

## MESSAGE FROM DICK

Dear Members:

Once again we have experienced a beautiful summer here in Falmouth. I hope you and your family have taken advantage of everything the area has to offer. However, as Randy details, the end of summer does not mean the end of our work. From Knob maintenance, to water-quality monitoring to our Capital Campaign, there is much on our agenda.

I'd like to place particular emphasis on the Capital Campaign. Many of you have attended the presentations we did last year on the Management Plan Update for the Knob. The plan lays out the immediate, near-term and long-term issues we face. A successful Capital Campaign is critical to our work of preserving, maintaining, protecting and enhancing Quissett Harbor.

As you know, Paul Hogan completed his second term as president in May and is retiring from the board. Having known Paul for many years, I was anxious to have him serve on the QHPT board to help launch and manage our investment strategy and protect the endowment.

Paul went far beyond every expectation, taking on a leadership role and managing our plans to obtain the comprehensive permit. He was focused on our relationship with Salt Pond Areas Bird Sanctuaries and did a wonderful job of making our efforts a real and respectful partnership. On behalf of the whole membership, a tremendous Thank-You!

I want to welcome Randy Evans as our new President. We all know that when you want a job done, you should ask the busiest person you know. I am very excited to see the progress being made this summer, especially in our fundraising and on the Knob-repair projects. Randy brings a renewed energy and excellent leadership skills to the job.

Lastly we have said a heartfelt thank-you to Sarah Meigs who completed her final term this spring. Sarah has been our go-to talent when we've needed to staff a project or set up a meeting. We've all appreciated her efforts and service to QHPT.

Sincerely,  
Dick DeWolfe, Chairman

## MESSAGE FROM RANDY

Dear Members,

I am pleased to take on the role of QHPT's President. It is an honor to work alongside all of you who are committed to protecting Quissett Harbor.

We may be winding down the 2017 summer season, but, going into the fall, we have a full plate. We are moving ahead with the maintenance on the Knob, repairing erosion and improving the paths. I'm thrilled to have the opportunity to work in close cooperation with the Knob's landowners, Salt Pond Areas Bird Sanctuaries, as we jointly fund this important work. We also have a committee looking closely at the issues of traffic, parking and security.

Our Capital Campaign is underway. As you have seen in the Management Plan Update for the Knob, our goal is to raise \$300,000. Of that, \$200,000 will be put in an endowment fund as insurance against storms and breaches in the revetment. The other \$100,000 is slated for planned and ongoing maintenance. We are excited about the long-term benefits of this campaign to the stability of QHPT and, therefore, the preservation of Quissett Harbor and the Knob.

One of the issues I look forward to focusing on is water quality. Our stewardship of Quissett Harbor encompasses the entire ecosystem—land and water. You will see later in this newsletter links to information about water quality provided by the Buzzards Bay Coalition. We plan to continue to raise awareness of this issue.

Finally, I want to express my great appreciation for the leadership Paul Hogan has provided. We build our future on the strong foundation he, Dick DeWolfe and so many others through the years have created.

Sincerely,  
Randy Evans, President



John Sigel, Randy Browe, Randy Evans, Sam Ward and Geralyn Thompson-Ward remove fishing net.

## THANK YOU TO OUR BEACH—CLEANUP CREW

On Saturday, June 24, committed members of the Quissett community braved the fog and high tide as they came out for the **Seventh Annual Harbor & Beach Cleanup**. The major haul of the day was this 150-pound fishing net found on the Buzzards Bay beach. Many thanks to all who came out and to Cavossa Disposal for donating the dumpster again this year.



**THANK YOU, PAUL HOGAN**

After serving almost 10 years on the QHPT Board of Directors, Paul Hogan retired in May. Paul joined the board in 2008 and served as Treasurer and President.

Paul sees his efforts with QHPT as a partnership. “One of the reasons to serve on a community board is the opportunity to work with people you respect and enjoy being with,” he said. “Each president has a different set of issues and brings a different set of skills to the position, but the results come from people working together. The whole is bigger than the sum of its parts.”

