



TOWN OF BARNSTABLE SANDY NECK BOARD

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Sandy Neck Board Meeting June 11, 2012

Chairman:
Richards French

Vice Chairman:
William Carey

Board Members:
Barbara Bell
Lynn Heslinga
Nate King
George Muhlebach
Peter Sampou

Council Liaisons:
June Daley

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Sandy Neck Board was held on June 11, 2012 at the Selectmen's Conference Room, 367 Main Street, Hyannis, MA. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Chairman Rich French.

Roll Call:

- Board Members present: Barbara Bell, Lynn Heslinga, George Muhlebach, Bill Carey, Nate King, and Rich French.
- Staff: Nina Coleman, Sandy Neck Park Manager; and Debbie Lavoie, Secretary Pro Tem.
- Council Liaison: June Daley.
- Public: Chris Greim, Paul Stringer, Dessie Stringer, Wendy Paquette, and Diane Lomba.

Act on Minutes:

May 14, 2012 Minutes:

- On a motion by Barbara Bell and seconded by Bill Carey, the Sandy Neck Board voted to approve the May minutes as printed. Nate King abstained as he was not present at that meeting.

Executive Session Minutes February 14, 2011 and Executive Session Minutes April 9, 2012

Rich French read the following:

- *If the Board is amenable to delegating to the me, as Chair, the task of reviewing and approving executive session minutes, then I will independently do so and report back to the Board in open session when I have determined that the minutes can be released because the reason for the Executive Session no longer exists.* On a motion by Nate King and seconded by Barbara Bell, the Sandy Neck Board voted to delegate Rich French this task. Note: George Muhlebach was not present at the February 14, 2011 Executive Session and Lynn Heslinga was not present at either Executive Session.

Correspondence:

- none

Staff Report:

Nina Coleman addressed the Board:

- Gatehouse is open seven days a week from 8 am to 9 pm.
- There was a nor'easter storm last weekend that affected the beach. The tides were over 12 feet high and there were heavy winds and swells off shore. We lost most of the dune fencing, a portable toilet, many signs, some of the beach itself and every single plover nest (except one) and lost all the tern nests. The beach had to be closed down (for 3 days) because per the Orders of Conditions there must be fencing up for the plovers. Staff, outside helpers and MBBA helped and by Friday the beach was open to trail 6. Still work left to do but was able to open beach over the weekend.
- There is a lot of beach open and we are "over extended". The other beaches are closed and need to make sure we can accommodate all the people. The new parking plan will have to be initiated. This will help with the organization of the parking on the beach.
- Safety is always paramount. Alcohol enforcements will be "ramped up". More police details. Speeding will not be tolerated. And if needed – limiting the number of vehicles. Over Fourth of July weekend(s) the entire beach will be 5 MPH. Staff will tell you where to park and if it is inconvenient – do not go.
- Nina Coleman is meeting with the Police Chief and the Fire Chief regarding the issues at Sandy Neck and safety concerns.

Old Business:

Update on the Town of Sandwich Fees

Rich French has received an email from Town Manager Tom Lynch and he is going to discuss the Town of Sandwich Fee with Sandwich Town Manager Bud Dunham after the Barnstable budget. He is waiting for after July 1, 2012.

New Business:

Issues with dogs on the ORV Beach

Nina Coleman explained that dogs are not allowed on the public Bodfish Beach but they are allowed on the ORV Beach. They are supposed to be on a leash (maximum 15 feet) unless they are swimming. However, every year there are more and more dogs. Irresponsible dog owners are the issue. Over Memorial Day Weekend there were two dogs bite incidents. One of the incidents was a staff member being bit.

Paul Stringer addressed the Board. He met many times with Nina Coleman and would like to encourage better stewardship by dog owners. They need to take better responsibility of their dogs. Over July 4th weekend he (and some other volunteers) would like to hand out this flyer at the gatehouse and near the air compressor and they will also hand out 3 or 4 "poop bags". Fecal matter should not be buried in the sand. Mr. Stringer stated he will also pay for these signs. It is a simple idea – "bag it don't bury it." He does not want it to escalate to the point of having dogs completely excluded from the beach. Having your dogs on the beach is a privilege and please report any offenses to the gatehouse.



New Business:

Bodfish Rededication Ceremony

An invitation was extended to everyone to the rededication of the marker that identifies the public beach as the "Benjamin Bodfish Memorial Park." The ceremony will be held on Sunday, July 22, 2012 at 10 am. The Bodfish family will be in attendance at this ceremony. A reminder will be sent to the Board and Nina Coleman will send a formal invitation to the Town Officials and Town Councilors.

Chairman Rich French left and Vice Chairman Bill Carey ran the remainder meeting.

Nina Coleman again reviewed the parking plan which will start this weekend. It is unusual to have this much beach available.

Public Comment:

- *Diane Lomba*, MBBA, addressed the Board. She likes this idea of how to control the dogs. She has seen abuse by dog owners. It was a pleasure to come down (with MBBA) to help with the fencing during this last storm. She asked again about the parking plan. Will chase vehicles will still be allowed with their campers? [YES].
- *Chris Greim* asked for a "turn around spots" for the campers along the ORV corridor. [YES]
- *Paul Stringer* asked if the plan would be the different for the weekdays and the weekends. *Nina Coleman* stated once the plan is in effect it will remain weekdays and weekends until it is lifted completely.

Adjournment:

- There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Lavoie, Secretary Pro Tem