



**TOWN OF BARNSTABLE**  
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**Sandy Neck Board Meeting**  
**October 15, 2018**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Sandy Neck Board was held on October 15, 2018 in the Selectmen's Conference Room, 367 Main Street, Hyannis, MA. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Chairman Thomas O'Neill.

**Roll Call:**

- Board Members present: Tom O'Neill, Bill Carey, Pete Sampou, Robert Lovell, Bill Monroe, and Nate King.
- Board Member absent: Ann Canedy.
- Staff: Nina Coleman, Sandy Neck Park Manager, and Debbie Lavoie, Secretary.
- Council Liaisons present: none.
- Council Liaisons absent: John Flores and Phil Wallace.
- Public: Diane Lomba, Wendy Paquette, Kylie Palomba and Rich French.

**Act on Minutes:**

- On a **motion** by Pete Sampou and seconded by Bill Monroe, the Sandy Neck Board voted to approve the September 10, 2018 minutes as printed. Nate King abstained because he was not at that meeting.

**Public Comment:**

- Wendy Paquette addressed the Board. She commented on the proposed fee increase for 2019. She said that Sandy Neck sticker prices are the cheapest in the area but there is a nightly fee for campers and when you add that in – Sandy Neck becomes more expensive. Not to discriminate against day trippers, but she would like to see a daily fee or a higher sticker price charged to day trippers.

**Correspondence:**

- none.

**Staff Report:**

*Nina Coleman addressed the Board:*

- Gatehouse hours: Sunday – Wednesday 9 am to 3:30 pm and Thursday – Saturday 9 am to 9 pm.
- Currently still summer curfew at 11 pm but starting November 1<sup>st</sup> curfew is 4 pm.
- Fencing is down for the season. Portable toilets gone for season.
- Dogs must be on a leash at all times.
- Hunting season has started. Wear orange. No hunting on front beach at any time.
- CoastSweep was Sunday September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Very successful. Lots of trash taken off the beach.
- Check out the Town of Barnstable Facebook page. Lots of good videos about Sandy Neck.
- Invasive removal of phragmites was done for the season. The orange flags mark areas.
- Lots of ecological damage around the dunes and marshes due to the storms last year.
- Winders lean-to official ribbon cutting on October 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Permits and money are in place for sand placement – if needed this winter.

There are “new” signs warning against sharks. Bill Monroe commented how well presented the signs are and have a lot of good information. Nina Coleman reported all Sandy Neck Staff are “Stop the Bleed” trained. Plus, NRO Chris Nappi is part of the white shark working group. Bill Monroe also asked about “quick clotting” and Nina Coleman will look into that, also.

### **Old Business:**

- none.

### **New Subcommittees:**

#### **Conservation and Beach Erosion Along Our Coastlines:**

Pete Sampou reported about an article from the Cape Cod Times which in part stated: (Entire article attached at end).

*Cape Cod National Seashore to get \$9.7M in upgrades. The rollout this fall of \$9.7 million in capital projects will help Cape Cod National Seashore make a dent in its deferred maintenance, Seashore Superintendent Brian Carlstrom said. Venden said of the largest of the Seashore’s eight projects, the \$3.3 million construction of a 208-space parking lot north of Herring Cove Beach. Although a parking lot twice as big on the southern end of the beach is protected by dunes from winter storm surges, the drive-up-and-park northern lot has been battered in the last decade to the point where only a few parking spaces remain. The new lot, farther inland.. and ..Mary-Jo Avellar, a Provincetown native and member of the Seashore Advisory Commission, has continued to raise the issue of the erosion at the northern lot at public meetings in recent years.*

These issues are similar to the problems Sandy Neck is dealing with regarding the parking lot and storm damage and they received Federal money.

#### **Economic Sustainability:**

- Nate King will be on this subcommittee.
- More info during proposed fee discussion tonight.

#### **Public Outreach and Public Use & Participation**

Bill Monroe reported about the Winder Lean-to at Blues Point project.

- There is a dedication ceremony at the Winder Lean-to at Blues Point on Saturday @ 3 pm to thank all the different groups that helped with the project. This site will be opened to the general public.
- There was a discussion about opening up the Halfway House to the general public. However, the property was deeded to the Town with very specific strict restrictions and policies - including the groups utilizing it must be not for profit organizations and must provide liability insurance. Also, the mission of the Halfway House limits usage.
- Sandy Neck Natural Resource Officer Andrea Higgins is working on more outreach and environmental education projects for next season.

**New Business:**

*2019 calendar for Sandy Neck Meetings*

There was a brief discussion regarding the proposed earlier start time. On a **motion** by Bill Carey and seconded by Nate King, the Board unanimously voted to approve the 2019 Sandy Neck Meeting calendar as presented.

Please note = meetings will start at **7:00pm** in 2019.

