

## MESSAGE FROM RANDY

Dear Members:

It has been a particularly great season for Quissett Harbor Preservation Trust. We are delighted to announce that our capital campaign has raised \$500,000 in pledges! Details are to the right, but I want to offer my personal thanks to our membership for making the campaign such a success.

I would also like to express my appreciation to all who have contributed this year through membership renewals or with the investment of time. You are helping to further our goals of preserving, maintaining, protecting and enhancing Quissett Harbor. In this newsletter, you will see stories about the Beach Cleanup, the Wheeler Lecture and Cruise for the Knob. Thank you to all who participated.

Thank you to David Barry, a three-term Board member who has completed his service. As Chair of the Wheeler Lecture and a member of the Investment Committee, David has contributed significantly to our mission. He and his wife, Nancy Barry, continue to be committed to Quissett Harbor.

Finally, a few words of gratitude to our retiring Board Chairman, Dick DeWolfe. Dick has been a great Chairman, a reassuring presence as we have continued to build the Trust in both membership and financial stability, strengthen partnerships with our neighbors and work to fulfill our mission. A leader with tremendous vision, he had the drive to start a capital campaign that has been successful beyond expectations. He brought great vitality and an openness to new ideas to his tenure and has left us well positioned to face the future. Thank you, Dick.

Fall is a beautiful time of year to experience Quissett Harbor. Please enjoy the fruits of your labors. You continue to make our community a joy to live in. Sincerely,

Randy Evans, President

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN RAISES \$500,000! THANK YOU!

### Annual Meeting Reveals Silent-Phase Results

#### Still a Need and Time to Give

We are delighted to announce that to date the *2018 Capital Campaign, Preserving Our Shared Community*, has raised \$500,000! At the 2018 Annual Meeting of Members, we announced the silent-phase results of \$400,000 in pledges, which significantly exceeded the original \$300,000 goal. Since then, pledges have reached a total of \$500,000! A big thank you to everyone who has made this possible.

Foth/CLE Engineering Group, who are advising us on emergency Knob repair, have detailed the immediate needs, which may require the full \$500,000. We do want to increase funds available for future needs. Consequently, we are keeping the campaign open. If you haven't given yet, please visit [www.qhpt.org/knob-capital-campaign.htm](http://www.qhpt.org/knob-capital-campaign.htm), where you may either make a donation online or print a pledge card.

## THANK YOU, DICK DEWOLFE!

Having dedicated 18 years to the Quissett Harbor Preservation Trust, our Chairman, Dick DeWolfe, retired from the Board this year. Dick had been part of the Board since the Trust was founded in 2000. "Hank Wheeler called a meeting to talk about his serious concerns of maintaining the integrity of the Knob and Quissett Harbor," Dick said. "There were just six or seven of us sitting on a porch at the head of the Harbor discussing Hank's proposal to create an environmental trust."

Through the years, Dick has contributed significantly to the development of the Trust. Just a few highlights of his tenure include:

- Defining the Trust's mandate of protecting, not only the Knob, but also the Harbor and land around it;
- Enhancing its governance, including establishing Board term limits and a secession process;
- Serving as chair of the membership and fundraising committees;
- Working with Paul Hogan to create the Management Plan Update for the Knob;
- Driving the *2018 Capital Campaign, Preserving Our Shared Community*.

Dick has been particularly passionate about protecting the Trust's financial position. He spent 35 years growing The DeWolfe Companies, New England's largest real-estate organization, which spanned five states. Later, he served for 16 years on the board of Manulife/John Hancock, the last five as Chairman. As such, he knows the importance of building confidence with contributors on the management of their investment. "I was very focused on one of the principle missions, which is maintaining the endowment," Dick said. "That requires keeping in touch with donors to make sure they know their money is protected and being used wisely."

Dick worked closely with all the Board Presidents and expressed his appreciation for their dedication and talent, from the energy of Chip Morse, to the commitment of time by Craig Gibson, from Weatherly Dorris' ability to provide leadership continuity while growing the Trust, to Paul Hogan's unique understanding of engineering so critical to planning the work that needed to be undertaken and now Randy Evans' continuation of the important work of guiding the Management Plan.

Dick expressed sincere appreciation for his fellow Board members and their many contributions of time, talent and treasure.

As for his message to the membership, Dick encouraged them to be diligent in protecting the area. "The Harbor is changing. Storms are more frequent. It can be tiresome expending the time and money, but protecting our environment is critical," he said. "In the coming years we will need to continue to rely on their membership, participation and generosity."

Thank you, Dick.



