

## MESSAGE FROM RANDY

Dear Members:

Springtime greetings to our Quissett Harbor Preservation Trust members. As I write today, I am both excited and grateful. Excited by the incredible progress made and professionalism demonstrated by our two contractors who are repairing erosion to the Knob. In December 2020, after a grueling 18-month permitting process and many discussions with our design engineers and contractors, we were finally able to proceed with the work to repair the rock armor on the Knob and restore the embankment. I will leave it to the narrative and photos in this newsletter to tell the story.

And I am grateful for the patience and contributions of time, talent and treasure our Board and contributors have made to our Quissett community. I thank you all for your stewardship.

As for this year, please look through the newsletter for details on our upcoming member events. We hope to be able to get together in person, following, of course, appropriate guidelines and safety measures.

Finally, you will also find an article about one of our founding members, Joe Martyna, who is retiring from the Board this year. I can only say I am deeply appreciative of the contributions Joe has made to our work and the well-being of Quissett Harbor. He has been an invaluable asset.

On behalf of the Board, I wish you an enjoyable 2021 season on the Harbor and the Knob.

Sincerely,

Randy Evans, President

## REMEMBER, IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR DUES!

Have you remembered to renew your dues for 2021? Go to our website, [qhpt.org](http://qhpt.org). You may pay online through PayPal or a credit card.

## UPDATE ON HABITAT CONSERVATION & MANAGEMENT

### *Rock Armor and Embankment Remediation Nears Completion*

After a year and a half of working to obtain the proper permits, we were finally able to begin the critical effort to repair the rock armor and restore the embankment adjacent to the Outer Harbor stairs. We are delighted to report we have made great progress since the fall. Two contractors are conducting the work: Crawford Land Management (CLM) and C.F. Briggs Marine Construction.

The first step was to widen the access road so the large equipment required could get through. Crawford Land Management delivered the equipment to the site October 19 and began widening the road shortly after. Next was the restoration work on the 60 feet of embankment adjacent to the Outer Harbor stairs, which was completed in January. We expect to receive approval from the Town of Falmouth to restore an additional 25-to-40 feet of the embankment damaged since the permitting.



Access road created by CLM made project possible.



CLM restored 60 feet of embankment adjacent to the Outer Harbor stairs.

On the Knob revetment itself, Briggs is reconstructing sections of the rock armor on the west and north in three stages:

- Northwest Wedge
- Dumpstone Wedge
- The Causeway

"Work on the Northwest Wedge, the most challenging part of the project, is complete," said Dana Rodin. He added that he is impressed with the quality of Briggs'

work. "Briggs is using larger, specially quarried stones that are fitted more tightly than the prior work."



Briggs used specially quarried stones to remediate the Northwest Wedge.

Randy Evans agreed. "Dale and Tim Briggs have brought extraordinary craftsmanship to this project," he said. "They move eight-ton stones around with incredible dexterity. You can see from the photo of the finished slope the laser-like precision. And they were operating this incredible equipment in rough water and strong winds."



The repaired Northwest Wedge will serve the Knob for many years to come.

Repairs to the Dumpstone Wedge have been completed as well.



Repairs to the Dumpstone Wedge

The third phase is repairing the Causeway, starting with the 56-foot section closest to the Dumpstone Wedge. An additional 150 feet of the Causeway will be spot repaired, subject to the available time in the permit schedule.

The total cost of the project is \$1.1 million. We raised half of that amount through our capital campaign and are taking the other half from our reserve fund.

# QUISSETT HARBOR PRESERVATION TRUST

## SERVING QUISSETT HARBOR WITH EXPERIENCE, WISDOM AND DIPLOMACY

### Joe Martyna Retires From QHPT After Many Years of Service



Joe Martyna

It all started with the pick of a short straw back in the early 2000s. No, it wasn't a bad thing. As the newly created QHPT was forming a Board of Directors, drawing straws in different sizes determined whether your term would be one, two or three years. Joe Martyna picked the straw for a one-year term. However later he was asked to return. He's been on the Board ever since, up until this spring, when he decided age 91 was a good year to retire.

Joe and his wife, Connie, have lived in Falmouth full time since 1963. They bought a lot with a view of the Harbor and raised their two children there. "It's a wonderful location," Joe said. "We raced sailboats every summer." He spent four years in the United States Air Force.

