



# TOWN OF BARNSTABLE

## SANDY NECK BOARD

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### Sandy Neck Board Meeting July 09, 2012

Chairman:

Richards French

Vice Chairman:

William Carey

Board Members:

Barbara Bell  
Lynn Heslinga  
Nate King  
George Muhlebach  
Peter Sampou

Council Liaisons:

June Daley

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Sandy Neck Board was held on July 9, 2012 at the 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: Barbara Bell, Lynn Heslinga, George Muhlebach, Bill Carey, Nate King, Pete Sampou, and Rich French.
- Staff: Nina Coleman, Sandy Neck Park Manager; and Christopher Nappi, Natural Resource Officer.
- Council Liaison: June Daley.
- Public: Town Councilor Ann Canedy, Peter Thomas, Amy Hallett, Jim McNally, and Diane Lomba.

#### Act on Minutes:

- On a **motion** by Barbara Bell and seconded by Nate King, the Sandy Neck Board voted to approve the June minutes as printed. Pete Sampou abstained as he was not present at that meeting

#### Correspondence:

- none

#### Staff Report:

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

- Gatehouse is staffed around the clock and open for business seven days a week from 8 am to 9 pm.
- Because there was so much open beach area and additional campers, Nina Coleman went to Town Council for an emergency appropriation for extra police details around the clock during the holiday weekends. The parking plan is now in effect and worked well over two holiday weekends. No medical or emergency issues, no major enforcement issues and any alcohol related problems were addressed and handled. Most people are complimenting the new parking plan.
- Junior Ranger program is starting on Tuesday July 10, 2012.
- Bodfish Memorial Park Rededication ceremony is July 22, 2012.
- There is one plover's nest between Trails 2&4 due to hatch. Beach will close on July 11<sup>th</sup> just east of Trail 2, approx. 1.7 miles. Parking plan will be compressed because of this nest. There are no tern nests (right now) in that area. There are other nests but because of their locations, they are not causing any closures. This year, foxes and coyotes are the major predators on the beach.
- Review the website regarding closures: [www.town.barnstable.ma.us/SandyNeckPark](http://www.town.barnstable.ma.us/SandyNeckPark)

#### Old Business:

- none

#### New Business:

##### *Election of Sandy Neck Board Officers:*

A **motion** was made by Nate King and seconded by Barbara Bell to nominate Rich French as Chairman of the Sandy Neck Board.

**Discussion:** Rich French stated he believes in term limits. Perhaps someone else may want to be Chairman. Nate King felt that Rich French was doing a good job – in part because he has the time to

devote to the office. Other members agreed. Bill Carey stated at this time he can not step up to Chairman but can continue as Vice Chairman unless someone else wants that office.

**Vote:** All voted yes

**Public Comment:**

- *Peter Thomas* believes the parking plan is working out well. The presence of the Barnstable Police is helping with keeping order and also NROs checking & enforcing speed limits is noticeable. He also asked about plovers.
- *Diane Lomba*, MBBA, also agreed the parking plan is working. She thinks that the “colored flags” need to be explained more thoroughly. Also, she is concerned about issues at the air station.
- *Amy Hallett* also has concerns about traffic in and around the air station. She agreed more police presence was a good thing.
- *Jim McNally* asked about airing up in the lower parking lot and is encouraged by the NROs enforcing the no glass bottle rule.

Rich French stated that the air station area could be a discussion at next month’s meeting. He asked Amy Hallett if she could talk to some of the beach users and report back any ideas and suggestions to Nina Coleman.

**Adjournment:**

- There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approx. 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Lavoie, Secretary Pro Tem