

Annual Meeting 2019 Much ado about Vicky Lowell

At T3C's July 18 Annual Meeting, held at The Navigator Clubhouse in East Falmouth, a primary focus of the program was to honor Vicky Lowell, one of our founders, who retired from the Board of Directors.

For as long as anyone can remember, Vicky has been at the heart of T3C's work to preserve land in Falmouth. Through years of service on the board and as an active member of several committees, Vicky has been instrumental in furthering T3C's mission and ensuring its long-term success. She has also strongly advocated for the importance of land stewardship; once the land is protected, we must find ways to actively manage and maintain it. To recognize and honor Vicky's innumerable contributions, board member Leonard Johnson announced the creation of the Victoria Lowell Stewardship Endowment. This fund will ensure that T3C meets its land management responsibilities far into the future. A poignant video tribute to Vicky, featuring fellow founder Eric Turkington and created by Woods Hole producer Brian Switzer, followed. We are lucky that Vicky will continue to serve on T3C's Outreach and Development Committees.



Vicky Lowell



Susie Goodman Hallstein and Leonard Johnson presented Vicky with a painting by Linda Walker of the Lowell Woods, a land parcel Vicky is working to donate to T3C.



*New board member
Alexandra Lancaster*



*Molly Cornell received
the Invaluable
Volunteer Award*



*The Mel Miller
Stewardship Award was
presented to Dick Payne*

Award was presented to Dick Payne for his outstanding contributions to and support of T3C's stewardship efforts. Dick retired from T3C's board last year, most recently serving as Clerk, but will remain active on the Land Acquisition and Stewardship Committees and will continue to steward the Mock-Moraine Trails in West Falmouth. T3C's Special Places Award went this year to Jeff Williams, who was recognized as the champion of the accessible trails project at Two Ponds Conservation Area. Jeff serves as a trusted advisor to T3C's Stewardship and Development Committees.

Executive Director Jessica Whritenour updated the membership on current T3C projects, including the new map, conservation restrictions in the works, public access improvement projects at Two Ponds Conservation Area and the Coonamesett Greenway, and broad efforts in stewardship and outreach. As the meeting drew to a close, T3C leaders extended gratitude to friends, members and volunteers, all of whom are instrumental in making our conservation work possible.



Named in honor of project champion Jeff Williams, the new 405-foot trail at Two Ponds Conservation Area leads to a 360-foot boardwalk, along the edge of Jones Pond and the unique Atlantic White Cedar Swamp. Beyond the boardwalk is the Upper Wetland Loop, a rugged foot path for through-bikers. The total pathway length is now 2,635 feet; 955 feet meet federal trail accessibility guidelines. On November 4, a ribbon-cutting ceremony and the official trail opening were held on site, followed by a celebration at Atria Woodbriar Place.



*Special Places Award was
given to Jeff Williams for
his unwavering support of
the Two Ponds accessible
trails project.*



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GIFTS IN MEMORY OF...

- ♥**Frank Mello** from Sharon Jaquith
- ♥**Signhild Tamm** from Susie & Bill Hallstein
- ♥**Cheryl Osgood** from Helen Osgood
- ♥**Alvin & Sylvia Singer** from Robin Singer
- ♥**Mary Schumacher** from Betsy Gladfelter, Bruce & Alexandra Lancaster
- ♥**Jim Bergren** ("who loved the woods and trails of Falmouth") from Herb & Michelle Eichenlaub, Katherine Isokawa, Bob & Jennifer Vander Pyl, Nancy Vander Pyl
- ♥**Pete Lowell** from Mike & JoAnn Fishbein, Henrik Gulmann, Karl & Lucy Helfrich, Leonard & Patty Johnson, Eric Turkington & Nancy Taylor
- ♥**Bill Mackey** from Molly Cornell, Leonard & Patty Johnson
- ♥**Edmund Naddaff** from Barbara Naddaff
- ♥**Margaret F. Goldberg** from Irving Goldberg
- ♥**Theodore (Ted) Bonn** from Sara Lautenbach, Natalie Mariano & Shelley Fenily
- ♥**Michael Moloney** from Jane Moloney Wittreich
- ♥**Barbara Bunker** from Robert & Alison Ament, Kenneth & Nancy Brink, Molly Cornell, Betsy Gladfelter, Jim Price & Willow Pasley
- ♥**Alan & Virginia Gibb** from Jan Hamilton-Sherwonit
- ♥**John J. Aziz** from the von der Embse Family
- ♥**Dr. Artemas J. Stewart** from Jean Stewart
- ♥**Lorraine Lawrence** from Julie McGrath
- ♥**George Veronis** from Canton Railroad Company, Elizabeth Clark, Melissa Odell
- ♥**Jim & Barbara Hancock** from Amy Riek
- ♥**Paul & Anne O'Donnell** from Paul & Martha Cox & Family

GIFTS IN HONOR OF...

