

**YESTERDAY**

For more than thirty years, the Southport Conservancy has been a quiet but active force in the preservation of Southport Village and its surroundings. The Conservancy is very grateful to those who have helped enable our past accomplishments and ongoing maintenance of our properties, which are a vital part of Southport's historic charm.

**TODAY**

The Conservancy is working to broaden its reach among area newcomers and those who may not have had experience with us in the past. As part of this effort, we are updating our communications and enhancing our social media presence. We closely monitor issues that affect Southport and are ready to get involved when needed.

**TOMORROW**

See attached envelope for membership donation information and/or to provide your contact information if you'd like to be informed about Conservancy activities and important issues related to the Village of Southport.



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**Please Come & Learn More  
SOUTHPORT CONSERVANCY  
ANNUAL MEETING**

**Sunday, May 23, 4-6pm**  
(wine & light refreshments)

**The Southport School  
Front Lawn**

**(Please check our website  
www.southportconservancy.org and  
upcoming newsletter for confirmation  
of date and guest speaker)**

Support us online at  
[www.southportconservancy.org](http://www.southportconservancy.org)

The Southport Conservancy is  
a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization

Contributions are deductible  
within the provision of the  
federal tax law.  
Your support is greatly appreciated.

**Membership Dues**

- Individual Membership....\$50
- Contributor.....\$100
- Patron.....\$250\*
- Benefactor.....\$500\*
- Gold Membership.....\$1000\*
- Other..... \_\_\_\_\_

\*Donors of \$250 or more will  
receive a complimentary copy of  
*The Southport Packet*  
1997-2011  
*Accounts of History, Dwellings and  
Families of Old Southport*

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**Dedicated to  
Preserving  
Southport Village**

# Join us!

## Preserve Historic Southport Village

### Our Mission

#### Preserve the historic traditions, architectural style and scenic appearance of the Village of Southport.

Promote, preserve and conserve the historic, educational, cultural, environmental and scenic resources of the Village of Southport through education of public and acquisition of properties. Sponsor and encourage cultural events and activities designed to enhance the social and intellectual life of the Village of Southport.

### Our History

In the early 1980's Pequot School was threatened by commercial development. The Southport Conservancy, Inc. was founded as a 501 (c) (3) organization to raise funds for the purchase of the property by concerned citizens of Southport and Fairfield. The Conservancy has evolved into a strong voice and active preservation force in the community.



Photos courtesy of Eric Sundman

## What Have We Been Up To?

- Acquired former Pequot School from Town of Fairfield, supervised its renovation and leases it to The Southport School (formerly Eagle Hill) which thrives today.
- The Southport Conservancy saved the iconic and historically important Southport Freight Station in the heart of Southport Village from demolition and was restored to original condition between 1988 and 1993. The Southport Conservancy has been a loyal steward dedicated to its continued preservation while maintaining the building and the grounds ever since.
- Contributed funds to purchase "The Lower Wharf" at the mouth of Southport Harbor to be used in perpetuity as a public dock and open space.



- Accepted contributions to purchase Southport Village Park, at the north end of the village (Prospect Lane & Pequot Avenue) to guarantee that Southport Village will forever be bound on that side by trees, greenery and open space.
- Contributed funds to improve Southport Park (Old Post Road), owned by Sasquanaug Area Association.
- Developed the Southport Walking Tour App, based on the original 1993 version narrated by the late Southporter, Jason Robards. Provides users with a new appreciation for the history of Southport.

- Contributed all funds to restore the historic Shed at Ye Yacht Yard Marina, preserving the shop's unique character. Completed March, 2019



- Partnered with Aspetuck Land Trust to acquire property opposite Southport Beach, protecting it from development.
- Made statement at Town Planning and Zoning in January 2018, against the nature and size of development at 65 Station Street. Proposed development is currently off the table.
- Founding member of Southport Non-profit Round Table.
- The Southport Conservancy sells three books: The Southport Packet Volume 1 and 2, and Southport: The Architectural Legacy of a Connecticut Village at the Fairfield Women's Exchange, Lattice House and Fairfield Museum Gift Shop
- Contributed funds towards the Pequot Library Roof Restoration Project and the restoration of Aspetuck's Native Plant Preserve on Westway.
- Worked on the restoration of the of trees in the center of the Village in conjunction with Olivers Nursery and the Town of Fairfield.
- The Southport Conservancy is a major sponsor of the annual Blessing of The Fleet which is tentatively scheduled this year to be on June 12th.