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Thoughts going forward

I want to thank the Board of Directors for their confidence expressed by electing me President at MLT's Annual Meeting last May 30th. Gary Johnson has done a tremendous job leading this organization for the past 13 years — I have very large shoes to fill! We all are very grateful that Gary will continue his involvement as MLT's Treasurer, chair of our Acquisitions Committee, and active participant in our stewardship, education and outreach activities. Thank you Gary for all you've done and continue to do for the Mattapoissett Land Trust.

Transition in leadership provides a good moment for an

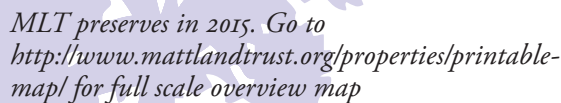
Members of the Mattapoisett Land Trust form the bedrock of all we do. As members learn about MLT, and as their time allows, they often become volunteers for various MLT

events, join committees that interest them, and eventually become potential board members and officers. This continuing stream of “people power” is critical to our success, because MLT remains an all-volunteer organization. In addition, membership dues and gifts are the single most important source of ongoing financial support for us.

Over the past decade our land holdings have grown faster than our membership numbers. In addition, government requirements and community expectations for how we should manage our lands increase in complexity. These trends mean we must do more and spend more, which in turn requires more of MLT — more members, more volunteers, more people involved in the work we do. And we must involve more people in an increasingly busy world — especially for working families — where every spare hour is precious.

To confront the membership challenge, MLT has formed

an Outreach Committee with a primary goal of growing our membership. Is this the right way to go? Do you have other ideas, or concerns about any aspect of the Mattapoissett Land Trust? Please write to me at info@mattlandtrust.org.



2015 Hunting Seasons Are Here!

Hunting seasons in Mattapoisett open on October 17th and continue through the end of the year. Detailed information on specific seasons can be found at <http://www.eregulations.com/massachusetts/huntingandfishing/hunting-season-dates/>. Mattapoisett is in Zone 11.

Land Trust properties are open to lawful hunting, in accordance with state regulations. Please be aware of and respect hunters who are legally using the land, as no one form of outdoor recreation is exclusive of others. Dress for safety, using hats and/or vests of "Blaze Orange" to improve your visibility. And remember, hunters are generally less active during the middle part of the day, and no hunting is allowed on Sundays.

The MLT has posted Seasonal Notices at the entrances to our maintained trails at the Walega-Livingstone Preserve on Mattapoisett Neck, and at the Old Aucoot District Preserves in eastern Mattapoisett. We welcome hunters to use these and other Land Trust properties, but remind them that all hunting stands must be removed at the end of the season. We hope hunters and non-hunters alike will enjoy the woods, fields and marshes of your MLT properties!

MLT elects 2015-2016 Board and Officers

At the Annual Meeting on May 30th, members of the Mattapoisett Land Trust elected Directors and Officers to serve for 2015-2016. Directors elected include Marc Anderson, Skip Bedser, Ray Cebula, Don Cuddy, Ellen Flynn, Sandy Hering, Mike Huguenin, Gary Johnson, Luana Josvold, Paul Osenkowski, Charles Radville, and Jeffrey Sanders. MLT's Officers will be:

President – Mike Huguenin
 Vice-President – Skip Bedser
 Treasurer – Gary Johnson
 Assistant Treasurer – Sandy Hering
 Clerk – Luana Josvold

At the meeting members thanked Gary Johnson for his 13 years of service as MLT's President, during which time MLT has grown to conserve over 700 acres of land for wildlife habitat and public enjoyment. More information about MLT is available on the organization's Facebook page, or at www.mattlandtrust.org.



2015 -2016 Board of Directors. (l-r) Don Cuddy, Skip Bedser, Jeffrey Sanders, Mike Huguenin, Sandra Hering, Paul (Ozzie) Osenkowski, Luana Josvold, Elizabeth J. Foley, Ray Cebula, Ellen Flynn, Gary Johnson, Marc Anderson

A thank you to Gary Johnson

by Don Cuddy

A wise man once said that you can get a lot done when no one is looking to take the credit and that has certainly been the case for the Mattapoissett Land Trust over the past thirteen years under the guidance of outgoing president Gary Johnson. As Gary passes the torch to incoming president Mike Huguenin we can all look back with quiet satisfaction on his truly impressive series of accomplishments in fulfillment of the MLT's primary mission: to acquire and preserve natural resources and wildlife areas for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. Under Gary's leadership the MLT has raised over \$2,850,000 from partnerships, grants and private donations, leading to the acquisition of 350 acres of critical habitat in Mattapoissett. Despite its small size, the MLT has now placed over 700 acres in conservation. The 300 acre preserve in the Old Aucoot district, bounded by Route 6, Prospect Road, Angelica and Bowman Road is larger than the state reservation at Nasketucket while the 132 acres of contiguous parcels at the head of Brandt Island Cove will protect that area of critical habitat in perpetuity.