Throughout his two terms as president, Paul worked closely with Chairman Dick DeWolfe. “Dick and I have been friends and neighbors for over 30 years,” Paul said. “He’s one of the most effective chairmen I’ve worked with both in the business and nonprofit arenas.”

Working with Dick and the rest of the board, Paul:

- In close partnership with Dana Rodin, pushed forward the Management Plan Update for the Knob, the first such update conducted since the late 1990s;
- Set clear financial policies and investment goals;
- Organized the update of the member database.

“I’ve been grateful to have had the opportunity serve QHPT,” Paul said. “But I think it is important to bring new people into both leadership positions and general membership. In addition to your financial support, I encourage everyone who cares about the Knob and Quissett Harbor to consider volunteering in some form. I think you will find your efforts deeply satisfying and appreciated.”

**Focus on Water Quality**

The Buzzards Bay Coalition has recently brought to our attention two articles about water quality we thought you might find interesting. Both articles are about nitrogen pollution. One lays out how more than half of the Bay’s harbors, coves and tidal rivers suffer from the effects of such pollution,

[www.savebuzzardsbay.org/current-issues/nitrogen-pollution/](http://www.savebuzzardsbay.org/current-issues/nitrogen-pollution/). The other reviews the impact of weather conditions during 2016 and 2017 on nitrogen pollution, [www.savebuzzardsbay.org/news/buzzards-bay-health-summer-2016/](http://www.savebuzzardsbay.org/news/buzzards-bay-health-summer-2016/).

**RENOWNED SCIENTIST JOHN HOLDREN SHARES CLIMATE OVERVIEW AT WHEELER LECTURE**

On July 18, our 2017 Wheeler Lecture attracted a record 85 members who came to hear Dr. John Holdren talk about *Climate Change and Cape Cod: What do we know? What can we do?* Following the lecture, attendees enjoyed a cocktail reception and the wonderful views at the main building of the National Academy of Sciences.

Dr. Holdren, who served for two terms as President Obama’s Science Advisor and Director of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, is currently Senior Adviser to the Woods Hole Research Center as well as Professor of Environmental Policy at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. He shared extensive research and analysis on the pace and causes of climate change, its ongoing impact on people and ecosystems and what we can do about it.

“John Holdren’s understanding of the complex issues around climate change, coastal challenges, and water quality is one of most extensive in world,” said Board Member Laura Morse, who has organized the Wheeler Lecture for the past two years. “John and Cheri are active residents of our community and are members of QHPT. We’re fortunate to have such a knowledgeable and engaged scientist in our midst.” You can view John’s presentation slides on our website. Visit <http://www.qhpt.org/wheelerlecture.htm>.

**UPDATE ON HABITAT CONSERVATION & MANAGEMENT**

**Comprehensive Permit Approved**

Our application for a comprehensive permit has been approved by the Falmouth Conservation Commission. The permit covers everything but the major revetment repairs, the harbor stairs and the special-access road. Working with Salt Pond, we will perform a variety of maintenance tasks this fall. We sent out a Request for Proposal to contractors to address erosion and path-maintenance issues. Woods Hole Group has conducted site visits with bidders.

**Revetment: Calling for Second Opinion**

Woods Hole Group, DH Martin and sea-wall contractor Dale Briggs conducted an onsite review of the Knob revetment in the spring. There are several areas where fundamental repairs are called for, including the harbor side of the revetment and various Buzzard Bay sections. As these repairs could be costly, we are looking for a second opinion. We will keep you updated.

**Annual Meeting of Members: Information and Camaraderie**

Thanks to all who attended our 2017 Annual Meeting of Members at the Harbor House. We covered many of the items in this newsletter: the Knob, fundraising and board updates. But, as always, the best part was the social event that followed, a great way to connect with one another. Our thanks to Sarah Meigs, who is retiring from the board this year, for organizing the event and for her many contributions to QHPT.

**Welcome to New Life Members**

We welcome and thank our newest Life Members: **Bob and Martha Bennett, Roy Bourell, Jane Carr, Michael and Cynthia George, Sally Reid, John Sigel** and **Andrew and Maura Zimmerman**. We greatly appreciate your commitment and support.