



# TOWN OF BARNSTABLE

## SANDY NECK BOARD

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### Sandy Neck Board Meeting

August 13, 2007

Chairman:

Richards French

Vice Chairman:

William Carey

Board Members:

Barbara Bell  
Holly Heaslip  
Nate King  
George Muhlebach  
Peter Sampou

Council Liaison:

Henry Farnham

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Sandy Neck Board was held on August 13, 2007 at the Marine and Environmental Affairs Division Building at 1189 Phinney's Lane, Centerville, MA. The meeting was called to order at 7:38 pm by Chairman Rich French.

#### Roll Call:

- Board Members present: Barbara Bell, George Muhlebach, William Carey and Rich French.
- Council Liaison: Hank Farnham
- Staff: Nina Coleman, Sandy Neck Park Manager and Debbie Lavoie, Secretary Pro Tem.
- Public: Cathy Fillman, and John Brennan.

#### Act on Minutes:

- On a **motion** by Barbara Bell and seconded by George Muhlebach, the Sandy Neck Board voted unanimously to approve the July minutes as printed.

#### Correspondence:

*Rich French reported:*

*"The Go-Around Committee":*

- Via telephone: Nate King can no longer be on this committee.
- Don Fillman and Doug Moquin volunteered to help and be on this committee.
- *Barbara Bell:* This has been discussed many times. Time to put it in writing and finalize it provided it is doable. She will look for aerial photos (from years past).
- *Nina Coleman:* Turtle habitats may be an issue.
- *George Muhlebach:* Volunteered to lead the group. He will facilitate and call Nate King for his insight.

*Barnstable Dredge Update*

- Rich has contacted Bob Burgmann - has not heard anything new from DEP. Everything is in limbo.

*Nina Coleman reported:*

- All boards and committees were sent a letter from the Town Manager re: Annual Town Report for 2007. Information must be sent prior to September 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### Staff Report:

*Nina Coleman reported:*

- The beach is still closed at Trail 2 – about 2 miles. There is a large area with tern nests and plover chicks. More plover chicks between Trails 5 & 6.
- Beach has been very busy but “uneventful” which is good. The message was sent early – will not tolerate underage drinking and parties. The increased NRO patrol and added police presence helped.
- Marsh Trail repair – really wet area between Trails 4 & 5. Nina Coleman to go before ConComm to discuss moving the trail 350 ft. Request to re-route because cottage owners are going off the trail and over the grass which is not allowed. Keith Williams will take over the project when she is out on maternity leave.

## **Old Business**

### *Town Manager Letter:*

- Letter was sent to the Town Manager (per July meeting) requesting a meeting with him to discuss various issues. To date – have not heard back from him.

## **New Business:**

### *Speed Limit:*

- The consensus is 20 MPH within the park itself. Signs to be put up – more visible. Easy to see.
- Speeding on the public roadway will be addressed in their meeting with the Town Manager.

### *Lighting:*

- The electric company changing lights over the air station to point directly down.
- The other lights by the gatehouse and bathhouse buildings need to be there - and that bright - for safety reasons. Can not – will not - comprise safety.

### *Revenue enhancement discussion:*

- T-shirts are selling well. Two designs now. Need a Sandy Neck Logo. Could Holly Heaslip help with a new logo? Suggested ask the High School for ideas. Needs to be “professional”. Should or could they be sold through the website?
- Ideas were suggested for money generating incentives (such as Christmas ornaments, walks, youth programs) but at this time – they may not generate enough money to offset the time and work to pull it off. Plus currently there is not enough room for any more retail. These are things that will come into play when discussing the Coastal Interpretive Center. That is way off – just brainstorming for now. Fundraising ideas will be needed later.
- Again – need a “Friends of Sandy Neck” group.

### *Master Plan discussion:*

- *Rich French:* Need a plan in place so when emergencies come up – like the Winders Cottage – there will be a plan of action. If property is taken, need to have the money there, too.
- *Bill Carey:* Need to have a focus. Where is this going? He would support this with limitations.
- *Rich French:* We need to set up some guidelines. Such as first right of refusal for property.
- *Nina Coleman:* Yes, the Town has first right of refusal – but where do we go with this.
- *Rich French:* What would be needed to rent out property that the town owns on Sandy Neck? What should we do with property? Those types of issues need to be explored.
- *Barbara Bell:* The costs are sometimes prohibitive.
- *Nina Coleman:* The National Seashore has done extensive work on this subject.
- *Barbara Bell:* We have asked the Town before for guidelines.
- *Rich French:* We need to set up some guidelines of our own. All kinds of issues need to be explored. Need long- term planning. There is a void now as to what can and can not be done. He will start writing up some draft suggestions for a master plan. Members can add to it. Is there a need for an RFP for structures on Sandy Neck if and when they become available?

## **Public Comment**

*Cathy Fillman:* Asked about air station. [Note: Three are up and running.] Please continue to let her know about beach openings and closings as she puts information on the MBBA website.

*John Brennan:* Suggested a logo contest. Also asked about dune tours. Nina Coleman is against them because (1) there is an access issue (2) the tides (3) turtles habitats (4) areas that allow for essential vehicles only. This is only something that could be done off season.

## **Adjournment**

- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Lavoie, Secretary Pro Tem