TIVERTON LAND TRUST
A Non-Profit RI Corporation
Preserving the rural character and scenic beauty of Tiverton for generations to come

VISION/MISSION
Protect Land in Perpetuity
• Open space
• Agriculture
• Wildlife habitat
Educate & Inform
• the Community of the benefits of protecting open space, agriculture, and wildlife habitat
• younger generations to appreciate the rural nature, environment, and ecology of the area
• property owners of tax strategies and advantages to provide open space and/or conservation easements
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS
John Foley, President
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Mike Shand, Treasurer
Sue Thayer-Kramers, Secretary
Wayne Browning
Jennifer Escher
Carmen Grinkis
Trish Sylvester

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Leonard Chace, III
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Martin VanHof
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Looking Back, Looking Forward
was deeply involved in all aspects of the operation of the organization, and used her many talents and her familiarity with Tiverton to keep us moving forward, both in accomplishing our mission and in maintaining excellent relations with the land-preservation community statewide. Chris was responsible for all our publications and public outreach efforts. Every time you received something from TLT in the mail, it was because Chris had handled the job from start to finish. We are grateful for all they did for TLT.

The departures of Connie and Chris leave the board with its current complement of eight directors, which is one less than the number required by TLT bylaws. Because a number of our remaining directors joined the board in 2007, 2008, or 2009, their terms of service will soon be up and they will follow Connie and Chris into retirement from the board. While all of these retiring directors will continue to support and contribute time to TLT in different ways, the retirements of seven directors within the space of three years creates an opportunity for new leadership.

We are excited at the prospect of some of our supporters and friends stepping forward to take on a more involved role in furthering TLT’s mission. Are you interested in taking on a more involved role in TLT’s mission? Do you know someone who might be interested? If so, please let us know. You can email me at john@tivertonlandtrust.org, or call me on my cell phone at (401) 524-2244. We can chat over a cup of coffee at The Black Goose, or on a walk on one of our trails. We welcome the opportunity to have a conversation with anyone who may be interested, to talk about the rewards and significance of contributing your time and talents to TLT.

And the rewards are significant. I can guarantee that you will make new friends, learn much, and do things you haven’t done before. That’s all been true for me. But what I value most is the feeling I have when I stand on the expanse of Pardon Gray Preserve, either on a cold, rainy day when there’s no one else there, or on Pardon Gray Day when the preserve is alive with activity, and realize what a privilege it’s been to play a part in something as meaningful as preserving places like Pardon Gray for generations to come. We hope that some of you will choose to help us accomplish that.

John Foley, President

2015 HIGHLIGHTS

Looking Back, Looking Forward

Important and rewarding work gone forward, and look forward to hearing from you.

2015 HIGHLIGHTS

Land Protection

• Continued negotiation and review of potential properties for acquisition

Property Management/Improvements

• Telephone pole, transformer, and power lines removed from former Highland Woods Cottage by National Grid

Community Forum

• “Molding the Coastal Margin: The Transformation of Narragansett Bay, 1636 to the Present” with Christopher L. Pastore – April 19th

Special Events and Community Outreach

• A Family Hike at Pardon Gray Preserve – June 14th

Grants and Awards

• The Bafflin Foundation

Conference Participation

• The Land and Water Conservation Summit – University of Rhode Island

Changes to TLT Board of Directors and Advisory Committee

• John Foley, President

• Connie Lima, Retired Board Member

• Christine Ryan, Retired Board Member

• Mike Shand, Treasurer

• Richard D’Addario, Vice President

LOOKING BACK, LOOKING FORWARD
2015 MEMBERS AND DONORS – THANK YOU

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LIABILITIES

Currently none
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THANK YOU!
SAVE THE DATES:

Sunday, April 17th at 1:30 p.m.

Noted ecologist, educator, and artist Elizabeth Farnsworth, Ph.D., presents **The Little Things that Run the World: The Importance of Plant-Insect Interactions to a Functioning Ecosystem** at Brookdale Sakonnet Bay.

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