

MESSAGE FROM RANDY

Dear Members:

It gives me tremendous pleasure to offer a high five to you, the stewards of our Quissett community, who together have pledged over \$1.2 million to our capital campaign,



Building Resources for Responsible Stewardship. Thank you for your caring commitment to protecting this valuable natural resource. Your generosity, which has exceeded our \$1 million goal, has made possible the urgently needed repairs to the Knob this year. It also helps replenish the funds taken from our endowment for that work. Income from the endowment, along with annual dues, allows us to respond to future storm damage and to defray the maintenance expense for the Knob in our cost-sharing partnership with Salt Pond Areas Bird Sanctuaries.

A special thanks to Campaign Chair Andy Zimmerman and his very active committee, Lisa Bernstein, Laura Morse and Martha Bennett. I also want to express gratitude to our Chairman Emeritus Dick De Wolfe. Dick created a Harbor Challenge Program, which added considerably to the positive outcome of this fundraiser.

We are pleased that the Falmouth Conservation Commission has extended our permits for another three years, allowing us to complete the work on the Knob not included in the initial plan. Our thanks to Dana Rodin for his tireless work in seeing the Knob project through.

Welcome to our newest Board member, Hilary Davis. Hilary will be taking on the role of representative to Salt Pond Areas Bird Sanctuaries, which Joe Martyna performed so ably for us until his retirement this past spring. Salt Pond owns 12 of the 14 acres of the Knob. The organization has been a wonderful partner through the years in managing and maintaining the area as well as in the planning and permitting of the recent improvements.

Additionally, we welcome two new staff members, Colleen Hurter and Cathy Offinger, who will be sharing the administrative function. Our gratitude goes out to Nancy McDonald for all the years of dedicated work she provided QHPT. We wish her luck in her future endeavors.

Finally, on a personal note, the Board has asked that I remain as President until the 2022 Annual Meeting, and I have gladly agreed.

Continue to enjoy the bounty of Quissett Harbor and the Knob throughout the fall and winter.

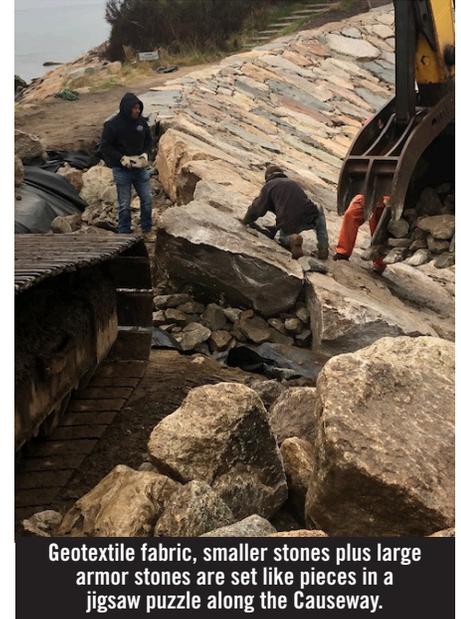
Sincerely,

Randy Evans, President

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN SURPASSES \$1 MILLION GOAL!

Residents new to the Quissett community and those who have been supporting the protection of the Harbor for many years generously made our capital campaign, **Building Resources for Responsible Stewardship**, a tremendous success. We have raised more than \$1.2 million, surpassing our \$1 million goal. “Members of our community love and cherish this place and this critical piece of land that protects the Harbor,” said Campaign Chair Andy Zimmerman. “Seventy-two individuals and families have contributed to this total. We are all so grateful for every contribution, small and large, given in recognition of how valuable the Harbor and the Knob are to our way of life.”

With the potential for the permits to expire before the work of shoring up the rock armor and the Causeway was completed, the fundraising campaign was operating under a sense of urgency. “Our team did a first-class job,” Andy said. “I want to express my gratitude to Committee Members Lisa Bernstein, Laura Morse and Martha Bennett for their commitment to the campaign. Chairman Emeritus Dick de Wolfe ran a very effective Harbor Challenge program as well, which contributed significantly to the fundraiser’s success. We are all so appreciative of his efforts.”



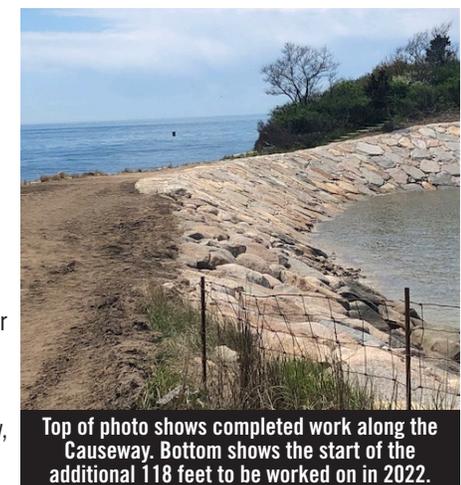
Geotextile fabric, smaller stones plus large armor stones are set like pieces in a jigsaw puzzle along the Causeway.

