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**Sandy Neck Board Meeting**  
**March 12, 2018**

Chairman:

Richards French

Vice Chairman:

Thomas O'Neill

Board Members:

William Carey  
Nate King  
William Monroe  
Wendy Paquette  
Peter Sampou

Council Liaison:

Phil Wallace  
John Flores

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Sandy Neck Board was held on March 12, 2018 in the Selectmen's Conference Room, 367 Main Street, Hyannis, MA. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Chairman Richard French.

**Roll Call:**

- Board Members present: Tom O'Neill, Bill Monroe, Wendy Paquette Bill Carey, Pete Sampou, and Rich French.
- Board Member absent: Nate King.
- Staff: Nina Coleman, Sandy Neck Park Manager and Debbie Lavoie.
- Council Liaisons present: John Flores and Phil Wallace.
- Council Liaisons absent: none
- Public: Diane Lomba, Kylie Palomba, Tracey Hallett, and Jeff Spillane (Cape Cod Times).

**Act on Minutes:**

- On a **motion** by Bill Monroe and seconded by Wendy Paquette, the Sandy Neck Board unanimously voted to approve the February 12, 2018 minutes as printed.

**Correspondence:**

- Chairman French reminded everyone about the MBBA beach clean-up to be held on April 21, 2018.
- Also, he passed out this request from Town Council President Steinhilber.
- Please respond directly to Rich French and he will include information receive with his response to the Town Council.

Dear Committee Chairs,

The Council is beginning a review of our committee structures and would appreciate your input. Please take a moment to respond to the following and reply back by March 20th. Please keep the responses succinct as possible.

- 1) What is working well with your committee?
- 2) Is your committee viable? What challenges does your committee face?
- 3) What could improve your committee?

Thank you for your input and attention to this request.

All the best,

Eric

**Eric R. Steinhilber President Town Councilor-Precinct 2**

**Staff Report:**

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

- Renewal applications for the 2018 are not being mailed out this year. This is a major savings. The application is be available on line at <http://www.townofbarnstable.us/sandyneckpark/>. Print out the application and mail in with the required information with a SASE and the ORV sticker will be mailed back.
- In March, we will start fencing (as required in the Orders of Conditions by April 1<sup>st</sup>).
- Hoping to have the Gatehouse open on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Staff is on but Gatehouse not open to public yet.

## Storm Report:

- This storm = greater amount of water but less flood damage to Gatehouse.
- Grayson (last storm) had 18 inches of water in Gatehouse. Riley (this storm) = 9 inches.
- Electric = no issue this time
- Blown-in insulation and drywall ok
- Floor, subfloor and trim had to be ripped up.



- Three or four tides came in during this storm.
- This is the dune in front of the parking lot.
- Lost about 75% of that dune.



- East side of the parking lot is “red zone”.
- Natural line and fill have shifted.
- West side of the parking lot is steep and narrow



- This shows the far eastern corner. It was hit the worst as far as amount of material lost.
- Now only ~25% remains.

- Fixed points along the edge of the dunes are marked before and after each event. There are linear measurements help determine how much sand was lost [and gained] during these weather events.
- About 11,000 cubic yards of sand was there in 2016. There have been four sand replacements. Total cost was \$309,000 to date. That was the highest amount of sand ever. [Correction: It was stated that Nemo Storm was in 2012. It was in 2013.] Money is budgeted for sand. The edge of the parking lot to the drop off is about 25-30 feet.
- There are dredging projects in the Town but not all material is compatible and everything needs State approval.



- This is drone picture taken by Barnstable Police Dept.
- This is the access trail. This water is both ground water and flood water so natural habitat should be fine.



- This is the parking lots.
- There is \$40,000 in this year's current budget to(re)place sand.

- There is already a request in place to ask for additional money for sand replacement.
- There is also talk about raising the Gatehouse.
- There is danger to the septic system if more sand is taken away [from storms].
- Everything needs Town Manager approval. Money amounts needed are not finalized yet.
- The edge and the lower parking lot are marked off with caution tape – public should not go there. The only access is over the handicapped ramp area.
- Nina Coleman will provide “pre-storm” and “post storm” information regarding the coastline and sand loss.
- Elevation of the beach is very low. The dunes had major erosion. The trails are impassable at this time.
- The Halfway House is OK at this time.

## **Old Business:**

### ***Update - Long-term Coastal Resiliency Alternatives Report***

- Discussed later in the evening. See New Business.

### ***Winders Lean-to Project***

- A commitment was made to complete the project this spring.
- When the weather is more conducive – Bill Monroe said that he will ask the people that helped before if they would continue with the project.
- Need to make sure all materials are available. Not a lot is left to finish the project.

## **New Business:**

### **New Sandy Neck APP**

- continued to next month

### **Plans to seek money to implement Long-term Coastal Resiliency Alternative Study**

*There was a lengthy discussion regarding this study. The CLE Engineering presentation is available at:*

<http://townofbarnstable.us/TownHall/Public-Presentation-Resiliency-Alternatives.pdf>

*The entire meeting is available on line at*

<http://streaming85.townofbarnstable.us/CablecastPublicSite/show/7588?channel=1>

### ***These are the highlights of that discussion:***

- A draft letter was written and read [tonight] by Pete Sampou and reviewed by the Board. Minor changes will be made to the letter and Rich French will deliver it to the Town Council President.
- The Board is seeking permitting for Conceptual Alternative 5D. The estimated cost of this alternative is \$2.5 million with the estimated cost of \$4.5 million in maintenance over 50 years making a total of \$6.5 million over 50 years.
- There should still be grant money available. Initially, when this started, Nina Coleman had reached out to different sources for money (such as CZM). In addition to outside sources, money would come out of the enterprise account.
- Outside funding cannot be sought until the Town Manager and Town Council approves of the project.
- The Board wants the opportunity to go before the entire Town Council and make a presentation regarding the findings of this Alternative Study.
- Can Finance Director Mark Milne be available that night to answer any questions?
- Is putting sand out year after year, worth the money? It would cost more than what the Board is supporting.
- Educating the Town Council and the public is still needed.
- Should we hire a grant writer?
- This project is over 50 years – not just now – look to the future.
- Both Councilor Wallace and Councilor Flores will send a note to the Town Council President in support of the Board coming in front of the Council.

After the discussion, a **motion** was made by Bill Carey and seconded by Tom O'Neill to send the corrected and finished letter to Town Council President Eric Steinhilber. All voted yes.

Thank you to Kevin Connolly, Barnstable Police Department, for the drone photos that were shown tonight.

*At this time, Board Member Bill Monroe left the meeting; however, there was still a quorum.*

**Matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair:**

- None

**Public Comment:**

- None

**Adjournment:**

- There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Lavoie, Secretary