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### CDP Annual Meeting Celebrates Community and Elects 5 New Board Members



It was a great evening at Karoo Restaurant. The CDP held its 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting on March 29 where over 75 members listened as participants from the CDPs Housing Institute/Housing Advocacy Training shared their experience, honored local citizens, and elected five new members to the CDP Board of Directors.



After an hour of catching up with friends over drinks and hors d'oeuvres, the crowd moved upstairs for the formal meeting.

Andrea Aldana, Director of Housing Advocacy, kicked off the program with a panel discussion highlighting the CDPs recently completed Housing Institute for elected & appointed officials and Housing Advocacy Training. Participants shared what they learned through their experience and what they are doing as a result of their new knowledge and skills. An impressive number of initiatives will be debated at spring Annual Town Meetings thanks to the energy created by the CDPs Cape Community Housing Partnership.



All eyes were at the front of the room when **John Pappalardo**, CEO of Cape Cod Commercial Fisherman's Alliance, came forward to accept the Gwen Pelletier Award for Excellence in Community Service. Rep. Sarah Peake and CDP Board Member Beth Wade presented the award and described John's years of dedicated service to the fishing community.

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**Chris and Virginia Smith** of Cape Cod Tree & Landscape were recipients of the Norm Edinberg Award for Excellence in Entrepreneurship. A client of the CDP, CCTL exemplifies the care and dedication it takes to build a business that serves its community well.



Retiring Board Member **Lori Meads**, CEO of Seamen's Bank, was honored with a special President's Award in thanks for her seven years of service on the CDP Board including 2-years as Board President.



It was also a big year for the Board of Directors with five new Board Members voted in by a unanimous vote of the membership. It is an exciting new group coming from a variety of backgrounds and includes **Amy Costa, Tom Howes, Wil Rhymer, Raphael Richter, and Peter Rice**.

A proponent for economic development and affordable housing, Costa, is co-founder of Cape Cod Kombucha, a CDP micro-loan client and lives in North Truro. She is also a Mortgage Originator with Seamen's Bank.



A resident of Brewster and former member of the Cape Affordable Housing Loan Consortium, Rice, is Senior Vice President at the Cooperative Bank of Cape Cod. He also serves on the Board of the Arts Foundation of Cape Cod and is a volunteer for Big Brother for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cape Cod.



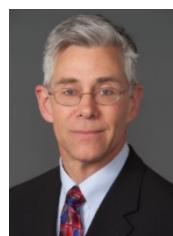
Former Provincetown Select Board Member, Richter, is passionate about tackling the local housing crisis and nurturing economic development. He owns and manages Mercedes & Cape Cab, The Funk Bus, and Mayflower Trolley.



A tireless advocate for sustainability in our communities, Rhymer is Assistant Vice President and has served as the Branch Manager of Cape Cod Five's Wellfleet location since 2002. Rhymer has served on the Board of Habitat for Humanity of Cape Cod, the Provincetown Chamber of Commerce and the Chatham Merchant Association.



A native Cape Codder and former Olympic rower, Howes is Director of Business Development for Delphi Construction, and has been involved with building several affordable housing developments. Howes is passionate about delivering energy efficient projects that reflect his commitment to building for the future.



"The CDP is committed to having representatives of the organization's clients serve in leadership roles as well as broad community representations," says Jay Coburn, CEO of the CDP. "We are grateful to welcome so many dedicated community leaders to our Board and know that their time, talent and treasure will benefit the CDP and the Lower Cape Community."