Gary first became involved with the Land Trust after becoming a year-round resident in 1999. Prior to that he had summered here since 1993. His unflagging commitment to preserving the town's natural resources was widely recognized when he was selected as The Standard-Times Mattapoissett Man of the Year in 2008. During his tenure as president, the MLT holdings have doubled and now exceed 700 acres, all of this accomplished without any fanfare. It should be noted also that Gary was a driving force in getting the town to pass a Community Preservation Act. A quote from the Standard-Times Man of the Year story best sums up Gary's vision and outlook: "I think that 50 years from now our children and grandchildren are going to be very happy about what we're doing now," he said. We could not be any happier to have Gary in our midst in the here and now.

A very special "thank you"

On behalf of the Education Committee and the entire MLT Board we would like to acknowledge Elizabeth Leidhold, Marion Natural History Museum Director, Mattapoissett Conservation Agent and Wetland Scientist for all her work for the past three years with the Old Hammondtown sixth grade program and field trip to Nasketucket Bay State Reservation for our study and discovery of vernal pools!

Your Mattapoissett Land Trust presents

Salty's annual Silvery Moon Soirée

Saturday, October 24, 2015

5:30 — 7:30 PM

A fire for making s'mores

Music

Storytelling

by Toby Dills

Dunseith Gardens

Under Salty the Seahorse

Route 6 and North Street

Free

and

Open

to

ALL

There is no parking on site.

Bring a flashlight to find your way home!

What Lands Shall We Hold?

by Gary P. Johnson

Since 1974 the MLT has acquired land in order to hold it for the benefit of the public. With ownership comes responsibilities for maintenance and stewardship, however, which can be quite demanding for an all-volunteer organization. A couple of years ago the Acquisition Committee began to think about ways that we might manage our holdings to provide the necessary protections for the land while reducing the demands on our resources. The following three examples will more clearly demonstrate why and how we have undertaken this “rationalizing” of the land we own.

Transferring ownership:

We acquired the Delano Preserve as a donation from Sarah R. Delano in 1981. The preserve is bounded by Interstate 95 but has no other access and subsequent to our acquisition MassWildlife has acquired all of the abutting land creating the Haskell Swamp Wildlife Management Area. Last year we entered into discussions with MassWildlife about transferring ownership of the Delano Preserve to them. They were interested and proceeded to do all of the legal work necessary at no cost to the MLT resulting in the transfer in June of last year. In addition to transferring the stewardship responsibilities to the state we have also increased the revenue to the Town a small amount since the state makes a payment in lieu of property taxes each year based on the value of the land it holds.

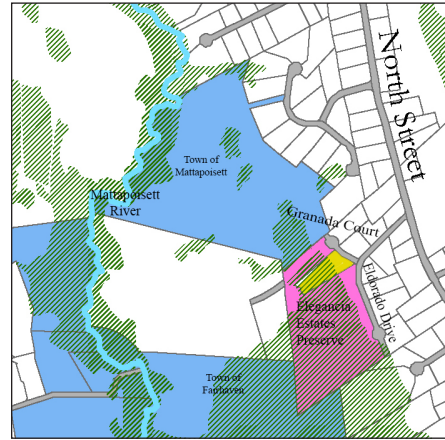
Sharing ownership:

We have sought ways to get “double protection” on our lands for several years, that is, have another conservation entity hold an interest in the property. Oldfield Farm in Rochester seemed an obvious choice for such protection. It was a gift to the MLT from Edith and Eliot Shoolman in 1984, before the Rochester Land Trust (RLT) existed. While we love the preserve which extends from New Bedford Road to the Mattapoisett River and contains a vernal pool, the stewardship requirements were difficult for us. We considered transferring ownership of the preserve to the RLT and holding a conservation restriction on the property but that would have involved significant legal costs and approvals from both the Commonwealth and the Town’s selectmen. Instead we have sold an interest in the preserve to the RLT so that we now hold it as tenants-in-common and we have entered into an agreement as to the responsibilities of each party: the RLT will take the lead on stewardship while the MLT will continue to make the required government filings. We’ll review the agreement in five years and make necessary adjustments. Our new joint signage provides an artistic “welcome” to the preserve.

