



Director's Report  
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### **Administrative**

**Annual Meeting:** This month I will be putting together the slide show for the business meeting and getting in touch with Dick Ryder to nail down his presentation details. We need to decide whether or not we are sending out a formal invitation and to whom. Do we just send it to members or our entire database

**Summer 2013 Internships:** Along with Meg, Summer Interns Ben Lyttle and Steve O'Grady continue to be a valuable asset to the Trust. Along with helping with land management related tasks, they both have become very accustomed to organizing the property files and tracking down missing deeds and plans. They have also been developing an invasive species guide that we hope to use on the website and possibly in future publications.

**AmeriCorps IP Position:** Meg will be wrapping up her OCT IP position in the coming week. Meg suspects her last week of work with us to be the week of July 22<sup>nd</sup>. The AmeriCorps formal graduation day will be on Thursday, August 1 from 9:00-11:00am at the Cape Cod Community College. All Trustees are welcome to attend. Something here about the party at Mon's place?

**Watershed-Level Wastewater Planning Meetings:** The Cape Cod Commission will be holding the first set of 50 watershed-level wastewater planning meetings in mid-July in four geographic regions across Cape Cod. The meeting for the Lower Cape will be on Wednesday, July 17 from 4:00- 6:00pm at the Chatham Town Hall Annex. Input gathered during these meetings will inform the Commission of the preferred nutrient-reduction solutions at watershed and sub-regional levels. These more-targeted plans will discuss and develop recommendations that will eventually roll into the Cape-wide wastewater plan.

### **Land Acquisition**

**"Executive Session"**

#### **Land Management**

**CR Inspections:** This past month the interns and I have conducted a number of CR inspections. During each inspection the interns took photos to update the baseline photo maps. We have not had any CR violations to date.

**Namequoit Bog:** All the work Billingsgate LM was hired to do within the bog has been completed. I am now taking detailed notes of the changes taking place in the bog, what plant species are coming back, how quickly the water flows in and out of the bog, etc. Any future work we expect to do will need to be done under State Notice of Intent (NOI) filing vs. the local Conservation Commission Administrative Review. I am hoping to work with Jeremy Bell of the State Dept. of Fish and Wildlife to get a hydrometer installed at the mouth of the pipe or on the dike to document how much freshwater flows out vs. the amount of salt water trying to enter the bog. The information will be very important to have when it comes to long range planning.

**White's Lane:** This past month we have had four confirmed terrapin nest sites and one box turtle nest site. The box turtle nest was moved from Jack Knife Point to White's Lane, ensuring that the eggs are properly protected.

Our Blue Bird and Chickadee chicks have both fledged the nests. We now have a Wren creating a nest within one of the boxes. We hope to see eggs in the nest this coming week.

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

4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade: The interns, Anna, my mom and I drove in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. We used Jim’s trailer and Seth Wilkinson allowed us to use his trees and shrubs to fill up the vehicle. We had two banners created, which we can use at future events.



Newsletter: The newsletter has been sent out and received. We continue to receive great reviews from community members and donors.

Spring 2013 Membership Mailing: The membership mailing letter was sent out and we are receiving a steady flow of responses. While we have not had any major donations, we have received a number of \$300 donations from new members.

### **Educational Meetings/ Programs**

Recent Educational Walks: This past month we led a walk at the Town of Orleans Christian Property. Despite the rain, this walk was well attended.

Upcoming Walks: Our next walk is scheduled for Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 – 10:15am at the Town’s Peck Property off Arey’s Lane.