



**Director's Report: June 19, 2014**  
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### **Administrative**

**Declaration of Trust/ Policies & Procedures:** As requested by the members during our Special Meeting, I have posted all Policies & Procedures on the Trust website.

**Meeting with Dan Wolf (State Senator):** This past month I ran into Dan Wolf, MA State Senator. We briefly chatted and the next day I received a request from his secretary to meet with Dan on August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014. I have since confirmed that meeting date, which will take place at his office in Hyannis.

**AmeriCorps IP Award:** On May 27<sup>th</sup> I received a letter informing me that despite this being a very competitive year, the Orleans Conservation Trust's AmeriCorps Cape Cod Individual Placement Proposal has been approved and selected for this coming year (2014-2015). I am required to attend the AmeriCorps orientation training seminar on September 24<sup>th</sup>. Soon after that time we will find out who is going to serve as our AmeriCorps IP.

**Cape Cod Environmental Summit:** On June 5<sup>th</sup> Lynn Bruneau and I attended the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Cape Cod Environmental Summit, which was hosted by APCC and held at the Cape Cod Community College. This Environmental Summit was an opportunity for Cape Cod's environmental nonprofits to join together to collaborate, cooperate and coordinate activities. This year's summit focused on the challenges of data and information gathering and sharing: what do we know, how do we know it and how do we share what we know.

### **Land Acquisition**

**'Executive Session'**

### **Land Management**

**Namequoit Bog:** On May 30<sup>th</sup> I worked with AmeriCorps Cape Cod to cut back dead vegetation located in the northwest corner of the bog. I have AmeriCorps scheduled to work in the bog again on June 27<sup>th</sup>. The cutting and removal of the dead vegetation is directly in line with our approved Notice of Intent and Management Plan, and will encourage the native rushes and sedges to grow faster.



**E.C. Nickerson Gift:** On June 9<sup>th</sup> I worked with AmeriCorps Cape Cod to remove a large pile of brush debris that was dumped on site and invasive species that were negatively impacting the native vegetation on site. In order to

remove the debris and invasive plants we needed a brush box to be delivered on site. The costs associated with the brush box were paid for by the abutting neighbors, who were fully in support of the proposed project.



Ice House/Reuben's Pond Trail Maintenance: On May 22<sup>nd</sup> Allyson Stein and I worked with a small group of volunteers to move a small section of trail leading to the edge of Ice House Pond and to replace a number of stair sections leading from Captain Curtis Way to Reuben's Pond.

White's Lane Terrapin Training: On June 4<sup>th</sup> Bob Prescott and I led a terrapin training session at the White's Lane Conservation Area. More than 20 volunteers attended the session, resulting in nearly 20 volunteers who are all scheduled to monitor the property for nesting terrapins over the summer months.



Blue Bird Box Installation & Monitoring: Over the last few months we have had volunteers monitoring the bird nesting boxes at our White's Lane, Mauch, Young/Flint, and Moerschener land gifts. Nearly all the boxes are being used by Chickadees, Wrens, and Tree Swallows. We have not had any Blue Birds utilize the boxes for nesting this year.

### Fundraising Committee

Membership Mailing: The membership letters were printed and mailed out during the last week in May. Since then we have had a steady flow of membership responses ranging from \$25-\$1,000.

Planned Giving: I would like to schedule a meeting with the Fundraising Committee to discuss planned giving opportunities. While I don't expect each Trustee to understand the intricacies that go with the different giving opportunities (e.g., making a gift through a Life Insurance Policy, Retirement Fund, Life Estate, etc.), it would be helpful if everyone was aware of the options in case they ran into friends or family that have the means and/or interest in donating through one of these channels.

### Marketing Committee

Fall 2014 Newsletter: The committee met on June 11<sup>th</sup> to begin discussing the layout for the Fall 2014 Newsletter. During the meeting it was agreed that we would plan to print the giving history from July, 2013 through June, 2014.

### Nominating Committee

Committee Meetings: The Nominating Committee wrapped up its candidate interviews during the first week of June and met once more on June 9<sup>th</sup> to discuss each of the interviews that took place. The Committee will be making their recommendations to the Board on June 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Educational Meetings/ Programs**

Up-coming Walk: On Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup> from 10:00-11:00am the Trust will be leading a walk within Namequoit Bog. During the walk hikers will hear about the historical use of the bog, why it was so important to preserve, and what management tactics are being implemented today to encourage the bog to transition to a wet meadow vegetative community.

Recent Walks: On Thursday June 5<sup>th</sup> I led a walk through the Grassy Knoll Conservation Area and on Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup> I led a walk through the Ice House/Reuben’s Pond Conservation Area. There were roughly 15-20 hikers on each of these two walks.

