# THOROUGHFAR

# CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

Dear Members,

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I hope everyone has enjoyed the premature arrival of Spring! As much as we embrace the warm temperatures, we should be leery of the possibility of an accompanying drought. We have been busy addressing Roque's past water shortages, and the work is yet to be completed. We are confident (barring any unforeseen events such as a severe drought) that we will be able to meet this season's water demand.

As I mentioned in my last letter, even though one seems to have dealt with an issue on Roque, it is not unusual to find the issue back on the table in short order. Such is the

case with the Island's tax status. While sparing you all the details, and in the spirit of cooperation with the Town of Jonesport, I am confident we will arrive at an appropriate resolution. As of now, Roque and Marsh are categorized as Farmland, while the other out islands remain in Tree Growth. Some 18 acres of ledges on the outer islands are seeking Open Space status under an easement through EMCI. Discussions continue regards the outer islands, especially the smaller ones, as to whether



they should continue under Tree Growth. It is important to our future that we address this issue and work with the Town to arrive at a mutually acceptable agreement. I am confident we will. Many thanks to John Higgins and the ad hoc Committee members who have advised us on the process.

Last year, one of the biggest concerns of the membership was additional family housing. It seems as if it gets more and more difficult to accommodate everybody in terms of when people want to visit Roque and how long they can stay. I think it is time to seriously consider a new family house on Roque. With this in mind, we have established a committee (Family Housing Committee or FAMHOC) comprised of Ariana Fischer, Gus Gardner and Molly Cutler to address this exciting and important demand. Needless to say, when immersed in a discussion about a new house, it's not long before the financial wherewithal comes to fore.

In February, we put the finishing touches on the 2012 budget. In 2011, we operated under budget, which had been reduced from previous years. Everyone involved in the process, especially Bruce, have done an excellent job in reducing the operating cost of Roque. No easy feat when certain line items continue to rise more than the inflation rate i.e. fuel, health costs, etc.

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## CHAIRMAN'S NOTES - Continued

We continue to be very active in the community; both directly and through EMCI. Roque is benefitting from a much broader interaction with numerous individuals and groups, who share in our island philosophy and mission statement. We recently registered with DEREN (Down East Research and Education Network). Norm Famous agreed to represent RIGHC at DEREN's Annual Meeting in early June. This is an example of one of the many relationships (including those with numerous local historical societies) that we are building.



I would be remiss, if I did not remind you that

next year is an election year. The Nominations and Elections Committee will be active in seeking out new and experienced talent, who wish to join the Board and help shape Roque's future. There are so many smart, intelligent members who have a great deal to contribute to the governance of Roque. It is critical for the broad membership to be involved. I urge you to put your hat in the ring and serve.

I look forward to another exciting summer season and hope you can all visit Roque this year.

Cheers, Randy Goodhue

## **IN MEMORIAM**



George Peabody Gardner died peacefully at his home in Florida on May 9, 2012. Roque Island was an integral part of GPG's life, and his love and stewardship of the island were unmatched. He visited the island every year of his life into his early 90's . We will miss him dearly and our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

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# A WORD FROM THE MANAGER

It's hard to believe but this will be Selena's and my 10<sup>th</sup> season on Roque. Time truly does fly by. Each season brings new challenges and opportunities that are interesting to address in order to have a successful year. Each day there are certain routines that have to take place but for all the staff the daily, weekly, monthly and yearly plan can change quickly.

You can again expect to see most of the same faces working around the island this year. Doug will again be taking care of the waterfront, Amy the farm and Selena the houses. Stephanie Gardener and J Trayner have replaced Kate and David. They started the first of the year and are very talented, have great personalities, are self-starters and mesh well with the other staff members. Bo (Clara Dennis) who was our intern last year will be back with us again this year but in a daily position helping out on all things farming. Chris McCormick will be accomplishing some projects on the

family houses and some of our other regular off island people will be around a bit. David and Kate will be out from time to time to assist on some projects.

The big issue this spring is addressing our long term freshwater leak. This was started in late fall but had to be stopped due to the ground freezing early. Even if we are successful in locating the leak or leaks I think we can again expect to have to conserve as much fresh water as possible due to the lack of snow and rain to date.

By the time this issue is printed we will have a new web page up and running. It will allow the staff to post items directly and on a regular basis. By making this



change we can keep you posted with what is in the garden, what you may expect in the garden shortly, our meat inventory, projects we are presently working on and other things such as current pictures and short videos. We are all very excited to be able to keep you more informed.

