

# TOWN OF BARNSTABLE

## SANDY NECK BOARD

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### Sandy Neck Board Meeting

December 14, 2020

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Sandy Neck Board was held on December 14, 2020 at 7:10 pm by remote Zoom meeting. *In accordance with the Governor's Order Prohibiting Gatherings of More Than 10 People, issued on March 15, 2020, and effective through May 18, 2020, unless further extended, the June 8, 2020 public meeting of the Sandy Neck Board shall be physically closed to the public to avoid group congregation.*

Chairman:

Thomas O'Neill

ViceChairman:

Peter Sampou

BoardMembers:

Ann Canedy  
William Carey  
William Monroe  
Hank Farnham  
Joe O'Brien

CouncilLiaison:

Gordon Starr  
Kris Clark

Barnstable PD

Liaison:

Chris Kelsey

#### Roll Call:

- Board Members remotely present: Tom O'Neill, Pete Sampou, Bill Monroe, Bill Carey, and Joe O'Brien.
- Board Members absent: Ann Canedy and Hank Farnham.
- Staff: Division Director Natural Resources, Nina Coleman and Donna Bragg, Operations Supervisor.
- Staff Member absent: None.
- Council Liaisons present: Gordon Starr.
- Public: Wendy Paquette, Diane Lomba, Paul Berger, Bob Long, Darren Wilbur, and Rich French.
- Guest Speaker: None.

#### Act on Minutes:

- On a **motion** by Bill Carey and seconded by Pete Sampou, the Sandy Neck Board voted by Roll call to approve the November 9<sup>th</sup> minutes as printed.

#### Public Comment:

- Diane Lomba addressed the Board stating she was retiring as the Sandy Neck Beach representative for the Massachusetts Beach Buggy Association, (MBBA). She introduced Bob Long the president of MBBA. Tom O'Neill and the Board thanked Diane for her years of service.
- Bob Long addressed the Board thanking Diane Lomba and her mother, Wendy Paquette. Bob announced that Paul Berger will be the Sandy Neck Beach representative in 2021 and Darren Wilbur will be the assistant representative. Discussion followed.

**Correspondence:** None.

#### Staff Report:

*Donna Bragg addressed the Board.*

- Off Road Vehicle Beach curfew is 4 pm.
- No fires allowed on beach as of November 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Sundays in December, the 7<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, Sandy Neck merchandise on sale at the garage from 9am to 2pm for holiday shopping. After that appoints to shop may be made by calling the Gatehouse.
- No turtle stranding on Sandy Neck as of yet.
- Only year round employees remain. Beach patrolled daily.
- Patron use of the park including hiking trails is up. Lots of hikers.

## **Old Business:**

- 1. Conservation and beach erosion along our coastlines.**
  - Pete Sampou addressed the Board. Due to Covid-19 he has not reached out to the Town Council regarding the issues facing Sandy Neck and will do so in 2021. Tom O'Neill stated that it was important to keep Sandy Neck in the forefront of discussions. Discussion followed.
  
- 2. Economic sustainability.**
  
- 3. Public outreach and public use & participation.**
  - Bill Monroe t addressed the Board regarding the Eagle Scout project taken on by Brennen Lowen. Project completed with 37 bird houses finished for placement at the Halfway House. Brennen Lowen has had his Eagle Scout review and has been certified as an Eagle Scout. Spring project of putting out the houses will be scheduled. More houses to be built and placed out at the Lean-To area. The scouts want to do more projects at Sandy Neck and involve Troop 52 in the upcoming projects.
  
  - Tom O'Neill addressed the Board and said he will send out a letter of gratitude to Brennen Lowen and he thanked Bill Monroe for his involvement.

## **New Business:**

- 1. Board meeting dates for 2021 presented to the Board:** Attachment.
  
- 2. Election of Board Officers for 2021:**
  - Pete Sampou nominated Tom O'Neill for position of Chairman of the Sandy Neck Board. Joe O'Brien seconded.
  - Bill Carey nominated Pete Sampou for position of Vice Chair of the Sandy Neck Board. Mill Monroe seconded.
  - Board voted on the slate of Chairman and Vice Chair. Motion carried by roll call.

**Matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair:** None.

## **Public Comment:**

- Wendy Paquette addressed the Board wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and asked that everyone stay safe.
  
- Incoming MBBA Sandy Neck representative, Paul Berger addressed the Board thanking Diane Lomba, Wendy Paquette and Bob Long for the opportunity to serve.

- Incoming MBBA Sandy Neck assistant representative Darren Wilbur addressed the Board stating he was always on the beach and ready to help in any way.

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Bragg, Secretary Pro Tem

Attachments:



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**2021**  
**Sandy Neck Board Meetings**

**January 11, 2021**      *Beach Safety Presentation*

**February 8, 2021**

**March 8, 2021**

**April 12, 2021**

**May 10, 2021**

**June 14, 2021**

**July 12, 2021**

**August 9, 2021**

**September 13, 2021**      *Discussion on Fee Increases*

**October 18, 2021**      *Discussion on Regulation*  
*Changes*      (NOTE: third Monday)

**November 8, 2021**      *Annual SNK Report*  
*Presentation*

**December 13, 2021**

*Unless otherwise noted:*

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