

SWIM'S Accomplishments and Activities 2010- February 2017

2010: Vi took over leadership from Polly Bradley, founder.

2011: Training session given by Salem Sound Coastwatch for Adopt a Beach Program. Worked to create by-laws and to become a 501c3.

2012: By-laws installed. Major educational event at Flash Road Playground in the form of a skit about recycling. Marine Science Center staff brought touch tanks and taught the children. Macerated cruise ship sewage washed up and generated much publicity. First fundraising letter sent to all residents.

2013: On April 21 we became a 501c3. Created Beachkeepers and Adopt a Beach Program in full swing. Tested Tudor Beach street drain outfall and found it clean. Tested Bear Pond outfall and found it polluted. Both of latter done with help of Salem Sound Coastwatch. Group of SWIMmers went to State House to testify in favor of H3505 concerning cruise ship discharge. Second fundraising letter to all residents including educational materials in form of colorful rack card concerning recycling, about which Nahant had little information.

2014: Paid to have Nahant become a member of Greenscapes coalition of towns focusing on the environment, allowing Town to have our educational and environmental activities count towards EPA MS4 permit. Northeastern University donated part of the fee. First annual Greenscapes public educational program called "The Secret Lives of Short Beach" presented by Executive Director of Salem Sound Coastwatch Barbara Warren. First annual educational program at the Johnson School taught by Salem Sound Coastwatch staff. Started working with Town on execution of East Point Management Plan. Vi attended several important conferences. Participated in letter campaign supporting the successful passage of enlarged No Discharge Law banning all discharge along MA coast. Third annual fundraising letter to all residents including card about cleaning up after dogs.

2015: First time SWIM in charge of Nahant Beaches Cleanup Day. SWIM supported Town Article 11 at Town Meeting concerning water runoff. Curlew Beach catastrophic pollution by giant Styrofoam broken up dock: SWIM coordinated the cleanup by informing Town and SWIMmers and neighbors. First annual Coastal Bioblitz collaboration with Northeastern University. Second annual educational program at Johnson School. Annual fundraising letter included educational card about water runoff. Fourth annual fundraising letter included card about water runoff.

2016: SWIM spread news via its 400+ email distribution list of fabulously rare Right Whale visiting our shores. Annual Greenscapes public presentation about trees generated creation of a grass roots committee (Tudor Tree Initiative) striving to generate a tree management program in Nahant. Snowy Owl event given at Town Hall paid for by SWIM as public event. First COSA scholarship awarded to three Nahant students so they could attend MSC summer program. New Plant a Tree Program started with planting of a red oak in Marjoram Park. Installation of drinking fountain at wharf delayed until spring due to construction work on wharf. Fountain to help people use fewer single use containers. Petition circulated and submitted to Town for the warrant to give option to recycle to all apartment and condo residents. Second annual Bioblitz. Third annual Johnson School program. Third annual beaches cleanup day. Annual fundraising letter included card about trees.

2017: January and February saw SWIM's collaboration with Nahant Preservation Trust and MA Audubon resulting in the purchase of derelict property at 125 Furbush Road to be returned to its natural state. New initiative begun to generate a management plan for Nahant Thicket's watershed.