



TOWN OF BARNSTABLE

SANDY NECK BOARD
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Sandy Neck Board Meeting December 13, 2021

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Sandy Neck Board was held on December 13, 2021 at 7:00 pm by remote Zoom meeting.

Zoom information can be found on the Sandy Neck Agenda.

Chairman:

Thomas O'Neill

ViceChairman:

Peter Sampou

BoardMembers:

Ann Canedy
William Carey
William Monroe
Joe O'Brien
Maureen Piccione

CouncilLiaison:

Gordon Starr Kris
Clark

BarnstablePD

Liaison:
Chris Kelsey

Roll Call:

Board Members remotely present by roll call: Tom O'Neill, Bill Monroe, Maureen Piccione, Pete Sampou, Ann Canedy, and Joe O'Brien.

Board Members absent: Bill Carey.

Staff: Division Director Natural Resources, Nina Coleman, and Donna Bragg, Operations Supervisor.

Staff Member absent: None.

Council Liaisons present: Kris Clark.

Barnstable Police Liaison: Chris Kelsey

Public: Patrick Bresette, Paul Berger, and Dawn Linnell

Guest Speaker: None

Act on Minutes:

On a **motion** by Bill Monroe and seconded by Ann Canedy, the Sandy Neck Board voted by Roll call to approve the November 8, 2021 minutes. Ann Canedy yes; Bill Monroe, yes; Joe O'Brien, yes; Maureen Piccione, yes; Pete Sampou, yes; Tom O'Neill, yes.

Public Comment: None.

Correspondence: Tom O'Neill addressed the Board.

Tom sent a letter to Massachusetts Beach Buggy Association, (MBBA), thanking them on behalf of the Board for their support and generous donation of the beach walkers. Entered into the minutes and attached.

Staff Report:

Nina Coleman addressed the Board.

- We are in winter hours so you have to be off the Off Road Vehicle Beach by 4pm.
- No campfires allowed.
- Gatehouse is open by appointment only, but we are still processing Off Road Vehicle Permits. Folks can sign on through the website and purchase a permit through that conduit at any time.
- We are presently in the deer hunt. The archery hunt took place over the week of Thanksgiving. Twelve participants. One deer was taken during the archery hunt. Today was the first day of the black powder primitive firearm hunt. There were three deer taken. Two does and one buck. We had around twenty-two hunters. There will be the same hunters for three days and then a new group of people numbering in the twenty's for the second three days of the hunt, ending on Saturday. Because this is a black powder firearms hunt, we did close the beach to Off Road Vehicles which were not participating in the hunt at Trail 2. Also closed at Trail 2 are fat tire bikes and horseback riding.
- There have been no turtle stranding's on Sandy Neck. Quite a few down Cape. Reminders that if you find a turtle, put it up high, cover with seaweed and let the Gatehouse know the location.
- There are Snowy Owls on Sandy Neck, mostly out at the Point. Record for sightings in one day is four. A reminder to folks looking for any wildlife, if the animal is reacting, you are too close. We recommend binoculars and stay far away.
- We have the proposed regulations and there is a public meeting at 10pm on Wednesday. The proposed regulation changes have been advertised in the Barnstable Patriot, and the information of how to get on the meeting is on our website as well as the Town Manager's website, subheading, public hearings. The meeting will be held via Zoom at 10am on Wednesday, December 15, 2021.
- Nina will be presenting Conservation Commission report via Zoom on December 14, 2021 at 3pm.
- New this year we will start our renewal applications around the 1st of the year. We are moving the permit sales to a calendar year. Ultimately we will be moving all MEA permits to the beginning of the year. We will be sending out the renewal applications around the fourth of January. The 2021 ORV permits will still expire on April 15, 2022; the 2022 permits will expire on January 15, 2023.
- Questions. Tom asked about the permit dates and if you purchase a 2022 permit in January, and your 2021 permit expires in April, is that correct? Nina said yes as this is the changeover year.
- Tom asked about the dredging dates. Dredging dates are anticipated late December. Two to four weeks dredging time. Material is going to be dewatered on a barge and then brought to New Bedford. The material will then be trucked to Sandy Neck. There will be between 3,000 and 4,000 cubic yards of sand, which will be placed in the parking lot over the winter. The sand will be placed on the front beach probably in March.
- Ann asked why the sand had to be sent to New Bedford and then trucked back to Sandy Neck. Nina said that there was no place here to dewater the sand. A discussion followed regarding the process. Sand will be dewatering on the barge. Ann asked where the sand was being dredged from. Outer harbor or inner harbor. Nina said it would be from the channel. Ann asked if the Cottage Colony was getting any of the sand. Nina said no. Tom asked if Sandy Neck was paying for this process and Nina said that the funds were coming out of the General Funds, the dredging funds that have been set aside.
- Tom asked for an update regarding the Request for Proposal, (RFP), for the study on the Capital Improvement Projects, (CIP). Nina said we have not signed yet with a company. The RFP did go out and the time has expired for companies to submit their proposals. We are hoping to have a company on board shortly. There will be a review of the existing alternative analysis. Nina will keep the Board informed.
- Kris Clark asked about the reasoning for dewatering in New Bedford. Nina said that once it is dewatered it will have to be unloaded in New Bedford. Tom said it was the only port large enough for the barge. Kris said it would be helpful for the public to see the map of the dredging footprint on the Sandy Neck website. Tom said that this is not a Sandy Neck project and it should be posted by the responsible department. Ann said that dredging projects in the past on the front page of the Town of Barnstable website. It is not a Sandy Neck project but a town project. Pete explained the dewatering process. Sandy Neck is only a repository for the sand. Nina said that Lynne Poyant is the Director of Communications and would be the person informing the public.
- Merchandise date for the public is Sunday, December 19th from 10am -2pm at Gatehouse.

Old Business: None.

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

2. Economic sustainability. None.

3. Public outreach and public use & participation. None.

New Business: None.

Matter not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair: None.

Public Comment: None.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned by roll call vote at 7:30 pm. Tom O'Neill yes; Bill Monroe, yes; Pete Sampou, yes; Maureen Piccione, yes; Joe O'Brien, yes; Ann Canedy, yes.

. Respectfully submitted,

Donna Bragg, Secretary Pro Tem
Attachments:

Letter of thanks to Massachusetts Beach Buggy Association:



SNK to MBBA letter
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