

Message from Paul and Dick

Fall greetings to our members. We had a summer that was both busy and productive. It started with the Harbor Clean up and Annual Meeting, and it ended with a survey of the Knob on September 22, the day of the Autumnal Equinox, taken by Paul and Dana Rodin together with Katey Taylor and Barrie Murray of Salt Pond Areas Bird Sanctuaries.

We are pleased to report that, after a slow start due to a change in mailing date, our contributions were strong in June and July, and we have more than caught up. Many thanks to you all—your support is what makes our work possible.

As usual, we had a lengthy summer Board Meeting, which focused on our financial policies, Knob needs, and a possible approach to dealing with nitrogen levels in the harbor.

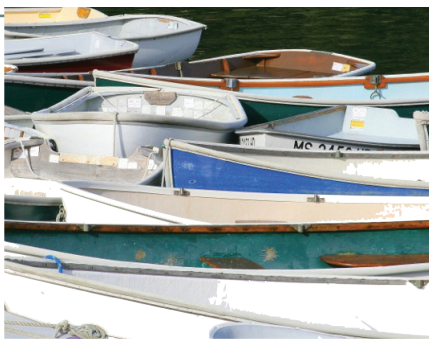
On the financial front, we reaffirmed a minimum level of investment reserves, \$500,000, to provide income as well as capital for emergencies and new initiatives. Our plan for the 2014 Fiscal Year is to spend \$35,000 in programs and administration. Last year Knob spending totaled \$20,000, and we anticipate spending at that level or higher on the Knob for the foreseeable future.

Regarding nitrogen, the Board continued a series of discussions about levels in the harbor. While the Town has ultimate responsibility, the Board has reviewed approaches to maintaining our water quality and ways QHPT might be involved so as to push the issue forward in Quissett Harbor. Potential approaches include dealing with run off from Quissett Harbor Road and working with a consultant to develop a more comprehensive plan for the entire watershed. Either of these strategies would be expensive and require several years to implement. Our next step will be to try to organize a community educational meeting next summer to discuss the environmental and regulatory issues of nitrogen in the water and to seek input from our members and other interested parties.

Our best wishes to you all for the upcoming Holiday Season.
Sincerely,

Paul Hogan, President

Dick DeWolfe, Chairman



Annual Meeting Honors Retiring Chairman Chip Morse

Our annual meeting, which was Sunday, June 30, took a slightly different form this year. As we have in the past, members gathered at the Quissett Harbor House, but this year, rather than reports from the board, a tribute to retiring Chairman Chip Morse took center stage. The Board presented Chip with a custom, hand-made platter created at The Soft Earth Studio, located in Woods Hole. Having co-designed the platter with Chip's wife, Susan, and Weatherly Dorris, former President of QHPT, artist Joan Lederman used marine materials to create the piece. These include sea glass, rock slurry from drillings into the mid-Atlantic ridge, and sediment dredged from two sites in the North Galapagos Seamounts. The Galápagos is a favorite vacation destination of Chip's and Susan's. The platter reads: Deep thanks to Chip Morse,



founding Chair & visionary leader of Quissett Harbor Preservation Trust 2000–2013.

“Chip has done so much for QHPT, and we wanted to make it a special evening to thank him for his years of service,” said Dick.

The Board presents platter to Chip. Left to right: Susan Morse, Dick DeWolfe, Chip Morse, Joe Martyna, Dana Rodin, Paul Hogan, Weatherly Dorris and David Barry.



Platter photos by Joan Lederman, lederman@capecod.net. The artist wishes to acknowledge Scientist Dan Fornari from the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. WHOI collected these sediments for research purposes and shared them with The Soft Earth studio, making this art form possible.

