



Director's Report
October 30, 2013
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Administrative

Way Forward Letter: On Friday, October 11th the "Way Forward" letter was sent to me as a final document. That same day I sent the document to the printer for formatting. The formatting was completed on Tuesday, October 15th (following Columbus Day weekend). Our mailing list was processed and the letter was sent out from the printer on Monday, October 21st. It should be received by our members shortly.

AmeriCorps IP and 2013 Internships: Allyson Stein has worked three days as our new AmeriCorps Land Stewardship Intern. Allyson has been on time, positive, and up for any task thrown at her. Allyson has expressed interest in developing an invasive species booklet. We are going to investigate with the AmeriCorps program staff how we might collaborate on the possible project, ensuring she has more than a single day a week to work on this idea. Allyson would leverage the invasive species research the interns put together this past summer.

Land Acquisition

"Executive Session"

Land Management

Namequoit Bog: On Thursday, October 25, 2013 I met on site with Jeremy Bell and Franz Ingelfinger, Ecological Restoration Specialists with the State's Department of Fish and Game. We conducted a site visit and discussed long and short term management options. Over the past two months they have collected information about salt water entering the bog and tidal flow. They are going to conduct an analysis of this information and make some recommendations, which will help us as we plan for the future. At this point it is unclear whether we will file a Notice of Intent to conduct more LM work this coming winter or wait to gather more information.

Moerschener Gift: This past month the Town's Conservation Commission approved the mowing of the understory (as done in years past) and cutting of invasive vines. A neighbor has donated \$1,000 to be used for land management work on the property. I have met on site with Keith Johnson of Billingsgate LM and recommend hiring Keith for a day's worth of work. I will discuss more of the details at the Board meeting.

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 stories are nearly complete and Terry Machie is working on the overall design. I expect the final design to be completed by Friday, November 1st and the newsletter to be mailed out by the second or third week in November (to arrive by Thanksgiving). Terry has agreed to do the design work for no more than \$500.

Year- End Appeal: In the coming week(s) I will be putting together a first draft of our year-end appeal letter. Amongst other things, I envision this letter including our recent surge in activity related to gifts of land and CR's.

Educational Meetings/ Programs

2014 Winter Lecture Series: This past month the Orleans Yacht Club approved hosting our proposed 2014 Winter Lecture Series. Topics and dates for the series go as follows:

1. **History of the Wild Turkey**
Monday, January 6, 2014
2. **Highlights of a Record Sea Turtle Stranding Season**
Monday, February 3, 2014
3. **Sustainable Coastal Erosion Control: Is it possible?**
Monday, March 3, 2014
4. **Climate Change, the Global Carbon Cycle, Management of Carbon on Land**
Monday, April 7, 2014
5. **Close Encounters of the Ocean Kind**
Monday, May 5, 2014

2013-2014 Educational Walk Schedule: The Fall/Winter Walk schedule goes as follows:

1. **Woods Cove Conservation Area**
Saturday, November 16--9:00-10:00am
2. **Twinings Pond Conservation Area**
Thursday, December 5--10:00-11:15am
3. **Mill Pond Valley Conservation Area**
Saturday, December 12--9:00-10:15am
4. **Hosea's Swamp**
Saturday, January 4--10:00-11:00am
5. **Meadow Bog Conservation Area**
Tuesday, February 4--10:00-11:00am
6. **Baker's Pond Conservation Area**
Thursday, March 6--3:00-4:30pm
7. **Putnam Farm Conservation Area**
Saturday, April 5 --9:00-10:00am
8. **White's Lane Conservation Area**
Saturday, April 5 --9:00-10:00am

Up-coming Talk: On Tuesday, November 19th, 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 Talk: On Tuesday October 15, 2013 at 6:30pm, we hosted the second of three presentations associated with our Third Tuesday Fall Lecture Series at the Orleans Yacht Club. Bill Quinn, historian and local author, charmed over 70 local residents and visitors with his lecture entitled "Orleans: A Small Cape Cod Town with an Extraordinary History." See the website for a full write-up.

Recent Educational Walks: This past month I led a walk through the Three Ponds Conservation Area (South Orleans) as part of the Cape Cod Commissions Walking Weekend . About 40 people participated in the walk. See the website for a full write-up.

Upcoming Walks: Our next walk is scheduled for Tuesday, November 5th, 2013 at 9:00am. This walk will be at the Ice House/Reuben's Pond Conservation Area.