

**Friends of Barnstable Harbor  
Minutes of Annual Meeting  
December 17, 2021**

The meeting was held via Zoom and was called to order at 4:34 PM by President Avery Revere. In attendance were Treasurer Chris Schumacher, Secretary Peter Eleftherakis and 12 additional members. There were eight proxy certificates that had been received prior to the meeting, five from members not in attendance. A quorum was certified.

President Revere began the meeting with an introduction and thanked those in attendance. She noted that this will be her final meeting as President, after serving eight years in that position and 13 years as a board member.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the proposed slate of board members and officers as outlined in the Proxy Statement (attached). The nominated officers included: Paul Heslinga for Treasurer and Peter Eleftherakis for Secretary. President Revere presented the names of four new board members and thanked them for their willingness to serve. These include Jeb Handy, Margaret Hill, Rick Floyd and Mark Begley. The vote was unanimous (including voice vote and proxy ballots submitted) to accept the slate as proposed.

The minutes of the 2020 Annual Meeting were distributed by Secretary Eleftherakis via email prior to the meeting and were accepted by unanimous vote.

The Treasurer's Report (attached) was presented by Chris Schumacher:

2021 was another challenging financial year for FOBH, though again not without its positive aspects. We received \$8,880 in contributions and ended the year with a cash balance of over \$12,000.

The final bill for the Benthic Mapping study was paid off.

Our 2019 taxes were filed on time with a smooth transition to our new accountant.

Ted Theodores asked if there were any grants received during the year. President Revere replied that we had (unsuccessfully) sought grant funding to support the Benthic Mapping project but had not applied for any grants since then.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted unanimously.

The Nominating Committee Report was presented by Peter Eleftherakis. The committee consisted of Eleftherakis, Susan Littlefield, Brit Lay and Paul Heslinga. The committee was successful in finding four new board members but was unsuccessful in finding candidates to take over the President and Vice President positions. The committee will continue to search for candidates for these two critical positions

President Revere then made a statement to the group. She started by thanking Treasurer Chris Schumacher for his eight years in that position. She recognized the work of the Nominating Committee and welcomed the new board members. She noted that the organization now has over 400 members on its mailing list, and she reviewed some of the accomplishments achieved in recent years including:

Youth Education Program  
Benthic Mapping Study  
Introduction of Harbor Stories on our web site  
Development of a Strategic Plan

She thanked those who have worked over the years to make the Friends of Barnstable Harbor an effective voice in supporting and protecting our harbor. And she expressed the wish that board members would continue to step up to help the organization take on new initiatives in the future.

The board then presented Avery with a parting gift of a gold painted ceramic striped bass wall hanging. Susan Littlefield read a statement of appreciation from the board thanking Avery for her dedication and devotion to furthering the mission of the Friends during her term in office and on the board.

Secretary Eleftherakis then discussed plans for the coming year. The first order of business will be to fill our two vacant leadership positions and the Nominating Committee will continue in that effort. At the same time, the committee will work to define the leadership roles for the organization so that one person does not have to shoulder the load that our outgoing President has had to in recent years. And the committee will be reaching out to current board members to assume leadership roles on projects as they become better defined.

A set of initiatives for the coming year will be developed in coming months. We hope to be able to hold another cruise, perhaps in the fall, as public health concerns permit. And we hope to come up with some new ideas to reinvigorate our Education Program.

Jeb Handy asked if there is a list of members. Avery responded that she would distribute an updated board member list.

Bob Frazee brought up the Pilgrim Nuclear Plant decommissioning and the plans to release water into Cape Cod Bay and asked if that is something that the Friends should be keeping an eye on. The group consensus was that it is. It was noted that the company managing the decommissioning has announced that there will be no water released into Cape Cod Bay in 2022. However, no mention was made of any plans after that time. Precinct 1 Town Councilor Gordon Starr noted that there is a public meeting scheduled for January 31 in Plymouth. He also said he will keep the board updated as things progress in this area.

Susan Handy asked about the cost to perform the Fin Fish Study as a follow-up to the Benthic Mapping project. Avery mentioned that, at the time the original Benthic Mapping project was conducted, the cost was projected to be \$75,000. And she estimated that today the cost would be in the range of \$90,000 or more.

Gordon Starr presented a report on the Barnstable Harbor dredging project scheduled for this 2022. The outer channel is to be dredged and work will be starting in January. Spoils from the project will be taken to New Bedford for dewatering and then trucked to Sandy Neck beach to protect the parking area.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:18.

Respectfully Submitted January 22, 2022,

Peter Eleftherakis  
Secretary