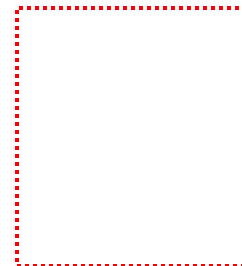


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WINTER 2026

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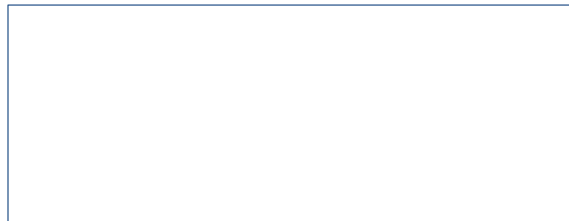
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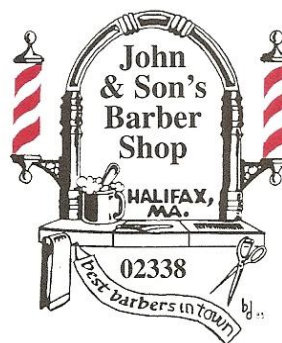
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President's Message

Another year, another beach season has come and gone. I am grateful to have had a summer filled with so many wonderful events that remind us of all the good within our community. Many thanks to everyone who attended an event, volunteered, opened their home, shared their property for hosting, and especially our Fundraising Committee for putting it all together. Gathering together serves as a reminder of how soul-filling it can be to get up out of that beach chair and spend time with our neighbors all across the peninsula.

The works Gurnet-Saquish Corporation does are completed by the regular people who populate the peninsula in the summer and off-seasons. That's part of what makes our dues and donations so vital each year: GSC is not funded by mysterious faceless donors, but by real, hardworking people. Our funding is that much more meaningful; and for the GSC Board of Directors, makes being financially responsible with those funds even more crucial. With rising costs everywhere; that makes for some difficult board discussions and decisions, and you will see in the coming reports that the board voted to keep the same committee budgets for 2026, maintaining funding for each committee yet not overspending, so GSC can continue on for another 50-plus years.

To our residents, consider being a multi-membership household! The entire peninsula benefits from the actions of a few - and many more hands would make increasingly light work. If you can't swing the dues this time around, consider a donation of any size, it goes directly into road maintenance and repairs, guard hours, fundraising merchandise and events for the community.

Consider also volunteering and getting future generations involved- I am a direct result of that: first my grandfather joined GSC, then my parents, and now me; three generations! And while as a child and teenager I couldn't see why I had to tag along to work parties; as an adult I am constantly thankful for the memories and appreciate the values and hard work that goes into taking care of our peninsula. Through GSC we have made lifelong friendships and connections that continue even on the "mainland".

In mentioning those connections, I'm going to close this message by taking a moment to honor and share gratitude for knowing the residents who have passed on this year. It sometimes feels impossible and surreal to imagine them not among us, but time marches on, and we must march with it - with appreciation for all the precious moments we were able to spend together. Our hearts ache with the holes left behind, but the memories can help them feel less empty.

We may have our disagreements, but we all have one thing in common - our love for Gurnet Saquish.

Thank you,

Lilly Ferguson *Gurnet-Saquish Corporation President* president@gurnetsaquishcorp.org

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Gurnet-Saquish Corporation Board of Directors Meeting Schedule

Hybrid meetings (in person and/or on Zoom) held on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. @ the Duxbury Library.

NEXT MEETING: January 7, 2026

Meeting Agendas, Zoom Links and Minutes may be requested from the Recording Secretary, Frances Winterson at secretary@gurnetsaquishcorp.org



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GURNET – SAQUISH – SAQUISH HEAD – WESTERN POINT

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☑ PAY YOUR DUES

Be eligible to join our Board of Directors and vote on important matters affecting our community.

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*****IMPORTANT 2026 PAYMENT UPDATE*****

PayPal will NO LONGER be accepted for 2026 contributions. Accepted payment methods via:

☑ **CHECK** - Mail your payment with your completed membership form to:

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Checks should be payable to: GURNET SAQUISH CORPORATION

Be sure to include your dues/donation form to enable us to identify & log you correctly.

