

MESSAGE FROM RANDY

Dear Members:

Welcome to spring! I hope you are looking forward to enjoying the Harbor and the Knob at its most beautiful.

We continue to move forward in our work to repair the Knob. However, we have encountered a delay. State and federal regulators have imposed additional layers of permitting, which has affected our timing and hiring of contractors. Fortunately, we've had a relatively mild winter, limiting any erosion or other damage, so we don't expect the delay to hamper the ultimate results. We hope to resume work in the fall when the height of the season has passed.

With the focus on the Knob project, we are setting aside for the moment work on controlling invasive species. We are, however, continuing to study the issue to determine the best strategy. Also, we are pleased to note that the Quissett Harbor House Land Trust, of which our own Board member Dana Rodin is president, has cleared a lot to the north of Quam Quissett Beach Club of invasive plants. This will prove to be a valuable pilot project that can inform our own future actions.

Take a look at the **Update on Habitat Conservation & Management** section of this newsletter for more detail.

On behalf of the Board, let me express how grateful we are for the tremendous response to our Capital Campaign, **Preserving Our Shared Community**. Thank you to all our members. To date pledges have exceeded \$500,000. This shows the tremendous commitment to the stewardship of our Harbor on behalf of our community. Contributions continue to come in to the campaign, all of which will be needed as we move forward with our work to repair the Knob.

Finally, I want to Thank Weatherly Dorris and John Sigel, who are stepping down from the Board this year. You'll find a detailed thank you in this newsletter, but I want to emphasize how valuable their contributions have been. Their involvement is foundational, and their stewardship of Quissett Harbor a tremendous gift. Thank you.

Please take a look at the rest of this newsletter to get updated on what's going on with QHPT.

Sincerely,

Randy Evans, President

UPDATE ON HABITAT CONSERVATION & MANAGEMENT

Emergency Knob Repair

Working with Foth/CLE Engineering, we obtained our basic permitting from the Falmouth Conservation Commission for the Knob rock-armour repairs at the end of February 2019. However, other state and federal regulators have imposed additional permitting requirements that will delay the work until fall 2019. In any event, work cannot, of course, go forward during the summer season due to heavy visitation. When all the permitting is obtained, after bidding and contractor selections have been made, the work will be undertaken.

Maintenance of Paths and Beaches

Regular maintenance and necessary replanting continues on the eight maintenance and erosion-control projects identified as part of our Management Plan. This work is being done by Crawford Land Management (CLM), hired jointly with Salt Pond Areas Bird Sanctuaries. A video describing the eight sites and their issues is on our website: qhpt.org/index.htm. Scroll to the bottom of the page. Maintenance and replanting also continues related to Harbor side erosion control and paths.

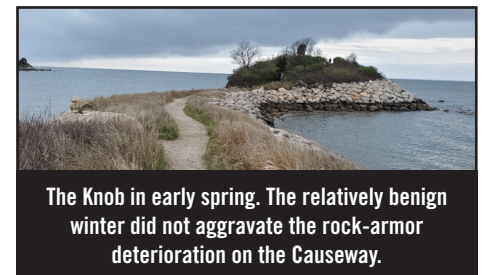
Invasive Control and Revegetation

Keeping invasive species under control is critical to allowing native plants and superior habitat to flourish. We are continuing to study potential solutions for the areas of the greatest concern. This is the first step in developing a land-management, invasive-control-and-restoration-planting plan. Additionally, the Quissett Harbor House Land Trust has recently cleared a lot to the north of Quam Quissett Beach Club of invasive plants, and we hope to learn from this action what might be useful in other areas.



Tips for Enjoying the Water Responsibly

Our friends at Buzzards Bay Coalition have a handy, five-point reminder about how to be responsible on the water. As you get ready to enjoy the Harbor this summer, take a look at their article *On the Water* at savebuzzardsbay.org/take-action/what-you-can-do/on-the-water/.



Remember, It's Time to Renew Your Dues!

Have you remembered to renew your dues for 2019? Go to our website, qhpt.org. You may pay online through PayPal or a credit card.

DON'T MISS OUR ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS SATURDAY, JUNE 29, 2019

Our Annual Meeting of Members will take place on Saturday, June 29, 2019, at the Harbor House from 5:00–7:30 p.m. The Annual Meeting is a chance, not only to be updated on the business of the Trust, but also to get to know your fellow QHPT members better. Think how great it is to connect with people who care as much about protecting the Harbor and the Knob as you do. For more information, contact Nancy McDonald at nancymcd1@gmail.com.

