



## Friends of Casco Bay Minutes of 2021 Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of Friends of Casco Bay was held online via Zoom (as a safety precaution regarding the coronavirus pandemic) on Tuesday, July 20th, 2021.

### **Welcome**

Following a slide show about the history of Friends of Casco Bay's science, advocacy and community engagement work, Communications and Development Director Will Everitt welcomed the online guests and guided them through a brief tutorial on using the chat function in Zoom. 89 people registered to attend the event, and 54 people actually attended. Executive Director Cathy Ramsdell followed Will's welcome with an overview of Friends of Casco Bay's work during the past year and introduced a film about the launch of Friends' new Continuous Monitoring Stations in the Bay. Cathy concluded her remarks by recognizing her upcoming retirement in September, which had been announced to members via email on July 19, 2021.

### **Annual Meeting**

Board President Andrew "Sandy" Marsters conducted the Annual Meeting. He welcomed all attendees and thanked board members and staff for their dedication and service.

#### *Approval of the 2020 Annual Meeting Minutes*

Sandy shared that prior to the event, he conferred with Board Clerk Pat Ianni who affirmed that the Minutes of the June 16th, 2020, Annual Meeting are in order.

#### *Election of Directors*

Sandy thanked outgoing board members Althea Bennet McGirr and Ann Thayer, and Toleff Olsen who recently transitioned off the board, for their years of board service. Each member of the Board of Directors may serve for up to three consecutive three-year terms.

*Action Item:* To vote the following slate of term renewals:

- The re-election of 2 directors to their second 3-year term: Sandy Marsters and Seb Milardo

These elections were **APPROVED** by attendees using the poll function on their screens, with 36 in favor, 18 abstaining, and none opposed. Sandy then shared the new line up of board members, effective July 21, 2021: Steve Bushey, Mark Green, Bud Higgins, Pat Ianni, David Kaufman, Peter LeBourdais, Sandy Marsters, Seb Milardo, Malcolm Poole, Joan Benoit Samuelson, Lori Thayer, and Jack Thomas. The Board officers re-elected and confirmed by the Board continue to be Sandy Marsters as President, Seb Milardo as Vice President, Jack Thomas as Treasurer, and Pat Ianni as Clerk.

#### *Treasurer's Report*

Sandy shared that prior to the event, he had conferred with Board Treasurer Jack Thomas who affirmed that the financial reports for the year ended March 31, 2021, are in order. Sandy reviewed the financials with the attendees and directed them to Friends' website for more information, [cascobay.org](http://cascobay.org).

Sandy adjourned the Annual Meeting portion of the event at 5:24 p.m.

Casco Baykeeper Ivy Frignoca then gave a brief presentation about the work ahead of Friends of Casco Bay in the coming year. Ivy's remarks focused on collecting data with Friends' new Continuous Monitoring Stations, applying the Clean Water Act in new and creative ways, and enhancing our communications and engagement with the community.