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👉 **THANK YOU!** Your contributions help fund conservation including roadwork, dune preservation & protection of vulnerable areas as well as gate watch security and other corporate expenses to allow our non-profit volunteer corporation to continue working for the benefit of all residents/owners. Help us by reminding your neighbors to pay their dues & make donations and by asking your visitors to donate.

GSC Membership Chair: Samantha Conkey

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2026 MEMBERSHIP DUES & DONATIONS

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Eligibility as per GSC Bylaws Article II: Any individual who has a legal or equitable ownership interest in a single-family home on The Gurnet, Saquish Beach, Saquish Head or Western Point, and his or her spouse, siblings, parents, children or grandchildren 18 years of age or older shall, with the consent of the owner shall be eligible to become a member of the corporation.

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I AM PAYING MY 2026 ANNUAL GSC Membership Dues of \$175.00

I AM DONATING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$_____

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Gurnet Saquish Corporation, a non-profit 501(c) 4 Corporation, funds efforts for conservation, preservation & education solely by money raised through membership, donations & fundraising activities. Your help is imperative to maintaining our fragile environment.

It's never easy to say goodbye. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families and friends of:



Alice Elaine (Perry) Souza, age 95, of Dighton, passed away peacefully on June 25, 2025, at her daughter's home in North Dighton, surrounded by her loving family. She was the beloved wife of the late George Souza. Born and raised in Dighton, she was the daughter of the late Eugene and Mary (Mello) Perry.

A proud graduate of Dighton High School, Class of 1948, Alice was a lifelong and devoted member of Saint Nicholas of Myra Church, where she served as a Eucharistic Minister, participated in the prayer shawl ministry, and was honored with the Marian Medal for her dedication and faith. Alice served the Town of Dighton for an extraordinary 53 years. She began her career in 1969 as a teacher's aide and became the Director of the Council on Aging in 1979, a position she held until her retirement

in 2022. In 1994, she founded Prime Time, an adult day care program that went on to serve as a model throughout Massachusetts. A passionate community advocate, Alice served as a commissioner on the Dighton Housing Authority and was active in numerous town committees, including the Board of Health's handicapped and disaster preparedness committees, and the parish nurse committee for the former St. Joseph's and St. Peter's Churches. She also helped coordinate Dighton's SHARE (SERVE) program and represented the town on the GATRA Advisory Board.

Alice loved lighthouses, beach days, and working with her hands—especially knitting, sewing, and crocheting. She leaves behind her loving children: Karen Gazza of Middleboro, Cheryl Wick of North Dighton, Kevin J. Souza and Eric J. Souza, both of Dighton. She was the cherished grandmother of 8, great-grandmother of 14, and great-great-grandmother of 1. She was predeceased by her sons, Brian P. Souza and Carl G. Souza, and her siblings, Eugene Perry Jr., Mary Gloria Perry, John Perry, Evangeline Fredette, and Deolinda Silvia. In lieu of flowers, donations in Alice's memory may be made to Dighton Prime Time and/or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital—both causes close to her heart.

Philip Francis Carrigan Jr. (born July 21, 1949) of Dover, passed away surrounded by love on June 10, 2025. He was the beloved husband of Mary Connelly Carrigan, with whom he shared 53 years of marriage. Born in Brighton and raised in Westwood, Philip was the son of the late Philip Francis Carrigan Sr. and Mary Terry Carrigan. Philip attended the University of Massachusetts, and then became an officer in the United States Coast Guard. He next attended Long Island University, then received a doctorate from Northeastern University in Behavioral Psychology, followed by a career in radar and air traffic control technology development. He was predeceased by his brother, Michael Carrigan, and will be deeply missed by his loving sisters, Mary Ellen Gerraughty of Hollidaysburg, PA (and her spouse Robert Stangl), and Susan Carrigan Padell of Walpole (and her spouse Jeffery Padell). Philip also will be missed by his many nieces and nephews. A proud and loving father, Philip is survived by his daughter Charlotte Terry Carrigan Quigley of Brunswick, ME, and her husband Bryan Quigley, and his twin grandsons, Liam Francis and Owen Michael, who brought him great joy. A funeral mass will be held to honor his memory at 11am on June 19th, 2025 at St. John the Baptist in Brunswick, ME. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly asks that donations be made to your local animal shelter in Philip's name. He will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by all who knew him.



