



# TOWN OF BARNSTABLE

## SANDY NECK BOARD

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### Sandy Neck Board Meeting September 10, 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 September 10, 2012 at the Selectmen's Conference Room, 367 Main Street, Hyannis, MA. The meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm by Chairman Richards French.

#### Roll Call:

- Board Members present: Barbara Bell, Lynn Heslinga, Nate King, Pete Sampou, and Rich French. Bill Carey arrived late.
- Staff: Nina Coleman, Sandy Neck Park Manager; and Debbie Lavoie, Secretary Pro Tem.
- Council Liaison: June Daley.
- Public: Wendy Paquette, Diane Lomba, and Scott Garlington.

#### Act on Minutes:

Under the direction of Vice Chairman Bill Carey

- On a **motion** by Nate King and seconded by Barbara Bell, the Sandy Neck Board voted to approve the August minutes as printed. Rich French abstained as he was not at that meeting.

#### Correspondence:

- Letter from Town Attorney Ruth Weil regarding Open Meeting Law Training. [Letter attached at end]

#### Staff Report:

##### *Nina Coleman addressed the Board:*

- Gatehouse hours are reduced to 9 am to 5 pm daily except on Friday and Saturday when the gatehouse is open until 9 pm. Staff is on duty more hours than that but not limited to gatehouse duties.
- Summer curfew hours until October 15<sup>th</sup>. No vehicles may enter the beach between 9:00 pm and 8 am and vehicles must exit prior to 11 pm
- Speed limit is now 15 mph.
- Plovers: only three chicks fledged this year mostly because of storm wash over in June.
- Terns: poor fledging mostly because of fox and coyote predation.
- Diamondback Terrapin Turtles: over 109 nests - which is good. We will be placing the hatchlings in schools again this winter.
- Labor Day weekend was good with the entire beach open.
- The parking plan will be discussed at the October meeting. Pros and Cons and further recommendations for next year and any possible regulation changes.

#### Old Business:

##### *Executive Session Minutes from February 14, 2011 & April 09, 2012*

At the June Sandy Neck Meeting, Rich French was delegated the task of reviewing and approving executive session minutes. He has done that and would like them opened and released to the public. These minutes were distributed to the Board Members for their review.

- On a **motion** by Nate King and seconded by Pete Sampou, the Sandy Neck Board voted to approve both the February 14, 2011 Executive Session Minutes and the April 9, 2012 Executive Session Minutes as printed. Lynne Heslinga abstained as she was not at either meeting.

**Old Business cont'd:**

*Air Station area discussion*

- This is a continuation from the July and August meetings.
- At the July meeting, Rich French asked Amy Hallett if she could talk to some of the beach users and report back to Nina Coleman any ideas and suggestions regarding the air station (an issue she brought up during public comment).
- Ms. Hallett has not returned to any meeting nor sent in any comments, so Rich French would like to continue this discussion again to the October 15<sup>th</sup> meeting and see if she and/or anyone else want to comment.
- Nina Coleman believes this is an off-season discussion that should be addressed before next season.

**New Business:**

*Marsh Trail Repairs (winter project)*

Nina Coleman reported that the Marsh Tail Repair permit is still in place. She would like to continue to work on the grade in the low areas between Trail 4 and Trail 5 in the area where they left off last year. Good feedback for Trail 5 repair work done last year.

**Public Comment:**

- Scott Garlington commented that Nina and her staff did a great job this past summer.

**Adjournment:**

- There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Lavoie, Secretary Pro Tem

Correspondence from Attorney Ruth Weil

**OML Training**

Please join staff from the Attorney General's Office's Division of Open Government at an Educational Forum in your region. Attorney General Martha Coakley invites you to attend one of four regional workshops on the Open Meeting Law. These workshops will provide an update on and guidance about compliance with the Open Meeting Law. The educational forums will be conducted by attorneys and staff from the Division of Open Government and will be a terrific opportunity for municipal officials, members of local public bodies, and members of the public to understand this important law. The forums are open to the public and offered free of charge.

Who should attend?

Members of public bodies; municipal officials; and members of the public are all encouraged to attend.

Registration:

Please register in advance by emailing [OMLTraining@state.ma.us](mailto:OMLTraining@state.ma.us); or calling 617-963-2925 with:

- 1) Your first and last names;
- 2) Your town of residence;
- 3) The public body/organization you represent, if appropriate; and
- 4) Indicate the location of the educational forum you will attend.

When and Where: 2012 Open Meeting Law Regional Trainings

**October 17, 2012 – 6:00PM-8:00PM**

**Place: [Barnstable High School](#), Address: 744 West Main Street, Hyannis, MA**