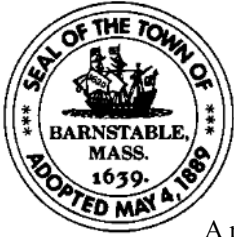


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**Sandy Neck Board Meeting**  
**July 13, 2020**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Sandy Neck Board was held on July 13, 2020 at 7:00 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

CouncilLiaison:  
Gordon Starr  
Kris Clark

**Roll Call:**

- Board Members remotely present: Tom O'Neill, Pete Sampou, Bill Monroe, and Bill Carey.
- Board Member absent: Hank Farnham and Ann Canedy.
- Staff: Division Director Natural Resources, Nina Coleman and Donna Bragg, Operations Supervisor.
- Staff Member absent: None.
- Council Liaisons present: Kris Clark.
- Public: Diane Lomba, Paul Berger and Heather Escandel.
- Guest Speaker: None.

**Act on Minutes:**

- On a **motion** by Pete Sampou and seconded by Bill Carey, the Sandy Neck Board voted by Roll call to approve the June 8, 2020 minutes as printed.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Correspondence:**

- Tom O'Neill wrote a letter to the Town Manager regarding discussion from last meeting regarding the potential closing of beaches due to misbehavior.
- Town Manager Mark Ells responding with a letter to Tom O'Neill and the Board thanking the Board for their input and stating that the closure of any beach is not something he wanted to do but would be an option for bad behavior if public safety was at risk.

**Staff Report:**

*Nina Coleman addressed the Board.*

- Gatehouse still closed to the public.
- ORV Permits can be obtained either by mail or using the drop box at Gatehouse.
- Looking into online permit sales for the ORV.
- Still continuing with the Governor's Covid-19 Guidelines. Groups no more than 10, 12' between groups. ORV vehicles, 18' apart.
- Bathhouse is open. We require masks in Bathhouse.
- Concession is open. Picnic area social distanced.
- Continuing with ORV restrictions. Camper reservation system. Campers 30' apart.

- No trailers allowed until beach opens more.
- Curfew is 9 pm.
- No campfires allowed.
- Radio Frequency Identification Device for ORV up and working.
- Enforcement on 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Not many issues. A few large groups.
- 5<sup>th</sup> of July, busy. Open .55miles. 25 Camper/Chase, 168 Daytrippers.
- Campers allowed to stay 2 nights and return to beach after 10 days off.
- Enforcement and emergency responses are way down. No revocations. No arrests. No minors in possession 1 alcohol related incident. No assaults. 5 medical emergency responses in June. None since then.
- Cape-wide there have been a lot of boating emergencies.
- Harbor master patrol on the north side of Sandy Neck for safety. Discussion followed.
- Nina Coleman addressed the Board regarding the Piping Plover update. By end of July we should have more beach. Discussion followed.
- Tom O'Neill asked Nina about the timing of fires on the beach. Nina responded that it will have to do with having more beach and the determination from health officials.
- Tom O'Neill spoke regarding fireworks.

## **Old Business:**

### **1. Conservation and beach erosion along our coastlines.** None.

### **2. Economic sustainability.**

Operations Supervisor addressed the Board:

1. New merchandise has been ordered and will be for sale soon.
2. ORV permit sales doing well.

Bill Monroe addressed the Board:

### **2. Public outreach and public use & participation.**

Bill Monroe addressed the Board:

1. Eagle Scout from Troop 54 would like to do project in August and September. Discussion followed.

**New Business:** None.

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

## **Public Comment:**

Town Council Liaison Kris Clark addressed the Board recognizing and congratulating Division Director Natural Resources, Nina Coleman for being recognized by the Barnstable Land Trust. Nina is to receive the Founders Award for conservation.

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Bragg, Secretary Pro Tem