QUISSETT HARBOR PRESERVATION TRUST

Update on Habitat Conservation & Management

Over the past couple of years we have completed significant projects, including repairing the banks at Eldred Landing and repairing the Middle Parking Lot wall. Going forward, we are looking to balance such projects with work that fulfills our primary mission of maintaining the Knob. Currently, we are:

- Working to determine priorities and direction regarding water-quality issues, including coastal erosion, road runoff and overall water and environmental conditions. The process includes discussions with Salt Pond Areas Bird Sanctuaries and the Town of Falmouth.
- Undertaking our annual fall maintenance on the Knob. Tasks include pruning, mulching and replacing dead plants. Planting is not needed at this point as beach grass is a spring-planting item. Other planting needs, including the Eldred Landing banks and the Middle Parking Lot Wall, were done in the spring.



Our Mission

The Quissett Harbor Preservation Trust is a not-for-profit environmental organization created to preserve, maintain, protect and enhance the natural environment and related ecosystems of the Quissett Harbor and to take action to recognize and minimize threats to the overall health of the area.

For more information, go to www.qhpt.org.

Meet Sarah Meigs Board Member, Education Committee Co-Chair

Our newest board member is Sarah Meigs, who was voted to the Board during the May Board Meeting. However, Sarah is no stranger to QHPT. She has been working on the Education Committee for more than a year and has helped with the Annual Meeting, Wheeler Lecture and Beach Cleanup.

Sarah is also no stranger to Quissett. "I grew up in the Quissett/Gansett area," she said. "I was taken to the Knob from the time I was a baby, and, as a youngster, I was involved with The Quissett Yacht Club sailing program and the Woods Hole Golf Club." With grandparents, an aunt and parents who all owned homes here, Sarah has a strong connection to the community. Unfortunately, the family homes were eventually sold. After college she moved away from the area. She now lives in Medway, MA.

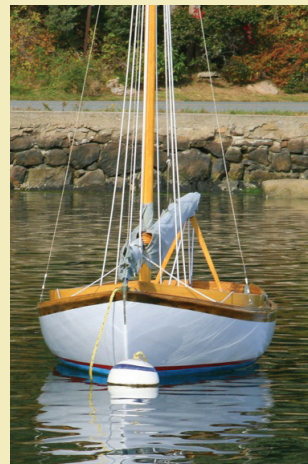


Today, Sarah has come full circle. "About four years ago I had a strong desire to come back to the area I love," she said. Not only that, she wanted to share that experience with the rest of her family. Operating under the assumption that, "If you buy it, they will come," she bought a condo in Falmouth. "It's great to have somewhere close to where I grew up to bring my parents, siblings and their children along with friends," she said.

Sarah is providing more than a place for family and friends to stay when visiting the Cape. "I feel I'm carrying on a family tradition." Perhaps then it is no surprise that, through her work at the QHPT, she is committed to the Knob as well. "I want to preserve the knowledge, history and love of the Knob and Quissett, be able to pass on that joy to the next generation. It will be my legacy."

2013 Wheeler Lecture: "Woods Hole Squid Advances Alzheimer's Research."

The seventh annual Wheeler Lecture took place on Thursday, July 25, at the National Academy Jonsson Center in the Carriage House. Approximately 50 people turned out to hear speaker Joe DeGiorgis talk about his research using marine life to increase our knowledge of Alzheimer's disease. Dr. DeGiorgis is an Assistant Professor of Biology at Providence College, Providence, Rhode Island, and researcher at the Marine Biological Laboratory (MBL) in Woods Hole. "Everyone left with a sense of the importance and opportunity represented by the research of Joe and his colleagues," said David Barry, Chairman of the Wheeler Lecture. "I also want to thank Sarah Meigs for suggesting and encouraging Joe. He was very informative and entertaining."



Community Gathers for Third Harbor and Beach Cleanup

The third Harbor and Beach Cleanup was held Saturday, June 22, at 9:00 a.m. Approximately 40 people gathered at Quissett Harbor and dispersed to the wall along Quissett Harbor Road, the Knob path, Sandy Beach and Crescent Beach. "The weather was fair, and the tide was in our favor," said Kate Davis, Co-Chair of the Education Committee. "There was a nice mix of ages and a good feeling about working together to keep the place we love clean." The group collected the usual mix of buoys, rope, plastics and cigarette butts. Our thanks to Cavossa Disposal, which donated the dumpster for the second year.