



TOWN OF BARNSTABLE

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Sandy Neck Board Meeting **April 10, 2023**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Sandy Neck Board was held on April 10, 2023 at 7:00 pm in the Selectmen's Conference Room.

Chair:

Thomas O'Neill

Vice Chair:

Peter Sampou

Board Members:

Ann Canedy
William Carey
William Monroe
Maureen Piccione

Council Liaison:

Gordon Starr
Kris Clark

Barnstable

PD Liaison:
Chris Kelsey

Roll Call:

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

Board Members absent:

Staff: Nina Coleman, Sandy Neck Park Manager.

Staff Member absent: Donna Bragg, Operations Supervisor.

Council Liaisons present: Kris Clark.

Barnstable Police Liaison: Chris Kelsey.

Public: Paul Berger, Tracy Hallett, and Rich French.

Guest Speaker:

Act on Minutes:

On a motion by Bill Carey and seconded by Bill Monroe, the Sandy Neck Board voted to approve the March 13, 2023 Board Minutes.

Public Comment: None.

Correspondence: Taken out of order. Tom O'Neill has been in touch with the recreation committee regarding filling the vacant position on the Sandy Neck Board. A person has been selected and is awaiting confirmation.

Staff Report: Nina Coleman addressed the Board. * See attached report.

- Everything is revving up for spring. Plovers are everywhere and Osprey are back.
- Gatehouse is open from 9am -3:30 pm daily.
- Off Road Vehicle, (ORV), hours are 8am-4:00pm. Campfires are not allowed at this time.
- Off Road Vehicle, (ORV), hours will change May 1st 8am-10pm, and fires will be allowed.
- Speed limit is 5 mph. Plovers are on the beach
- Massachusetts Beach Buggy Association, (MBBA), beach cleanup is April 15th from 9 am to Noon. MBBA will be helping install pallets in the Habitat Conservation Plan, (HCP), area as well as helping with fencing. Their help is much appreciated. We are encouraging everyone to come and help out.
- Plovers are here. Over nine miles of symbolic fencing has been installed on the beach.
- Tent camping is popular and is picking up and reservations are made using the link on the Sandy Neck website.
- Merchandise has been ordered. New logos and new items. Nina will bring the new items in next Board Meeting.
- Staff hiring. Almost everyone from last year is returning. Only one we are having trouble filling is the maintenance position. Highest paying seasonal job with flexible hours.
- On March 30, a Sandwich Girl Scout Troop met with Natural Resource Officer, Kelleher to learn about hiking safety and what supplies to carry in a first aid kit. They also learned about potential encounters with wildlife and what to do.
- Nina spoke to how much help Upper Cape Tech has been to Sandy Neck. They assisted in the fencing of the beach as well as raking and laying down pallets in the Habitat Conservation Plan, (HCP), area.

Old Business:

Conservation and beach erosion along our coastlines.

There was a discussion regarding the upcoming storm and tides and how it may impact Sandy Neck.

1. Economic sustainability.

- 2. Public outreach and public use & participation. Taken out of order. * See attached presentation.** Bill Monroe addressed the Board. Bill gave an overview of the previous Eagle Scout Project that had been taken on by Eagle Scout, Carter Hickey and said that Jordan Munoz would be building on the project from there. Jordan, Troop 54, addressed the Board. The project is to consist of six benches built and placed on Sandy Neck as places for patrons to relax on Sandy Neck. Jordan presented an overview of the project, outlining the three steps of the project. Step 1. Gather project materials, supplies, and gain approval. Step 2. Assemble six benches across the given project work time. Step 3. Place the benches to the designated locations across Sandy Neck. He outlined the steps needed to proceed with the project. Bill said that Hannah was the contact for Jordan's project. Bill explained the approval process, Ann asked for the other Troop members to identify themselves for the record. Jerry Hickey, Scoutmaster Troop 54 and Carter Hickey, past Sandy Neck Eagle Scout project participant. Jordan continued to lay out the process of what is needed for the project. Construction will be done in the Sandy Neck Garage. Kris Clark asked about getting funding through the community and offered to help out. Ann Canedy moved that the project be approved as presented. Tom O'Neill seconded. The motion was carried by unanimous consent. Bill Carey said that it may be good to have a plaque listing those who donated to the project.

- 3. Sandy Neck Beach Reconfiguration Project Update.** Tom O'Neill addressed the Board. The public meeting was held last week and was well attended. There was pushback on the moving the Off Road Vehicle Access Trail and new alternatives were proposed. The new proposals include leaving the Access Trail where it is at this time. Moving the parking lots to behind the fifty year erosion area as well as moving the Gatehouse to a location in a higher area along the Sandy Neck road towards the parking lots. The project voted to keep the Access Trail where it is currently located. The project team will be waiting until the public comments are in and then someone will present to the Board in May for a vote. Board members will have the presentation. Should the project be approved by the Town Manager and Town Council, the Capital Improvement Budgeting would be for fiscal year 2025. Nina said the presentation was recorded and it is on the Sandy Neck website for review. One more public meeting will be held sometime in June, date and time to be announced. Bill Carey brought up a

field trip to Sandy Neck for an onsite visit. Tom said it would require coordination with others on the project to speak to the Board members. Discussion about inviting the public. Maureen asked what the purpose would be since there was not a lot of pushback from the public. She said she didn't think it was valuable. Ann said if they went as a group it would be an open meeting violation without inviting the public in a legal fashion. Nina said that any other outreach is not funded and if someone wants to come out and ask questions of staff that would be acceptable.

4. Tom O'Neill addressed the Board regarding the agenda items. One suggestion was to eliminate the public comment in the beginning of the meeting and add "Items from the Chair." Also agreed that around the pre-scheduled meeting items during the year, the Board would like to have speakers come in and speak to the Board on various topics that pertain to things that impact Sandy Neck. Tom also asked that staff let the Board know on any ongoing research being done on Sandy Neck. Details from other beach parks regarding fee structure and how their beaches are run. Also to get Town Manager, Mark Ells in one or two times a year. Tom asked for the Board to submit ideas.
5. Pete Sampou gave an update on the Halfway House. Pete had seven students out there cleaning the floors. The stove works fantastic. The firewood has been cut to fit the stove. Bill Monroe said now that the building was clean we need to encourage more groups to go out and use the building. Tom asked if the Halfway house was advertised. Nina said it is only available to non-profit groups. Bill Carey said that Hannah was going to keep the Board informed of the continuing research going on at Sandy Neck.

New Business:

Matters not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair:

Public Comment: Rich French asked if we can put the new merchandise on the website.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Bragg, Secretary Pro Tem

Attachments:



Staff Report
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