



## 2020 Annual President's Report

January 4, 2021

This report summarizes the activities of Friends of Barnstable Harbor in 2020.

2020 began with a bang as we were the recipients of the more than \$10,000 raised at the **Annual New Year's Swim** at Millway Beach with follow-up party and auction featuring **Brian Burbic's** band at the [Dolphin Restaurant](#).

However, due to restriction imposed by Covid -19 our activities were curtailed beginning in March. Our planned Lecture Series featuring Megan Gonea "Marshes, Ditches, and Drainages in the Face of Sea Level Rise" was canceled due to Covid restrictions. Also canceled was a collaborative event "State of the Harbor: Marshes" with Barnstable Land Trust & Long Pasture Audubon.

On the upside, consistent donations from our membership enabled us to make the final payment for our Benthic Habitat Mapping Project! The December 2020 Interim Report for this project is available on our website:

<https://www.friendsofbarnstableharbor.org/mapping-barnstable-harbor-from-the-bottom-up/>

We held our 2020 Annual Meeting on Zoom on December 18<sup>th</sup> @ 4pm. More than 30 people attended. Minutes to that meeting are available on our website:

<https://www.friendsofbarnstableharbor.org/about-us/annual-meeting-minutes/>

Below is a link to our updated and more streamlined mission statement that was voted in at the Annual Meeting:

<https://www.friendsofbarnstableharbor.org/about-us/mission-statement/>

### **Directors & By-Laws:**

There were no changes to our By Laws in 2020.

Director Kate Plettner retired. Three new directors were voted in at our 2020 Annual Meeting: **Susan Handy Littlefield, Doug Moquin, and Paul Heslinga.**

## **Youth Education Project: yep!:**

**Brit Lay, Chair**

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, our YEP! program languished. **We are seeking ideas for socially distanced programming for 2021**, however, with the tremendous burden already imposed upon teachers, it is unlikely that we will be able to sponsor any trips for students from the public school system before 2022.

## **New Business/ Upcoming Events:**

2021 will likely also be significantly impacted by Covid-19 restrictions, nevertheless, there is work to be done. Here are some of the highlights:

- Free Lecture Series on Zoom:
  - Megan Gonea: Marsh Ditches
  - Owen Nichols: Finfish /Shellfish Study
  - Other Ideas TBD
- Develop a Strategic Plan
- Consistent Engagement with Town of Barnstable:
  - Town Councilor: Gordon Starr
  - Natural Resources/Harbormaster
  - Conservation Commission
- Clean Water in the Marina Oyster Project: Jon Brink
- Maraspin Creek Culvert Re-Design: Animal Pathways
- Plan for State of the Harbor Event 2022
- Storm Water Run-Off Issues
- Blish Point/ Maraspin Creek neighborhood Resiliency
- Organization Compliance Considerations
- Barnstable Harbor Art Collection

**Thank you to all that are Friends of Barnstable Harbor!**

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