Lucien "Lou" Paul Brouillard Jr.

July 3, 1936 - October 12, 2025

Lucien Brouillard Jr., known to many as "Lou," passed away peacefully at the age of 89. Born in Quincy, MA, Lou's perseverance and tenacity were evident in everything he did. He is survived by his beloved wife of 69 years, Donna G. (Sealund) Brouillard; his five children, Lisa Brouillard, Amy Brouillard, Jodi Hinkle, Lucien P. Brouillard III (Luke), and Beth Brouillard; grandchildren, Jason Bither, Jillian Landry, Nathan Bither, Samuel Andrade, Amanda Willow, Kyle Hinkle, Trevor Hinkle, and Emily Brouillard; and great-grandchildren, Halie Bither, Nathan Bither Jr., Owen Bither, Kylee Hinkle and Mazie Landry.

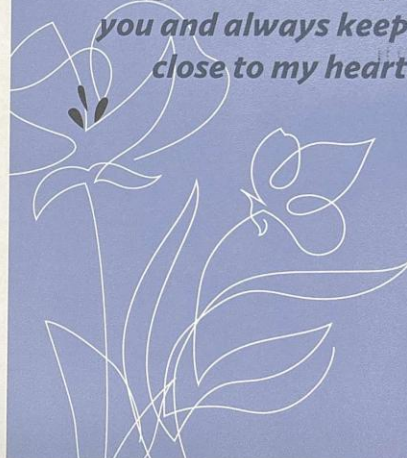
Lou was the only son of the late Minnie and Lucien P. Brouillard Sr., of Halifax/Hingham MA. His parents instilled in him perseverance, strength, and a nurturing spirit. His father, a professional boxer, held undisputed World Welterweight and Middleweight titles, while his mother, Minnie, was a devoted parent who fostered a love of animals, raising multiple generations of Golden Retrievers. He is also survived by his sisters, Judith Confar of Carver, MA, and Patricia Fernald of Plympton, MA, and was predeceased by his sisters Florence Murdock, Joan Bromley, and Linda Lund. Lou was deeply loved by many nieces, nephews, and cherished extended family and friends.

Lou and Donna raised their five children on a family farm in Middleboro, where they grew vegetables, raised livestock, and enjoyed horseback riding, swimming, and countless adventures. Through daily life on the farm and caring for family pets, Lou instilled in his children the value of hard work, independence, and an appreciation for nature. In 1966, Lou built his business from the ground up, establishing Brouillard Company Inc., a respected excavation and grading company initially in Marshfield and currently in Middleboro, where his son, Lucien (Luke) Brouillard III, continues to uphold his father's legacy. The Brouillard family also enjoyed a second home at Saquish Beach in Plymouth, MA, where Lou found joy in the community and camaraderie of friends. He led years of conservation efforts to protect the beach and served on the Gurnet-Saquish Board of Directors for many years.



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Have a safe and happy Winter!
The GSC Communications Committee

WELCOME!

Welcome to our new board members Tyler Brissenden and Tanner Campbell

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The good news is the road was graded the week of December 15th from Blakeman's to the guard shack. The not-so-good news is the bridge was closed on December 8th to all traffic and will remain closed for the next couple of months for structural repairs.

A new replacement for the bridge is still in the design phase. It appears it will not be wood like the current bridge. State design criteria calls for a 75 to 100 year life span which disqualifies wooded pilings.