Swapping ownership:

The third example of our changes is much more complicated. We acquired through a donation by David Gorzka in

1991 a small lot (1/3 acre) at the end of Bay View MS, a private road. The property was badly infested with poison ivy and phragmites and with the assistance of the neighbors, Dick and Gloria Waterhouse, we attempted to clear it a bit, but it was a very difficult and time consuming job. Mr. Waterhouse expressed an interest in acquiring the parcel so that he could maintain it as conservation land as a memorial to his deceased daughter but transferring land from a non-profit to an individual would be difficult.



In the spring of this year we were contacted by the Town and told that they were considering taking a 1.4 acre lot on Granada Court for back taxes. The lot was entirely surrounded, except for the road frontage, by what we call the

Elegancia Preserve. While about half of the lot was wetland, it was a buildable lot and it lay in a very environmentally sensitive area near the Mattapoisett River. With respect to its ecology it was much more significant than the Bay View property. If Mr. and Mrs. Waterhouse were to own this lot, it would be entirely appropriate for us to engage in a land swap. We put Mr. Waterhouse in touch with the owner and he was able to acquire the parcel through a trust, Cherie’s Preserve, LLC. Early in September we executed the swap protecting an additional acre of environmentally sensitive land in Mattapoisett while Mr. and Mrs. Waterhouse were able to acquire the neighborhood lot as a memorial to their daughter but with a deed restriction that it must be kept as conservation land.

We should emphasize that our actions in these three cases were entirely consistent with the donors’ desires that the land be held as conservation land and that they were driven by a desire to assure ourselves that the lands will have proper stewardship as conservation land in the future. We don’t expect to have many changes such as these in the lands that we own. We do believe that it is our fiduciary duty periodically to look at our properties and determine whether ownership by others or a land swap may accomplish the donor’s goals while easing MLT’s stewardship burden and providing for improved public use.

Mattapoisett enjoys large areas of preserved public land owned by diverse organizations such as the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Town itself, the Buzzards Bay Coalition, and MLT. But our work is not over – there are still environmentally sensitive parcels whose protection would provide long-term benefits to Mattapoisett residents and visitors. MLT’s Acquisition Committee is updating our land preservation priorities consistent with the priorities expressed by other conservation organizations as well as those set by the Town’s Open Space Plan. We will continue our efforts to acquire important parcels through donation or purchase. We welcome your thoughts on our acquisition efforts, and we thank you for your generous support of our acquisition efforts during the past 40 years.



Kids' Corner

Those darn squirrels!



If you have a bird feeder in your yard you have probably had it raided by the eastern gray squirrel (*Sciurus carolinensis*). The gray squirrel is a large squirrel with adults averaging 15 to 20 inches and with bushy tails 6 to 9 ½ inches. Usually they are gray with white on the chin, throat and belly but sometimes their backs can be black. Gray squirrels build leaf nests in hardwood trees or they nest in tree cavities. They can have 2 litters of young each year in the early spring and late summer. They feed on nuts and seeds and since they can live around people, your bird feeder is a perfect target.

The other squirrel that lives in Mattapoissett is not seen as often — it is the eastern red squirrel (*Tamiasciurus hudsonicus*). It is smaller, 10 ½ to 15 inches, with a tail 3 ½ to 6 inches and is reddish brown with white on the belly and chin. It also builds a leaf nest but only has one litter of 1 to 7 young that are born between March and May. The biggest difference is in what they eat. Red squirrels prefer seeds from evergreen trees so they live in pine, fir and spruce forests. We have white pine in the woods of Mattapoissett which provide food for red squirrels so they are unlikely to come to your bird feeder.



If you would like to give the squirrels a treat you can purchase a “squirrel feeder” from the MLT at the Alternative Gift Fair at the Friends Meeting House on November 14. If you can’t come to the Gift Fair, contact us at info@mattlandtrust.org. Gray squirrels will eagerly feed on sunflower seeds but they especially like unsalted peanuts. You can also visit an MLT preserve and collect acorns to mix with sunflower seeds to give them another treat.



