



# TOWN OF BARNSTABLE

**SANDY NECK BOARD**  
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## **Sandy Neck Board Meeting November 14, 2022**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Sandy Neck Board was held on November 14, 2022 at 7:00 pm in the Selectmens Conference Room.

Chair:

Thomas O'Neill

Vice Chair:

Peter Sampou

Board Members:

Ann Canedy  
William Carey  
William Monroe  
Joe O'Brien  
Maureen Piccione

Council Liaison:

Gordon Starr  
Kris Clark

Barnstable PD

Liaison:  
Chris Kelsey

### **Roll Call:**

Board Members present by roll call: Pete Sampou, Maureen Piccione, Bill Monroe, and Bill Carey.

Board Members absent: Joe O'Brien, Tom O'Neill, Ann Canedy, and Joe O'Brien.

Staff: Nina Coleman, Sandy Neck Park Manager, Manager and Donna Bragg, Operations Supervisor.

Staff Member absent: None.

Council Liaisons present: Kris Clark.

Barnstable Police Liaison: Chris Kelsey.

Public: Paul Berger, Wendy Paquette, Tracy Hallett, and Rich French.

Guest Speaker:

### **Act on Minutes:**

On a motion by Bill Carey and seconded by Pete Sampou, the Sandy Neck Board voted by unanimous consent to approve the October 17, 2022 Board Minutes with the correction that Bill Monroe was absent at the October 17, 2022 Board meeting.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Staff Report:** Nina Coleman addressed the Board.

- We are in our winter hours. Off Road Vehicle Beach, (ORV), is open 8 am – 4pm. No campfires allowed.
- Gatehouse is open by appointment only.
- Still have merchandise at the Gatehouse for sale you can call the Gatehouse for an appointment.
- There is hunting going on at Sandy Neck. Primary season is pheasant that runs through the Saturday after Thanksgiving, November 26, 2022.
- Off Road Vehicle Permits, (ORV), will be expiring the 15<sup>th</sup> of January, 2023. We will be sending out emails in December so patrons can check all their information to make sure it is correct. We will then send out invoices in January, via email, for the upcoming 2023 season.
- Reminder that dogs must be on leash at all times unless they are hunting dogs.
- Fee hearing is November 15, 2022 at 11 am via zoom. Chair Tom O’Neill will be able to attend the remote hearing. For the link, go to Town of Barnstable website and go to the calendar. The Town Manager will be conducting the hearing and the public will be able to respond at that time.
- Bill Carey asked if the pheasant stocking was a cost to Sandy Neck. Nina responded that the pheasant program was funded by the pheasant stamps that hunters purchase and that the cost to staffing was minimal.

## **Old Business:**

- 1. Conservation and beach erosion along our coastlines.**
- 2. Economic sustainability.** None.
- 3. Public outreach and public use & participation. Taken out of order.** Bill Monroe addressed the Board. There is one Eagle Scout Project in the developing stages. The scout from Troop 54 and his parents met a couple of weeks ago with Assistant Park Manager, Hannah Lawrence. Hannah took them out on the Great Marsh Trail to look at potential areas where more benches can be placed for birders and hikers. The scout will be putting together a plan and present it to the Board. Looking at some time this upcoming spring for this project to begin. There was a discussion regarding repairs and upgrades to the Halfway House with Pete and Rich French explaining their plans for a new wood stove and other upgrades. Bill Monroe said that the leadership from Troop 54 remains committed to helping with the Halfway House. Pete said he would keep Bill in the loop.
- 4. Sandy Neck Beach Reconfiguration Project Update. Taken out of order.** Nina Coleman addressed the Board. The last time the Board met, Nina announced that the town had received a grant and also the working group had selected three alternatives to present. The next step was supposed to be public outreach. Upper Management decided that the next step should be to bring the information before Town Council. The two scheduled public meetings have been postponed until that happens. Once there is a date certain then it will be placed be on the agenda for Town Council, then the dates for the public outreach can be selected. Two public meetings are envisioned, one virtual and one in person including a 3D rendering of the project. A discussion followed. Kris Clark stated that she doesn’t receive a copy of the upcoming agenda for Town Council until the public does.

## **New Business:**

- 1. Annual Sandy Neck Report Presentation.** Nina Coleman addressed the Board. Kris Clark asked if she could make an announcement. There is to be a public information meeting regarding the Scudder Ramp, on November 16<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm in the Harborview Conference room in Barnstable Village. The purpose of the meeting is to allow stakeholders and the public to view and comment on the Scudder Lane Ramp Project. The project is regarding renovations of the Scudder Lane ramp.

Nina presented the Board with the Annual Sandy Neck Report Presentation. \* See attached.

It was a wonderful year for Sandy Neck. The plovers and turtles did well and we did not turn away anyone for the Off Road Vehicle Beach. Nina reported on the plovers of which there were 50 pairs with 97 chicks fledged. Diamondback Terrapins, 389 nests. There were potentially 320 nests hatched. Terns continue to do poorly. Sea turtles from 2021; 3 loggerheads. Salt Marsh and fresh water wetland restoration was done.

Nina showed the number for enforcement at Sandy Neck which are contained in the attached report. Financials for Sandy Neck are contained in the attached report. There was some discussion regarding revenue and the breakdown. The report contains information about the Off Road Vehicle Beach Permit sales.

The last part of the report deals with the numbers of Property Owner Escorts, daily permits, special permits, walks and talks and programs held on Sandy Neck.

**Matters not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair:** None.

**Public Comment:** None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Bragg, Secretary Pro Tem

Attachments:



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