

## SWIM'S Accomplishments and Activities 2017- October 13, 2020

**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. January: with a letter writing campaign, successfully fought off a plan to start scallop dredging around Nahant proposed by Marine Fisheries Advisory Commission (Winter-time Sea Scallop Dredge Pilot Program Within North Shore Year-Round Closure Area off Nahant). Installation of drinking fountain at wharf to help people use fewer single use containers plus creation of SWIM re-fillable water bottles to be sold at cost. Petition circulated and submitted to Town for the warrant to give option to recycle to all apartment and condo residents. Third Bioblitz. Fourth Johnson School Program. Second COSA scholarship gift to include internships of Nahant resident students. First annual COASTSWEEP cleanup of Short Beach. Annual Greenscapes adult education event, this year entitled "Keeping Water Clean". Sixth annual fundraising letter including card about MS4 permit. Guide to *The Rocks of Nahant* published.

### **2018:**

Jan 7 Rock Guide event at Library with Barry Sidwell presenting. 1/11 Mass Audubon presentation re Thicket at Town Hall. 1/23 MEPA hearing at Marine Science Center. Vi attended MWRA (Massachusetts Water Resources Authority) Outfall Monitoring Science Advisory Panel meeting in Boston February 2018. 2/28 OMSAP meeting in Boston. 2/28 presentation in Boston by CLF re climate.

3/20 Zoning Board meeting in Town Hall. Presented recycling item for warrant at Town Meeting and it passed, but Selectmen opted not to move forward, so it failed in the end.

4/5 Board of Selectmen meeting re Arbor Day Declaration. 4/17 met with Deb Duhamel, Stantec consultant for Town's MS4 permit. 4/22 Earth Day event at East Point. 4/28-29 handed out twenty National Arbor Day Foundation trees to residents.

Third COSA scholarship gift to Nahant resident students. Sixth Annual Nahant Beaches Cleanup Day May 6. May 9: sent letter support MVP grand re Nahant's Sea Level Vulnerability Committee Grant application. 7/18 meeting at Salem Sound Coastwatch re Greenscapes program. September 16, second annual Coastsweep/SWIM Short Beach Cleanup. September 27, fifth annual Johnson School Greenscapes program. October 23 luncheon with CLF re environment in Boston. First Annual Johnson School Rock fair planning for 11/27 Fair Day. 1/13 all day to Boston OMSAP conference.

**2019:** January 3: composting meeting. 1/10 meeting at Library re. herbarium project. February 4: meeting at Audubon Thicket re: proposed management plan and did site walk. 2/9 all day workshop at Town Hall re Municipal Vulnerability to sea rise and climate change. 2/14 three-hour meeting with Conservation Law Foundation re environment in general and right whales in particular. March 6: Greenscapes presentation on Raingardens at Life Saving Station. March 19: composting meeting. March 27: All day Eelgrass Conference in Boston. April 2: letter supporting Library Go Local: Nature in Nahant grant request. April 17: letter mailed to support work of MVP (Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness) Committee. April 22: Vi was moderator for the Earth Day Symposium. April 17: compost meeting. April 18: Letter sent to all residents re Nahant Wetlands Protection Bylaw. April 24: attended Outfall Monitoring Science Advisory Panel which is part of the Boston Harbor and MA Bay Water Resources Authority day-long conference. April 27: Town Meeting – Vi designated to be a member of new Wetlands Protection Bylaw Review Committee. April 28: seventh Nahant Beaches Cleanup. May 5: Vi attended North Atlantic Right Whale event at Aquarium. June

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21: letter sent to MEPA re NU's proposed Coastal Sustainability Institute. July 16: Vi testified at State House re Dover Amendment. Installation by DPW of fifty "No Dumping Drains to Ocean" plaques donated by SWIM to the Town. Sep 20: met w/ J. Alpert of The Nature Conservancy. Sep 21: third annual Beaches Cleanup Day. Oct 9: Wetlands By-law Study (WBS) Committee's first meeting. 12/2 Rocks Fair training and Wetlands Protection Bylaw Study Comm mtg. 12/4 sent out Dover Amendment docs. 12/10 Rock Fair at Johnson School. 12/24 organized tour of Thicket w/ Selectmen, Town Administrator and Superintendent of DPW. 12/30 sent letter to Erin Flaherty @ MEPA re NU project.

**2020:** 1/6 Wetlands Bylaw Study Comm mtg; 1/14 mtg w/ Swampscott Tree Warden to learn about tree by-laws; 1/30 BOS mtg re proposed Town tree cutting; 2/3 Wetlands Protection Bylaw Study Comm mtg; 2/9 Snowy Owl presentation @ Library; 2/12 mtg with Jill Carr from Mass Bays National Estuaries as part of their initiative to include organizations like ours in their mission; 2/13 met with the Garden Club re. collaboration on an Arbor Day event; 3/2 Wetlands Protection By-law Study Committee; 3/11 Arborist presentation at Library and afternoon workshop with DPW; 3/21 North Atlantic right whales begin visit to Nahant; 3/30 Wetlands Protection By-law Study Committee; 4/30 last Wetlands Protection By-law Study Committee mtg.; 4/9 attended webinar with Conservation Law Foundation re North Atlantic right whales; 4/16 webinar re environment by Conservation Law Foundation; 4/24 webinar by Conservation Law Foundation focusing on the law and the environment; 4/29 annual meeting online about eelgrass entitled Zosterapalooza. 6/14 eighth Beaches Cleanup Day. 7/2 Mass Audubon mtg re Thicket @ Thicket. 9/29 celebration of opening of Thicket boardwalk. 10/11 fourth annual Autumn Beach Cleanup.