The staff is all looking forward to the season getting started and having a very busy year with all the many activities that will be taking place.

As always, feel free to give me a call or email me with any questions.

Best,

Bruce

# **RIGHC ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

On May 6, 2012, twenty-eight RIGHC members, spouses and staff assembled for the Annual Meeting at the Myopia Hunt Club in Hamilton, MA.

In his opening remarks, Chairman Randy Goodhue commented on general status of the island, highlighting specific capital projects and their accompanying financial impacts. Goodhue also thanked the contributing membership for their support of the Christmas Fund citing that it was yet again well received by staff members. He also noted that RIGHC continues to make strides as respects the alternative energy usage with the second phase of solar panels set to be installed on the Main Barn in the coming weeks.

Chairman Goodhue concluded his remarks with an acknowledgement to the members of the Joseph Peabody Society founders who have made financial pledges toward the future stewardship of Roque Island.

#### State of the Island

Manager Bruce Patterson provided the attending membership with his State of the Island report. Patterson reported this past winter had been mild which may have an impact on the water level for the balance of the year. Additional highlights of his report include the following:

- New Staff members Stephanie and J started on January 3
- All the staff will be taking CPR classes. The Island will also purchase a defibrillator and an emergency medical back pack



- Parker (the horse) is formally retired
- The new dairy cow will be brought over as soon as the rented barge is available. Last year, the staff made ice cream which was available for sale
- 30 baby lambs were born this spring
- The first batch of broiler chickens will be ready for processing in three to four weeks

The water supply continues to present challenges however the Island staff is close to resolution. Water conservation information will be made available in all of the houses this summer.

## Tree Growth and Increased Tax Liability

The town of Jonesport recently hired a third party to perform real estate tax revaluations and as a result the town has increased the Island's tax liability. Historically the island has benefitted from a Tree Growth status designation however; the town made clear to RIGHC that there is acreage within the archipelago that is not eligible for this credit. The Island and advisors (forester, naturalist, lawyer, etc) are working with the town's assessors on how to re-structure the Island from a tax standpoint. The Land Use and Tax committee focusing on this task includes John Higgins, Nick Higgins, Tanya Fischer, George Herrick, Gus Gardner and Chris Cutler.

As reported by John Higgins, there are four categories for tax credits: Tree Growth (must be 10 acres or more), Farm Land (required 5 acres or more and generate \$2,000 in income a year), Open Space (undeveloped) and Working Waterfront (the Island does not comply). There was an effort to file the entire archipelago as Farm Land, which was rejected. Roque and Marsh Island were accepted as Farm Land.

There are two tiers of outer islands. Larger: Great Spruce, Little Spruce and Lakemans. Smaller: Anguilla, Double Shot and Bar. For these outer islands, tree growth is not a practical solution.

To emphasize the importance of these tax strategies, Higgins shared an example using "out island" Anguilla (14 acres). With-

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# NEWS FROM THE WOODLOT AND WATERFRONT

## by Capt. Doug Dodge

Spring is in the air! In fact, it is falling from the sky right now. Stormy days such as this offer a moment to reflect back on the events of the past winter.

Mild and free of snow, Winter 2011-2012 presented us with excellent conditions to harvest some trees. After the ground froze we were able to cut approximately 7000 board feet of lumber logs and 10 (ish) cords of mixed birch and spruce for firewood. Some of the lumber logs have been milled into 1" boards used to finish the interior of the newly rebuilt equipment maintenance shop.

The back room in this new shop will provide a clean, saltwater free space in which to relocate the current welding shop. It will also provide a centralized location for the storage of tools and parts required to perform repairs and preventative



maintenance on the farm equipment and vehicles that keep things running on Roque.





Pictured above is evidence of why we needed to relocate the welding shop. Flooding happens every couple of months and is very detrimental to the condition of the equipment and materials stored in the building. It is also somewhat hazardous to weld in knee-deep water.

I will spend the next few weeks preparing boats and moorings for the upcoming season. There is nothing really new and noteworthy here. You will recognize your old floating friends. This season we will have a dedicated lob-ster-fishing craft and I have acquired 35 super duper extra awesome lobster entrapment devices. The boat is small but seaworthy and with some assistance from my fellow lobster trapping enthusiasts (you know who you are), I feel that Mr. Pinchy is in grave danger of being provided with a hot bath!

