



TOWN OF BARNSTABLE SANDY NECK BOARD

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Sandy Neck Board Meeting April 11, 2016

Chairman:

Richards French

Vice Chairman:

Thomas O'Neill

Board Members:

William Carey
Lynn Heslinga
Nate King
George Muhlebach
Peter Sampou

Council Liaison:

Phil Wallace
John Flores

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Sandy Neck Board was held on April 11, 2016 at The Senior Center, 825 Falmouth Road, Hyannis, MA. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Chairman Rich French.

Roll Call:

- Board Members present: Pete Sampou, George Muhlebach, Tom O'Neill, Bill Carey, Nate King, and Rich French.
- Board Member absent: Lynne Heslinga.
- Staff: Nina Coleman, Sandy Neck Park Manager, and Debbie Lavoie, Secretary.
- Council Liaisons present: John Flores and Phil Wallace.
- Public: Wendy Paquette, Diane Lomba and Kylie Palomba. Other Town Employees and members of the public were present but they did not speak.

Act on Minutes:

- On a **motion** by Pete Sampou and seconded by George Muhlebach, the Sandy Neck Board voted to approve the March minutes as printed.

Correspondence:

- none.

Staff Report:

Nina Coleman addressed the Board:

- The Gatehouse is open from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm daily.
- We are now in the "in season" curfew which means vehicles may not enter the beach after 9:00 pm and vehicles must exit the beach by 11:00 pm. The beach opens at 8:00 am.
- New permit applications are on-line. <http://www.townofbarnstable.us/SandyNeckPark/2016-Resident-Renewal.pdf> and <http://www.townofbarnstable.us/SandyNeckPark/2016-Non-Resident-Renewal.pdf>. You can print them off and mail in with the required documentation.
- As a reminder – all dogs must be on a leash at all times.
- Beach clean up is this Saturday, April 16th starting at 9:00 am and is sponsored by MBBA. Thank you to the Upper Cape Tech students who came out last week to help.
- There will be a nature hike on Tuesday, April 19th, 10 am – noon called the Signs of Spring on Sandy Neck which highlights Ospreys returning to rebuild their nests. Natural Resource Officer Sean Kortis will conduct the walk.
- The ospreys are back. And the plovers are back, too.

New Business:

Reappointment Form 2016

Board Members William Carey and Lynn Heslinga appointments expire this year. Bill Carey signed the request to be reappointed. Lynn Heslinga was not present tonight.

At this time, there was an informational meeting for interested citizens on the Long-term Coastal Resiliency Alternatives Report funded through a MA Coastal Zone Management Grant. The entire presentation is available on the Town's website:

<http://www.townofbarnstable.us/TownHall/Public-Presentation-Resiliency-Alternatives.pdf>

Lynne Poyant, Director Community Services introduced Christine Player from Cleengineering (CLE) and John Ramsey from Applied Coastal Research & Engineering, Steve McKenna from Coastal Zone Management (CZM), and Mark Galkowski from Town of Sandwich Natural Resources. In the audience were Town Councilors Phil Wallace, John Flores, and Jim Crocker, and former Town Councilors Ann Canedy and Hank Farnham. Also in the audience were Matt Liber, Legislative Aide for Representative Randy Hunt, and Dan Horn, Director of Marine and Environmental Affairs along with other Town Employees. This meeting is for input from the public/community.

DISCUSSION AFTER THE PRESENTATION:

- What about “off-shore mining”? *John Ramsey said permits in MA were applied for by other communities and denied by both state and federal agencies. It is very, very difficult on Cape Cod because of fish protection regulations.*
- Sand transport – is there more accretion than erosion? *Yes, there is more sand moving from west to east. It is coming from Sandwich.*
- Are the dunes now stable? *Somewhat but we need to be proactive – not reactive. Not just a band aid approach.*
- Are we wasting money by putting out sacrificial sand? *No, it is saving the parking lot but it is not a long term solution.*
- *CZM is working on changing some regulations but it is not moving that quickly. Agencies are trying to work together within the current frame work. Trying to balance everything within “the puzzle” but we are under a time crunch. CZM is trying to create some flexibly and this is on-going.*
- How did you choose the options? *Cost, enhancement, time, best value, long term alternatives, positive footprints, and such.*
- Can you use front-end loaders and move the sand? *No, you can't just move the sand and lower the profile because it would allow more erosion and then you are affecting the natural slope of the dunes.*
- What are the next steps? *The education component to create design of the best balance for long term protection. We need to work as a group and bring our recommendation forward to the Town Manager for a final decision then come back to the public with that decision. The public will have another chance to discuss this and then we will seek the permit to do the work. The grant funds goes through the submission of the permits and runs out June 30, 2016.*

RICH FRENCH AND LYNNE POYANT THANKED EVERYONE.

Public Comment:

- none

Adjournment:

- There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Lavoie, Secretary