

## Message from Paul and Dick

Dear Friends,

It has been a busy year, culminating in our Annual Meeting of Members on June 28. Throughout this report, you will find summaries of our key activities as well as our Financial Statement, which was distributed at the Annual Meeting and is available on our website, [qhpt.org](http://qhpt.org).

You will also see in this report a *Call for Candidates* for a QHPT Consultant. We have reached the point in our development where we believe the organization could greatly benefit from a consultant dedicated to helping us manage the day-to-day activities of the Trust. If you know of someone who might be interested, please have them visit our website at [qhpt.org](http://qhpt.org) to view the job description. We want to thank all of our Members for your continued support. Your commitment to protecting the Knob and its environs is critical to the success of QHPT.

There's still a lot of summer left. So enjoy the beauty of this special place we all care so much about.

Sincerely,

Paul Hogan, President

Dick DeWolfe, Chairman

## CALL FOR CANDIDATES FOR QHPT CONSULTANT

The QHPT Consultant is responsible for smooth and timely execution of ongoing QHPT activities. Ideally the Consultant will be a resident of Falmouth or environs and interested in public affairs and environmental issues, especially as they pertain to the ocean and waterfront. The candidate will possess the presence and public-speaking skills to represent QHPT in

meetings with public officials and executives of peer organizations. Good writing skills and the ability to use all communications technologies will be important to success. This is a part-time position, requiring an estimated 250–400 hours per year, somewhat weighted toward the spring and summer months. *For a detailed job description, visit our website at [qhpt.org](http://qhpt.org).*

## ANNUAL MEETING ADOPTS NEW FORMAT

Our Annual Meeting of Members, June 28, took a different form this year with the addition of a formal business meeting before the traditional reception. After calling the meeting to order, Chairman of the Board Dick DeWolfe talked about the reason for the change: “We wanted to have a two-way discussion between the members and the board,” he said. “This seemed like a great way to accomplish that.”

Treasurer Weatherly Dorris gave a financial review, handing out a summary of the year's contributions and expenses, which highlighted the Trust's current financial position. President Paul Hogan gave an investment review, commenting that the \$570,000 portfolio, which was conservatively invested, was not a lot of money in comparison to the potential need. “It's important that we continue to build a reserve so that, if there is major damage to the Knob, we will have the funds to respond quickly,” he said. Paul noted that annual contributions, together with earnings on investments, provided the funds for the ongoing maintenance and improvements to the Knob and Harbor sponsored by the Trust. Paul also stood in for Dana

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## Annual Meeting of Members.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

At the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors on June 28, the following were re-elected as officers of the Quissett Harbor Preservation Trust:

**Chairman:** Richard B. DeWolfe  
**President:** Paul Hogan  
**Treasurer:** Weatherly Dorris  
**Clerk and Secretary:** John Sigel

The Board wishes to express its appreciation to retiring Board Member David Babin for his services as a Director of the Trust.



# QUISSETT HARBOR PRESERVATION TRUST

## UPDATE ON HABITAT CONSERVATION & MANAGEMENT

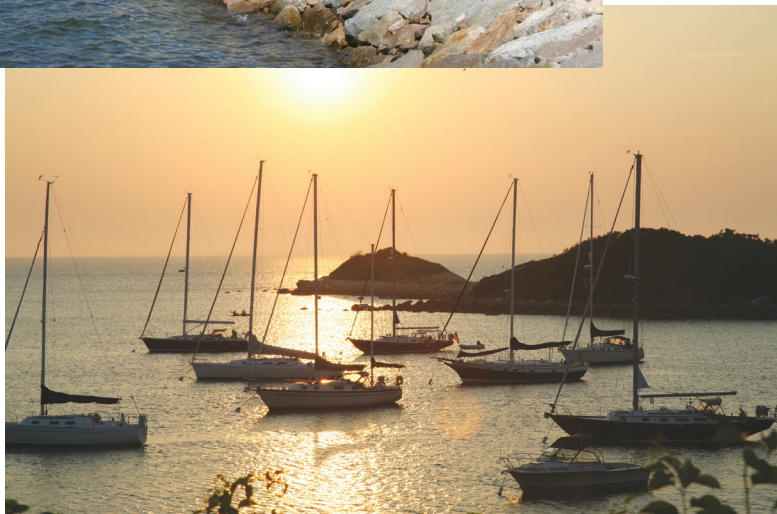
**Bank Restoration Completed:** The bank restoration project near the entrance to the Knob is completed. We teamed with the Quissett Harbor House Land Trust to reinforce the bank below the entrance path to the Knob trails. We used Coir Logs, which are made from coconut matting, and backfilled. This project is similar to the Eldred Landing project.

### Projects in Permitting Stage:

Projects currently waiting for permitting include: erosion control on the Harbor side banks, coastal erosion on the banks of the Outer Harbor, and erosion near the end of the beach near the Land Trust property.

**State of the Knob Armor:** The armor requires a renewal of chinking and regular maintenance.

**Five Year Plan for Knob Maintenance:** Expenses related to permitting and conducting the surveys required to begin a project can in some instances exceed the cost of the physical remediation. As a way to streamline the permitting process, the Trust is looking to create a five-year plan for the maintenance of the Knob property.



### Annual Meeting *(continued from page 1)*

Rodin, providing an update on current and planned projects. See Update on Habitat, Conservation and Management in this newsletter for details.

Craig Gibson of the Trust Nominating Committee announced that Chip Morse will become an emeritus member of the Board and that David Babin would retire from the Board after 14 years of service. There was a round of applause for each of the retiring Board members. Craig also reported that there was space on the Board for three new members, each for three-year terms.