Perhaps, if you give them an alternative, these furry clowns will leave your bird feeder alone. But it’s not likely.

Photos: Marc Anderson, Luana Josvold

Engagement is the Key!

MLT's New Outreach Committee

by Mike Huguenin

In last Fall's Heron we reported on the formation of a new Membership Committee headed by Skip Bedser and Alice McGrath. Skip and Alice created a new Land Trust brochure and made presentations to many beach communities and groups of summer residents. Thanks to their work MLT was rewarded by an increase in membership from those communities.

Following last summer's presentations, our thoughts turned to how we continue building membership, and more importantly how we build *engagement* with the Mattapoisett Land Trust. In today's world people are busy and have many choices in how they spend their free time. We want to build membership in two steps. First, we want to ensure that all Mattapoisett residents and visitors *know about* the Land Trust. Second, we want to *engage* individuals and families in activities that are fun, interesting and rewarding while using our lands.

To learn about MLT, people use this newsletter as well as our website (www.mattlandtrust.org), Facebook page (www.facebook.com/mattland-trust), press releases in local newspapers, and occasional email messages from us. These channels have been the responsibility of MLT's Communications Committee ably staffed primarily by Charlie Radville. But the Communications Committee often finds itself short of content, while folks working to build membership generate content but are not sure how to reach the broadest audience. To remedy this and streamline MLT's operations we decided this spring to combine communications with membership to form a new Outreach Committee. I am happy to announce that Skip, now MLT's vice-president, has agreed to chair this new committee, with continuing assistance from Charlie, Alice and a number of additional Board Members and volunteers.

The Outreach Committee will be looking hard at all the ways people learn about MLT. How can we do a more effective job of communicating with our members and the public? Should we rely more on Facebook or Instagram? Redesign MLT's website? Publish larger or smaller or different newsletters, or no newsletter? More email messages to members on relevant topics? More newspaper articles? As we ponder these questions please let us know your thoughts at info@mattland-trust.org. Or join us for an Outreach Committee meeting!

But making people aware of the Land Trust is not enough. To build membership and serve the public we must engage

people of all ages in the lands we hold. At present MLT engages the public in two ways. First, we hold three public events: the upcoming Salty Soiree (October 24th), our booth at Harbor Days in July, and our Annual Meeting with a speaker in late May. These events allow people to learn about and become involved in our organization while having fun on our lands. Second, MLT's Education Committee coordinates a number of programs with Mattapoisett's schools and with the Free Public Library and Historic Society to involve children (and their parents) in outdoor activities and environmental education.

The Outreach Committee will assume responsibility for organizing MLT's three existing public events, and will coordinate with the Education Committee. In addition, we want to increase the programming offered by MLT to provide more opportunities for engagement. In so doing we actively seek opportunities to work with other town organizations with common interests and goals.

Our efforts already have borne fruit – by the time you read this MLT will have joined with the Mattapoisett Tree Committee on October 17th to co-sponsor a workshop on controlling winter moths. The workshop used trees at our Dunseith (Salty the Seahorse) property to demonstrate an effective control method using sticky tree bands.

In addition, we have agreed with the Friends of the Mattapoisett Bike Path to co-sponsor a bike ride in May 2016 to be called the "Tour de Crème." The idea will be to have safe rides of varying lengths around our South Coast area,

with stops at our local ice cream shops (think Ice Cream Slip, Oxford Creamery, Robin's Nest, Captain Bonny's, Country Whip...). All ride loops will end at MLT's Munro Property by Mattapoisett Harbor where everyone will enjoy an end of ride celebration, and learn more about the Friends of the Mattapoisett Bike Path and the Land Trust.

In addition to these two new events, we are brainstorming other possible programs, for example an invasive species presentation followed by a field walk on an MLT property to identify problem plants and learn control methods, winter lectures or films at the library, winter hikes, scavenger hunts, ice skating or snow activities for families at MLT preserves, and a late summer clambake or similar celebration to be held at the Munro Preserve and co-sponsored with the Historic Society. What do you think of these ideas? Would you help us organize one? What other programs would interest you?

