

## QUISSETT HARBOR PRESERVATION TRUST HOLDS 2011 ANNUAL MEETING

Falmouth, July 2011—The Quissett Harbor Preservation Trust (QHPT) held its annual meeting on July 1, 2011, in Willett Hall at the Quissett Harbor House. QHPT is a not-for-profit environmental organization created to preserve, maintain, protect and enhance the natural environment and related ecosystems of the Quissett Harbor area. Approximately 120 people, members of QHPT, attended the combination social gathering/business meeting.

“The annual meeting is an opportunity for our members to celebrate what all of us together have accomplished over the past year,” said Weatherly Dorris, president of QHPT. “It was a beautiful evening, a great kick-off of the summer season.”

Dorris opened the meeting then introduced Paul Hogan, treasurer, who gave the financial report. Hogan told the gathering that the organization is on a strong financial footing having continued its strategy of low-risk, liquid investments designed to both protect members’ contributions and provide a reserve fund.



QHPT Board Chair Chip Morse and his wife, Susan Morse.

Following the financial review, board members gave reports on a variety of topics. Kate Davis and David Barry spoke about QHPT’s educational programs; Dana Rodin highlighted the preservation projects of the past year, and Dick DeWolfe reviewed organizational structure.

Highlights of QHPT’s 2010–2011 fiscal year include:

- Clean-up of Quissett Harbor and Beaches—Forty people, representing three generations and seven states, gathered on Saturday, June 25, to pick up 500 pounds of debris on the Knob and inner harbor. As the clean-up is part of QHPT’s educational mission, the group documented what had washed ashore or been left in the parking area. Items included beverage containers, lobster-pot lines

(dangerous to sea life as well as a hazard to boat propellers), cigarettes and Styrofoam from coolers.



Volunteers gather for clean-up of Quissett Harbor and Beaches

- Conservation Activities—The group continued its efforts to protect the Knob, including trail maintenance, seasonal trimming and replanting to prevent erosion. Work was completed on the 129-year old, 400-foot retaining wall that runs along the edge of Quissett Harbor. Additionally, catch basins were installed to filter out some material that runs down the road. The project was funded by Quissett Harbor House Land Trust, the Quissett Association, and QHPT.
- Completion of the kiosk at the trailhead to the Cornelia Carey Sanctuary on the Knob—The kiosk provides a trail map as well as information, which will be updated seasonally, on wildlife, flora, protected areas of beach grass and the history of the harbor. C.H. Newton Builders donated the materials and labor to build the kiosk, which is a collaborative effort among QHPT, Quissett Harbor House Land Trust, Salt Pond Area Bird Sanctuaries, and C.H. Newton.
- Introduction of PayPal—This newly established program allows donors to contribute electronically.

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