



## TOWN OF BARNSTABLE SANDY NECK BOARD

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### Sandy Neck Board Meeting March 14, 2011

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Sandy Neck Board was held on March 14, 2011 at the Barnstable Town Hall, Selectmen's Conference Room, 367 Main Street, Hyannis, MA. The meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm by Chairman Rich French.

#### Roll Call:

- Board Members present: Barbara Bell, George Muhlebach, and Rich French.
- Council Liaison: Hank Farnham and Ann Canedy.
- Staff: Nina Coleman, Sandy Neck Park Manager, and Debbie Lavoie, Secretary Pro Tem.
- Legal: David Houghton, First Assistant Town Attorney
- Public: Wendy Paquette and Diane Lomba.

*There is not a quorum present so no votes will be taken. Agenda items were taken out of order.*

#### Act on Minutes:

- Pass – no quorum.

#### Correspondence:

A letter was read into the record by Rich French from Barnstable Land Trust:

*Hi Nina,*

*I would like to make a formal request for the donation of an overnight stay in the Halfway House at Sandy Neck Beach for our "Unique Experience" category for our 17<sup>th</sup> Annual "Gifts from the Sea" fundraiser.*

*This year it will be held at The Beach Club in Centerville on July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011.*

*Barnstable Land Trust is a private, member supported non-profit organization dedicated to preserving land in the seven villages of the Town of Barnstable.*

*Thank you for your consideration.*

*Melanie Curtis, Walks & Talks Coordinator, Barnstable Land Trust, [Melanie@BLT.org](mailto:Melanie@BLT.org)*

Nina Coleman explained that there is a great deal of interest in using the Halfway House now that it has been repaired. Every other request has been from educational or non profit groups. This is the first fundraising request. The Board discussed the idea and had some questions and made some suggestions for the next meeting: 1. Guidelines need to be set up for use of the house. 2. There needs to be a policy in place. 3. Can you set a value? 4. Access issues are a great concern. 5. Need to out down pros and cons regarding maintenance vs. income. 6. Security. 7 Is a guide needed? Staff costs? 8. Liability. Insurance questions. Insurance requests from users? 9. Form of agreement – Licenses? Lease?

The Board will put this on next month's agenda.

Rich French requested that Melanie Curtis be present at the next meeting to answer any questions. Her request may not be accommodated this year as there is too much preliminary work to be done.

The Board asked David Houghton, First Assistant Town Attorney, his thoughts on this type of use for the Halfway house. He stated the Board has brought up a lot of the same concerns the Town would have. He

indicated this would not be a “fee” because fees are for services provided. Rather this is a “usage charge or license” because you are allowing someone to use a town building on town property.

## **Staff Report:**

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

- The gatehouse is open for “preview week”. March 14 – 18. 9 am to 4 pm.
- Gatehouse will open for the season on April 1, 2011.
- The renewal stickers are going out in the mail now. 2011 stickers are good until April 15, 2011, and need new stickers after that. Sticker prices are the same as last year. Barnstable residents are \$75. Sandwich residents are \$115. Nonresidents are \$150.
- Winter beach hours still in effect. Off the beach by 8 pm
- Beach clean with MBBA is April 17<sup>th</sup> from 9am to around noon. Then lunch.
- RFP for concession stand closing on March 25<sup>th</sup>. Any questions call gatehouse.
- Professor Douglas Sherman from Texas A&M University, Professor Karl Nordstrom from Institute of Marine and Coastal Sciences, Rutgers University, and Professor Robin Davidson-Arnott, Department of Geography, University of Guelph, Ontario are doing a three year scientific project on sand movement at Sandy Neck. They are seeking a special permit. Nina Coleman will request a copy of any reports for the Sandy Neck Library. Also, part of the special permit will include the removal of all their equipment from the beach.

## **Old Business:**

### ***Bathroom Update***

Nina Coleman reviewed the following pictures:



*West side of the bathroom. Concession stand on left. Cupola is up. It will have a copper roof. The men’s/ladies rooms are on the right. The open area on the far right is for storage. In the future, the cupola will have a webcam inside. There will also be a [security] camera at the gatehouse.*



*This picture shows the wood shingles and how the building siding will look upon completion. The shingles are treated/stained on both sides to prolong their life.*



*Piles of dirt/clean sand which can be used for marsh trail repair and beach repairs.*



*View from the north side. Notice the nice overhangs.*



*East Side of the Bathhouse – Note the solar hot water panels on the roof which will allow hot water for outdoor showers.*

Nina Coleman also reported the paved walking path is progressing along. It will allow for a walkway from the upper parking lot all the way down to the gatehouse.

All work is progressing on time and looking good. She is very pleased so far.

### ***Breach Repair Update and Marsh Trail Repair Update.***

Nina Coleman reported the repair was done to the breach at the end of February. They used the clean sand from the upper parking lot along with some gravel. They then went onto the Marsh Trail Repair. Raised the entire trail approximately two feet. It is working well that way. It will be top dressed with gravel. Slow but steady progress. Special thanks went out to Bob Lovell and the Highway Department.

### ***Taisto Ranta Memorial Discussion***

Barbara Bell reported that they will have a big bolder placed in front of the new bathhouse in honor of Taisto Ranta but have not yet determined what the inscription will include. They would like the picture placed in the bathhouse or gatehouse – not on the stone itself. The Ranta Family is going to give suggestions for the inscription.

### **New Business:**

- None

### **Public Comment:**

- None

### **Adjournment:**

- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Lavoie, Secretary Pro Tem