



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members:

This is a quick supplement to our Fall Newsletter to update you on a couple of issues as we close out 2019.

First, I have to apologize to Mark Polebaum for not including a profile of him in the Fall Newsletter. Not only did Mark join the QHPT's Board of Directors in 2019, but he also has taken on the responsibilities of Clerk/Board Secretary and is working on the invasives project. We hope the profile included in this supplement at least partially remedies the error. Welcome, Mark, and thank you for your dedication to the Trust's work.

Next, the Board of Directors met in November, and we want you to know that the rock-armor-repairs project is moving along. We are meeting with contractors to get bids and will hold another Board meeting in January to review.

As you know, repairing the rock armor is a high priority. Over time, the chinking and filter cloth that keep the ground behind the large rocks in place have eroded, requiring that we rebuild the foundation. It is critical that we protect the causeway from a breach because such an occurrence could cut off the Knob, blocking access to walking and hiking as well as adversely affecting the navigability of the outer Quissett Harbor and protection of far-shore properties.

As the winter season approaches, we know people spend less time by the water. But there is still beauty to be found at Quissett. This winter, I hope you find some moments to bundle up and enjoy the Knob and the Harbor.

Sincerely,

Randy Evans, President

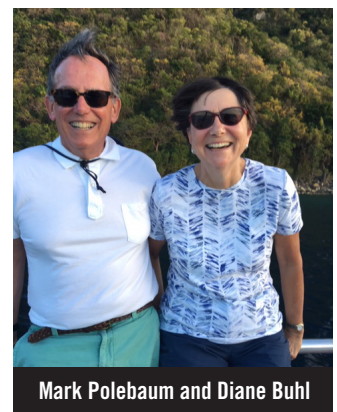
## WELCOME MARK POLEBAUM TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

*Also Serving as Clerk and on Invasives Fundraising Committee*

We are pleased to welcome **Mark Polebaum** to our Board of Directors. Mark joined the Board last spring. He has also taken on the position of Clerk/Board Secretary and is serving on the fundraising committee for the Eradicating Invasives/Re-Vegetation Planting project.

Mark and his wife, Diane Buhl, divide their time between the home they have owned in Quissett for 10 years and one in Boston. Before buying here, they had rented on Racing Beach for a couple of summers while their oldest, Katie, worked at the College Light Opera company. Today, their three children, Katie, Jessica and Michael, are grown and enjoy visiting Quissett during the summer and holidays. The family likes swimming at Crescent Beach as well as boating in the Harbor. Mark also likes to fish. "I think of the Knob as my backyard, and the Trust does really important work to preserve it and keep it beautiful," Mark said. "Maintaining it is critical."

Now a retired attorney, Mark was a Partner at WilmerHale (formerly Hale and Dorr) and finished his career as General Counsel for MFS Investment Management, a Boston-based global asset manager. Randy Evans said he was delighted that Mark, not only joined the Board, but also has stepped up in two significant ways, as Clerk/Board Secretary and by working on the invasives project. "I'm glad he joined the Board and very appreciative that he accepted the role as our Board Secretary," Randy said. "It's so important to be able to draw on the knowledge and experience our Board members bring to their service. Mark's career in the legal and financial fields adds to the expertise we can draw on as we work to preserve and protect the Knob and the Harbor."



Mark Polebaum and Diane Buhl