Our new Outreach Committee is open to all. New ideas (or just overdue ones) are very welcome. Please join us for a meeting, or tell us what you think at info@mattlandtrust.org.



MLT Scholarship winners profiled

By Ellen Flynn, chair, Education Committee

Let me introduce you to our two most recent Mattapoisett Land Trust Blanche B. Perry scholars. Our award is designed to offer support to outstanding young people and recognize their achievements and contributions to the community.



This year's scholarship winners are Carolyn Foley, a graduate of Bishop Stang High School and the daughter of William and Janice Foley of Mattapoisett and James Leidhold, a graduate of Old Rochester Regional High School and the son of Carl and Elizabeth Leidhold of Mattapoisett.

Carolyn selected Virginia Tech; she is in the University Honors program within the Human Nutrition, Food and Exercise College; with a Major of Dietetics and a Minor in Environmental Policy and Planning.

Both James and Carolyn were involved in leadership experiences that distinguished them from their peers.

Carolyn rowed for four years with the New Bedford Rowing Center and she became Captain of her team. Dr. Jonathan Schwartz chair of the Center and a New Bedford-based psychiatrist said, "Carolyn has distinguished herself with her service, leadership and perspective".

Dr. Schwartz said that Carolyn contributed to the club

through her athletic challenges and building a community team. He said "I am confident Carolyn will make a significant impact within our community with her dedication, commitment, empathy, and best judgment in preserving, while enjoying our natural resources."

From Janice Foley, her mom, I was told, "Carolyn has always been a beautiful soul that quietly makes a meaningful difference with her commitment, perspective and spirit. My husband Bill and I couldn't be prouder of the young woman Carolyn has become. She is beautiful inside and out, and the world is a better place with her touch."

Carolyn said, "The Honors program at Virginia Tech is very challenging, and I'm finding there is a supportive network of fellow students and professors to help you succeed. When I'm not studying, I am enjoying all that Virginia Tech has to offer. I've joined the Fitness & Nutrition Club, participate in the 'Veg Club' and many activities offered by my honors dorm. The football games are incredibly fun and I love the spirit of the school. I am excited to say that Virginia Tech will be an exciting, challenging and growing experience over the next four years".



Please stay tuned to hear all about James Leidhold — in our Spring Issue...

MLT Education Committee Programs and Events for 2015-2016

Estuary Water Quality Analysis

ORR High School Program Eel Pond

Advisor, Lynn Connor, Biology Teacher

Start Date: September 1, 2015

End Date: May 15, 2016

Environmental Educational Work Programs on our properties will be planned with ORR Community Service Advisor, Heidi Graser

Third Grade Program with Center School

68-72 students

Trip to Buzzards Bay Coalition with Tanya Creamer (BBC Education) and National Park Service Ranger Rufai Shardow

This event takes place in April or May 2016

Possible future programs

February Break Feb 15- 19, 2016

Outdoor Scavenger hunt on Land Trust Property

Old Hammondtown 6th Grade Trip to Nasketucket Bay State Reservation



MLT clothing available at Town Wharf General Store

If you missed the chance to purchase our merchandise at Harbor Days, don't despair! Our caps, tees and infant onesies are now available at the Town Wharf General Store on Water Street. Stop in to check out their fine merchandise and our logo emblazoned wares.



Busy summer for Land Trust Volunteers

The summer months were busy ones for MLT's stewardship volunteers. Regular mowing required at our Munro, Dunseith, Tub Mill and Shoolman preserves – even in a dry summer – is a full time job. Add to that trail maintenance, mowing and pruning at the Brownell Blueberry Patch, and various special projects and we find ourselves working on a long “to do” list!

Weeding and watering the restored perennial beds at our harbor-front Munro Preserve was the major project this summer. As detailed in last spring's Heron, these beds were redesigned and replanted by Duponte Landscape & Design, with support from Eversource and MLT donors and volunteers. Drip irrigation lines were installed in the beds and run several times each week by volunteers to allow the new plantings to survive Mattapoisett's summer without rain. We were able to purchase water at modest cost from the Mattapoisett Harbormaster's Office, and we offer our thanks to Harbormaster Jill Simmons and her staff. MLT is working on plans to install our own water connection on the Munro property during the upcoming winter.

