

TOWN OF BARNSTABLE

SANDY NECK BOARD

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Sandy Neck Board Meeting September 14, 2020

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Sandy Neck Board was held on September 14, 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
Joe O'Brien

CouncilLiaison:

Gordon Starr
Kris Clark

Roll Call:

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

Act on Minutes:

- Tom O'Neill addressed the Board welcoming new Board Member, Joe O'Brien.
- On a **motion** by Ann Canedy and seconded by Bill Monroe, the Sandy Neck Board voted by Roll call to approve the August 10, 2020 minutes as printed.

Public Comment: None.

Correspondence: None.

Staff Report:

Nina Coleman addressed the Board.

- Off season the Sandy Neck staff will be doing data collection and present to Board.
- Curfew remains at 9 pm.
- Gatehouse remains closed to the public but is staffed from 8 am to 9 pm.
- ORV is staffed.
- Charge continues for Public Beach through September 20th.
- ORV beach opened fully to 4.5 miles on August 26. Chart provided.
- Continues to be a low enforcement year. No alcohol related issues.

- Three medical emergencies since last Board meeting.
- Campfires re-evaluated after beach fully opened. Campfires were allowed starting Labor Day Weekend.
- Public Beach campfires were allowed on limited basis for Public Beach starting Labor Day Weekend.
- Lack of compliance during Labor Day weekend including large groups and fires left burning resulted in the revocation of campfire permits on the Public Beach.
- Council Liaison Kris Clark addressed the Board regarding the West Barnstable Fire Department. She stated that their funding comes from West Barnstable tax payers.
- Diane Lomba addressed the Board regarding the proper way to put fires out. Nina Coleman responded with instructions.
- Barnstable Police Department now has a liaison officer working with Sandy Neck Staff.
- Ann Canedy addressed the Board stating there has been a 2,000 percent increase in fireworks this season. Nina Coleman noted that fireworks on Sandy Neck have not been an issue in 2020.
- Endangered Species report. 46 Plover nests resulting in 56 fledglings. Lots of tern nests. 175 Diamondback Terrapin nests. Discussion followed.

Old Business:

1. Conservation and beach erosion along our coastlines.

- Ann Canedy sent the Board a report regarding beach erosion on the coastline. Discussion followed.
- Pete Sampou addressed the Board to bring new member Joe O'Brien up to date regarding Sandy Neck erosion as well as solutions.
- Kris Clark addressed the Board regarding a strategic planning session meeting that was held by Town Council on Capital Improvement Projects. These projects will be prioritized with regards to public health and safety. Discussion followed.

2. Economic sustainability. None.

3. Public outreach and public use & participation. Taken out of order.

- Presentation by Brennen Lowen, Eagle Scout on the birdhouse project

Sandy Neck. October 3, 2020 is set for the installation of the project.

Brennen also intends to fix step at Halfway House.
See attachment. The Board thanked Brennen for his efforts.

New Business:

- Nina Coleman addressed the Board. Nina presented the proposed fee changes for the 2021 season. The Sandy Neck management looks at fee structure every other year to determine where fees may need to be adjusted. Discussion and questions followed. See attachment.

Matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair: None.

Public Comment:

- Diane Loma addressed the Board questioning the proposed two Wheel drive camper test fee.
- Wendy Paquette addressed the Board regarding the proposed fee for wedding events.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Bragg, Secretary Pro Tem

Attachments:



Proposed FEE
2021.doc



proposal.pdf



State of the Coast 07-2020.pdf