



# TOWN OF BARNSTABLE

**SANDY NECK BOARD**  
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## **Sandy Neck Board Meeting March 13, 2023**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Sandy Neck Board was held on March 13, 2023 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  
Maureen Piccione

Council Liaison:

Gordon Starr  
Kris Clark

Barnstable

PD Liaison:  
Chris Kelsey

### **Roll Call:**

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

Board Members absent: Ann Canedy

Staff: Hannah Lawrence, Assistant Sandy Neck Park Manager, and Donna Bragg, Operations Supervisor.

Staff Member absent: Nina Coleman, Park Manager.

Council Liaisons present:

Barnstable Police Liaison:

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

Guest Speaker:

### **Act on Minutes:**

On a motion by Pete Sampou and seconded by Bill Monroe, the Sandy Neck Board voted to approve the February 13, 2023 Board Minutes.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Staff Report:** Hannah Lawrence addressed the Board. \* See attached report.

- Gatehouse is open from 9am -3:30 pm daily.
- Off Road Vehicle, (ORV), hours are 8am-4:00pm. Campfires are not allowed at this time.
- Off Road Vehicle, (ORV), Permits are not in at this time, but we are anticipating them soon.
- Seasonal interviewing and hiring is underway.
- New merchandise has been ordered.
- The Department of Public Works, (DPW), has started repairs on the Great Marsh Trail. Cottage Owners, guests, and hikers should be aware of large trucks on front beach and Marsh Trail.
- Upcoming we have the spring beach cleanup with Massachusetts Beach Buggy Association, (MBBA), on April 15, 2023 from 9am-Noon. Encouraging everyone to come out and help!

**Old Business:** Tom O'Neill addressed the Board regarding the vacancy on the Board. He contacted the Recreation Department, the Town Manager and the Town Council, and was informed that the vacancy for The Recreation Department has been filled. He anticipates a member from Recreation to be appointed to the Sandy Neck Board Soon.

Tom also spoke about looking through the Sandy Neck Board paperwork. In 2003 the Board was changed to an Advisory Board. He indicated that the three issues we have on the meeting Agendas follows closely to the intended mission of the Sandy Neck Board.

**Conservation and beach erosion along our coastlines.**

There was a discussion regarding the upcoming storm and tides and how it may impact Sandy Neck.

**1. Economic sustainability.**

**2. Public outreach and public use & participation.** Bill Monroe addressed the Board. Bill wants to get with Pete and Rich French regarding what needs to be done at the Halfway House as the scouts are interested in helping with projects at the Halfway House as well as service projects. Pete said that cleaning is a real need in helping at the Halfway House. Pete indicated that he intends to go out with a group of students the first or second weekend in April to get the Halfway House in shape for the upcoming season. Donna asked if they would email dates as we have a pretty full slate of folks using the Halfway House this year. A discussion regarding keeping mice out of the building. Maureen and Tom gave some good ideas of how to keep them out. Once the building is cleaned Bill said we need to keep up with the cleaning and use of the building.

**3. Sandy Neck Beach Reconfiguration Project Update.** Tom addressed the Board. There was a Zoom meeting with the working group for the purpose of discussing two new options. The ideas that came out of the working group meeting were based on input from the town and the public comments regarding the project. Neither option impacts the parking lots being moved. Comments were positive on the need to move the parking lots. The next public meeting is slated for early April and Hannah said they were trying to get the Harborview meeting room again. The plan is to be an in-person meeting with a recording or Zoom for those who are unable to attend in person. Tom said the meeting was tentatively scheduled for April 5<sup>th</sup>. Bill Carey spoke about cost savings with the proposed changes. Pete asked if these changes were a new proposal. Tom said that they were not, but proposed changes to the two viable options. Further discussion regarding permitting. Tom said we are only at thirty percent into the project. Once permitting is done it would be sixty percent into the project. The change concerning where the Gatehouse may be placed as an option was discussed.

## **New Business:**

Tom O'Neill addressed the Board regarding Board effectiveness and potential Agenda changes. Tom wanted to take a moment to speak about the Agenda and meeting structure. Also perhaps inviting relevant speakers to join the Board to speak to pertinent issues that may be on the Agenda for that meeting. Tom indicated that Donna had suggested a designated Agenda item be inserted for the Chair of the Board to speak to items that may be of interest to the Board. Many suggestions were made regarding speakers the Board would like to have covering certain topics pertaining to Sandy Neck. Some suggestions included invasive species management and mosquito control management. Tom asked when the Board should include these potential speakers in the meetings. Bill Monroe said that we have certain months each year that have been structured already with permanent Agenda items and we could work around those months. The discussion continued and Tom said he would summarize the ideas important to the Board. Hannah spoke to the research groups that were coming out to Sandy Neck to do various researches being conducted. Hannah said she would get list together and keep the Board apprised. Maureen said there is a lot of rich information regarding Sandy Neck Beach Park and was wondering about outreach. There was a discussion regarding educational opportunities. The Board wants more sharing from the staff regarding programs. **\*Tom to provide summary to the Board of proposed changes.**

Bill Carey brought up profit/loss statement for Sandy Neck. Tom suggested bringing the person in charge of finance for the town to speak to the Board.

## **Matters not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair:**

**Public Comment:** Rich French addressed the Board. Rich suggested thinking outside the box and perhaps hold a Board meeting at Sandy Neck.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Bragg, Secretary Pro Tem

Attachments:



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