

## Message from Paul and Dick

Dear Friends,

As winters go here on the Cape, this has certainly been a long and stormy one. However, spring is here, and we hope you are looking forward, as we are, to enjoying everything Quissett Harbor and its environs have to offer.

For our first newsletter of 2014, we are taking a look at the repairs necessitated by winter storms. While the winter was a difficult one, the damage was not as extensive as it might have been. We attribute this to the work we do every year to maintain the Knob. It is this ongoing maintenance that keeps the Knob in good condition, allowing it to withstand nature's variables more effectively. This year's work provides a great example of your dues in action. As you know, it is the income from the annual dues that funds QHPT's operational budget. Your support is at the heart of our efforts.

You also can participate in protecting the Knob and Quissett Harbor by taking part in the annual Harbor and Beach Clean-up. You will find details later in this newsletter.

We hope you will put our Annual Meeting of Members on your calendar. As you will read in this newsletter, we are changing the format this year to facilitate a two-way conversation between the members and the Board. We encourage you to attend and make your opinions known.

You'll also want to save the date for this year's Wheeler Lecture, which will focus on restoring Falmouth's impaired estuaries.

Finally, we want to inform you that Chip Morse has announced he is stepping down from the QHPT Board of Directors. Chip has played a leadership role for 14 years, seven as Chairman, in the development of QHPT. We are deeply grateful for the commitment and energy he has brought to the mission of preserving, maintaining, protecting and enhancing Quissett Harbor. Thank you, Chip for all you have given us.

Our thanks as well to all of you, our members, for supporting the work of QHPT, and we look forward to seeing you this season.

Sincerely,

Paul Hogan, President

Dick DeWolfe, Chairman

## SAVE THE DATE

As you plan your calendar for the summer, please be sure to remember these important dates:

### Harbor and Beach Clean-up:

Saturday, June 21, 9:00–11:00 a.m. Meet at the Harbor House.

### Annual Meeting of Members:

Saturday, June 28, 5:00 p.m.–7:30 p.m., in Willett Hall at the Quissett

Harbor House. All members are encouraged to attend the business meeting as we will be providing important information and looking for feedback.

**Wheeler Lecture:** Thursday, July 17, 6:00 p.m., at the National Academy of Sciences Jonsson Center in the Carriage House.

## ANNUAL MEETING WILL HAVE NEW FORMAT JUNE 28, 5:00–7:30 P.M.

We are changing the format of our Annual Meeting to provide an opportunity for an exchange of ideas. Preceding the cocktail party will be a formal business meeting, which will last about an hour. The Board will present updates on QHPT issues and encourage the general membership to express opinions. "The Annual Meeting is an opportunity to facilitate a two-way conversation," said Paul Hogan, President of QHPT. "We want to provide members the opportunity to learn more about the projects and issues the Trust is working on, and we want to hear members' opinions on those topics."

The Annual Meeting will take place Saturday, June 28. The business meeting will begin at 5:00 p.m., and the cocktail hour will follow at 6:15 p.m. Once again, the entertainment portion of the event is being funded through the generosity of an anonymous donor.

## DUES REMINDERS COMING SOON

Each spring we send friendly reminders to our members for their annual dues. "The income from dues funds our annual operating costs," said Weatherly Dorris, Treasurer. "From Knob maintenance and scheduled projects, to lectures and member outreach, the work of the Quissett Harbor Preservation Trust depends on the generosity of its membership." Please look for your reminder in the mail this May.

# QUISSETT HARBOR PRESERVATION TRUST

## UPDATE ON HABITAT CONSERVATION & MANAGEMENT

Late winter is always a busy time for repairs. And this year was no exception. The following are highlights of recently completed projects:

**Refilled**—The stairs that lead to the beach on the Buzzards Bay side needed particular attention. “We had a December snow and wind storm that took out a lot of the fill material,” said Dana Rodin. “But, because we have been making the stairs more storm resistant over the past few years, the damage was less extensive than it might have been.”



**Maintained**—Additional Repairs were also needed at Eldred Landing, where a dead apple tree had to be removed, and at the Middle Parking Lot, where some dead trees were cleared.

**Rehinked, Cleared and Replaced**—We continued the maintenance work we undertake regularly with Salt Pond Areas Bird Sanctuaries. That included rethinking stones on the causeway, clearing the Knob path of dead branches, and

replacing a rusted panel of the wire fencing that protects the coastal dune on the Buzzards Bay side.

Looking ahead, we are considering a number of projects:

**Reinforcing**—Teaming up with the Quissett Harbor House Land Trust, we will be reinforcing the bank below the entrance path to the Knob trails. The section between the two kiosks on the edge of Harborside Beach requires backfilling. We’ve researched the use of coir logs, which are made from coconut matting. The plan is to anchor the logs to the bank, backfill and plant. This project is similar to the Eldred Landing project.

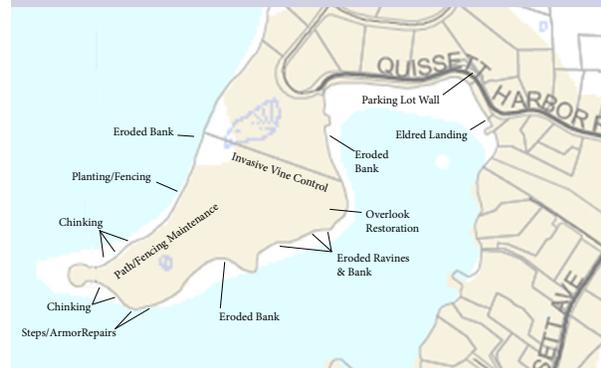
**Reducing**—We are in discussions with the Town of Falmouth regarding the installation of catch basins on Quissett Harbor Road. The feasibility of the project is being studied. The basins would reduce the flow of debris into the Harbor.

**Controlling**—Every year we replant to help control erosion. That is planned for the spring. We will also undertake invasive vine control.

## JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL HARBOR AND BEACH CLEAN-UP

The Annual Harbor and Beach Clean-up may seem like a simple housekeeping task, but it is really so much more. With a mix of all ages participating, parents and grandparents are able to take the opportunity to talk to children about the importance of keeping our beautiful natural resource clean.

Join us **Saturday, June 21**, 9:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m. Meet at the Harbor House. As we did last year, we will be cleaning the area along the wall on Quissett Harbor Road, the Knob path, Sandy Beach and Crescent Beach. If you have any questions, contact Kate at [cape.kmd@gmail.com](mailto:cape.kmd@gmail.com) or 508-274-3524.



Project Locations

## Don't Miss the 2014 Wheeler Lecture *Restoring Falmouth's Impaired Estuaries*

Since its inception in 2007 in memory of one of QHPT's founders, Henry Wheeler, the Wheeler Lecture Series has become an increasingly important part of our educational program. Through the presentation of current topics, we have informed our membership and guests of the various ecosystems and what is being done to maintain them.

This year's lecture will take place on **Thursday, July 17**, at the National Academy of Sciences Jonsson Center in the Carriage House. The topic will be “Restoring Falmouth's Impaired Estuaries” presented by Eric Turkington, Chairman of the town's Water Quality Management Committee.

