

Friends of Pomham Rocks Lighthouse
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EAST PROVIDENCE, R.I. - Friends of Pomham Rocks Lighthouse recently received a \$5,000 grant from the Squantum Association Charitable Foundation to help restore their dock. The presentation was made at the "Taste of Summer" event that the Friends held in July at Squantum. "Restoring Pomham Rocks Lighthouse with historical accuracy is our mission," notes Friends of Pomham Rocks Lighthouse Board of Directors Chair Alex Dias. He thanked Squantum Association Charitable Foundation for their continuing support. Previous years' grants provided funding for the fence and the cistern restoration projects.

"We are pleased to continue our support of the efforts of Friends of Pomham Rock Lighthouse, our longtime Riverside shoreline neighbor," said Paul R. Williams, Squantum Association Charitable Foundation Board Member. "Funded independently by our membership," he added, "we initiated the Squantum Association Charitable Foundation to support charitable and community organizations which improve the quality of life in our state."

This year's \$5,000 grant from Squantum will enable Friends volunteers to replace the 1939 wooden dock. Winter storm surges since 2022 have caused the dock to be submerged four times, resulting in structural damage. Plans are underway to replace it with an historically accurate dock, with a higher elevation to accommodate rising sea levels.

Friends of Pomham Rocks Lighthouse is a 501(c)(3) non-profit volunteer chapter of the American Lighthouse Foundation. This important New England maritime light station and museum is an integral part of Rhode Island's heritage and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.