The reconstruction of the sea wall along Gurnet road on the Duxbury Marshfield line appears to have been completed. All heavy equipment and construction materials are gone from the parking lot at the entrance to Duxbury Beach Park. However, there are large stockpiles of construction materials and some heavy equipment in the overflow lot inside Duxbury Beach Park. If construction activity here or any winter construction projects on the beach impact travel to Gurnet and Saquish we will pass along any information received to the membership through social media.

Marty Bosworth

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RIGHT OF WAY COMMITTEE

Zur Attias	Charlie Bournazos
Mike Conkey*	Scott Day
Emily Miller	Brian Quigley

Fire Protection Committee (hmbjo59@comcast.net)

In October Plymouth and Duxbury Fire Departments visited the Gurnet, met with Gurnet Fire Committee members and familiarized new personnel with fire equipment, driver training, cistern locations and where and how to draft sea water if needed.

No other new fire information to report.
Respectfully submitted, Your Fire Committee

Henry (Marty) Bosworth
Mike Conkey

Gurnet Fire Equipment

Last year the Gurnet Fire equipment had expanded their inventory. We added this Aluminum 6'X10' enclosed trailer. The trailer allows us to have all our equipment ready to go at a moment's notice. When fully outfitted the trailer will be located on the west side of the Gurnet to allow quick response to that area. It will also be available for use on Saquish.

We have also updated our fire book which includes a picture of every house, an assigned house number, property contact info, cistern sizes and locations. The surrounding towns fire departments have a copy in their trucks and on their cell phones.



Both the Fire Shed and the trailer will be equipped with a crash cart that has a 2" Honda water pump, 300' of discharge hose and all the necessary hoses and fittings to make it all work. It will also have a Foam pack that can be used for any kind of fire and has the equivalent of 150 gallons of water.

All the equipment is set up to be used 24/7/365. The pumps are primed with antifreeze and the foam packs are located in year-round houses on the Gurnet from 11/1 to 4/1. In an emergency grab any Gurnet resident for assistance, most everyone has been trained with the equipment.

We had a couple of fund raisers, an ice cream social which was very successful and fun and another where people that donated received a 20lb fire extinguisher or a fire blanket. This gives home owners the ability to respond to a small fire before it gets out of control. The funds allowed us to update our foam packs air cylinder tanks and update the existing equipment.

If you would like more information about the equipment, you can reach me at dayscott2@gmail.com



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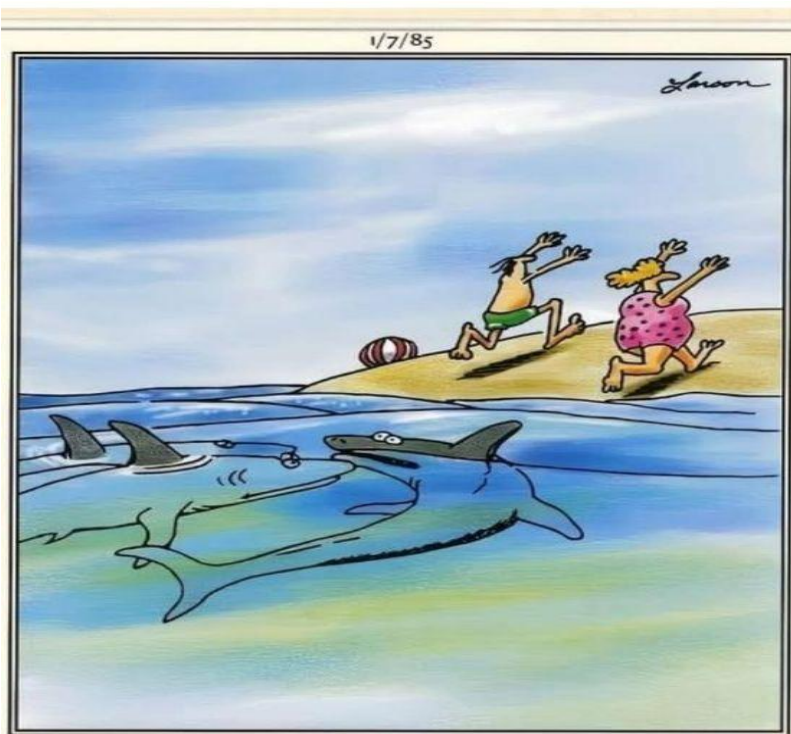
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2025 Profit and Loss GSC

