

## MESSAGE FROM RANDY

Welcome back!

With life close-to normal, we are all looking forward to enjoying the Harbor, the Knob and the friendship of our members this spring, summer and fall. Much has been accomplished over the past year, and there is still much work to be done.

As we wind down the restoration of the Knob, I am pleased to tell you that our Board has voted to authorize an additional \$380,000 to repair the final section, the Northeast Wedge, which is located toward the end of the Knob on the Buzzards Bay side. When we planned the Knob restoration six years ago, this section was in fair condition. Since then, the area has degraded to poor condition. Given that we have the permits, the contractor and the temporary haul road in place, there will never be a time when we can do this in a more fiscally responsible way. However, we may have to delay or defer our planned project to remove the invasives on the Knob.

You will see in the financial statement at the end of this newsletter that more than \$1 million dollars of our 2021 expenses was invested in repairs to the Knob. Work on this final section will bring the total investment in repairs and restoration to \$1.9 million over the past three years. Once again, our thanks to Dana Rodin. He has managed each aspect of the Knob project with commitment and skill.

Effective at our July 2 Annual Meeting of Members, there will be two changes to our Board of Directors. After more than 10 years of dedicated service, Kate Davis is stepping aside. We wish her success in all she does. And we are delighted to welcome Marcy DeWolfe to the Board. You will find more information about Kate and Marcy in this newsletter.

You'll also find details about our upcoming events, including the Annual Meeting of Members, the Wheeler Lecture and the Annual Harbor and Beach Cleanup. We look forward to seeing you at all of them.

Have a terrific summer!

Sincerely,

Randy Evans, President



A winter's day in Quissett Harbor

## UPDATE ON HABITAT CONSERVATION & MANAGEMENT

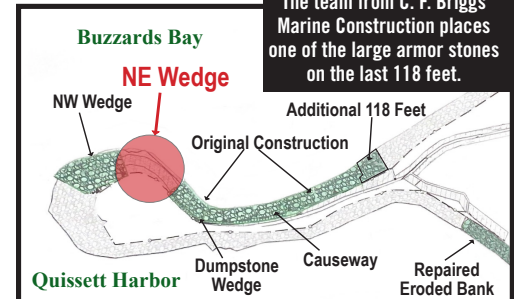
Last fall the Falmouth Conservation Commission gave us an extension to work on three projects.

- Restoration of the final 118 feet of the rock armor along the Causeway;
- Reinforcement of the bottom course of the embankment repair adjacent to the Outer Harbor stairs; planting of beach grass in this area;
- Grouting of the chinking stones on the Knob revetment.

We have completed all three.

This fall we will be repairing the final section of the Knob. The area is the Northeast Wedge, which, as you can see on the map in this article, is located toward the end of the Knob on the Buzzards Bay side. C. F. Briggs Marine Construction will return to complete the work. Regrading, replanting, more grouting and restoration of the haul road and other areas disturbed during construction will follow.

**Progress of Work on the Knob**  
Green areas are complete.



Carlos Pena from Foth Engineering inspects damage to Northeast Wedge.



The team from C. F. Briggs Marine Construction places one of the large armor stones on the last 118 feet.

## BEACH CLEANUP MOVES TO AUGUST

Friday, August 12

This year, the Annual Harbor and Beach Cleanup will take place on Friday, August 12. We hope to have a family picnic afterward, so stay tuned for more information. In the meantime, get ready: hat, check; sunscreen, check; work gloves, check; anticipating a fun event, check! We look forward to families gathering along our beautiful shoreline while helping to keep the Harbor and Knob in pristine condition.

## ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

Saturday, July 2, 5:00–7:30 p.m.

Quissett Harbor House, Willett Hall | Reception on the Harbor House Lawn

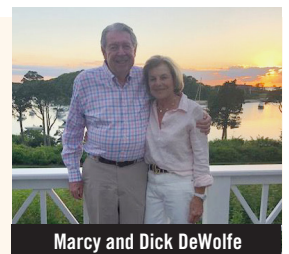
We are returning to Willett Hall for our Annual Meeting of Members, which will take place Saturday, July 2, 2022. The business meeting will begin at 5:00 pm, followed by a reception on the Harbor House Lawn. **Please RSVP by June 28 to Colleen Hurter at [cdhurter@gmail.com](mailto:cdhurter@gmail.com).**

## WELCOME TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, MARCY DEWOLFE

We are pleased to announce that the QHPT Board of Directors voted in its March meeting to welcome Marcy DeWolfe to the Board. Marcy is a long-time seasonal resident of Quissett. "It's a top priority for all of us who live in the area to preserve the Knob," Marcy said. "Places like these will disappear if we don't protect them."

As the Knob and the Harbor have become increasingly popular in recent years, Marcy said it is important for the Trust to continue to raise awareness of how the public can participate in safeguarding the area. "The Knob is a nature preserve," she said. "It's a wonderful place to see birds and plants as well as to view the sunset over water. But it's delicate. Visitors must take care."

Marcy also serves on the Quissett Harbor House Land Trust Board of Directors. She is married to Dick DeWolfe, who served on the QHPT Board for 18 years and retired as chairman in 2018. They enjoy entertaining the families of their six grown children, including seven grandchildren, at their 1798 home overlooking the Harbor and the Knob.



