

Message from Paul and Dick

Dear Friends,

This has been a significant year in the evolution of Quissett Harbor Preservation Trust. We changed the Trust's fiscal year-end from May 31 to December 31; hired a professional consultant in **Nancy McDonald**; and, along with **Salt Pond Areas Bird Sanctuaries**, entered into a contract with **Woods Hole Group**, an environmental, scientific and engineering consulting organization, to develop a long-term plan for the Knob. These developments reflect the growth of the Trust and the ongoing commitment of our members as we continue to fulfill our mission of preserving and protecting the Knob and the Quissett Harbor area.

The agreement with Woods Hole Group would not have been possible without our partnership with Salt Pond's **Barrie Murray** and **Katie Taylor**. They worked diligently with QHPT Board Member **Dana Rodin**, and we are truly appreciative of their efforts concerning this critical program.

Within this newsletter you will find a recap of our **Annual Meeting** and **Spring Board Meeting**, which includes information about the institution of term limits for Board Members. We want to thank **David Barry**, **Kate Davis** and **John Sigel** for each agreeing to serve another three-year term.

Finally, we want to recognize the long and distinguished service of retiring director **Craig Gibson**. Craig has been a part of QHPT from the beginning. In acknowledgement of his many contributions, the Board has designated Craig Director Emeritus.

There's still plenty of good weather left, so please take advantage of the recreational opportunities provided by the Quissett area and the Knob.

Sincerely,

Paul Hogan, President

Dick DeWolfe, Chairman

WHEELER LECTURE: BENEATH THE DEEP, BLUE SEA

Close-to 50 guests joined us for the 2015 Wheeler Lecture on July 22. **Dr. Julie Huber**, Associate Scientist and Associate Director of the Josephine Bay Paul Center at the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole, captured the audience's attention with her presentation on microbes and descriptions of her submarine journeys miles beneath the surface of the ocean. On such trips, Dr. Huber observed underwater volcanoes and collected samples for her research on the life forms that thrive in extreme deep-water environments. A lively question-and-answer session followed. We are grateful to Dr. Huber who, in addition to being a scientist at the MBL is also a neighbor and a QHPT member, for giving of her valuable time to speak to us.



Dr. Julie Huber aboard the deep-sea submersible *Alvin*.

ANNUAL MEETING: NEWS, ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND FELLOWSHIP

Our annual meeting took place on July 1, 2015, with 53 members in attendance. We continued with the format put in place last year, which separates the business meeting from the social event.

During the meeting we officially welcomed our two newest directors, **Laura Barker Morse** and **Randy Evans**, and our administrative consultant, **Nancy McDonald**. You will find profiles of all three in our Fall 2014 Newsletter, which is on our website.

Results of the June 20 Board Meeting were presented. Highlights include:

- Board Members **David Barry**, **Kate Davis** and **John Sigel** have each agreed to serve another three-year term.
- The Board has voted to institute **term limits**, with directors now limited to three three-year terms. A member may be considered for additional service only after a sabbatical of at least one year. The only exception is that a member who is elected Chairman may serve one additional three-year term from the time elected, even if this would exceed the limit.
- In recognition of the long and distinguished service of retiring director **Craig Gibson**, the Board designated him Director Emeritus.

As always, the social event that followed provided the opportunity for connecting with others in our community committed to preserving and protecting the Quissett-area.

QUISSETT HARBOR PRESERVATION TRUST

VOLUNTEERS REMOVE LARGE DINGHY DURING BEACH CLEAN-UP

We had a great turnout for our fifth annual **Harbor and Beach Clean-up**, which took place on June 27. About 25 people, representing multiple generations, took part. They spent the morning gathering typical beach debris—food packaging, cigarette butts and far-too-much dog waste.



Randy Evans helped remove the dinghy.

An unusual task this year was the removal of a large abandoned dinghy. The boat was on the public beach toward the path that goes back to the **Quamquissett Beach Club**, and it took several volunteers to move it. "Much of the bottom had been destroyed, and it had soaked up a lot of moisture," said Board Member **Randy Evans**, who participated in the boat's removal. **Randy, Hilary Davis** and **Paul Hogan** tugged the boat to the water's edge. Then Hilary was able to guide it through the water to the beach club. A power saw was used to chop the boat to pieces, which an assembly line of volunteers, including **Chris** and **Clark Olsen**, brought to the dumpster.

In spite of the hard work, Randy, who has participated in the annual clean-up several times, said it was an enjoyable morning. "It's always a positive event," he said. "It's good fellowship. We're together doing something for the community."

Our thanks to Cavossa Disposal for donating the dumpster once again.

UPDATE ON HABITAT CONSERVATION & MANAGEMENT

As you know, we have adopted a strategic approach to dealing with problem areas on the Knob. We have entered into an agreement with **Salt Pond Areas Bird Sanctuaries** and the **Woods Hole Group**, an environmental, scientific and engineering consulting organization, to develop a long-term plan. In early September, representatives from the three groups will undertake a detailed site visit, which will result in the production of key property maps and identification of problem areas. The group will be assessing needs related to bank erosion, chinking, planting, fencing and many other issues that require our attention. The Woods Hole Group will then establish measurable and achievable goals, meet with QHPT representatives to discuss the action plan and obtain the appropriate permits.



Snowy Egrets

FINANCES 2014 (JUNE 1, 2014–DECEMBER 31, 2014)

With the change in fiscal year-end from May 31 to December 31, we are now able to use figures from our 990 Federal Tax Return in our financial discussion. We implemented this change June 1. Therefore, the following figures cover June 1 through December 31, 2014. This shows a beginning-net-asset position that is slightly higher than reported last year, reflecting adjustments to the interim numbers used in our analysis.



ASSETS AS OF JUNE 1, 2014:	\$612,840
Contributions:	\$20,315
Investment Returns:	\$6,837
Unrealized Gain on Investments:	\$16,714
EXPENSES:	\$15,648
• Program Expense (including restoration):	\$6,199
• Communications:	\$3,067
• Administration:	\$2,295
• Accounting:	\$3,900
• Filing Fees:	\$187
NET SURPLUS:	\$11,504
ASSETS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2014:	\$641,058