

Message from Paul and Dick

Dear Members:

Best wishes to you all as we prepare for the coming summer and look forward to our "Season Opener," the QHPT Annual Meeting.

In this newsletter, we would first like to circle back to our meetings of last year. As you know, we presented an Updated Management Plan for the Knob with a list of priority projects to accomplish over the next three-to-five years. The plan is needed to prevent wear and tear on the Knob from becoming unmanageable.

Our consultant's planning-cost estimate for the near-term priorities totaled \$230,000, which would be shared by Salt Pond Areas Bird Sanctuaries (SPABS) and QHPT. As mentioned in our fall newsletter, our joint proposal for a Coastal Zone Management Grant of \$80,000 did not win approval. Consequently, we will need to finance all of these projects internally.

At the Wheeler Lecture, we discussed the long-term needs of the Knob, including, at some point, major repairs to or even replacement of the stone revetment. We presented a financial goal to increase QHPT financial reserves to \$1 million. This amount is by no means adequate to cover all future needs, but it will better position future boards to make the necessary expenditures to maintain the Knob. So far we have focused on engineering studies necessary to the permitting and detailed project planning, and, thus, the big expenditures are still

ahead. Current financial reserves are \$700,000, leaving us with the challenge of raising \$350,000 for project spending and additions to reserves. Dick suggested a few ways to approach this (listed in this newsletter under *Ways You Can Help Meet Our Goals*), and we will continue our discussion this summer.

Working with SPABS and QHPT, Woods Hole Group submitted our application to the Conservation Commission in April for a Comprehensive Permit. We hope to have the permit in hand by early summer. The permit will cover the categories of: trail maintenance, erosion control, vegetation management and access maintenance, and it will make our planning and contracting for these activities much more efficient.

We are also working with a number of experts, including Woods Hole Group, to develop specific options to repair the stone revetment. This study will result in more detailed and up-to-date-cost estimates for the needed work.

We thank you again for your concern, commitment and generosity, which have made our work possible and upon which we will need to continue to rely in the future.

We look forward to seeing you at the annual meeting on June 30 as we officially begin our summer in Quissett. Sincerely,

Paul Hogan, President
Dick DeWolfe, Chairman

CHIEF SCIENCE ADVISER TO PRESIDENT OBAMA TO SPEAK AT WHEELER LECTURE

This year's Wheeler Lecture presenter will be **Dr. John P. Holdren**, who served for two terms as Science Adviser to President Obama and as the longest serving Director of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) since the creation of that office post WWII.

His topic will be *Climate Change and Cape Cod: What Do We Know? What Can We Do?*

Before joining the Obama Administration in 2009, Holdren was President and Director of Woods Hole Research Center. He has rejoined the Research Center as Senior Adviser and is also Professor of Environmental Science and Policy at the Harvard Kennedy School and Harvard's Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences.

Please plan to join us at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 23, for the lecture and reception at the National Academy. Last year we had a record number of 78 people join us, and we expect to exceed that number this year.

Crescent Beach.



The Knob and the Harbor Entrance.



DON'T MISS OUR ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS: JUNE 30, 2017

Our Annual Meeting of Members will take place on **Friday, June 30, 2017**, at the Harbor House from 5:00-7:30 p.m. We will continue the format of holding a business meeting followed by a reception. Agenda items include the Knob, fundraising and board updates. We also will be presenting a drone video about the Knob, which focuses on the areas of concern listed in our Updated Management Plan. The video was produced by Brian Switzer Video. The Annual Meeting is a great way to stay informed and connect with your fellow QHPT members.

For more information, contact Sarah Meigs at smeigs@gmail.com.

