



TLT Annual Meeting: Molding the Coastal Margin

Christopher L. Pastore was the guest speaker at the Tiverton Land Trust's Community Forum/Annual Meeting held in April at The Meeting House in Four Corners, Tiverton. Pastore discussed the ebb and flow of environmental changes to Narragansett Bay in the context of two ecological events that occurred between the 17th and 19th centuries: the settlement of the area by Europeans, and the beginning of Industrialization.

First Pastore discussed how people thought about the Bay and the confusion of where it was – where it stopped and began. The rough boundaries might be Sakonnet Point and Point Judith, but the rivers of the bay also formed boundaries and included vast regions, covering Rhode Island and Massachusetts and extending up to Worcester.



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He then focused on using the coastal margins (where the land meets the sea) of the Bay to highlight how land can be subdued or changed. One ecological example Pastore used was how beavers transformed

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John Foley – The Utility Player



In 1987, John Foley, co-Vice President of the Tiverton Land Trust's (TLT) Board of Directors, moved with his young family from Cranston to Tiverton. They wanted to live in a rural, small town setting and John, who knew of Tiverton, figured that it would be just right for his family. Tiverton did turn out to be the sort of place they were looking for. John hopes that it will remain so.

But John knows that hope alone is not sufficient for Tiverton to stay a picturesque, serene small town with untouched fields and woods. Soon after moving here he realized that in order for Tiverton to retain its character, residents needed to pay careful attention to the type of development being considered by the town and to play an active role in the future of Tiverton's open space. To say

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We come and go, but the land is always here. And the people who love it and understand it are the people who own it – for a little while.

~ Willa Cather

Dear Friends of the Land Trust,

At last, warm weather has arrived after a rather brutish winter followed by a cold spring. Perhaps I'm imagining it but it seems to me there are more people than usual outdoors whether on foot or on bikes, enjoying Tiverton's trails, country roads, beaches. The parking area at Pardon Gray Preserve has been especially full – so many adults and children hiking or simply strolling around a bucolic environment.

Since 1997, Tiverton Land Trust has preserved 475 acres that are comprised of important habitat, agricultural, historic, or scenic value. Much of this preservation work can only be possible with the support of volunteers. In this issue, you will find a list of TLT's most recent volunteers. It is an amazing number of people. TLT is grateful for the commitment so many have shown in the advancement of our land trust mission. It is no cliché to say, *We cannot do it without you!* Thank you for your support.

TLT has three events planned over the next four months:
July 30, "A Night of Honky Tonk" at The Meeting House
September 26, "A Country Day at Pardon Gray" at Pardon Gray Preserve
September 27, "Observation of the Lunar Eclipse" at Pardon Gray Preserve

I hope to see you at one or all of the above fun-filled events.

With thanks,

Constance Lima, President
Tiverton Land Trust



Wayne Browning, TLT's Land Management Coordinator, was asked to speak at Paul Matthew's Eagle Court of Honor in March. Paul completed his project at Pardon Gray Preserve and Wayne provided a brief overview of PGP and The Land Trust to those who might not be familiar with the area. (see full story at www.tivertonlandtrust.org)



Thank you to all who volunteered in 2014!

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Student Volunteers from area schools— thank you so much!

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If we missed your name, our sincere apology. Please contact us at www.tivertonlandtrust.com so we can make the corrections and acknowledge you in our next newsletter.

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the landscape by building dams which created wetlands. Over time, as vast numbers of beavers were killed, the beaver dams broke down, the water levels dropped, meadows began to form, and the estuaries and coastal environments started to change. He also noted how land could be ‘subdued’ by building barriers (e.g., seawalls, highways) or draining marshes to build seaports, shops, and homes. Changes could result from politics, religion, or the environment.

Pastore took a wide-ranging view of the relationship between land and sea to argue the importance of coastal margins, to encourage us to rethink our notions of progress, and to suggest that the building of ‘hardened edges’ around our coastal space



Christopher L. Pastore addressing the Annual Meeting

might, in fact, be more detrimental than protective. Further discussions are available in his recent book *Between Land and Sea, the Atlantic Coast and the Transformation of New England*.

John Foley—The Utility Player

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that John “walks the walk” is an understatement. He has been involved and held essential roles in a variety of town organizations, commissions and committees focused on guiding development and preserving Tiverton’s untouched land.

Not long after moving here he learned that a trash composting facility was being considered for the industrial park. Concerned that Tiverton would become a repository for trash from all over the state, John founded, with a handful of other residents, an organization to mobilize opposition to that plan which was successful in bringing a halt to the trash composting idea. John is not opposed to development; he feels that Tiverton needs to broaden its tax base. But he also feels that development should be consistent with Tiverton’s small town character.

John has served as a member of the town Charter Review Commission, charged with reviewing and recommending changes to the town charter. It is an elected position, and John points out, with both a bit of pride and characteristic self-deprecating humor, that when his son reached voting age the first vote he cast was for his father. John was also appointed by the Town Council to the town’s Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee.

Eight years ago John was asked if he would be willing to serve on the TLT Board. He agreed and in

the ensuing years served as acting President, Chair of the Land Protection Committee and Treasurer. Now, in addition to serving the TLT as co-Vice President, John works on the Governance and Land Protection Committees. He finds the process of land acquisition both interesting and gratifying. As a member of the Land Protection Committee, John was involved in preserving Highland Woods and is delighted to have played a part in that acquisition.

John is also involved in TLT activities that don’t call as much on his legal acumen (he’s a trial lawyer). On Pardon Gray Day John heads the grilling crew, roping in a gang of his cycling buddies to help grill the hamburgers, hot dogs, and sausages that have become a lunch time favorite.

John sometimes feels that he is stretched a bit thin with respect to his volunteer obligations and wonders if he has the necessary time. But he has no doubt about the value of his work with the TLT and his commitment to it. The Pardon Gray Preserve is extraordinary, he says. “To be responsible for it, to play a part in maintaining the Preserve, is an honor.”

John notes that the TLT board members serve a maximum of 10 years; his tenure is up in 2 years. He hopes that there will be a new generation of people to carry on the TLT’s mission.



Save The Dates:

- **A Night of Honky Tonk**

Thursday, July 30, 2015, 7–10 p.m.

The Meeting House at Tiverton Four Corners

- **A Country Day at Pardon Gray**

Saturday, September 26, 2015 (rain date September 27)

10 a.m.–4 p.m.

Pardon Gray Preserve, Main Road, Tiverton

- **The Lunar Eclipse at Pardon Gray Preserve**

Sunday, September 27, 2015, 7 p.m.–midnight

Pardon Gray Preserve, Main Road, Tiverton

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