Gurnet Saquish Corp.
January 1-December 2, 2025

DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT	TOTAL
Income	
50/50 Raffle	660.00
Beach Grass Income	715.00
Corn Hole Tournament	643.00
Cottage Crawl	3,180.00
Craft Fair	225.00
Donation - Conservation	1,685.00
Donations - Gatewatch	4,171.00
Donations - General	7,055.00
Food Auction	3,710.00
Horseshoe Tournament	300.00
In Memory Of Ann Donovan	50.00
In Memory of Kathy Winterson	870.00
In Memory of Peggy Jones	5,300.00
Landowner Donations	1,380.00
Membership/Dues	26,465.00
Merchandise	22,412.16
Newsletter Income	290.00
Raffle Deposits	30,000.00
Total for Income	\$109,111.16
Gross Profit	
\$109,111.16	
Expenses	
Conservation	25,390.33
Corporation Expenses	3,696.52
Gatewatch	51,258.87
Labor Day Races	207.07
Merchandise Expense	11,662.00
Newsletter	710.47
PayPal Fees	183.10
Raffle	13,706.29
Social Media	459.00
Total for Expenses	\$107,273.65
Net Operating Income	
\$1,837.51	
Other Expenses	
Reconciliation Discrepancies	0.00
Total for Other Expenses	\$0.00
Net Other Income	
\$0.00	
Net Income	
\$1,837.51	

Is your pink sticker faded?????? Some are --especially if the vehicle sits outside

The Gatewatch Committee is happy to replace any faded stickers.

For any questions or concerns, please contact us at gatewatch@gurnetsaquishcorp.org

Contact Cathy Ferguson to review/update your Gatewatch page in the off-season....

This is where she prefers to be in the summer!



GATEWATCH DONATIONS URGENTLY NEEDED!

The GSC Board of Directors has voted not to increase the Gatewatch budget allocation for 2026 even though costs have risen. The 2025 budget allocation was reduced 6% by the board from the 2023 & 2024 amounts resulting in a reduction of hours in 2025 from 2024 and 2023 coverage. By remaining at the same 2025 budget allocation amount for 2026 the Committee will have to cut even more hours from our schedule. Most individuals realize that our fixed costs (supplies, porta-potty, maintenance, security company's hourly rate) go up each year as we are not immune to cost of living increases.

Please consider donating specifically to Gatewatch so we can at least maintain the same amount of coverage as 2025. We need at least \$5,000 to accomplish that goal. Pre-season donations are extremely helpful as our schedule must be submitted in April to the security company to ensure staffing for the year. Any donations received after April will be applied to more shifts based on the availability of security personnel to fill those shifts. Our long-term goal remains to grow Gatewatch security coverage for our community every year, but our short-term goal is to not lose ground and to have at least the same number of hours as 2025. **Please mail your donation (and clearly note it is earmarked for Gatewatch) to: Gurnet Saquish Corporation, P.O. Box 245A, Duxbury, MA 02331 or donate online at www.gurnetsaquishcorporation.org.**

Please help us cut down on unauthorized vehicle access to protect our fragile roads and environment in keeping with the Corporation's mission of conservation and also deterring trespassers on private property. More coverage means more turn arounds! I think we can all agree that a strong Gatewatch has made a difference in the past 4-5 years in the community's ability to enjoy our personal property especially during holidays and weekends. Thank you.