**JOIN US FOR THE BEACH CLEANUP
SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 9:00–11:00 A.M.
QUISSETT YACHT CLUB
SAILING-CLASS DECK**

Our Ninth Annual Harbor and Beach Cleanup will take place Saturday, June 22, and we need all the help we can get! “We’re hoping for good weather and a good crowd,” said Danie Kinkade, who is chairing the event for the second year. “All ages are welcome, and if it’s sunny (let’s hope), don’t forget the sunscreen.”

Please join us. We’ll provide everything you’ll need, including trash bags and gloves, and there will be a light breakfast, coffee and lemonade. For more information, contact Danie at dkinkade@whoi.edu.

SAVE THE DATES!

- Saturday, June 22:
Beach Cleanup 9:00–11:00 a.m.
- Saturday, June 29:
Annual Meeting of Members 5:00–7:30 p.m.
- Sunday, July 21:
Wheeler Lecture 5:00 p.m.

**WHEELER LECTURE FOCUSES ON
MARINE ROBOTICS
Sunday, July 21, 5:00 p.m.**

Save the date for the 2019 Wheeler Lecture, Sunday, July 21, at 5:00 p.m., at the Carriage House of the National Academy. We are excited to welcome Dr. James Bellingham, Director of the Center for Marine Robotics at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. Dr. Bellingham will speak about the center’s work.

Please join us for the lecture and the reception that follows.

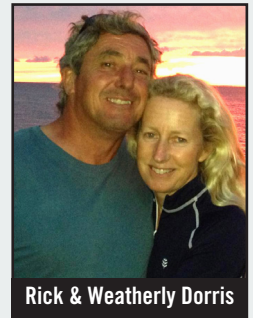
Thank you, Weatherly Dorris and John Sigel!

Two long-time members of our Board are stepping down this year as they reach the mandated service limit. Weatherly Dorris and John Sigel have been important contributors to the work of protecting the Harbor and the Knob. We are sorry to see them leave but are truly grateful for the role they have played in the success of the Trust.

Weatherly has been a member of the Board since the Trust’s founding in 2001. She was our first Secretary, was elected President in 2010 and served as Treasurer after that.

Just a few of the projects undertaken during her tenure include the Oil Spill Response Strategy; the Investment Strategy; restoration of the embankment adjacent to Eldred Landing; restoration of the Middle Parking Lot; and the creation of the Kiosk, which educates thousands of visitors every summer.

Having grown up in Falmouth and, along with her husband, Rick, raised her two children here, Weatherly knows how important preservation is. The late Chip Morse, Founder and former Chairman of the Trust, once said, “She comes up with great ideas, particularly in the area of looking for ways to educate people on the value of this resource.”



Rick & Weatherly Dorris



John Sigel

John joined QHPT in 2008 and has been Secretary since 2011. His commitment to maintaining continuity of records has created the accurate institutional history so important to an organization such as ours. He has also led the Beach Cleanup and hosted Board meetings in his home. Former Chairman Dick DeWolfe described John as, “ever present, a very thoughtful Board member and a critical piece of keeping the Trust running.”

John and his wife, Sally, own a summer house here and look forward to visits from their grown children and grandchildren.

“Both Weatherly and John have devoted many years of effort to the Trust and to this community,” said President Randy Evans. “Because of their love of and commitment to the Harbor, we know they will continue to be a part of its preservation.”

**FINANCES 2018
(JANUARY 1–DECEMBER 31, 2018)**

Contributions, including dues and cash received through our Capital Campaign, totaled \$295,337. Our total Change in Net Assets was up by \$204,264 in 2018. Our expenses increased by \$22,157 over last year due to Erosion Control and payments to our consulting engineers for preliminary design and permitting with Falmouth Conservation Committee for the rock-armor repair.

The Trust’s assets include \$100,000 at Rockland Trust, with the balance invested with Fidelity. They are invested in compliance with the QHPT Investment Policy. Roughly \$500,000 is in cash, with \$400,000 of this balance generated through sales of the Trust’s stock and fixed-income holdings in October/November of 2018 to provide funds for Armor repair on the Knob. The remainder of the Trust’s assets are invested roughly 50/50 in fixed income and equity mutual funds/ETFs in accordance with the Investment Policy. While our investments did show a unrealized loss in 2018, in 2019 year-to-date we have an unrealized gain of \$44,000.

Assets as of January 1, 2018	\$917,023
Contributions (Dues, Capital Campaign)	\$295,337
Investment Returns	\$12,547
Expenses:	
• Program Expense	\$38,029 (includes Knob consulting and erosion control)
• Communications:	\$4,668
• Meetings/Wheeler/Annual	\$3,719
• Administration:	\$15,329
• Accounting/Filing Fee:	\$5,601
• Fundraising	\$2,769
Net Income	\$191,717
Unrealized Gain/(Loss) on investments	(\$33,505)
Change in Net Assets	\$204,264
Assets as of December 31, 2018	\$1,121,287