QUISSETT HARBOR PRESERVATION TRUST

UPDATE ON HABITAT CONSERVATION & MANAGEMENT

Comprehensive Permitting

As you know, most of what we do on the Knob requires permitting. Obtaining a permit for each task is cumbersome and expensive. To streamline the process, we have applied to the Conservation Commission of the Town of Falmouth for a Comprehensive Permit. The permit will cover the routine, ongoing work that needs to be done. Special projects will still require separate permitting. The application has been submitted, and it takes a couple of months to get through the process. In the fall, with the Comprehensive Permit in hand, we plan to:

- Maintain vegetation along existing paths and remove invasive species;
- Flush cut trees hanging from the face/top of the coastal banks;
- Install trail signs/maps and/or trail blazes;
- Install fencing to prohibit access (to sensitive areas or restoration areas);
- Remove brush/debris from site, especially from the coastal banks;
- Maintain the existing fiber-roll array with sand cover;
- Close severely eroded paths on the coastal banks;
- Install erosion-control blankets and

re-vegetate select areas of the coastal banks;

- Install and maintain water bars to control surface-water runoff;
- Establish access routes for staging and construction for the harbor-side work.



Stone Revetment Repair

We are in the process of evaluating what needs to be done to repair the stone revetment and to control erosion by the stairs near the entrance to the Outer Harbor. We have conducted an aerial survey (via drone) of the revetment, and we are looking at repair options and cost estimates. This preliminary work will enable us to begin more detailed planning, engineering and permitting.

We have contracted with several companies and individuals to help us through this project: Woods Hole Group, DH Martin, Bill Armstrong and sea-wall contractor Dale Briggs.

Join Us for the Beach Cleanup— June 24, 9:00–11:00 a.m.

It's spring, and that means it's time to start thinking about cleaning up the inevitable debris with which winter (with a little help from humans) litters our beautiful shoreline. Our 7th Annual Harbor and Beach Cleanup will take place June 24. We will meet at the Quissett Yacht Club Sailing Class Deck at 9:00. We usually finish by about 11:00.

The cleanup is a multi-generational event with kids, parents and grandparents all pitching in. We'll provide everything you'll need, including trash bags and gloves, and there will be a light breakfast, coffee and lemonade.

Board Member John Sigel is chairing the event this year with support from Administrative Consultant Nancy McDonald. Please join us. *For more information, contact Nancy at info@qhpt.org.*

Our thanks to Cavossa Disposal for donating the dumpster once again.

Save the Dates!

- **Saturday, June 24:** Beach Cleanup 9:00–11:00 a.m.
- **Friday, June 30, 2017:** Annual Meeting of Members 5:00–7:30 p.m.
- **Sunday, July 23, 2017:** *Wheeler Lecture, Climate Change and Cape Cod: What Do We Know? What Can We Do?*

FINANCES 2016 (JANUARY 1–DECEMBER 31, 2016)

While our total assets were up by \$33,681 last year, that was the result of investment income. We saw a \$2,429 drop in contributions, while our expenses increased by \$10,000. The increase in expenses was primarily a result of the Knob project. Our administrative and website expenses have decreased. Contributions to date for 2017 are on par with last year.

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| Assets as of January 1, 2016: | \$661,556 |
| Contributions: | \$33,805 |
| Investment Returns: | \$12,690 |
| Expenses: | |
| • Program Expense (includes Knob consulting): | \$13,213 |
| • Communications: | \$5,748 |
| • Meetings/Wheeler/Annual | \$4,187 |
| <i>(Note \$1,800 for Annual Meeting catering was funded by a generous director.)</i> | |
| • Administration: | \$4,178 |
| • Accounting/Filing fee: | \$5,595 |
| Net Income: | \$13,574 |
| Unrealized Gain/(Loss) on Investments: | \$20,107 |
| Change in Net Assets | \$33,681 |
| Assets as of December 31, 2016: | \$695,237 |

Ways You Can Help Meet Our Goals

- Become a Lifetime Member. With \$5,000 in cumulative contributions you will be a member of QHPT for life;
- Make a Memorial Gift;
- Provide a Matching Gift;
- Double your normal annual contribution for three years.

Remember, It's Time To Update Your Membership for 2017!

It's easy. Just use the enclosed envelope, or go to our website, qhpt.org. If you are not a member, we hope you will consider joining. It's a great way to participate in the preservation of Quissett Harbor.