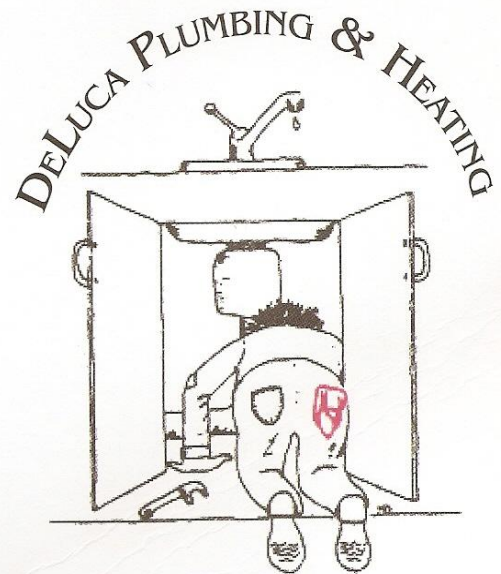
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GATEWATCH COMMITTEE REPORT

Mark and I would like to welcome our new volunteer to the Gatewatch Committee, Mike McDougall (who has jumped right in and helped winterize the Guard Shack area in November and December and created a very fancy entrance to our Guard Shack which will be installed in the spring!). We would like to thank our other volunteer committee member, JoJo Stewart for her continued outstanding work distributing stickers & passes, tracking our budget and helping create the guard schedule. Thanks also to Marion Devir and Kelly Turner who volunteer to help distribute stickers and passes and Scott Day for providing and maintaining the solar system for lights and power.

Pursuant to the *Gurnet Saquish Corporation's Policy and Procedures Manual*, the Gatewatch Committee can have seven members. We are very lucky to have a full Committee as well as so many community members who support Gatewatch. A large committee like Gatewatch requires an enormous amount of work each and every month to ensure that our operation continues to run professionally and smoothly to provide security for the entire community. It is important to note that although Gatewatch provides security to all – our funding primarily comes from membership due and fundraising. As you will see in the “urgent appeal”, there are not enough memberships to run Gatewatch. Therefore, we must continue to ask the community for donations to be given directly to Gatewatch.

We feel strongly (and Gurnet Saquish Corporation's foundational documents reflect) that Gatewatch is an important asset to the Corporation. We believe that by limiting travel on our fragile roads to only those who should be accessing those roads and frankly those who know how to use our roads without damaging them – we help conserve and preserve our beach community. One of the important goals that Mass Wildlife and others have communicated to us is to continue reducing traffic to preserve roads & wildlife. Gatewatch does that for Gurnet-Saquish.

Thank you

Mark DeLuca, Co-Chair
Cathy Ferguson Co-Chair

Gatewatch Committee: Carl Cederquist, Mark DeLuca*, Mark Empoliti, Cathy Ferguson*, Mike McDougall, Joanne Stewart, Frances Winterson *co-chairs



“Well, so that's it. ... I thought he was coming up awfully easy.”

STICKERS AND PASSES AVAILABLE ON THE BEACH

GURNET

Kelly Turner (1060 Westminster – Lot G060)

FRONT BEACH

Marion Devir (Lot B020)

Cathy Ferguson (Lot B011)

JoJo Stewart (corner of Fire Road #2 (happy face/peace sign flag))

SAQUISH HEAD

Frances Winterson (candy store) Lot H010

WESTERN POINT

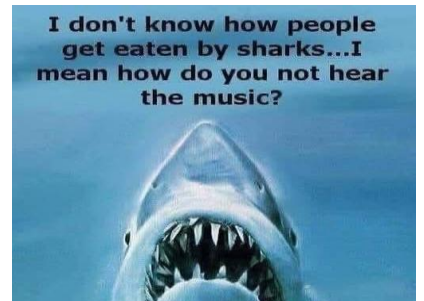
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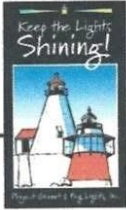
Mark Empoliti (Lot W102)

SAQUISH BACK ROAD

Carl Cederquist (Lot B499)

I don't know how people
get eaten by sharks...I
mean how do you not hear
the music?





