

Accomplishments 2017-2018

A very busy and productive year.

- Two Grants Secured – CPC Grant for \$265K and Massachusetts Cultural Commission grant for \$225K. Thank you Charlotte Harris
- Opened the Keepers' House in spring for use – Thank you Sam Patterson
- Attended New England Museum Association Annual Conference in Falmouth – Thank you Barbara Meissner and Catherine Bumpus for attending.
- A promotional video was created by Brian Switzer. Thanks to Steve Levy and Susan Shephard being part of the video. Thanks to Jonathan Polloni and others for providing narrative, as well.
- Doubled our lighthouse tower tour for the summer through fall. Thank you Jeff Thomas and all the volunteers.
- Hosted American Idol bus and crew at Nobska. Planned for 2019 promo, but quick aerial of Nobska in one of 2018 promo videos.
- Beacons of Light traveling art show and auction for entire summer of 2017, generating extraordinary visibility and more than \$8000. Thank you Barbara Meissner and all the volunteers.
- The cherished downlights were relit for in 2017. Thanks to Catherine for achieving this when we were told by the CG that they would never return.
- CARE for the Cape and Islands brought more than 25 volunteers to Nobska in May for general cleanup and improvements.
- Catherine and Susan Shephard attended the second annual Lighthouse Symposium this spring. Thanks to both.
- A Public Officials Open House was held in the spring. Not only better understanding of project, but was a very nice event. Thanks to all Board and Advisory Board members who attended. And to Sam Patterson for the suggestion.
- Thanks to Barbara Meissner for furnishing the front room of the Keepers' House for receiving guests and informal meetings.
- The Falmouth DPW repaved the public parking area, placed an attractive stone wall to prevent erosion and seeded the area adjacent to the stones. Thanks to Catherine for coordination with DPW.
- Nobska is now one of the public weather stations. When you see temperature and wind speeds at Woods Hole on one of the Boston TV stations, it is probably our weather station at Nobska. Check it out on line.
- Much thanks to Bob Grosch, Jeff Thomas and Tom Walrath for all the maintenance improvements done regularly at Nobska. Bob went beyond the call of duty when he removed filthy basement insulation that was full of rodent nests and droppings.
- Much thanks to the Facilities Committee who worked tirelessly through 2017 to get the plans completed and contractor selected for the tower restoration. Steve Levy and Charlie McCaffrey chaired the committee at the beginning of 2017. Bob Grosch and John Scanlan chaired it the rest of the year. Members included Phil Richardson, Dave Forsberg, Pat Burke and Richard Worob. Just recently, the Committee has been very busy interviewing and selecting candidates to be

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Construction Manager for the Keepers' House. Catherine provided outstanding support for the committee's activities.

- Thus, an appropriate segue into maybe the most important accomplishment, the restoration of the lighthouse tower. Finished just in time for Falmouth Christmas by the Sea Weekend, the project went beyond the original plans and the exterior and most of the tower interior no longer contain lead on any surface. The only exception is the circular iron stairway, where any lead paint is fully encapsulated.
- Thanks to Catherine and many Board members and volunteers, we instituted the Nobska Newsletter. Many mailing parties got the newsletter out into the community, generating good will and receiving individual contributions.
- Architectural and Engineering design commenced on the Keepers' House restoration plans.
- In August, we submitted a grant proposal to the Falmouth Community Preservation Committee for the Keepers' House restoration. The proposal was for \$507K. It has been subsequently approved by both the CPC and the town Finance Committee. Thank you Charlotte Harris and Mary Harris.
- Kate Neubauer was selected to be our Capital Campaign consultant. Kate and Catherine convened two, well-attended retreats with regard to the Capital Campaign. Progress has been made. David and Ann Forsberg have volunteered to co-chair the Capital Campaign Committee. Much thanks to them and all who have participated in this process.
- We opened the restored tower for Falmouth Christmas by the Sea Weekend with caroling and refreshments at the Keepers' House on Friday night and tours on Saturday with Santa arriving to welcome the children. Thanks to Catherine and her volunteers for erecting the wreath for the weekend activities.
- An informational meeting was held in December for the Advisory Board. It was holiday festive, educational and fun. Thanks to many Board members who attended.
- Early this year, we hosted a group of Falmouth High School art students to tour the tower and create both art and poetry regarding the lighthouses.
- Great thanks are due to our treasurer, Mary Harris. It is a very time consuming job. Not only does Mary keep our finances in good order, but also when we had a cash flow crisis during the tower restoration, she covered the shortfall for a number of weeks until inflow exceeded outflow. Also, she keeps us in good stead with both our state and federal regulators regarding our 501C3 non-profit status.
- Thanks also to Susan Shephard who chaired the Nominating Committee this year. It is always a difficult and time-consuming job and Susan made it look painless.
- Thanks to Sally Colacicco for stepping up as our Recording Secretary on the Board of Directors. We miss her today.
- Thanks for the support of the new Executive Committee, comprised of the Officers – VP Susan Shephard, Treasurer Mary Harris, Corporate Clerk Jonathan Pollonu – Jeff Thomas as at large Board member and Catherine Bumpus, Executive Director.