



Director's Report  
November 21, 2013  
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### **Administrative**

**Community Preservation Act Application:** This past month I put together and submitted a Town Community Preservation Act Application and submitted that application to the Town's Community Preservation Committee. I have made a request for a \$15,000 grant to be used to develop and print a Town-Wide Trail Guide. I have received a vote of support from both the Town's Open Space Committee and the Conservation Commission. This application will be reviewed in the beginning of the year and we will be requested to give a presentation to the Committee in early 2014. The guides will be similar to the Brewster and Harwich trail guides and will include trails on OCT and Town-owned properties.

**Way Forward Letter:** This letter was sent out on October 21, 2013 and received by OCT members roughly two weeks after. I have not received any letters or phone calls to comment on the letter.

### **Land Acquisition**

"Executive Session"

### **Land Management**

**Namequoit Bog:** This past month I worked with the Cape Cod Commission to collect LiDar mapping data to help us better understand the bog topography and elevation changes. This mapping information has been sent to the State's Ecological Restoration Specialists who will review the data and see how it correlates with the tidal data they collected this past month. We are still in the process of collecting information and are not in a position to file any State Notice of Intent applications relating to future land management.

**Annual Mowing:** As done in years past, I have begun to mow back those properties that are made up of early succession field ecosystems. A few of those properties are the Ewald Gift, Young/Flint Gift, Mauch Gift, Hannum Gift, etc.

### **Fundraising/ PR/ Branding**

**Fall 2013 Newsletter:** The Fall 2013 newsletter has been completed and sent to the printers. It is our goal to have the newsletters received by Thanksgiving.

**Year- End Appeal:** This past month I put together a first draft of our year-end appeal letter and Paul Blakeley made the first edits/suggestions. Paul shared that draft with the Fundraising Committee and encouraged committee member to make suggestions or provide their own drafts for consideration. We would like to finalize the letter and mailing list in the coming week.

### **Educational Meetings/ Programs**

**Up-coming Talk:** On Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013 we will be hosting a lecture entitled "Right Whales, Protecting Our Endangered Neighbors". The presentation will be given by Stormy Mayo and starts at 6:30pm at the Orleans Yacht Club.

Recent Educational Walks: This past month I led a walk at the Ice House & Reuben's Pond Conservation Area as well as the Woods Cove Conservation Area. See the website for full write-ups.

Upcoming Walks: Our next walk is scheduled for Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 10:00am. This walk will be at the Twinings Pond Conservation Area. The last walk of the year will be on Saturday, December 14 at 9:00am Mill Pond Valley.