Sincerely yours,

The Boatman



# **VERY TRULY YOURS**

Boston December 7<sup>th</sup> 1860 Captn John Martin – Commanding Ship Lepanto





I have just received a report of your progress up to October  $2^{nd}$  from the vessel which spoke you [sic] on that date. I have nothing to add to the instructions already given. The advance freight money has been paid. Messrs. Rathbone Bros. & Co. very handsomely waived their commission for collection; though they were fairly and fully entitled to it and it would never have occurred to me to ask for an abatement for it.

The political condition of the country is most deplorable. We appear to be on the brink of a dissolution of the confederacy. A republican President has been elected, and in consequence of the fear of imminent disunion, the entire property of the country has depreciated nearly twenty per cent – Cotton has gone down to 9 ½% per pound. First class bills, such as Grinnell, Minturn & Co. or Baring Brothers & Co. have been sold at par, and, though money is a little easier at the moment, 104 @ 105 is the rate of sterling exchange – It appears as if nothing but an entire abandonment of their principles by the Republicans, and the incorporation of that abandonment into the Constitution, can save the country. A perusal of the President's message will show the state of affairs. South Carolina will certainly secede on the 17<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup> inst. and many other states are disposed to follow her. But I have still some hope that the conservatism of the people of the United States may avert the disaster.

In case of dissolution of the Union and consequent hostilities, you will not only be without flag, but it may be desirable to be watchful and to avoid or repel armed vessels which you may find on your path. This contingency is not at all likely to occur but it is always desirable to be provident against remote contingencies, if such forethought does not involve any present sacrifice or expense.

I have written you thus fully that you may not be ignorant of the course of affairs at home. In my next letter I hope to be able to assure you that affairs have taken a more favorable turn; and that the cloud has passed away.

-------"Very Truly Yours" is a new column that we Very Truly Yours hope will appear in future issues of *Thoroughfare*. Joseph P. Gardner This letter was provided to us by Rebecca Campbell (thank you Becca). While on Roque this summer, we urge you to read through the Envelope addressed: trove of correspondence and share with us any-Capt. John Martin thing that you may find interesting or pertinent-RR and ZR Commanding Ship Lepanto Submit electronically to: rooreath@yahoo.com Care of American Consul Singapore "------Via Marseilles

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## **CONSERVATIONAL THINKING**

"Water, water, everywhere, nor any a drop to drink."

During the summer of 2010 the island experienced a short term water shortage which required major conservation efforts by the family and staff. In the spring of 2011, Anna Demeo (an unpaid alternative energy consultant from the Collage of the Atlantic) installed an electrical monitoring system on the island as part of her doctorate work. After a few weeks of this system operating it became obvious (based on how often and consistent the water pump was coming on) there was a leak.

Island staff searched for all the obvious leak sources such as running toilets and leaking faucets but found nothing. After weeks of close monitoring and calculations, we estimate a loss of 1000 to 1200 gallons within the water system.

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All island water (consumed by the housing compound and Farm) is sourced from a single spring on the West Shore? Please be mindful of your consumption while on island. You will find during your visit this year that each house will contain water conservation information. If you can not find this information, please contact the island staff.

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In 1987, most of the water pipes were replaced between the cistern and the houses. The small section that was not replaced is suspected to be the location of the current leak.

Additionally, the upper cistern is currently comprised of two chambers that act as one. This spring, the piping will be reconfigured to allow the two chambers to act independently, allowing for better water storage. Lastly, a water meter will be also be installed so water consumption can be closely monitored for future breaches. At this time, we do not anticipate the need to replace the existing water line; however, as there is no built in redundancy to the water system on the Island, a well may be a future consideration.

We are confident that the water situation will be remedied in short order, but regardless, we should all be aware and mindful of our consumption while on island as this a resource that is not easily replenished.

# FROM THE LIBRARY

## by George G. Herrick

Clara Endicott Sears, in her Early Personal reminiscences in the Old George Peabody Mansion in Salem, Mass. (1956), remembered George Peabody Gardner (1855-1939) as a teenager playing baseball in the 1860's before the rules of national pastime had become codified.

Games in those days were in a very primitive condition. The public school boys on a Saturday afternoon would gather on the Common for baseball. Such a thing as a baseball uniform was unknown to them. One day George P. Gardner, son of George A. Gardner, arrived from the train and barged into the mansion requesting a bit of food for refreshment, and after paying his respects to his grandparents he ran out onto the Common, dressed in a full brand-new baseball uniform, where a rather unruly baseball team was attempting to start a game, all quarreling over the rules, etc. When they suddenly saw a tall young stranger running towards them dressed in full professional garb, they took fright and scattered in all directions, whereupon young Gardner, scion of the Gardner family of Boston, began running imaginary bases around the field. Then their curiosity got the better of them. And they returned to watch him at closer range. The result of this was that they all got into position, and soon a game was in play. How much of a game I do not know, but the result of it was that George P. Gardner returned to the old mansion covered with mud and grass stains all over his brand-new uniform, so that old Julia had to take him in hand and scrub and wash, and scrub and wash until he was presentable to appear before his grandmother again.