Project Gurnet & Bug Lights, Inc.
 P.O. Box 2167
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December 2025

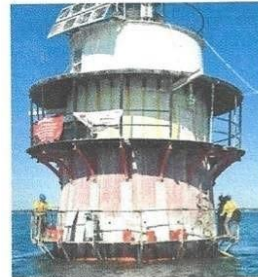
Dear Lighthouse Friend,

Project Gurnet & Bug Lights had a very busy year. Thanks to the **generous support** of our many donors, we accomplished so much!

Accomplishments:

Duxbury Pier (Bug) Light:

- The lighthouse was power washed in preparation for the workers.
- The stabilization phase of installing mending plates at the base of the lighthouse began. Templates were made, holes were drilled, and as seen in the picture on the right, much progress was made. Unfortunately due to high winds and bad weather in the fall, the workers were unable to finish, but they will be back in the spring.



Plymouth (Gurnet) Light Station:



- Work Parties were held in the spring to clean the lighthouse and the Keeper's Cottage, to wash all windows, and to mow and spruce up the grounds of Fort Andrew.
- In the fall, to stop leaks, several windows of the Lantern Room were removed, the openings wire brushed, primed and then painted with "special lighthouse" paint. The windows were replaced and more special paint was used.
- The exterior of the lighthouse was painted.
- Soil Remediation was **finally** completed.

"Save Bug Light Sunset Cruise": We held a very successful fund-raising and friend-raising cruise with near perfect weather.

New Volunteers: Wonderful, hard-working, new volunteers signed up at our booths at the Plymouth Area Chamber of Commerce Expo, and the Plymouth Waterfront Festival. The new volunteers have already contributed so much!

Facebook: We now have an active Facebook page at **Project Gurnet & Bug Light**.

National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Act update: We are still unable to visit Plymouth Light Station between May 15 and September 1 because of restrictions placed on us due to nesting of endangered birds. Now that the Soil Remediation has been signed-off on by the Town of Plymouth, we hope that we will soon be awarded ownership of Plymouth Light Station, and will be able to go out in the summer and once again rent out the Keeper's Cottage.

Still to do:

Duxbury Pier (Bug) Light

- Replace the Vent Ball
- Replace the Lantern Room Windows
- Complete Phase 1: The Stabilization of the Lighthouse

When funds allow we plan to:

- Phase 2: Rebuild the roof and replace the catwalk's decking
- Phase 3 repair interior masonry cracks
- Phase 4: Paint the exterior of the lighthouse

Apply for more grants

Update informational signs at Plymouth Light Station

Please consider supporting us again this year by sending your tax-deductible donation made out to **"Project Gurnet & Bug Lights"** in the enclosed envelope. Or if you prefer, scan the QR code or visit www.buglight.org/show-your-support and make your gift online.

Thank you for making a difference, and helping to *"Keep the Lights Shining!"*

Dolly Snow Bicknell

Dolly Snow Bicknell, President



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Gurnet Saquish Corporation Conservation Committee Report as of December 2025

In 2025, GSC Conservation performed permitted road maintenance along the back road; the costs were closely managed and kept under budget. The combined costs of the road material and machines to maintain the road for the work done in March 20225 was \$24,240.33, all the work was completed in accordance with GSC's existing Order of Conditions (OOC). Required reporting related to the OOC was provided to Plymouth Conservation Commission by our Environmental Consulting Engineers. GSC Conservation made beach grass available for residents to purchase at cost in the spring. Winter and early spring are the typical times when storm damage may occur, GSC Conservation assess the back road conditions at the end of the winter to determine the maintenance work that will need to be completed before April 1, 2026. Annual maintenance each spring of the back road is performed to keep the road in stable condition to ensure a solid base to support the increased vehicle traffic that occurs during the spring, summer, and fall seasons. Thank you to all the people that contribute to Gurnet Saquish Corporation, all areas of contributions directly have a positive impact! Your contributions support the GSC budgeted activities. Thank you to those who pay yearly membership, make donations, participated in the various fund-raising activities and purchase GSC merchandise, your continued support is key to the ability of GSC to be able to perform conservation efforts! Conservation Committee will continue to provide timely information notices to the community via the GSC Communication Committee's supported methods such as GSC Website & GSC Facebook and email notices when needed. As we welcome 2026, please encourage all eligible members of your household to join Gurnet Saquish Corporation! Consider becoming a multi-membership household by encouraging eligible additional memberships from spouses, siblings, parents, children, and grandchildren. Supporting GSC through renewing yearly memberships directly contributes to funding the costs of conservation and road maintenance. The road maintenance performed by GSC allows residents, their families, and friends to enjoy safe access to your property.

