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Dear Sakonnet Preservation Supporter/s,

This past year has been like no other – unusual for all, difficult for many, tragic for some. In the midst of this, what has become even more treasured for me is the natural world from which I gain solace, a world so present here in Little Compton. Yet as this year reminds us, we cannot take “normal” for granted. Now, more than ever, I know how important it is to preserve the rural character of our town, so that fields and forests and views are always with us, close to us. That is the mission of Sakonnet Preservation.

This mission is shared by many. I know you are part of it, and I hope that you will continue to help us work on your behalf. Our work of conserving open land, safeguarding the land in our care, and educating stakeholders requires an organized, ongoing effort and financial resources. We are fortunate to have fourteen committed board members, two talented part-time staff, trusted contractors, and more than thirty regular volunteers doing that work, plus YOU! Everything depends on having sufficient funds to support what we do.

Despite the many challenges of 2020, SPA accomplished a lot. Together, we:

- Implemented major forestry plans for the Blanchard and Blazer properties
- Explored potential land protection options with several local landowners
- Fostered community education on resilience in the face of climate change, including raising awareness of the value of our Ponderosa property for flood control and as the principle fire suppression resource for the Commons
- Successfully launched our 50th anniversary capital campaign which will culminate in 2022 – stay tuned for more on this in the coming year
- Secured Payroll Protection funds which allowed us to retain staff and buffer our finances this spring
- Hired Joy Elvin, our already indispensable new Director of Operations

Now, at year's end, we are moving forward with renewed optimism and are looking to you, our loyal members, to be as generous as you are able to support our shared mission. Thank you, and please stay well.

With gratitude,


Abigail Brooks, President

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