



CONSERVATION COMMISSION NEWSLETTER

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HEARD FARM SCULPTURE

John Carpenito, an artist who creates sculptures from found objects, recently approached the Commission with an idea for Heard Farm. His sculpture now stands about 20 feet from the hedge line near the entrance to the woodland path in the southeast field of the property. Many thanks to John for his creative and thought-provoking addition to the area!



FALL CLEANUP

This time of year during fall cleanup, piles of leaves, grass clippings and other yard debris should not be dumped into the wetlands, resource areas, or conservation properties. This is a violation of state and local wetlands protection laws.

Dumping yard waste into the wetlands can alter the water chemistry, increase downstream flooding, and destroy delicate wetland habitats.

As an alternative, please compost your yard waste on your own property. If you don't have space to do so, you can bring your yard waste to the Town's Transfer Station.

LAND STEWARDSHIP

With over 20 percent of the town's area secured as open space, the Commission is seeking Land Stewards for its Land Stewardship program. A land Steward's primary responsibilities are to help the Land Manager monitor and maintain the Town Conservation land. If you think you would like to be a Land Steward for a particular area or want more information about the program, please contact Brian Harris, Land Manager.



EVENTS

2017 Thanksgiving Turkey Hill Walk

Join Betty Salzberg on the Annual Thanksgiving Day hike to the top of Turkey Hill at 10:00am, November 23. Come experience the fresh smells of newly fallen leaves and the climb to one of Wayland's highest points. Bring the whole family for this one-hour (or less) hike. Meet in the parking lot of the St Philopater Mercurius & St Mina Coptic Church(former Church of the Holy Spirit) on Rice Road.

A CLOSER LOOK AT THE PINE BROOK CONSERVATION AREA

Pine Brook is a 38.1 acre conservation property primarily comprised of fairly easy walking trails with a red maple swamp and mixed old growth forest.

Accessing the trail from Forty Acres Drive it traverses (.18 miles) through mixed old growth forest; heading North the trail climbs up an esker that runs .2 miles through mostly coniferous forest; going east a large red maple swamp is to the west. From this point a footbridge trail brings you across Pine Brook and then to Bennett Rd. The trail will run .6 miles from start to finish in one direction.

Parking is located at the end of Forty Acres Drive (50 and 54 Forty Acres Drive). A small set of stairs begin at the trail head with blaze orange Wayland Conservation trail markers. A second access point is on the northern end of property off Bennett Road. From the entrance off Bennett Road, .13 miles down, on the south side is a blaze orange Wayland Conservation trail marker denoting the entrance.

Rusty Blackbirds can be observed at Pine Brook during the winter months. Late February through early April, then Late September through our first freeze allows for great diversity of waterfowl in the marsh. There is one active Great Blue Heron nest easily seen from the footbridge looking East. Great Horned and Barred Owl are often seen on the property.



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