# PATTEN COVE DOCK

## by Capt. Doug Dodge

In November of 2011, we completed the installation of the ramp and float on the newly rebuilt and reconfigured wharf at Patten Cove. This project removed 50 feet of the old wharf and the submerged wooden ballast cribs that supported it. The entire support structure was previously constructed of untreated softwood. Constant exposure to saltwater and sunlight spanning a period of about 10 years rotted the wood rendering the wharf unsafe to use. Pressure treated beams were used in the reconstruction of the framework. All of the submerged wooden structures have been eliminated.

The deck of the wharf is made out of Island Spruce. It will not last as long as the framework but it can be easily replaced without having to outsource equipment or materials. Replacing the 50 feet of the wharf that was removed, the ramp and float were recycled from Shorey Cove. They will last at least 5 more years in their new home. Handrails and tire bumpers will be the finishing touches this Spring.

In its new configuration, the Patten Cove wharf will mirror the functionality of the wharf at Shorey Cove. Its lifespan will exceed 20 years and the easily accessible float will provide a convenient launching location for the kayaks. Imagine sitting in a comfy chair on a nice sunny afternoon on the end of the float. A good book and a cold beverage.... Ahhhh, Patten Cove!



*Ed. note:* Please think of the *Thoroughfare* when you visit Roque this summer. We always like new photographs and interesting articles regarding Roque. Subjects along the lines of "*My Circumnavigation of Roque by Kayak*" or "*In Search of Chanterelles*," "*Camping on Great Spruce*," "*The Hayloft*" all would make good pieces. We need more participation. This is our record of our time as stewards of Roque Island.

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# **DOWN EAST DISPATCH**

## **Offshore Wind Farms vs. Fisheries**

Offshore wind farms have been expanding at a great rate in northern European waters. The momentum is sure to increase in the wake of Japan's **Fukushima Daiichi** power plant disaster according to an article in *The Economist*.

Germany was one of the first to take the plunge ten years ago, developing wind farms in the North Sea just beyond the 12 mile territorial limit to avoid regulations and resistance if they were closer to land. According to an article by **Colin Woodard** in the *Island Institute Journal*, Germany's **Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency** made sure the turbines would not interfere with shipping lanes. Otherwise, in the rush to get things done, there was little advance study of environmental impact or of the effect the farms would have on the fishermen's territories. The result was an "uncoordinated hodge-podge of wind farm sites surrounded by 500 meter wide exclusion zones". Britain and Denmark did not fare much better with their planning, Woodard adds.

What has become clear to US observers is that developing wind farms at the rate that the Europeans intend - -37,000 megawatts' worth in the next 10 years, over 10 times what is there now--will require more systemic planning, something akin to zoning on land, with the effect on fisheries, marine life, and navigation taken into account.

In a report from the **University of Maine**, the State's mid-coast was identified as prime territory for offshore wind development. The **Island Institute**, one of the contributing partners, has continued to work on identifying zones where the interests of windpower operators and fishermen might conflict. Initially, they conducted a pilot project in three communities, where they interviewed fishermen and mapped the fishing areas close to shore. With funding from the **Maine Coastal Program**, the **Maine Sea Grant** and private foundation, they are now at work on mapping the whole coast in the area 10-40 miles offshore.

## After the Seals Again

In response to the severe decline in the codfish population, a cull of gray seals along the eastern coast is being considered and was being discussed this winter in the Canadian Senate as a way to improve the cod numbers. The seal population has been steadily coming back, after having been decimated by hunting in years past. However, any decision will be controversial: in an open letter to **Keith Ashfield**, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, a group of scientists points out that: "Seals and cod are part of multi-species ecosystems... one cannot predict with any confidence how changes in the abundance of one generalist predator (grey seals) will affect the abundance of one of its prey (cod). "

These stories are reprinted from the *Atlantic Coast Watch* of which Nina Herrick is Assistant editor. The bi-monthly newsletter concerns itself with environmental issues along the Atlantic seaboard. It is free and available on the internet at <u>www.atlanticcoastwatch.org</u>

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## CANOEING

by George G. Herrick



"My great amusement is Indian canoeing on visits to the seals." So wrote Isabella Stewart Gardner to the non-naturalist Bernard Berenson on 14 August 1896 about her time on Roque Island.

