



2021 Annual President's Report

December 31, 2021

This report summarizes the activities of Friends of Barnstable Harbor in 2021.

The ongoing global pandemic kept activities to a minimum for Friends of Barnstable Harbor. A planned fundraising event with Hyannis Whale Watch was postponed due to an uptick in the Delta variant of the corona virus. Our Youth Education Program has been put on hold due to both the pandemic and the unfortunate closure of Barnstable Harbor Ecotours.

A new feature of our website is a section devoted to **Harbor Stories: Words, Lore, & More**. Harbor Stories is an arena for members of the Barnstable Harbor community to share their personal stories and history of the harbor. Submissions for Harbor Stories are encouraged and welcome. Here's a link: <https://www.barnstableharbor.org/>

A significant highlight for the 2021 was the donation of over \$750 from "Mini Smitty's" Ice Cream stand. In the face of the closure of the local ice cream store "Smitty's", a group of neighborhood kids served ice cream to friends and families. The ice cream was free of charge, nevertheless, tips were collected. "Mini Smitty's" kids opted to donate their "earnings" to the Friends of Barnstable Harbor at a small ceremony where each child expressed what Barnstable Harbor means to them. The "Mini Smitty's" crew were each presented with a certificate honoring them as members of the Friends of Barnstable Harbor Youth Squad. Here's a link to the video of this ceremony: <https://www.friendsofbarnstableharbor.org/mini-smittys-youth-squad/>

Institutionally, Friends of Barnstable Harbor directors created a **Strategic Plan & Timeline** as a blueprint for the organization moving forward. Here is a link to that plan: <https://www.friendsofbarnstableharbor.org/strategic-plan-time-line/>

Our 2021 Annual Meeting was held virtually on Zoom on December 17th @ 4:30pm. Minutes to that meeting are available on our website: <https://www.friendsofbarnstableharbor.org/about-us/annual-meeting-minutes/>

Directors & By-Laws:

There were no changes to our By Laws in 2021.

Four new directors were voted in at our 2021 Annual Meeting: **Jeb Handy, Margaret Hill, Mark Begley, Rick Floyd.** Paul Heslinga was elected to be the new treasurer.

Finally, after thirteen years on the FBH board, and eight of them as president, I have made the decision to resign my position as an officer and board member. And although I am switching gears in pursuit of some new interests, my love of Barnstable Harbor is forever.

Thank you all so much for the opportunity to work with you and in the best interests of the “harbor we love”.

Thank you to all that are Friends of Barnstable Harbor!

Submitted by: Avery Revere, President