



# TOWN OF BARNSTABLE

## SANDY NECK BOARD

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### Sandy Neck Board Meeting

**March 12, 2007**

Chairman:

Richards French

Vice Chairman:

William Carey

Board Members:

Barbara Bell  
Holly Heaslip  
Nate King  
Peter Sampou

Council Liaison:

Henry Farnham

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Sandy Neck Board was held on March 12, 2007 at the Marine and Environmental Affairs Division Building at 1189 Phinney's Lane, Centerville, MA. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by Chairman Rich French.

***Roll Call:***

- *Board Members present:* Rich French, Barbara Bell, Holly Heaslip, Nate King, Peter Sampou, and William Carey.
- *Council Liaison:* Hank Farnham.
- *Staff:* Nina Coleman, Sandy Neck Park Manager and Debbie Lavoie, Secretary Pro Tem.
- *Public:* Police Chief Mac Donald, Deputy Chief Craig Tamash, Patrolman Mark Delaney, Jeff Antoine, Doug Moquin, and Wendy Bowles.

***Act on Minutes:***

- On a **motion** by Barbara Bell and seconded by Holly Heaslip, the Sandy Neck Board voted unanimously to approve the February minutes as presented.

***Other Business – Guest:***

At this time, the Chairman introduced Paul Mac Donald, Chief of the Barnstable Police Department.

*Chief Mac Donald:* The police want to work together Nina Coleman and her staff at Sandy Neck to set the tone early that problems will not be tolerated. Start early as a preventative, proactive measure and set the tone rather than wait for problems and this way the word will get out and hopefully the rest of the summer will run smoothly.

*Nina Coleman:* Met with the PD. The problems include drinking/drugs and fights. Mostly during the weekends. She put in a Service Priority Package (SPP) for money to pay for a police detail to help with these (and other) issues. Both nights and day patrols [by police] will be helpful.

*Chief MacDonald:* The police will help with training of the summer staff. The police will drive in their own vehicles and can team up with a seasonal and/or full time Natural Resource Officers as they know the environmental regulations. He has a meeting with the Sandwich Police Chief and will go over the issues/concerns since many of the problems also involve Sandwich teenagers.

*Rich French:* The tone of Sandy Neck has always been family oriented and unruly behavior and actions by young adults will not be tolerated.

*Chief MacDonald:* The police will be out there to "show the colors" and can make the arrests.

*Nina Coleman:* Jet skis have also been a problem.

*Chief MacDonald:* He is planning on sending the 21 foot Nauset [boat] to Barnstable Harbor a few days a week to help on the water side of Sandy Neck.

*Pete Sampou:* Thanked the Police for efforts. Their willingness to work together and pair up with an NRO is a good idea.

*Chief MacDonald:* If they start off the season strong and send a message that the police will be out there it should work towards a good summer. He will also (on different occasions) have a cruiser for the parking lot.

*Patrolman Delaney:* Underage drinking is a big problem and needs to be addressed as it flows off the beach and onto the public roadways and is extremely dangerous to all.

*Holly Heaslip:* Jet skis were a problem last summer in and around the cottage colony along with speeding [by boaters]. Last summer three moored boats were hit by speeding boaters. It is very dangerous for swimmers.

*Nate King:* During the past few summers, there has been a problem with people coming at night, dropping anchor at the sand bar, and then drinking and partying. This is not just a weekend problem.

*Chief MacDonald:* We will try to have the patrol boat go at different times and on different days and be more proactive.

*Nina Coleman:* According to the regulations, the permit holder can lose their beach rights and access. The responsibility falls back on the permit holder and at times she has revoked the parent's sticker even though they were not present or even aware of what happened.

*Rich French:* Thanked the Police for coming and for their continued support.

### **Correspondence:**

- Rich French submitted an email from Frank Schlegel re: cottage colony numbering system. There are still some (minor) problems with the numbering system and he is working on these. He hopes to have the mapping finishing in the very near future.

### **Staff Report:**

*Nina Coleman reported:*

- The 2007 Sandy Neck sticker renewal applications have gone out in the mail.
- The gatehouse will be open for two days on March 19th and 20<sup>th</sup>. It will open in April.
- The fencing will go up Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. AmeriCorp will be helping.
- The new 2007 Sandy Neck Rules and Regulations are currently being reviewed by the Town's Legal Department. The "fines" may need Town Council review/approval. Since the regulations will not be ready in time, the 2007 sticker holders will be notified of the new regulations [previously approved by the Board] by letter to be included with the mailing of their 2007 stickers.

### **Old Business:**

*Nickerson Cottage*

- The CPC funding request will be heard by Town Council on March 15<sup>th</sup>.

*The Halfway House*

- A [donated] new stove was delivered to the cottage last week. A new chimney will be installed and when the roof is repaired [at a later date] the old chimney will be taken down.
- All work should be completed by May 2007.
- Rich French displayed the new decking material for the walkway. It is made by Procell.
- The walkway and retaining wall were already approved by Conservation.

### **New Business:**

*The Winder Cottage*

- The Town owns this cottage located on Blue's Point. It was previously owned by Elise M. Otis. The Town took the building in 1972 for back taxes. This cottage is in disrepair and Rich French questioned if it was salvageable. Pictures of the remains of the cottage were passed around.
- The Sandy Neck Board had a discussion regarding this property. Concerns include:
  - Should there be an RFP (Request for Proposal)?
  - What would Old Kings Highway (OKH) allow?
  - Would someone want to put their own money into this project knowing that they would not own it and eventually it would go back to the town as they would only be leasing the land for a period of time?
  - Can rent be charged? How much? Could this end up being a money making venture?
  - Is it feasible and would the Town allow a new cottage to be built on this footprint?
  - Who would be responsible for the maintenance of the building?
  - Is this a project the Board and/or Staff want to undertake?
  - This must be very well advertised throughout the entire town.
  - Can the Board get some feedback from OKH to see which direction they should be going before too much time is vested into this project?
- At this time, it was decided that the Board would look for feedback from the Town Manager before they go any further in their discussion. They will also ask for help from the Town Attorney regarding the legality of this undertaking.

***Other Business:***

- Jim Kittredge resigned late last year and the Board asked about the progress of his replacement. It has been before the Appointments Committee but Rich French did not have any more information. He will call Don Grissom.
- Rich French again asked the Board to think of “fund raising ideas” like the t-shirts and hats they sell. Holly Heaslip will look into creating a possible logo for Sandy Neck to be used next year.

***Public Comment:***

- Jeffrey Antoine addressed the Board. He said he was very interested in their discussion of the Winder Cottage. It is something that he and/or his brother may be interested in looking at further down the line.
- Wendy Bowes addressed the Board. She reminded everyone of the MBBA beach clean-up on Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. Be there between 9 – 9:30 AM.

***Adjournment:***

- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Lavoie, Secretary Pro Tem