In addition to watering, all new perennial beds were



Mike Huguenin attacks weeds with propane fired torch

weeded several times over the summer to encourage the new plants and discourage unwanted visitors. In addition the area of new trap rock behind the seawall was weeded both by hand and using a propane-fired weed torch in order to keep large and tall weeds from taking hold. Charlie Duponte will add some additional plants and drip irrigation lines during October to complete the restoration. We also plan to add butterfly-friendly plants to all beds, both now and in the spring. Then we'll put Munro to bed for a long winter's nap.

Our Dunseith Preserve, home of Salty the Seahorse, also received extra attention this summer. MLT's storage shed at this preserve has long needed major repairs and we have debated whether to repair or replace the structure. Thanks to a generous grant received early in the summer from the Yawkey Foundation (and facilitated by Mattapoisett summer resident Justin Morreale) MLT will be able to demolish the old building and build a new 10 by 20 foot shed on the existing slab foundation. Work began in late summer to clean out the old shed, prepare for demolition, gain the necessary permits and hire contractors. We expect the needed work to take place in November and early December, so look for our new shed along about the time Salty dons the Santa hat! And thanks again to Mr. Morreale and the Yawkey Foundation for their interest and confidence in the Mattapoisett Land Trust.

The restoration of the blueberry bushes at the Brownell Preserve continues, albeit slowly due to the overall lack of rain over the past several years. We keep the grasses between the recovering bushes mowed, and will prune climbing vines and unwanted weeds growing close to or in each bush in the coming weeks. There is little else to be done, other than hope for wetter years in the future. The deer and wild turkeys are enjoying the limited blueberries the bushes are able to produce at present.

Stewardship volunteers will be out during the winter months maintaining existing trails, clearing new trails, removing fallen trees, inspecting property boundaries, repairing MLT signage, and performing other chores. Most stewardship work amounts to light labor while enjoying a few hours in the winter woods. We welcome new volunteers, whether for a single walk or as a regular member of the crew. If you would like more information, please email us at info@matlandtrust.org.



Rosa rugosa in bloom



The Munro waterfront preserve refreshed with new plantings

Honor Your Loved Ones

The following individuals or groups have chosen in the last six months to honor their loved ones through donations to the Mattapoisset Land Trust.

In celebration of Gary Johnson's birthday:

Bill & Virginia Johnson
Williams Bay, WI
Luana Josvold
Mattapoisset, MA

To commemorate the MLT transition, Gary Johnson to Mike Huguenin:

David Anderson & Phoebe Girard
Mattapoisset, MA

In honor of Edwina McCarthy's birthday:

Richard McCarthy
Wellesley, MA

In honor of Peg Olney's 80th birthday:

Katherine Olney & David Kleinschmidt

In memory of Ruth Perry Bates:

Ruth Cederberg
Mattapoisset, MA

Charles Dupont
Mattapoisset, MA

Arthur & Janice Marcoux
Peabody, MA

In honor of Doreen & the late John Bowman:

Brad & Priscilla Hathaway
Mattapoisset, MA

In memory of C. Nason Burden:

Brenda & Dan Pauli
Mercer Island, WA

In memory of David Crook:

Victor & Rosamond Pierce
Felton, DE

In memory of Charles B. Dunn:

Victor & Rosamond Pierce
Felton, DE

In memory of John McGrath:

Alan & Susan Fine
West Palm Beach, FL

In memory of David Olney:

David was a long-term supporter of the MLT and served for several years on our Education Committee. His wisdom and gentle sense of humor will be greatly missed, but long remembered.

Anne Coggins
Mattapoisset, MA

Ellen Flynn
Mattapoisset, MA

David Hall
Santa Rosa Beach, FL

Brad & Priscilla Hathaway
Mattapoisset, MA

Sandy Hering & Don Bamberger
Mattapoisset, MA

Carol Houghton
Assonet, MA

James Iredell
New York, NY

Richard & Patricia Kallio
Norfolk, MA

Judith Livolsi
Mattapoisset, MA

Lynn Meier
Fredericksburg, VA

Helen & Stephen Olney
Oak Harbor, WA

Mrs. James Whalen
Mattapoisset, MA

Thank you for your generous contributions which will be used to further our mission of protecting the land and the environment of Mattapoisset for generations to come.