- ♥**Mike Duffany** from Vicky Lowell
- ♥**Betsy Gladfelter** from Leonard & Patty Johnson
- ♥**Barbara Hancock Riek** from Amy Riek
- ♥**Vicky Lowell** from The Falmouth Fund, Susie & Bill Hallstein, Lucy & Karl Helfrich, Leonard & Patty Johnson
- ♥**Pete & Vicky Lowell** from Anne-Marie Runfola & Ken Kostel
- ♥**Day & Kathie Mount's 50th Anniversary** from Susie & Bill Hallstein, Lucy & Karl Helfrich, Anne-Marie Runfola & Ken Kostel
- ♥**Susan & Francis Smith** from Vicky Lowell, Elizabeth Owens
- ♥**T3C's staff** — **Jessica, Lucy & Alex** from Pam & Chris Polloni

Upcoming Events and Dates

2020 Winter and Spring Speaker Series in partnership with Salt Pond Areas Bird Sanctuaries, Inc.

January 9, February 13, March 12 and April 9 (the 2nd Thursday of each month) Topics will include mushrooms, coyotes, tree and insect problems and ospreys and eagles. T3C and SPABS have worked hard to line up another series of exciting talks on a wide range of nature topics. More details coming, but mark your calendars now!

Winter Walks in Beebe Woods...a collaboration with Historic Highfield

We launched this series last winter and it was so successful, we decided to do it again! Every other Friday, January through April (with one exception). January 10, January 24, February 7, February 21, March 5 (THURSDAY), March 20, April 3 and April 17. Meet up with T3C's volunteer walk leaders to explore a variety of trails in our treasured Beebe Woods. Every walk is different! Afterwards, head inside Highfield Hall for a short visit to warm up, socialize and enjoy a snack.

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Teaticket Park



Yoga in the Park was popular this summer and attracted participants every Saturday morning from 8 to 9:00.



The Park looks beautiful dressed in fall colors!



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The 300 Committee is a private, non-profit land trust dedicated to preserving natural places in Falmouth for everyone to enjoy now and in the years to come. Since 1985, The 300 Committee has taken a lead role to acquire treasured open space for conservation, recreation and water protection. In the last 34 years, more than 2,500 acres have been permanently protected through our efforts.

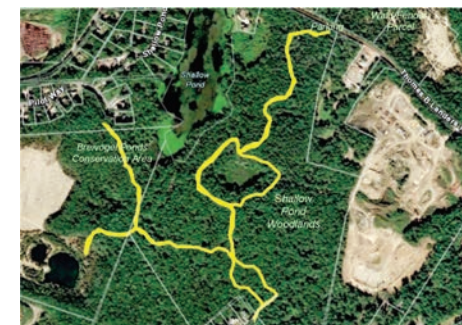
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Shallow Pond Woodlands Ready for Exploration

The Shallow Pond Woodlands property was at the top of The 300 Committee's priority acquisition list for more than 22 years when an agreement was reached in Spring 2016 between The 300 Committee and trustees of Daddario Enterprises LLC. The deal closed a year later; T3C acquired for \$1.4 million what was then the largest remaining undisturbed parcel in Falmouth: 69.7 beautiful acres of woodland on Shallow Pond, off Thomas B. Landers Road.

These 70 acres are among the highest-ranking of all lands evaluated by T3C's Land Acquisition Committee, with abundant natural resources, including pondfront, wetlands (including a vernal pool), drinking water protection, a variety of habitats, scenic views and easy public access for walking trails. The new acquisition links to town-owned conservation land: the 46.4-acre Wald & Fender property to the north and the 67.3-acre Breivogel Ponds Conservation Area to the west. Combined, the three parcels provide 183.4 acres of permanently protected open space for conservation, passive recreation and water protection.

Public access improvements—parking and trails—were added at Shallow Pond this past spring and summer.



