

Ken Schmidt has been a member of the CIRT board since last summer. He has summered on Cranberry his whole life in the house his grandparents, Harvey and Jennie Stanley, built 100 years ago. His mother, Trudy Stanley, taught school on Islesford in the early 40s. Ken Schmidt and Sue Hallett, Ken's wife, retired in 2018, and now live on Cranberry about five months, and on Anna Maria Island, Florida the rest of the year. Ken worked his whole career in leadership of Maine community health centers, the last 15 years as CEO of Penobscot Community Health Care based in Bangor, and about 20 years ago developed telemedicine services for the Sunbeam with Maine Seacoast Mission. Sue taught music in Bucksport Schools for over 30 years.

Ken knows the folks living in the Cranberry CIRT houses, and in fact two of them, Ben Walls and Ben Sumner, did a super job with Jessie Jamison renovating his home about four years ago. Ken said, "I love the mission of CIRT, the board is full of really caring and good people, and the folks who live in the Cranberry CIRT houses – all for a number of years - are definitely all committed to our community – just wonderful and capable people. We are so lucky to have them on the Island, and we hope to provide affordable housing to more great people, particularly now on Islesford."