Then, on the GI Bill, Joe got a degree in mechanical engineering. That led to a position at Falmouth Hospital, which in 1963 was just being built, as Chief Engineer, making sure the construction was sound. Later, he got a Master's degree in Hospital Administration and became a Vice President of Support Services.

As a member of, not only the QHPT Board, but also the Boards of Salt Pond Areas Bird Sanctuaries and Quissett Harbor House Land Trust, Joe has been the communication link among all three organizations. "He has been a tremendous asset to our Quissett community," said Randy Evans, President of QHPT. "He has the experience and the wisdom to listen, understand and find common ground. And he is able to communicate in polite but firm terms."

While Joe is taking a well-earned retirement, he said his years serving on the Board of QHPT have been very enjoyable and that it is important to protect the Harbor and the Knob. "If we lose the Knob because of winter storms and don't keep repairing it, everyone will suffer," he said. "It's up to all of us to care for this beautiful area."

## FINANCES 2020

Our three-year Capital Campaign raised \$590,000, including \$50,000 from Salt Pond Areas Bird Sanctuaries. The construction projects on the Knob will total \$1,130,000, including repairing and replanting the area near the construction access road after the contractors leave the site. This means that we will be drawing down an additional \$540,000 from our assets.

Much of our expense in 2020 went toward the actual repair work on the Knob. We expect another \$950,000 in billings for work. This means our assets will be reduced to approximately \$300,000 when the construction is complete.

During calendar-year 2020, contributions to our Trust Fund and annual dues totaled \$181,862, as you will see in the financial report below. Not shown in this report is support we've received from new residents in our Quissett community. We have been pleased to receive, from January through April of this year, 2021, new contributions in the amount of \$130,000. Through the generosity of these donors, we will be able to provide a down payment for projects such as repair to beach erosion along the Outer Harbor shore line, removal of invasive plants and replanting on the Knob and behind the Harbor House.

<b>Assets as of January 1, 2020</b>	<b>\$1,343,152.75</b>
Contributions	\$181,862.28
Dividends and Interest	\$7,368.36
Capital Gains	\$31,296.35
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$220,526.99</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>	
• Knob Project	
* Outer Harbor Erosion Control	\$36,704.40
* Rock Armor Repair	\$49,778.71
* Engineering Inspections	\$3,563.00
• Ongoing Maintenance	\$5,533.76
• Communications	\$4,734.00
• Administration, Accounting, Tax Filing	\$10,379.79
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$110,693.66</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$109,833.33</b>
<b>Assets as of December 31, 2020</b>	<b>\$1,452,986.08</b>

## SAVE THE DATES!

- Saturday, June 19: Beach Cleanup 9:00–11:00 a.m.
- Saturday, June 26: Annual Meeting of Members 5:00–7:30 p.m.
- Sunday, July 18: Wheeler Lecture 5:00 p.m.

## JOIN US FOR THE BEACH CLEANUP

**Saturday, June 19, 9:00–11:00 a.m.**

Please join us for our Annual Harbor and Beach Cleanup and enjoy the beauty of Quissett Harbor while contributing to its care. The date is Saturday, June 19, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Meet on the Junior Sailing Deck at the Quissett Yacht Club. Our thanks to Danie Kinkade and Putney Cloos for their work on this effort.

For more information, contact Danie at [dkinkade@whoi.edu](mailto:dkinkade@whoi.edu) or Putney at [putneycloos@gmail.com](mailto:putneycloos@gmail.com).



Fruits of last year's cleanup labors

## ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

**Saturday, June 26, 5:00–7:30 p.m.**  
**Quissett Harbor House, Willett Hall and Lawn**

The 2021 Annual Meeting of Members will take place Saturday, June 26, 2021, from 5:00–7:30 p.m. The plan is to hold the meeting at Quissett Harbor House, Willett Hall, subject to COVID-19 guidelines at the time. The business meeting will begin at 5:00 p.m. A reception will follow on the lawn.

## WHEELER LECTURE PLANS IN PROCESS

**Sunday, July 18, 5:00 p.m.**

**Quissett Harbor House, Willett Hall and Lawn**

This year the Wheeler Lecture will take place at Quissett Harbor House, Willett Hall, on Sunday, July 18, at 5:00 p.m., subject to COVID-19 guidelines at the time. The speaker will be announced at the Annual Meeting. A reception will follow on the lawn. Our thanks to Laura Morse, who is chairing the event once again.