Wishing everyone a Happy & Healthy New Year! We look forward to seeing you at the beach in 2026!

Thank you very much, GSC Conservation Committee

Sue & Norman Ferguson, Marty Bosworth & Mark DeLuca

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The Corresponding Secretary position for GSC is currently open and there are also up to (3) vacancies on the Conservation Committee. We invite you to volunteer and/or join our Board! For questions, please contact President Lilly Ferguson

Corresponding Secretary shall (from Policy and Procedures Manual, Article 4, Section IV):

- A. Act as communication officer between the corporation and the members, so that they can work together in an effective way.**
- B. Act as a liaison to other conservation organizations in the environmental field, as selected by the Executive Board, and delegate liaison responsibilities as appropriate.**
- C. Any duties specified in the Policy and Procedures Manual.**
- D. Draft GSC communications as needed.**
- E. Send out Board and Member notifications as necessary.**
- F. Provide reports to the Board when applicable.**
- G. Retrieve mail from the Corporation's P.O. Box on a weekly basis.**
- H. Submit receipts to the Treasurer for reimbursement of purchased items as needed.**

Up to three (3) members needed for Conservation Committee (from Policy and Procedures Manual, Article 5, Section II)

- A. The objective is to educate the community in the conservation, preservation and maintenance of areas of beach, marshlands and areas for the conservation of other natural resources; by promoting and encouraging the maintenance and use of the property in a manner compatible with the natural beauty of these areas; by implementing measures for effective public safety; and promoting and encouraging the enjoyment and study of plants, animals, birds, and other wildlife in their natural surroundings in furtherance of that primary purpose.**
- B. Committee shall be comprised of Board members and volunteers.**
- C. Committee Chair shall be chosen by a majority vote of the Board members.**
- D. Committee chair shall make reports at all meetings or designate a committee member.**
- E. Committee may consist of as many people as necessary for the committee to complete its work but not to exceed seven (7).**
- F. Meet prior to board meetings and as necessary in order to facilitate the work of GSC and this committee.**
- G. Oversee erosion conditions of the beach and roads in order to assess maintenance needs.**
- H. Present findings to the President immediately if an emergency situation arises.**
- I. Present findings to the Board.**
- J. Research and establish ways to rectify problems, if any.**
- K. Observe the Beach Management plan executing work within its confines.**
- L. Present the Town of Plymouth a new Beach Management Plan as necessary for permit renewal.**
- M. Contact National Heritage and Endangered Species Program and present plans as necessary for approval to complete work deemed necessary by the board.**
- N. Interview licensed, insured contractors in an effort to negotiate bids or proposals should work be required from at least three contractors, when necessary, presenting findings to the Board.**
- O. Present budget to repair/maintain areas of need for Board vote prior to the beginning of the fiscal year.**
- P. Submit receipts to the Treasurer for reimbursement.**
- Q. Purchase with Board approval beach grass, snow fence and coastal plantings.**
- R. Inform members through newsletter, communications board and emails of work parties, product availability such as snow fence, grass and coastal plantings.**
- S. Submit articles to the newsletter in a timely fashion**
- T. Constantly working at educating people as to the fragile nature of the dunes, marshland and beach. This includes but is not limited to people walking, playing, driving in the dunes and marshland**
- U. Renew all work permits with the town of Plymouth and Myles Standish state forest.**
- V. Work within the confines of all permits**
- W. Confirm with Treasurer all monies and receipts have been submitted prior to year end**
- X. Communicate with community to encourage volunteerism.**