



# TOWN OF BARNSTABLE SANDY NECK BOARD

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## Sandy Neck Board Meeting August 10, 2015

Chairman:  
Richards French

Vice Chairman:  
Thomas O'Neill

Board Members:  
William Carey  
Lynn Heslinga  
Nate King  
George Muhlebach  
Peter Sampou

Council Liaisons:  
Ann Canedy  
Phil Wallace

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Sandy Neck Board was held on August 10, 2015 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: George Muhlebach, Pete Sampou, Tom O'Neill, Rich French, William Carey, Lynn Heslinga and Nate King.
- Staff: Chris Nappi Natural Resource Officer, and Donna Bragg, Secretary Pro Tem.
- Council Liaison present: Phil Wallace and Ann Canedy.
- Public: Diane Lomba, MBBA.

### Act on Minutes:

- Deferred until September meeting with corrections.

### Correspondence:

- Rich French wrote a note to the Town Manager to discuss fees for next year. Town Manager responded that there is a fee study committee comprised of Mark Milne and Lynn Poyant currently working on fee structure. Tom O'Neill stated that the board needs to be ready with our recommendations earlier this year. Rich French said he will take the board recommendations to the fee study committee as soon as they are ready. Question as to fee hearings take place. Ann Canedy said she would investigate and report the hearing schedule back to the board. Tom O'Neill told the board that there is to be a revenue generating idea meeting at Sandy Neck Gatehouse on Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. Submissions to be presented to the board at the September meeting.

### Staff Report:

#### *Chris Nappi addressed the Board:*

- We are halfway through August and it has been very busy, weekends like 4<sup>th</sup> of July.
- Weekend before last 500 daytrippers/chase vehicles on beach. 150 Campers on beach. 1.8 miles of beach open and not at capacity.
- Pete Sampou asked if there were specific daytripper and camper areas this year to which Chris Nappi responded yes; dividing the two as evenly as possible. This year daytrippers may visit campers. Phil Wallace asked if there was a downturn in the returning sticker holders, to which Chris Nappi replied that there were plenty of familiar faces on the beach along with new sticker holders.
- Chris Nappi said he attended shorebird meeting last week and found out Sandy Neck has most Plover pairs numbering 44, in the State of Massachusetts this year. We have 47 fledged Plover chicks with the potential of 11 more to fledge. Regarding terns, we have many fledglings.
- Ann Canedy said it was a testament to Nina's plover management plan which would give us more credit for next year regarding the Plovers.

### Old Business:

- Pete Sampou reported that neither he nor Nina had yet heard anything from CZM regarding the erosion grant. There was discussion regarding the Army Corps of Engineers and the dredging of the Canal. Tom O'Neill asked if there is an opportunity to get the dredge spoils from canal. There was discussion regarding the Barnstable Harbor dredging and where the sand was to go. Ann Canedy said that the sand was slated for #1 the Cottage, #2 Millway Beach and #3 Sandy Neck. Phil Wallace asked if we could pursue the possibility of getting the spoils from the dredging. Ann Canedy will get explore the time frame of the dredging and report back to the board.

**New Business:**

- *None at this time*

**Public Comment:**

- Diane Lomba of MBBA spoke about the efficiency of Sandy Neck Staff, especially during the busy weekends. Said that staff directing traffic at the air station and the access trail works well and the air hoses on the compressor are kept up and running. She said that the birds seem late this year and asked what the timeframe was for opening the beach up all the way was. Diane also asked where approximately the remaining birds are on the corridor. She said that there were accusations from the public that the reason the beach is not opened all the way was because a shorter beach is easier to patrol.
- Chris Nappi responded that the beach is being opened as quickly as it can be; and they could expect the beach to be fully opened within the next several weeks. Chris Nappi assured Diane that the beach was not easier to manage the beach when shortened; he spent the day Sunday on the beach reminding people that they still had to park perpendicular due to the shortened beach. Chris Nappi also stated that Sandy Neck was open to off road vehicles all season, where other beaches were not, this in spite of the number of plover pairs.
- Ann Canedy said we should be pleased with the Plover population and pleased with the successful management plan.
- Phil Wallace asked Diane if people were upset with the tight quarters during the shortened beach to which she replied that it didn't seem to be a problem; most people park with friends.

**Adjournment:**

- There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Bragg, Secretary Pro Tem