



# TOWN OF BARNSTABLE

## SANDY NECK BOARD

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### Sandy Neck Board Meeting August 12, 2013

Chairman:  
Richards French

Vice Chairman:  
William Carey

Board Members:  
Lynn Heslinga  
Nate King  
George Muhlebach  
Peter Sampou

Council Liaisons:  
June Daley

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Sandy Neck Board was held on August 12, 2013 at the Selectmen's Conference Room, 367 Main Street, Hyannis, MA. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by Nate King.

#### Roll Call:

- Board Members present: Lynn Heslinga, Pete Sampou, and Nate King. George Muhlebach arrived late.
- Board Members absent: Rich French and Bill Carey.
- Staff: Nina Coleman, Sandy Neck Park Manager; and Debbie Lavoie, Secretary Pro Tem.
- Council Liaison: June Daley.
- Public: Hank Farnham, Mike Walsh, Dianne Walsh, and Priscilla Jones.

#### Act on Minutes:

- On a **motion** by Peter Sampou and seconded by Lynn Heslinga, the Sandy Neck Board voted to approve the July minutes as printed.

#### Correspondence:

- none

#### Staff Report:

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

- The beach opened to Trail 6 on August 6<sup>th</sup>. All chicks have fledged – low number of chicks and nests this season due to overwash and predators. Complete report next month. Everyone happy beach is open. Busy weekend.
- There is a Sandy Neck Flora & Fauna Hike on Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> @ 10 am.
- Fire location plan was discussed and explained. The new fire location was voted on by the Board January 9, 2012. No fires are allowed within the life guard protected area. It is now clearly identified and a picture is on the website. Camp fires are allowed east of the public beach only. The Park Manager has the final word on what is appropriate and what is safe with regard to camp fires. Sandy Neck is one of the few beaches that allow campfires.
- After concerns from patrons and after consulting with recreation regarding the lifeguard station, Nina Coleman will move the lifeguard stand and fire location approximately 100 feet to the west starting next year. This will allow better access to the area down the second set of stairs. This new plan will be for next season. For this season, the most that could happen would be to move the line approximately 20 feet to the west.

*Current fire location*



**The Board took Public Comment regarding camp fires:**

- Mike Walsh wants the fire area expanded and dogs allowed on the Bodfish Beach.
- Nina Coleman clarified the Bodfish Beach rules and the ORV Beach rules. There has to be a balance and safe environment for all users. Pete Sampou explained that in prior years – with the former expanded fire area – many people going to the swimming area the next day were getting burned from fires left exposed from the night before. It was dangerous.
- Priscilla Jones is concerned that there are so many RVs on the ORV beach. She thinks fewer campers should be allowed so there is more room to walk the beach.
- Dianne Walsh asked about finances for Sandy Neck. She thought there was no overnight fee but there is in fact a charge for overnight parking: \$6 residents, \$6 chase and \$12 for nonresidents. She also did not understand that you can hike to the ORV section and have a campfire and bring your dog with you even if you do not have an ORV.

A **motion** was made by Pete Sampou and seconded by Lynn Heslinga and unanimously voted to support the Sandy Neck Park Manager’s decision to update the 2104 Bodfish Beach Fire Policy by moving the bathing beach boundary and the fire location approximately 100 feet to the west – if possible.

**To clarify:**

- Per Town of Barnstable Regulations – dogs are not allowed on any recreational area from May 15<sup>th</sup> to September 15<sup>th</sup>.
- The Order of Conditions from Conservation does not restrict the number of vehicles but Nina Coleman does limit the number of vehicles due to safety concerns if there is a need to do so.

**Old Business:**

- None.

**New Business:**

***Election of Sandy Neck Board Officers***

- Postponed to the next meeting.

**Proposed Fee Changes**

Nina Coleman presented the following proposed fee changes for 2014. Statistically, the fees have been raised every other year. The discussion was tabled until next month to allow for public feedback. The Board again asked why we continue to give Sandwich Residents a discount for the ORV beach and not treat them as Non-Residents. And also, can the Town Manager Lynch discuss Bodfish Beach fees again with the Sandwich Town Manager. That discussion was put on hold last year. Councilor Daley will ask TM Lynch about it.

<b>Proposed Sandy Neck Fees for 2014</b>	
<b>Special Permit</b> (no changes proposed)	
2013*	No fee for non-profit and school groups
2013*	\$30 for groups of 20-50 people
2013*	\$60 for groups over 50 people
2013*	\$60 for tent camper rescue fee
*At the discretion of the Park Manager	
<b>Annual Sticker</b>	
Resident:	2013.....\$80.00
	2014.....\$85.00 (proposed)
Sandwich:	2013.....\$125.00
	2014.....\$135.00 (proposed)
Non Resident:	2013.....\$150.00
	2014.....\$170.00 (proposed)
Cottage Owner:	2013.....\$30.00 (no change proposed)
Trailer:	2013.....\$25.00 (no change proposed)
<b>Overnight Camp</b>	
Resident:	2013.....\$6.00 per night
	2014.....\$7.00 (proposed)
Sandwich & Non Resident:	
	2013.....\$12.00 per night
	2014.....\$14.00 (proposed)
All Chase Vehicles:	
	2013.....\$6.00 per night
	2014.....\$7.00 (proposed)
Tent Camping:	
	2013.....\$20 per night (no change proposed)
<b>Seasonal Stickers:</b> (Sold after Labor Day)	
Resident:	2013.....\$25.00 (no change proposed)
Sandwich:	2013.....\$35.00 (no change proposed)
Non Resident	2013.....\$50.00 (no change proposed)
Cottage Owner	2013.....\$10.00 (no change proposed)
<b>Horses</b>	
	2013.....\$30.00 (no change proposed)
<b>Halfway House Use (no changes proposed)</b>	
	2013.....\$100.00 day use only
	2013.....\$150.00 per night
<b>Proposed Changes in red</b>	

Nina Coleman also reminded the Board that the dune restoration program needs to be addressed. However, she is waiting to proceed because the surplus funds have not yet been certified.

**Winders Cottage**

Nina Coleman presented the following information:



The Winders Cottage fell down and is in terrible condition. It is not safe. Nina Coleman wants to maintain the footings but demolish everything else. Because it is an historic structure, it needs to go before OKH - on their agenda for Wednesday night. Suggestion - would the FD want to hold a practice burn? If not, staff will demolish.

**Public Comment:**

- none

**Adjournment:**

- There being no further business, Nate King ended the meeting at 8:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Lavoie, Secretary Pro Tem