Meet Director Marc Anderson

As the sixth generation to occupy the home on Pine Island Rd., it's easy for me to look back and appreciate Mattapoisett's past and the legacy my ancestors left. With that perspective, it's not hard to look forward to Mattapoisett's future and sense the appreciation our descendants will have for the legacy we're creating today. With roots more firmly planted in Mattapoisett than anywhere else, I'm delighted to join the Mattapoisett Land Trust board and contribute to the legacy we leave through the stewardship of our natural resources and the permanent conservation of our land.

I celebrated my very first Christmas in Mattapoisett in 1961 but it was over 50 years before I would spend another one here. During the intervening years, I grew up in Arlington, Va., went to school in California, married a gal from Denmark who I met in France, settled down in Arlington, pulled up stakes and went to Denmark for 13 years, and re-

turned to Portland, Maine to be Uncle Marc. In 2012, I came back to Mattapoisett and the house that my great-great-great-grandfather built.

I work at home writing mostly grant proposals and user manuals. For fun I like sailing, quahogging and just about anything outdoors. Since discovering the area's lightly trafficked roads, I've taken up cycling with gusto, logging 5000 miles this summer riding everywhere from Plymouth to Providence. There are many benefits to biking but number one for me is reducing my carbon footprint. Climate change, I've become convinced, is the defining challenge of our time; our legacy will be determined by how we face it.

Five generations hence, if our descendants are going to look back appreciatively at how we left the place, we have to push now and push hard to reduce carbon emissions. Biking around Mattapoisett is my way. I'm also staying fit, enjoying coffee frappes without guilt, and relishing our remarkable landscapes. They're worth preserving for the future.



Marc Anderson accepts cycling trophy for Mattapoisett

Harbor Days 2015

Volunteers for the Mattapoisett Land Trust enjoyed two days under the Locust Tree in Shipyard Park last July during the Mattapoisett Lions Club annual Harbor Days. With large maps of our properties and newly designed merchandise of Salty T Shirts for children and hats and shirts for adults, our volunteers talked to hundreds of folks from Mattapoisett and the surrounding towns. It is surprising to learn how many people are not familiar with our properties and the many trails, beaches, meadows and forests that are available to them right here in Mattapoisett!

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The MLT, formed in 1974, is a non-profit, tax-exempt charitable organization incorporated under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Its purpose is to preserve open space for the enjoyment of current and future residents of Mattapoisett, as well as to educate the public about the sound use of natural resources, and to work with other organizations having the same goals.

Our membership consists of annual contributors — our primary source of revenue — and a volunteer Board of Directors: Marc Anderson, Charles A. "Skip" Bedser, Raymond Cebula, Don Cuddy, Ellen Flynn, Sandra Hering, Gary P. Johnson, Luana Marie Josvold, Paul "Ozzie" Osenkowski, Charles Radville, Jeffrey P. Sanders, Esq. and Mike Huguenin, President.

The MLT is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization. All contributions are fully tax deductible.

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Help Wanted!

The Mattapoisett Land Trust is an all-volunteer organization, and we always are looking for new volunteers. What you do and how much time you spend are up to you. Whether for one hour a year or three hours a week, we value your involvement!

Help at events like Harbor Days or the Salty Soiree?

Chaperone an activity with local school students?

Take photos or videos of MLT lands or events?

Design better signage and graphics to identify our preserves and mark our trails?

Design or edit page for our website, or a post for Facebook?

Monitor a preserve or hiking trail, or help us cut a new trail?

Prune a blueberry bush?

Pull weeds and rake leaves in new surroundings, with people to share your labor?

Write a news story or press release?

Create the next great MLT shirt or hat?

Or what about something no one's thought of — that only you can do?

To learn more or volunteer, please contact us at info@mattlandtrust.org. Thank you!



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The Heron

Calendar — 2015 Fall and Winter Activities

All Mattapoisett Land Trust events are free and open to the public

Check mattlandtrust.org or facebook.com/mattlandtrust for up-to-date information

October 17	1:00 PM	Tree Banding Workshop	How to reduce damage from winter moths	Dunseith Gardens, Route 6 and North Street. Rain date October 18, 1:00 PM
October 24	5:30 to 7:30PM	Salty's Silvery Moon Soirée	A fire to make s'mores, storytelling by Toby Dills, music and more	Dunseith Gardens, Route 6 and North Street. No parking on site. Please bring a flashlight to find your way home!
November 14	10:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Alternative Gift Fair	You may not have thought of some of the gifts you'll find here.	Friends Meeting House, Route 6

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