Dick announced that QHPT is looking for a part-time consultant who would focus on fundraising and grant applications, event management, and project management of various Trust initiatives. "This person would be an administrative resource, helping to keep the organization running smoothly," Dick said.

Dick and Paul thanked Kate Davis and Sarah Meigs for setting up the business meeting and the reception that followed.

The floor was then opened for questions, and there was an active discussion regarding (i) signage that might discourage visitors from climbing the ravines on the Knob, (ii) water quality and the Trust's role in the efforts of the Town of Falmouth to improve water quality, and (iii) opportunities to distribute Trust informational materials to sailors and other travelers through the Quissett area. Paul noted, in particular, that the upcoming Wheeler Lecture was focused on local water quality initiatives.

The formal business meeting then adjourned and the members continued their discussion over wine and appetizers. As usual, a generous director donated the cost of food and drink.

# QUISSETT HARBOR PRESERVATION TRUST

## BEACH CLEAN-UP BUILDS AWARENESS

The tide was low and the weather good—perfect conditions for our Annual Harbor and Beach Clean-up, which took place **Saturday, June 21**. About 50 people, young and old, turned out to clean the Knob path, Sandy Beach, Crescent Beach and the area along the wall on Quissett Harbor Road.

This is the fourth year for the clean-up, and it seems to be making a difference. “We were pleased to see that there was not a lot of trash this year,” said Kate Davis, Chairperson of the event and, along with Sarah Meigs, Co-chair of the Education Committee. “This is primarily an educational opportunity. The very fact that people participate year after year builds awareness. The Harbor is such a beautiful place. We’re happy that so many people want to take care of it.” Our thanks to all who participated, including Cavossa Disposal, who once again donated the dumpster.



**Volunteers gather for Beach Clean-up.**

## Wheeler Lecture Focuses on Restoring Falmouth’s Impaired Estuaries

On July 17, more than 50 people gathered at the National Academy of Sciences Johnson Center to hear a presentation on Restoring Falmouth’s Impaired Estuaries. Eric Turkington, Chairman of the Falmouth Water Quality Management Committee, and Technical Consultant Sia Karplus gave the global picture of why estuaries across the country are in a declining state. Causes include rising water temperatures and increased nitrogen inputs. They then talked specifically about Falmouth’s challenges.

“Falmouth has 15 estuaries, more than any town on the Cape,” Eric said. “Quissett Harbor is in better shape than most, but that’s all the more reason to address the issues while we can make a difference.”

Some of the possible solutions include intercepting road run-off, reducing the use of fertilizer and using economically viable septic system add-ons. A project that is currently in the works is the use of oysters to decrease nitrogen. “We are growing oysters now at Little Pond,” Eric said. “Oysters love nitrogen, and each one filters about 50 gallons of water a day. We hope to put a million oysters in Quissett Harbor this fall.”

Eric said the QHPT audience was well informed. “That’s why I brought Sia, our Technical Consultant,” he said. “The audience asked some very good questions, and I hope we gave them good answers.”

To view the slides that accompanied the presentation, go to [qhpt.org](http://qhpt.org).

*“We hope to put a million oysters in Quissett Harbor this fall.”*

—Eric Turkington, Chairman of the Falmouth Water Quality Management Committee



**At the Wheeler Lecture. Top, Education Committee Co-chair Kate Davis and Left, Retiring Board Member David Babin.**



**Eric Turkington talks about the decline of estuaries.**



**Sia Karplus was ready to answer questions.**

Dear Friends,

I am happy to report that the Quissett Harbor Preservation Trust continues to maintain a strong financial position. In the detail that follows, you will notice an increase in contributions and a decrease in expenses from the prior year. To put those figures in context, we must remember that, because we mailed our dues letter later in 2013, significant contributions slipped into the 2014 fiscal year. Expenses were lower due to the timing of work on the Knob. Nevertheless, we are entering the summer with an ongoing inventory of projects to be undertaken.

The following is our financial report for the fiscal year 2013–2014.

Weatherly Dorris  
Treasurer  
June 2014

## FINANCES 2013–2014

**Assets as of June 1, 2013: \$567,900**

**Contributions:** \$29,775

**Investment Returns:** \$40,402

**Expenses:** \$32,286

- Program Expense (including restoration): \$14,320

- Communications: \$7,169

- Wheeler Lecture: \$1,180

- Annual Meeting: \$3,309

- Administration: \$3,348

**Operating Income:** -\$2,511

**Net Income:** \$37,892

**Assets as of May 31, 2014: \$605,792**

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

*(June 1, 2013 through May 31, 2014)*

The results for the year were driven by three factors. First, investment returns produced a \$40,225 increase in the portfolio. Second, while we had another active year in terms of restoration projects on the Knob, total expenses declined by \$11,084 to \$32,286. This was driven by a \$13,000 decrease in Knob spending. Third, contributions increased by \$13,145 to \$29,775 because of the date change in mailing the dues letter last year. The preliminary financial results for the year ended May 31, 2014, follow.

### Ordinary Income and Expenses

Contributions were \$29,775, an increase of \$13,145 from the prior year.

Expenses totaled \$32,286, down from \$43,370 the previous year. They included Program Expenses of \$14,320 for restoration around the Harbor as well as

\$1,180 for the Wheeler Lecture. Other expenses included Communications, Printing and Website Development, \$7,169; Administrative Expenses, \$3,348; and Annual Meeting, \$3,309. A generous grant from a Director again funded food and drink for the Annual Meeting.

As a result of the increase in contributions and decrease in expense, Operating Income (Contributions minus Expenses) was a negative \$2,511, compared to negative \$23,700 last year.

### Investment Results

Total investment returns were \$40,402, including \$33,100 in unrealized gains and \$7,300 in interest and dividends.

### Net Income

Net Income was \$37,892.