



Pascommuck Conservation Trust

Preserving our past. Protecting our future.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

PCT ANNUAL MEETING - February 19, 2019

ACTIVITIES/PROJECTS - 2018

A. FUNDRAISING/GRANTS/DONATIONS

1. Two plant sales.
2. Sue Walz's calendar sales.
3. Membership dues/donations.
4. Amazon Smile set up.
5. Book sale: " Native Plants For New England Gardens " (books provided by Gerrit Stover).

B. PUBLIC RELATIONS/OUTREACH

1. Successful, well-attended Annual Meeting 2018.
2. Two newsletters issued.
3. 2018 High School Conservation Scholarship - Karina Patterson (marine biology).
4. John Bator gave a tour of Brickyard Brook Conservation Area to a Williston School teacher who plans on conducting a class ecology study there.
5. Cultural Chaos event in town - Marty Klein's wall mural photography display.
6. Tours by Gerrit Stover of the proposed parking lot, accessible trail, and scenic outlook area at the Campbell property on the northeast side of Mt Tom foothills above East Street.

C. PROPERTIES MAINTENANCE

1. Bird houses cleaned last spring; some new ones added.
2. Hannum Brook Conservation Area - Started issuing new special licenses to neighbors who had intrusions on our borders (Eve Endicott, Gerritt Stover, Marty Klein).
3. All property trail blazes repainted by volunteer David Litterer.
4. Brickyard Brook Conservation Area - Location: trail near Mountain View Farm buildings - Dead spicebush replaced in new native species planting; footbridge there raised to prevent the stream from getting clogged with debris.
5. Three major work parties: removal of invasives in field at Pomeroy Meadows Conservation Area, heading back invasives at Old Trolley Line Conservation Area, and a mowing/weed whacking session at Old Pascommuck Conservation Area.
6. East Street parking lot for Mutter Field: Erosion control by Kevin Mulligan.
7. Mutter field Conservation Area: Spraying for invasives by Land Stewardship, Inc.
8. Numerous large fallen or leaning trees over trails removed by a tree company.
9. Graffiti at Dwyer Conservation Area covered over; graffiti at John Bator Park still being worked on.
10. Dwyer Conservation Area: Erosion control near entrance remedied by Kevin Mulligan.
11. Annual fall mowing of our fields at Pomeroy Meadows, Old Trolley Line, and Mutter field.
12. Brickyard Brook Conservation Area: Long bog bridge repaired by volunteer Ed Procon.
13. John Bator Park: Dying maple removed, and overhanging ornamental pear branches which were obstructing flood light illuminating monument pruned back.

D. LAND PRESERVATION

1. Quarterly meetings by Easthampton Land Protection Collaborative.
2. Campbell property in the northeast foothills of Mt Tom, on East Street: State 'Parc' grant came through (allows purchase of the southern section); more grants and fundraiser needed to acquire the northern section, plus paying for construction and maintenance.
3. Planned solar panel farm off Park Street: This will include a connector trail to the Nonotuck Park trail system (Gerrit Stover).

E. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Linda Bush hosted a fine potluck supper for PCT board members last fall - will include volunteers this fall.
2. February meeting attended by Representative John Scibak.
3. February meeting with the new mayor by some of us to discuss open space strategies.
4. Trust letter of support to the town of Southampton regarding their proposed purchase of 84 acres on Glendale Road.