To earn the rank of Eagle Scout, Falmouth High School senior Coleby Andrade worked to create a new trail system at the 70-acre Shallow Pond Woodlands, recruiting a large group of volunteers to clear trails and install a new kiosk and sign.

NEW MAPS

T3C's new town-wide conservation and recreation map was published at the beginning of the summer and has been very popular! Twenty parcels have been permanently protected since the map was last printed in 2012, totaling **236.63 acres**.

- Andrews Farm & Andrews Grove – 45 acres
- Conboy – 5.47 acres
- Greene – 0.46 acres
- Kelly Woodland – 3.13 acres
- Mars – 0.5 acres
- Martineau Woods– 2 acres
- Morse CR's – 7.36 acres
- Oyster Pond Headwaters – 22 acres
- Pildis CR – 2.15 acres
- Schiller – 0.49 acres
- Shallow Pond Woodlands – 68.8 acres
- Shearer CR – 7.2 acres
- Shivericks Pond Pathway – 0.67 acres
- Sweeney – 1.04 acres
- Swift-Chute Preserve – 11.85 acres
- Teixeira – 8.5 acres
- Two Ponds Conservation Area – 16.69 acres
- Wheeler Forest – 32 acres

We are mailing maps with our membership renewals, but please feel free to come by the office to pick up a copy.

Recent Grants

Foundation grants are instrumental to T3C's land preservation work and support a variety of projects. We are grateful to:

The Friendship Fund for providing start-up costs for a new constituent management system.

The **Massachusetts Woodland Institute** for underwriting a series of forestry management plans;

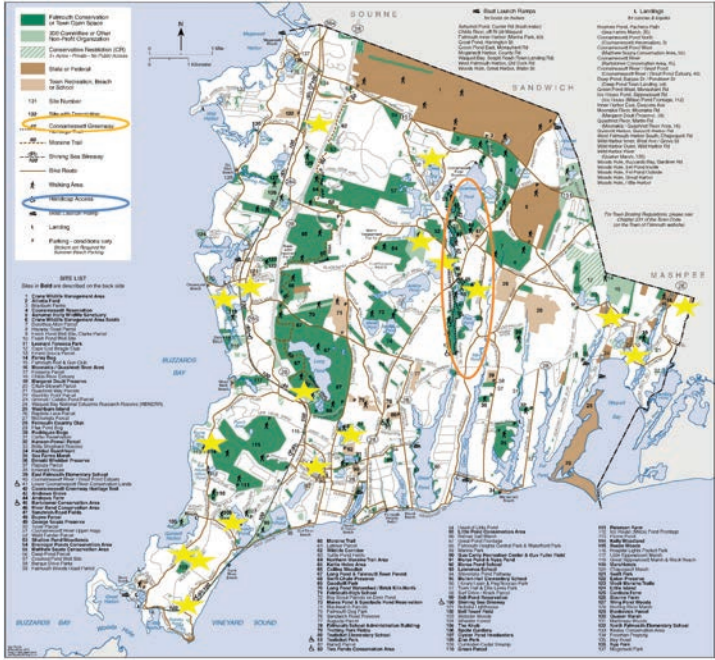
The **Woods Hole Foundation** for a grant to cover the onboarding and first-year subscription costs for LANDSCAPE, T3C's land acquisition and stewardship software.

The Compact of Cape Cod Conservation Trusts for a grant that supports professional development for T3C staff.

We also thank the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA's) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) for major funding that supports the purchase of a conservation restriction on the 10-acre Pariah Dog Farm.



Pariah Dog Farm's 10 acres off Trotting Park Road will be permanently protected for agricultural use with the help of more than \$130,000 in federal support to T3C from the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Services program.



T3C's 2019 map with acquisitions since 2012 starred. In addition to protecting parcels all over town, T3C has worked extensively to expand the Coonamessett River Greenway and to create handicapped access at specific conservation areas.