At the Annual Meeting of Members in July, Chairman Dick DeWolfe was presented with a flag embroidered with the QHPT logo. We also gave away 50 smaller versions of the flag to campaign donors who pledged \$1,000 or more.

## UPDATE ON HABITAT CONSERVATION & MANAGEMENT

### Maintenance of Paths and Beaches

Crawford Land Management (CLM), hired jointly with Salt Pond Areas Bird Sanctuaries, continues to work on the eight maintenance and erosion-control projects identified as part of our Management Plan. A video describing the eight sites and their issues is on our website: [www.qhpt.org/index.htm](http://www.qhpt.org/index.htm). The Harbor side erosion control and path maintenance have now been completed for areas presently at risk.



Outer Harbor eroded bank just past Sailing Class Beach

### Emergency Knob Repair

With the success of our capital campaign, we can now give the go-ahead to Foth/CLE Engineering to begin the emergency Knob repair. They will start with the areas of greatest concern:

- The northwest portion of the outer Knob revetment;
- The northern midpoint of the Knob revetment, where the causeway meets the rise to the Knob;
- The exposed coastal bank on the Harbor side just east of the end of the Knob revetment.

Survey and design work has begun for these areas.

### Plantings

At its September Meeting, the Board of Directors reviewed CLN's preliminary study of invasive plants on the Knob. Keeping the species under control is critical to allowing native plants and superior habitat to flourish. This study is the first step in developing a land-management, invasive-control-and-restoration planting plan for further review, permitting, phased funding and implementation.

### CRUISE FOR THE KNOB

We had a great time in June on the Cruise for the Knob as 150 people traveled aboard the Queen Island Ferry from Falmouth Harbor, through Woods Hole Passage to the Knob. In addition to enjoying delicious hors d'oeuvres and wonderful company, we increased our education about the Knob and why caring for it is so important. Barrie Murray, President of Salt Pond Areas Bird Sanctuaries, and Kate Davis, a member of the QHTP Board of Directors, led the event. Thanks to all who participated.

### WHEELER LECTURE WARNS OF PLASTICS POLLUTION

Our 2018 Wheeler Lecture took place in July. Presenter Kara Lavender Law, Ph.D., from the Sea Education Association, gave a presentation on "Ocean Plastics Pollution from Quissett Harbor to the 'Garbage Patches': Sources, Impacts and Solutions." Teens from our community also spoke about the student-led "Skip-the-Straw" campaign.

Dr. Lavender, a physical oceanographer, studies the distribution, behavior and fate of plastic debris in the oceans across the world and in our own Buzzards Bay. Her presentation highlighted the work to both prevent and clean up garbage patches, places where trash accumulates in the ocean. The debris includes

everything from cigarette butts to cups and straws to larger items, like the fighting chair from a fishing boat our volunteers picked up during our own beach cleanup. Dr. Law's presentation was a great complement to our cleanup and the efforts of our teens who started the local Skip-the-Straw Campaign. "While our Harbor seems pristine, and we are working to preserve it, Dr. Law's lecture illuminated the global risk of micro particles circulating through the circulating currents of the ocean," said Laura Morse, Chair of the 2018 Wheeler Lecture. "We all need to understand, and act to address, this downside of polymer proliferation across the world." Dr. Law's presentation slides may be viewed at [www.qhpt.org/pdf/2018-Wheeler-Lecture-Law.pdf](http://www.qhpt.org/pdf/2018-Wheeler-Lecture-Law.pdf).

## BEACH CLEANUP IS NO DAY-AT-THE-BEACH!

Some years the Annual Harbor and Beach Cleanup is a chance to enjoy the sunshine. This was not one of those years. For our eighth cleanup in June, our volunteers faced a cool day with wind and driving rain. But folks showed up to collect straws, bottle caps, fishing line and many small unidentifiable plastic pieces. "The big finds of the day were a fighting chair from a fishing vessel and a large drone!" said Danie Kinkade, who chaired the event.

Our Falmouth Skip-the-Straw crew was on hand. Founded by five middle-school girls, this is a local campaign aligned with many nation-wide efforts to reduce plastics in our environment. The team is devoted to educating the public about the impact of single-use plastics. Additionally, the cleanup provided real-life examples to all of us of the issues raised by Dr. Kara Lavender Law, our 2018 Wheeler Lecturer.

"Many thanks to the stalwart bunch who braved the weather conditions to help keep our Harbor clean and safe!" Danie said.

*Our thanks to Cavossa Disposal for discounting the dumpster.*



Members of the Skip-the-Straw Campaign



Volunteers at the Cleanup



Volunteers Randy Evans (l.) and Bob Bennett dispose of a fighting chair from a fishing boat during the Beach Cleanup.