UPDATE ON HABITAT CONSERVATION & MANAGEMENT EXTENSION GRANTED TO FINISH THREE KNOB PROJECTS

This past year we completed the work on the Knob approved by the Falmouth Conservation Commission’s initial “Order of Conditions.” That included restoring the embankment adjacent to the Outer Harbor stairs and reconstructing the rock armor on the Northwest Wedge, Dumpstone Wedge and the Causeway. The Commission has given us a three-year extension to work on three projects:

- Restoration of the final 118 feet of the rock armor along the Causeway, replanting of the edges of the

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Top of photo shows completed work along the Causeway. Bottom shows the start of the additional 118 feet to be worked on in 2022.

HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR 2021 DUES?

Annual dues provide the funding to manage our day-to-day expenses. If you haven’t yet renewed your dues for 2021, we urge you to do so. Go to our website, qhpt.org. You may pay online through PayPal or a credit card, or you may write a check and mail it to us. An envelope is enclosed with the print version of this newsletter.

Update on Habitat Conservation & Management *(continued from page 1)*

- widened road and restoration of the road surface;
- Reinforcement of the bottom course of the embankment repair adjacent to the Outer Harbor stairs. We will be using materials designed to increase durability and the life of the repair;
- Grouting of the chinking stones on the Knob revetment. This will hopefully prevent the occasional removal of some of the chinking between the large stone elements at the top edge of the revetment placed as an aesthetic feature.



Work adjacent to the Outer Harbor stairs continues.

BEACH CLEANUP YIELDS PLYWOOD, FLIP-FLOPS AND T-SHIRTS

Approximately two dozen volunteers of all ages helped collect trash along the Harbor Beach, sea wall, parking lots, Knob paths and Buzzards Bay Beach during our 11th Annual Harbor and Beach Cleanup in June. "This year, the total amount of trash was less than previous years," said Danie Kinkade, Chair of the event. However, that doesn't mean there weren't some interesting finds. In addition to the usual fishing line, trap floats, cans, bottles and cigarette butts, the haul this year included a piece of plywood driven with rusted screws, flip-flops and t-shirts.

Board Member Putney Cloos worked with Danie on the day's logistics. She said, "As the pandemic hopefully recedes in coming seasons, we aspire to link more social activities to the cleanup." Said Danie, "We want to thank all who came out to help clean up our harbor this year and hope to see you again in 2022."



The team at the 2021 cleanup



An interesting haul

WHEELER LECTURE FOCUSES ON WATER QUALITY



Dr. Marcia Macedo

Our 2021 Wheeler Lecture featured Dr. Marcia Macedo, Associate Scientist and Director of the Water Program at the Woodwell Climate Research Center. Dr. Macedo presented **Seeing the Forest for the Streams: Managing the Impacts of Land Use and Climate Change on Local Watersheds**. The lecture took place on July 18 at Willett Hall with a reception following on the Harbor House lawn. "I spend my days trying to figure out how to use land efficiently to conserve natural ecosystems, feed people and avoid climate collapse," Dr. Macedo said. Dr. Macedo tied her lecture to the Quissett environment by showing the similarities to what is happening in Falmouth to the situation in Brazil as well as on the global stage.

"After canceling the Wheeler Lecture last year, we were especially pleased to gather in person," said Laura Morse, Chair of the Wheeler Lecture. "Dr. Macedo's excellent presentation on water quality was broad reaching, and she effectively linked her observations to our regional watershed." *You may view Dr. Macedo's lecture slides at <http://qhpt.org/2021-wheeler-lecture-MMacedo.pdf>.*

WELCOME, HILARY DAVIS TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

We are pleased to welcome Hilary Davis to the Board of Directors this year. Hilary, who also serves on the Board of Trustees for Salt Pond Areas Bird Sanctuaries, will be taking on the role of representative to Salt Pond, which was previously carried out by Joe Martyna. In fact, it was Joe who suggested Hilary become a member of the QHPT Board. "It is an honor to continue to foster the relationship between the two organizations that Joe worked tirelessly to establish," Hilary said.



Hilary Davis

Photo credit: Woodwell Climate Research Center

Growing up, Hilary spent his summers in Quissett, sailing and being actively involved in the Quissett Yacht Club. It was where he met his wife, Kate Davis, who has been a long-time QHPT Board member. "Quissett Harbor is where we grew up," Hilary said. "Having the opportunity to be part of the effort to preserve the area is important to us."

Hilary is IT Director of Woodwell Climate Research Center in Falmouth. He and Kate raised their three children in Falmouth.

MEMBERS GATHER IN PERSON FOR ANNUAL MEETING



Members gather at Annual Meeting.

It was a beautiful day to hold our Annual Meeting of Members on the Harbor House lawn June 26. Andy Zimmerman, Chair of our capital campaign, reported on its progress. At that time we had received \$600,000 in pledges. Dana Rodin reviewed the status of the restoration project. President Randy Evans then presented Dana with a fleece jacket with the QHPT logo on it, the Order of the Boot (one boot!) and a proclamation in recognition of Dana's outstanding work in overseeing and shepherding the Knob restoration project. He also presented jackets to Jeremy Packard and Carlos Pena of Foth Engineering and acknowledged and thanked them for their excellent work. Foth designed the project and throughout the construction has ensured the work has met design specifications and permitting requirements. QHPT fleeces were delivered to our contractors, C.F. Briggs Marine Construction and Crawford Land Management, as neither could attend our annual meeting. The reception that followed was especially joyous as last year we'd had to meet virtually.



Engineers receive jackets.