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Cape Cod Climate Change Collaborative Welcomes Environmental and Business Leaders to Top Positions

Delaney joins as Executive Director, Savarese is New Board President of Regional Nonprofit

Yarmouth Port, Mass., March 31, 2022 — The Cape Cod Climate Change Collaborative (Climate Collaborative) – an environmental nonprofit devoted to addressing climate impacts in the Cape & Islands region – today announced that Richard Delaney has been retained as part-time Executive Director and Dorothy Savarese elected President of the organization’s Board of Directors. It also announced a new slate of officers including Fran Schofield and Janet Williams as Vice Presidents, Maggie Phelan as Treasurer, and Elizabeth Wade as Clerk.

Rich Delaney, who founded the Climate Collaborative and has served as board president since 2016, will begin his contract work on April 1. Dorothy Savarese, voted unanimously to serve as volunteer president of its board, has been a director since 2018 and executive committee member since 2021. Fran Schofield is a founding member of the Climate Collaborative and board director since 2016; Janet Williams joined the organization in 2018 and has served as director and clerk; Beth Wade has been a member of the leadership team since 2017 and Maggie Phelan joined the organization as volunteer in 2019. All have played significant roles in the organization’s growth.

Delaney is renowned for environmental work spanning 45 years, including 14 years as President and CEO of the Center for Coastal Studies in Provincetown where he continues to serve as part-time Senior Advisor and interim Director of the Marine Policy Department, thereby strengthening important linkages between the Center’s ocean and climate research and the advocacy and activism of the Climate Collaborative.



Previously, Delaney founded the Urban Harbors Institute at the University of Massachusetts Boston; served as Assistant Secretary of Environmental Affairs in Massachusetts; and was National Chair of the Coastal States Organization in Washington DC. Delaney has consulted to governments in over 20 countries regarding climate change, coastal and ocean management, capacity building, institutional development, and public outreach, and participated in international conferences such as the Global Ocean Forum, Rio +20 events in Rio de Janeiro, Paris Climate Conference in 2016, and the 2021 UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26) in Glasgow, Scotland. Climate change impacts on coastal communities and oceans will be his major focus with the Climate Collaborative and augment his advisory work with the Center for Coastal Studies and Global Oceans Forum.

Dorothy Savarese is Chair and CEO of Cape Cod 5, a community bank with 26 locations across Cape Cod, Nantucket, Martha’s Vineyard, and Southeastern Massachusetts. During her 17 years at the helm, she has managed 550 employees, overseen growth of the bank’s assets to over \$4.6B and led the institution to regional, state, and national prominence, where it has been recognized as *American Banker’s* Best Banks to Work and a Top Place to Work by the *Boston Globe*. Recently appointed by Governor Baker to the Commission on Clean Heat, the nation’s



first of its kind, Savarese is a strategic thinker who brings broad policy understanding and problem-solving skills to bear on local climate action. Savarese is the former chair of the Massachusetts Bankers Association, the American Bankers Association, and the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce Board. Savarese was appointed by the Federal Reserve Board to serve as the president of its Community Depository Institutions Advisory Council (CDIAC) for 2021 and 2020. She also served as CDIAC chair for the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston and was a member of the FDIC's Advisory Committee on Community Banking. A leader in her industry and throughout the region, she has a deep commitment to principles of diversity, equity, inclusion, and environmental justice, and brings those perspectives to bear on her work with the Climate Collaborative.

"We couldn't be more pleased to have two such deeply experienced and widely respected leaders at the helm of our organization. They are the right people at the right time at this critical juncture in the arc of the climate crisis and the life of our organization," said Vice President Fran Schofield. "Rich's extensive background in climate issues, ocean health and coastal management on the global stage as well as federal, state and regional levels paired with Dorothy's illustrious track record in organizational management, innovation, strategic planning, and sustainable business practices will help the Climate Collaborative strengthen partnerships, develop strategic alliances, and deepen our effectiveness in the fight to address the climate crisis in this region," Schofield continued.

"These appointments mark yet another significant milestone for the Climate Collaborative as it advances its mission to collaborate with business, government, nonprofits, and citizens to reduce the impacts of a rapidly warming climate," Delaney said. "Our survival is inextricably dependent on a healthy ocean, which has been heavily damaged by a warming planet. I see my climate focus with the Collaborative, paired with advisory work in ocean policy with the Center for Coastal Studies, as focusing attention and developing solutions to these interrelated crises," Delaney said. Savarese adds, "I'm honored to have been nominated to this post by peers who represent business, energy, planning, conservation, transportation, housing, and community sectors around the region, and look forward to helping guide organizational strategy, programming, and effectiveness. This is a critical time for our planet *and* our region, and I am ready to serve our community in this important effort."

About the Cape Cod Climate Change Collaborative

The Climate Collaborative is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to reduce ways in which the Cape & Islands region contributes to climate change and to protect our region from its potentially devastating impacts. The organization's work is accomplished through communication, collaboration, advocacy, and activism. Visit the Climate Collaborative at capecodclimate.org or email info@capecodclimate.org for more information.

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