2019 Sandy Neck Board Meetings	
January 14, 2019	<i>Beach Safety Presentation</i>
February 11, 2019	
March 11, 2019	
April 08, 2019	
May 13, 2019	
June 10, 2019	
July 08, 2019	
August 12, 2019	
September 09, 2019	<i>Discussion on Fee Increases</i>
October 21, 2019	<i>Discussion on Regulation Changes</i>
November 18, 2019	<i>Annual SNK Report Presentation</i>
December 09, 2019	

Meetings start at **7:00 PM**  
Town Hall  
Selectman's Conference Room - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
367 Main Street, Hyannis

**New Business:**  
**Proposed fees for 2019** (discussion notes on next page)

<b>Proposed Sandy Neck Fees for 2019</b>	
<b>Proposed Changes in red</b>	
<b><u>Special Permit</u></b>	
2018*	No fee for non-profit and school groups
2018*	\$30 for groups of 20-50 people
2018*	\$60 for groups over 50 people
2018*	\$60 for tent camper rescue fee
	*At the discretion of the Park Manager
2018	\$5.00 Camp fire permit
<b><u>Annual Off Road Vehicle Permit (includes camp fire permit)</u></b>	
Resident:	2018.....\$85.00
<b>Proposed:</b>	<b>2019.....\$90.00</b>
Non Resident:	2018.....\$170.00
<b>Proposed:</b>	<b>2019.....\$180.00</b>
Cottage Owner:	2018.....\$30.00
<b>Proposed:</b>	<b>2019.....\$35.00</b>
Trailer:	2018.....\$25.00
<b><u>Overnight Camp</u></b>	
Resident:	2018.....\$10.00 per night
Non Resident:	2018.....\$20.00 per night
All Chase Vehicles:	2018.....\$5.00 per night
Tent <b>and Lean-to</b> Camping:	2018.....\$20 per tent night, <b>per individual lean-to night</b>
<b><u>Seasonal Off Road Vehicle Permit (Includes camp fire permit)</u></b>	
Resident:	2018.....\$25.00
<b>Proposed:</b>	<b>2019.....\$30.00</b>
Non Resident	2018.....\$50.00
<b>Proposed:</b>	<b>2019.....\$60.00</b>
Cottage Owner	2018.....\$10.00
<b><u>Horses</u></b>	
2018	\$20.00 per horse/per ride (includes parking for truck and trailer)
<b><u>Halfway House Use (no changes proposed)</u></b>	
2018	\$100.00 day use only
2018	\$150.00 per night

## **New Business:**

### **Proposed fees for 2019** (discussion notes on from previous page)

Nina Coleman reported:

- Fees are usually reviewed every other year. Fees were reviewed a few years ago but have remained the same since 2014. Understand “almost everything” has increased since then.
- Fees have always been a ratio of 2/1 = nonresident/resident. Sandwich is considered nonresident.
- The RFID is going to cost more than originally stated because of the fees/licenses/sticker related to the RFID. However, it will be very efficient – we will know who is on the beach and when they leave. This is good for emergencies.
- CIP for Gatehouse and Access Trail needs to be funded.
- Environmental education is the mission of Sandy Neck however, there is a cost associated with this goal.
- This is the first time (in over 15 years) since the off season ORV permit fees have been raised.

### **Board Member discussion:**

- Bob Lovell feels it is not fair to charge the campers a nightly fee and not charge the day trippers a daily fee.
- Tom O’Neill did not agree and stated you cannot segment the usage of beach in order to charge fees. He cautioned about pitting ORV users against day trippers. You cannot quantitate the usage of services (i.e. police, house house, garbage removal, staff, etc.) by different users groups nor would it be beneficial. Decisions cannot be emotional but must be data driven.
- Nate King asked to table this discussion until the proper data is available from the RFID and not based purely on observation.
- Nina Coleman stressed that you need to be careful not to place more “blame” or “usage” on one user group over another. At any given time, any beach group could – and do – use these services. No group is exempt. No group is better than another and both groups take a lot of resources. Everyone needs to equally share the cost of services provided. Look at the data rationally. She also stressed the majority of the users are wonderful people and she does not want to sound negative anyway.

A **motion** was made by Nate King and seconded by Bill Monroe to support the proposed fees structure for 2019 as presented by Park Manager Nina Coleman. All members voted yes except Bob Lovell who abstained.

## **Public Comment:**

- Wendy Paquette addressed the Board again. She indicated that she did not mean to “pit day trippers against campers.” But, the campers have daily users fees and the day trippers do not.
- Rich French addressed the Board. He asked if the amount of money that the Town of Sandwich pays to the Town of Barnstable could be increased. There is a “gentlemen’s agreement” regarding the amount Sandwich pays to cover the cost of Sandwich residents using Bodfish Beach via their residential beach stickers. The amount increases slightly every year and he asked if that amount could be increased more to generate more revenue for Sandy Neck. Nina Coleman indicated that is not a Board issue but between the two Town Managers.

**Matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair:**

The Board recognized Debbie Lavoie for her years of service to the Town of Barnstable and the Sandy Neck Board. Debbie will be retiring after 23 years of service and this will be her last meeting. Nina Coleman addressed the Board and stated that Debbie has been an amazing colleague, town employee and friend to all and she will be greatly missed at the Marine and Environmental Affairs Office.

**Adjournment:**

- There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Lavoie, Secretary