



TOWN OF BARNSTABLE

SANDY NECK BOARD
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Sandy Neck Board Meeting July 8, 2024

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Sandy Neck Board was held on July 8, 2024, at 7:03 pm in the Selectmen's Conference Room.

Chair:

Thomas O'Neill

Vice Chair:

Peter Sampou

Board Members:

William Carey
William Monroe
Maureen Piccione
Rene King
Rich French

Council Liaison:

Gordon Starr
Kris Clark

Barnstable

PD Liaison:

Chris Kelsey

Roll Call:

Board Members present by roll call: Tom O'Neill, Bill Carey, Maureen Piccione, Rene King, and Rich French.

Board Members absent: Bill Monroe, and Pete Sampou.

Staff: Operations Supervisor, Donna Bragg.

Staff Member absent: Sandy Neck Park Manager, Nina Coleman.

Council Liaisons present:

Barnstable Police Liaison:

Public: Wendy Paquette, and Paul Berger.

Guest Speaker:

Act on Minutes:

On a motion from Bill Carey and seconded by Rich French, the Board voted on the acceptance of the June 10, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes.

Notes from the Chair: Tom O'Neill addressed the Board. The Appointments Committee is behind schedule. Tom and Maureen are up for re-appointment to the Board. Based on this information, Tom deferred the Board Elections to the September Board Meeting.

Correspondence: None.

Staff Report: Donna Bragg addressed the Board. * See attached report.

- ORV (Off-Road), Beach currently open to 1.0 miles.
- Anticipate opening a bit more of the ORV in the next week.
- Cottage Owners using Trail 1 or an escort. May be to Trail 2 in the next week.
- Daytrippers must park with their headlights facing the dunes.
- Camper spots on the front beach delineated by cones.
- Gatehouse is open 8am-9pm daily.
- ORV (Off-Road), Beach is open 8am-10pm. Campfires allowed at 7pm.
- The speed limit is 5mph on ORV(Off-Road), Beach.
- Great fourth of July. We had to close the ORV Beach at 11:30 am as it reached a safe capacity. The public parking lot reached capacity at 9:30 am and stayed that way all day. Very few incidents.
- Bill Carey asked to compare last fourth of July to this year. Donna said that at the request of the Barnstable Police Department and the West Barnstable Fire Department; we allowed double stacking instead of triple stacking of vehicles on the Off Road Beach. Very well run. We had a mile of beach open so there were about as many people as last year because we were open a half mile last year.
- We requested that all people on the Off-Road Vehicle Beach to download the My Barnstable App so they could get push notifications on beach conditions.
- Donna was asked about the air station. She explained we had portable compressors as well as the regular compressors. There is a store at the top of Sandy Neck Road called Sandy Neck Provisions, not affiliated with Sandy Neck, but they do have compressors that Sandy Neck Off-Road vehicles may use for free. Donna explained the various items that they sell.

Old Business:

- **Conservation and beach erosion along our coastlines.** None.
- **Economic sustainability.** Sandy Neck fee discussions to take place in September. Funding for the Sandy Neck Coastal Resiliency Project and fee increases will be discussed as we receive more information regarding funding.
- **Public outreach and public use & participation.** None.
- **Sandy Neck Beach Reconfiguration Project Update.** Tom addressed the Board. Not too much to report on the Coastal Resiliency Project. Everything is moving forward. Because of the timing of the funding the decision has been made that the project will not begin this fall, but in the fall of 2025.

New Business:

1. As Tom stated earlier, the election of Board Officers has been deferred until such a time as the Appointments Committee is all caught up.

Matters not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair: None.

Public Comment: None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Bragg, Secretary Pro Tem

Attachments:



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