

TOWN OF BARNSTABLE
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Sandy Neck Board Meeting
June 8, 2020

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Sandy Neck Board was held on June 8, 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, Ann Canedy, Bill Monroe, and Bill Carey.
- Board Member absent: Hank Farnham.
- Staff: Division Director Natural Resources, Nina Coleman, Donna Bragg, Operations Supervisor, and Department Director MEA, Derek Lawson.
- Staff Member absent: None.
- Council Liaisons present: Kris Clark, Gordon Starr.
- Public: Wendy Paquette, Rich French, and Patrick Paquette.
- Guest Speaker: None.

Act on Minutes:

- On a **motion** by Pete Sampou and seconded by Bill Monroe, the Sandy Neck Board voted by Roll call to approve the March 9, 2020 minutes as printed.

Public Comment: None.

Correspondence:

- Tom O'Neill received correspondence from Nate King indicating his resignation from the Sandy Neck Board.
- Joe O' Brien from recreation has been recommended to the Board by the Town Manager and should be confirmed at the next Appointment Committee meeting.

Staff Report:

Nina Coleman addressed the Board.

- Could not share the plover report, emailed each Board Member.
- Spoke about staffing during the Covid-19 crisis, hiring freeze.
- Governors guidelines regarding distancing. 6 feet per person. Groups of 10 or less. 12' between groups. ORV vehicles, 18' apart.
- Beach changes. Curfew, 9 pm, no campfires.
- Camper changes. Reservation system for overnights. 2 nights maximum. 10 days between visits. No camp fires allowed.
- 2020 Off Road Vehicle applications on website with instructions for mail-ins.
- Seasonal employment hiring process continues.
- Off Road Vehicle hours 8am to 4pm. No fires.

- Appropriate behavior must be observed by patrons towards staff.
- Anyone not in compliance will be immediately revoked and removed.
- Strict with alcohol regulations.
- Covid management of the park under state guidelines in place.
- Public Beach charging to begin June 27th.
- Bathhouse opening June 27th adhering to state guidelines.
- Snack bar to be open starting June 27th.
- Wendy Paquette addressed the Board regarding the no tolerance and the potential of shutting down the beach due to misbehavior and asked that only those who are causing the problem be removed without closing down the beach to everyone. Discussion followed.
- With the Board voting to address the Town Manager's directive on beaches, Chairman Tom O'Neill will draft a letter to the Town Manager stating the Board's position.
- Donna Bragg addressed the Board regarding the Diamondback Terrapin releases.
- Nina Coleman addressed the Board regarding the Piping Plover update. 8 Nests between access trail and Trail 2. None to the west of public beach. Looking at some type of shortening of the beach for a month or two.
- Patrick Paquette addressed the Board asking about nighttime fishing with the tides and was told that This was acceptable providing all the rules were followed.
- Tom O'Neill addressed the Board stating he would contact Town Manager, Mark Ells to invite to the next in person Board meeting.

Old Business:

- 1. Conservation and beach erosion along our coastlines.**

- 2. Economic sustainability.**

- 3. Public outreach and public use & participation.**

New Business: None.

Matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair: None.

Public Comment:

- 1.** Kris Clark addressed the Board thanking the staff at Sandy Neck for their work during this crisis.
- 2.** Rich French addressed the Board regarding the years of service of Nate King to the Board and Sandy Neck. Discussion followed.

3. Bill Monroe addressed the Board regarding tent camping and was told the sites were currently closed and opening would be reevaluated in August.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Bragg, Secretary Pro Tem