How did this come about? Why was there a canoe on Roque? The Gardners had many friends on Mount Desert Island, where a Canoe Club was founded in 1886. Interest in the sport grew steadily and by 1900 the club had 300 members. Word of mouth would have spread the news. Native Americans from the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy tribes were available for instruction in the fine art of paddling. Many ladies who came to Mount Desert found, in canoeing, a sporting and healthy activity they could gracefully pursue even with allowance for style. Perhaps the strong backs of the Indian instructors added a rush.

Attraction to the healthy life on the Maine coast paralleled the stampede to the Adirondacks, spurred by William Henry Harrison Murray's *Adventures in the Adirondacks (1869)*, which catalyzed an unprecedented interest in the

wilderness. Fascination with the rustic, after a winter in crowded, smoke-filled cities, was buttressed by the authority of Ralph Waldo Emerson's and William James' trendy philosophy of Transcendentalism. There was an urge to spend time in country places, a concern for environmental conservation, an increased emphasis on recreation. Here, too, was a crucible for spiritual ideas about Nature and America's relationship to it, and a natural setting for the ever so fashionable views of the romantic and the picturesque. There was also a desire for rest, recuperation and vigor by over stressed city people and the lure of what Teddy Roosevelt was to call The Strenuous Life. With the vanishing frontier on the West, the desire to experience what remained wild could have been strong. In some quarters there was concern for medical problems like tuberculosis and neurasthenia which benefited from dosages of fresh air.

Yet, as the Gardners understood, there was no reason to go into the woods in barbaric fashion: it could be an elegant experience, too, as the writer William Wicks put it in 1889.

Please note there are a few remaining copies of George Herrick's "Ten Years on Roque". The books may be purchased from him for \$40. If you are interested, please reach out directly to George (ghroque@aol.com)

## **CUTTING THE ICE**

by Capt. Doug Dodge

February of 2012 was cold enough to freeze the Ice Pond to a depth of about 10 inches. On a particularly nice sunny day, a team of specially trained ice wranglers convened at the pond with the intention of wrangling enough ice to fill the Ice House. After a long hard day of hand cutting 100 pound blocks of the finest ice found South of the Kangerdlugssuaq Glacier in Greenland, the Ice House was determined to be filled to capacity. Weary after having accomplished their arduous task, the team of ice wranglers returned to their ordinary everyday lives. Will they return next winter? We can only hope.

Please disregard the seemingly gasoline powered cutting implement being used in the photographs. It is an ancient relic used only in a ritual to appease the Ice gods thus ensuring a bountiful ice harvest. Be assured that each block of ice was wrested by hand from the pond then painstakingly transported to the Ice House. Each perfect block of nature's finest crystals was laboriously stacked and then buried under a layer of magic sawdust.





# WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS PICTURE?



This picture submitted by Tanya Fischer looks like a typical beach scene on Roque. Take a closer look...do you see something out of place?

Submit your guesses to us: rooreath@yahoo.com

If you have a photo for future "What's wrong with this picture?" features please pass them on!

## **Attention Photographers!**

We are pleased to announce the Roque Island Photography contest. Your humble editors will judge the photos and select the winners. Winning photographs will be featured in the next Thoroughfare. Please submit your best photographs to: Roo Reath (rooreath@yahoo.com)

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# **RIGHC ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS (CONTINUED)**



out any credits the taxes would be \$7,600 and as Open Space with easement credit, taxes would be \$76. The Land Use and Tax committee is in the process of evaluating the possibilities for all outer islands.

There is an additional tax benefit to the Open Space category which is to allow a permanent easement to a 501c3 non-profit organization. There are 18 acres of land of the outer islands which have had easements granted to EMCI. EMCI is a non-profit organization that was started 16 years ago which George Herrick serves as chairman. Shag Rock was donated by Roque to EMCI years ago which distributes \$7,000 to \$10,000 in funds annually to environmental studies and projects.

The Town of Jonesport would like to see our plans for the outer islands. A copy of our forest management plan has also been sent to the town for their review. The town may send a forester from the state to review the Island and the forest management plan.

A question was raised if this tax issue has the potential of being a private bill of rights

as the Island is a conservation minded corporation. The committee will seek the advice of the Island Institute.