Business Members

Open green spaces are good for all of us, and good for business, too! We are grateful to the following local businesses for supporting T3C:

- Act 1 Carol O'Loughlin Real Estate
- Artisan Salon • Atria Woodbriar
- Brian Switzer Video • Grafton Briggs Landscaping
- Brown Building Co. • Calm Studio
- Cape Cod Aggregates Corp.
- Cape Cod Bagel • Cape Cod Five • The Clam Man
- COT, Inc. (including American Sunglass, Board Stiff)
- Dana's Kitchen • M. Duffany Builders
- Energize & Organize • Falmouth Wine & Spirits
- Foley & Foley, PC • Glynn Law Offices
- Hamilton Tree and Landscape
- innerglow yoga, Mashpee • Inn on the Sound
- Jack in the Beanstalk • Jill Neubauer Architects Kappy's
- Fine Wine & Spirits
- Lawrence-Lynch Corp. • Liam Maguire's Irish Pub Liberty
- Mutual Insurance • Maison Villatte
- J. Miller Pictureframer & Gallery, Mashpee
- Molly's Parking • Molly's Tea Room
- North Falmouth Cheese Shop
- Oppenheim & Nickerson LLP
- Pariah Dog Farm • Ryan Family Amusements
- SEAK, Inc. • M.R. Soares Co., Inc. • Village Café West
- Falmouth Aluminum & Glass
- West Falmouth Market • Windfall Market
- Wood Lumber • Woods Hole Research Center

AmeriCorps Members Spruce Up Conservation Land

AmeriCorps Cape Cod is a 24-member, annually renewing national service organization operating through Barnstable County. The program focuses on meeting Cape Cod's critical and pressing environmental and disaster response needs through a dedication to community service and local collaboration. The group is invaluable to Falmouth and to other towns on Cape Cod. For several years, AmeriCorps has served extensively with T3C and the Town as a major land management force on projects across the community.

One of these projects took place on a beautiful June day and was a collaboration of AmeriCorps, the Coonamessett Pond Association, T3C, the Town of Falmouth, and the Cape Cod Country Club. Nine dedicated and capable members of AmeriCorps worked at the Coonamessett Reservation in Hatchville, clearing broad stretches of invasives and freeing native plants to help them thrive. Later in the day, they focused on the site of the former Coonamessett Inn off Boxberry Hill Road: clearing a long stretch of fence, removing a vigorous growth of invasive sumac, clearing the area under the trellis, widening the paths to the pond and beach, and removing litter.



AmeriCorps members Allison Barbagos and Rachel Robinson install signage on the path leading down to the beach.



This granite marker and bronze plaque commemorate the Town's landmark purchase of the Coonamessett Reservation in 1986.



A new group of AmeriCorps members in September worked to clear a portion of the Central Moraine Trail north and south of Brick Kiln Road, in Collins Woodlot and the Falmouth Town Forest.



The original Coonamessett Inn overlooking Coonamessett Pond, circa 1950.



The AmeriCorps team at Coonamessett Reservation in June. Pictured with AmeriCorps members are Coonamessett Pond Association members Jim Hain (far left), Dave Jewett (4th from left) and Donna Jewett (7th from left); Mark Kasprzyk, Falmouth Conservation Commission (8th from left); and Meredith Ballinger, AmeriCorps program coordinator (right). Not shown, Alex Zollo, T3C Stewardship Coordinator.

Special Thanks...

...to all our volunteer walk and program leaders, notably Mike Tucker and Cathy Kligler, for organizing great hikes and other activities throughout the year.

...to T3C's Outreach Team, especially Alison Leschen, for tremendous work to upgrade our conservation land kiosk displays.

...to our fabulous Falmouth Road Race runners—Patti Johnson, Hank Jones, Richard Lee, Emily Rosengren, Karl Rosengren and Arna Vatuk (her 14th race for T3C), who ran 7 miles in oppressive hot and humid conditions on August 18. Their efforts through the Numbers for Nonprofits program raised nearly \$15,000 to support land preservation in Falmouth.



Supporting T3C through the Falmouth Road Race continues to be a family tradition for the Mangelsdorf-Rosengren Family. Karl Rosengren, Richard Lee and Emily Rosengren ran the race this year; photographer Sarah Mangelsdorf cheered on the others but hopes to be back on the race course in 2020.



Outreach volunteer Cathy Kligler led a hike along the Coonamessett Greenway on Father's Day in June.



Mike Tucker (in pale green hat at the front of the group) has developed a loyal following through his variety of bird walks on conservation lands all over town. Photo: Kevin Friel, Waquoit Photography Studio



T3C friends enjoyed a section hike along the Moraine Trail with Cathy Kligler in September.



Volunteer land stewards had a fantastic training opportunity with a chainsaw safety workshop held September 28.



Visitors to Falmouth's conservation lands will see vibrant and informative displays on all our kiosks.