job of building up the area. Rich French indicated that the repair was done between Trails 2 & 4. Some native material is left over and possibly can be used next year for the area around Trail 5.

Barnstable Land Trust Request and Halfway Guidelines

Rich French reviewed. A letter was received last month from Melanie Curtis, Walks and Talks Coordinator, Barnstable Land Trust, requesting to use the Halfway House as a donation for their silent auction fundraiser. The Board members present last month discussed this issue but there was not a quorum so no vote could be taken. However, those present felt there needed to be some guidelines in place before such a request could be granted. A committee should be formed to create these guidelines. Peter Sampou volunteered along with Rich French to form such a subcommittee and bring some potential guiding principles and policies back to the Board. Note: Melanie Curtis was asked to come to this meeting but was not present.

Nina explained that there are three types of requests for the Halfway House. Those include (1) non-profit organizations (2) researchers (3) for profit and/or private rentals.

Liability and insurance are big issues and need to be discussed. The subcommittee should look into the Town insurance and liability coverage. They were also asked to look into re-buildability of the Halfway House.

On a **motion** by Pete Sampou and seconded by Barbara Bell, the Board unanimously voted to deny the Barnstable Land Trust's request to use the Halfway as a fundraiser because the Town of Barnstable has no policies in place for use by a private individual.

Taisto Ranta Memorial

Barbara Bell and Nate King have been in contact with the family. They are proposing to put a big bolder (to be placed near the flagpole) with some kind of memorial engraving on it. This will be a separate dedication after the completion of the bathhouse. They will report to the Board next month the specific information and then forward it to the Town Manager for his final approval.

New Business:

Halfway House – Osprey Nest

Rich French reported that Dr. Auger and students from Wheaton College put a pole up in front of the Halfway House. There is already an osprey nest there and the osprey was seen on a camera near the pole.

Cape Cod Art Association request to use the Halfway House.

Rich French introduced Melissa Hersh, Arts and Culture Coordinator for the Town, and Roberta Miller, Executive Director of the Cape Cod Art Association (CCAA). Ms. Miller explained that the Town in partnership with the CCAA would like to offer day and/or overnight excursions at the Halfway House through their non-profit organization. The House could be used by artists, painters, musician, writers, etc. Light is so important for artists and photographs and this is a perfect place. Nina Coleman said this program could be in place for this fall. She has staff available. Rich French felt this is good type of use of the House. Peter Sampou stated that National Seashore has a similar project and they have guidelines in place and the Board could look at them for more information. There is also a group called "Twenty-One in Truro" that has similar guidelines. Ms. Miller explained that the CCAA is a 501/3C non profit organization. They have about 1100 members and will offer this to their members who would be covered under their insurance. Perhaps some artists could design a new logo for some Sandy Neck T-Shirts. The Board put this request on hold until the guidelines and policies for the Halfway House are in place. This discussion will continue at next month's meeting.

RFP for Concession Stand

Nina Coleman reported that an RFP (Request For Proposal) for the Concessionaire was awarded to Porgy’s BBQ in Marstons Mills and the Polar Cave Ice Cream Shop. They are working together. They hope to have new and different types of food. Besides breakfast, lunch and dinner, they also want to have later evening food such as BBQ nights. This is a three year contract with two additional years available.

Firewood and the Asian Longhorn Beetle discussion

A brochure about these beetles is attached at the end of these minutes.

The Board discussed firewood used on Sandy Neck. There is a concern about this beetle. State campgrounds are not allowing wood to be brought onto their campgrounds. But Sandy Neck is not the habitat for these beetles. In a discussion with National Seashore, they are not doing anything at this time. Wendy Paquette from MBBA stated that MBBA has not discussed this issue specifically at Sandy Neck. But if campfire wood use is restricted it has to be everyone – not just campers. After a discussion, the Board and Nina Coleman determined that they will educate the Sandy Neck Users and ask them to only use Cape Cod wood if possible so as not to spread this beetle. They will ask people who live in the affected areas not bring their wood to the beach. More information will be put on the Town’s Website.

Public Comment:

- Wendy Parquette said that MBBA will be at the beach clean up at 9:30am. She feels education is the best regarding the beetles and wood. Could the handout be given to people when they renew their ORV permits?

Adjournment:

- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Lavoie, Secretary Pro Tem

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Asian Longhorned Beetle (*Anoplophora glabripennis*): A New Introduction

The Asian longhorned beetle (ALB) has been discovered attacking trees in the United States. Transported by beetle larvae hidden in stems and branches, repeated attacks lead to dieback of the tree crown and, eventually, death of the tree. ALB probably travelled to the United States inside solid wood packing material from China. The beetle has been intercepted at ports and found in warehouses throughout the United States.

This beetle is a serious pest in China, where it kills hardwood trees in roadside plantings, shelterbelts, and plantations. In the United States the beetle prefers maple species (*Acer* spp.), including *aceroides*, *Norway spruce*, and *acer* maple. Other preferred hosts are *birches*, *Ohio buckeye*, *elm*, *horsechestnut*, and *wilow*. Occasional to rare hosts include *ash*, *European mountain ash*, *London planetree*, *minnow*, and *poplar*. A complete list of host trees in the United States has not been determined.

Currently, the only effective means to eliminate ALB is to remove infested trees and destroy them by chipping or burning. To prevent further spread of the pest, quarantines are established to avoid transporting infested

trees and branches from the area. Early detection of infestations and rapid treatment response are crucial to successful eradication of the beetle.

The ALB has one generation per year. Adult beetles are usually present from July to October, but can be found later in the fall if temperatures are warm. Adults usually stay on the trees from which they emerged or they may disperse short distances to a new host to feed and reproduce. Each female usually lays 35-50 eggs during her lifetime. Scattered eggs are laid more than half an inch apart on the bark of the tree for a period of time and have deep grooves in the wood where they pupate. The adults emerge from pupation and lay eggs in a tunnel in the wood and creating a round exit hole in the tree. For more information about Asian longhorned beetle in the United States, visit their U.S. Department of Agriculture Web site:

www.na.fs.fed.us/fplh/alb/
www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health/plant_pest_info/aslan_lhb/index.shtml

If you suspect an Asian longhorned beetle infestation, please collect an adult beetle in a jar, place the jar in the freezer, and immediately notify any of these officials or offices in your State:

- State Department of Agriculture:
• State Plant Regulatory Official
• State Entomologist
U.S. Department of Agriculture:
• Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service,
Plant Protection and Quarantine
• Forest Service

County Cooperative Extension Office
State Forester or Department of Natural Resources
In Massachusetts call:
866-702-9338 toll free.

Asian Longhorned Beetle WHAT TO LOOK FOR:



1. Adult beetle. Individuals are 1/2 to 1 1/2 inches long with red black bodies and mottled white spots on the back. The long antennae are 1/4 to 2/3 times the body length with distinctive black end of white bands on each segment. The feet have a bulbous base.



3. Young larva. In the summer, sap flows from eggs which are laid in the bark of the tree. The larvae feed under the bark in a long tunnel of the tree for a period of time and leave deep grooves in the wood where they pupate. The adults emerge from pupation and lay eggs in a tunnel in the wood and creating a round exit hole in the tree.



2. Round to oval hole in the bark. These egg-bearing holes or tubes are drilled out by the female beetle, and a single egg is deposited in each hole.



4. Accumulation of coarse sawdust around the hole. This is the result of the larva feeding on the bark and where borers meet other borers. The sawdust is removed by the beetle larvae as they bore into the stem and branches.

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