## <u>EMCI</u>

EMCI Chairman George Herrick provided his report on EMCI and its recent activities. Per Herrick, EMCI makes four local historical society contributions annually: Beals Island, Millbridge, Machias and Eastport. The board of EMCI is comprised of George Herrick (chairman), Randy Goodhue, Tanya Fischer, Nick Higgins and Jason Herrick. At this time, no one outside of the family has been added to the board, but outside advisors are being sought.



There are three professors at the University of Maine at Machias (UMM) with whom EMCI has on ongoing relationship. There is a possibility of a

small lecture to be hosted at Roque in an effort to further cultivate this important relationship.

Herrick concluded his remarks by thanking Robert and Millicent Monks and Sam and Rebecca Campbell for their generous donations to EMCI.

(All members interesting in supporting EMCI should reach out directly to George Herrick: ghroque@aol.com)

## Family Housing

Family Housing Committee (FAMHOC) member Gus Gardner reported that a survey was sent to the membership in an effort to get a better understanding and opinion of the state of housing on the Island. There is a feeling amongst the membership that there are fewer days available for time spent on Roque (with some members citing that their time on Roque have become increasingly expensive). Molly Cutler, Ariana Fischer and Gus Gardner are the Family Housing committee currently engaged in the research phase. Some of the resources being reviewed include: 2001 Master Site Plan, the Long Range Plan, the Strategic Plan and house usage statistics.

The Red House usage continues to rise. 2012 Summer requests have increased from 17.5 a year to 22.5 requests a year for the Red House in the last seven years. As a result of the increased demand, the scheduling is getting increasingly difficult to manage.

The results of the survey are starting to be come in and preliminary results of nine questions were reviewed at the meeting. The full survey results will be shared with the membership once complete. The next steps will be to review all the survey results followed by recommendations to the board.

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# **RIGHC ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS (CONTINUED)**

The island's current finances cannot support the costs associated with building a new house. Thus, should the membership and board decide on moving forward with additional housing, there will most likely need to be a capital campaign. Various financial models will be created as part of the committees due diligence and board evaluation.

This summer, stakes will be placed in potential new house locations as indicated by the Master Site Plan.

## Alternate Energy

Manager Patterson reported that the second phase of the solar panels on the roof of the barn will be installed in the next four weeks. The solar panels, plus other energy conservation measures taken by the island staff and membership, have reduced the energy consumption by 33% this last year.

Electrical monitors were installed on each circuit in the Monks House, the Barn and the Farmhouse. These monitors will help indicate the usage and can be monitored from Bruce's iPad and potentially the web site. This system is being designed as a test lab for a future "smart grid".

There is still the potential of the Island being a test site for a semibarrage (dam) tidal power site.

## <u>Website</u>

Georgia Reath reported that the website has been converted to a

more interactive and more readily updatable website. It is anticipated that the site will be updated weekly providing information such as with what is available from the garden during the season. It will also allow for both staff and family to share photos and post comments. Reath reminded the membership that the web site is for the membership only. The login and password are not to be shared with guests.





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## **FLOTSAM**

#### **Births**

Nina Myers Herrick b. February 14, 2012

#### Milestones

Olga Kimball – 75 on 10/3 Chris & David Cutler - 60 on 10/7 Luke Gardner – 55 on 10/3 Rachel Barden - 50 on 4/22 Dino Pertzoff – 50 on 7/2Rebecca Barry-45 on 7/18 Alexandra Angle -45 on 8/26Gus Gardner – 40 on 2/8 Tim Herrick -35 on 1/28Patrick Gonzalez - 35 on 10/14 Sarah Alexander - 35 on 10/25 Kitty Montalban – 30 on 1/12 Isabella Ridall – 30 on 7/15 Alex Higgins - 25 on 1/15 Noah Gardner – 25 on 5/6 Alexander Gardner – 25 on 12/3



#### Anniversaries

50 years – Julian & Tatiana Fischer on 7/28
25 years - Betsy & Randy Mikes on 7/25
15 years – Eliot & Alexandra Angle on 8/31
15 years - Eva Gardner & Christopher Bartle on 12/7
10 years – Hilary & David McDonald on 9/28
5 years – Rebecca Barry & Erik Nelson on 4/15
5 years – Joseph & Mara Higgins on 8/11

#### New Members

New Voting Member (21) – Mariah Monks on 7/11 New Voting Member (21) – Hadrian Gardner on 9/9 New Non-Voting Member (18) – Macauley Mikes on 9/17 New Non-Voting Member (18) – Rachel Wells on 10/19



## ADDITIONS TO ROQUE ISLAND LIBRARY, 2011

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