Marcy and Dick DeWolfe

# QUISSETT HARBOR PRESERVATION TRUST

## KATE DAVIS RETIRES FROM QHPT BOARD

Kate Davis, having served on the QHPT Board of Directors since 2012, is stepping aside. For many years Kate chaired the Annual Harbor and Beach Cleanup. A former event coordinator, she handled the catering for a number of events. And in 2018 she co-chaired the Cruise for the Knob fundraiser, which raised awareness and funding for Knob maintenance and repair.



Kate Davis

It was on a different sort of cruise that Kate began her relationship with QHPT. The Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, where she was working at the time, was taking water samples in the area around Martha's Vineyard. Chip Morse, our former Chairman, was on the boat and asked Kate if she would be interested in joining the QHPT Board. "I looked up to Chip and was extremely honored that he asked me," Kate said.

Kate describes Quissett as near and dear to her heart. She'd been coming here with her parents since she was six years old. It was in Quissett that she met her husband, Hilary, who joined the Board last year. "It's such a special place for us," she said. "I feel lucky to be involved with others who are passionate about preserving the area for our children and grandchildren."

### SAVE THE DATES!

**Saturday, July 2:** Annual Meeting of Members 5:00–7:30 p.m.

**Sunday, July 17:** Wheeler Lecture 5:00 p.m.

**Friday, August 12:** Harbor and Beach Cleanup, details to come.

## WHEELER LECTURE: JOIN US ON AN EXPLORATION OF FALMOUTH BIRDS THROUGH THE SEASONS

**Sunday, July 17, 5:00 p.m.**

Woods Hole Room, Parish Community Center, Church of the Messiah  
Members Reception Follows

Our speaker for the 2022 Wheeler Lecture will be Craig Gibson. Craig is a local bird photographer with a special interest in conservation issues. Over the years he has been a contributing photographer for many organizations including Mass Audubon, The 300 Committee, Salt Pond Areas Bird Sanctuaries and the Oyster Pond Environmental Trust. His photos have been published in The Boston Globe and many other newspapers, magazines and books. He is the author of "A Year of Falmouth Birds," presented by the 300 Committee Land Trust. In addition to holding memberships in many local birding clubs and ornithological groups, including the American Ornithological Society and the Association of Field Ornithologists, he serves as the Treasurer for the Nuttall Ornithological Club.



A local osprey with fresh catch

Photo credit: Craig Gibson

Craig and his wife, Nancy, enjoy sailing, swimming and kayaking around Quissett Harbor with extended family and friends. He is a former Board member and past President of QHPT. His topic will be "Falmouth Birds Through the Seasons." "Many of us have enjoyed Craig's weekly photographs in The Falmouth Enterprise," said Laura Morse, Chair of the Wheeler Lecture. "This event presents the opportunity to hear Craig's descriptions of the incredible birds he photographs and how they benefit from local preservation and conservation efforts." **Members, look for an email this summer with registration detail. Please register early as we expect a full house.**

### Remember, It's Time to Renew Your Annual Dues!

**Have you remembered to renew your dues for 2022? Go to our website, [qhpt.org](http://qhpt.org). You may pay online through PayPal or a credit card.**

## FINANCES 2021 (January 1–December 31, 2021)

During this past year, we've accomplished much of the repair work on the Knob, spending just over \$1 million. Our expenses exceeded our income by \$330,000. Accordingly, our assets decreased to \$1.12 million. Details follow on our expenditure and our capital campaign.

Andy Zimmerman led a most successful capital campaign, "Building Resources for Responsible Stewardship." Our initial goal was \$1 million. When the Board learned of the need for additional work, we raised our sights. Quite happily, through the hard work of Laura Morse, Lisa Bernstein, Martha Bennett and Dick DeWolfe, we've received pledges of over \$1.3 million to date and contributions of just over \$900,000. Consequently, we expect another \$400,000 in pledged contributions over the next two years.

More than \$1 million dollars of our 2021 expenses was invested in repairs to the Knob. Rock armor replacement on the Buzzards Bay side has been expertly done by Dale and Tim Briggs and their family business, CF Briggs Marine Construction. The Harbor Side repairs near the wooden stairs that head down to the shore facing Gansett Harbor were made by Nick Crawford and his firm, Crawford Land Management. Foth Engineering from Marion has served as our designers and construction inspectors. Bill Armstrong has been grouting the chinking stones. He also continues to do the shore and trail-maintenance projects for us. The owner of the Knob, Salt Pond Areas Bird Sanctuaries, contributes half of the annual maintenance expenses as well as a portion of the cost of major repairs.

**Assets as of January 1, 2021.....\$1,452,986.08**

- Capital Campaign Contributions .....\$692,521.88
- Annual Dues.....\$20,542.41
- Dividends and interest.....\$9,761.82
- Capital gains.....\$15,345.72

**Total Revenue .....\$738,171.83**

### Expenses

- Knob Project
  - \* Rock Armor Repair.....\$944,105.00
  - \* Outer Harbor Erosion Control.....\$60,061.24
  - \* Engineering, Permits and Inspections.....\$34,721.88
- Ongoing Maintenance .....\$7,919.30
- Communications and Wheeler Lecture.....\$6,971.37
- Administrative Expense.....\$9,389.20
- Tax Preparation and Accounting\*.....\$6,328.30

**Total Expenses.....\$1,069,497.29**

**Net Loss .....\$-331,325.46**

**Assets as of December 31, 2021 .....\$1,121,660.62**

\*2 years