## Brewster Conservation Trust Annual Meeting August 18, 2022

Our mission is to preserve open space, natural resources, and the rural character of Brewster and to promote a conservation ethic.



## Program

- 1. Welcome and Update
- 2. Year in Review
  - Land Preservation
  - o Land Stewardship
  - Communications
- 3. Finance Report
- 4. Election of Board Members
- 5. Conservationist of the Year Award
- 6. "Brewster's Drinking Water: Keeping Our Water Supply Safe" - Paul Anderson, Superintendent of Brewster's Water Department

#### An Update:

#### BCT Supports the Town's Acquisition of the Former Cape Cod Sea Camps Long Pond Parcel (66 acres)

- Cape's largest undeveloped parcel on Cape's largest freshwater pond
- Drinking water protection (Zone II)
- Abuts 42 acres of conservation land, purchased by the Town with BCT support
- Conservation for the Community Capital Campaign



## **Land Preservation**

Amy Chesnut, Chair of Land Preservation

**Presented by Peter Johnson** 



## BCT's Achievements!

Since 1983, BCT has protected over 215 parcels totaling more than 1,470 acres!

*Over 1,230 acres are upland woodlands, 241 acres are wetlands.* 

BCT remains first in Cape land trusts in number of projects and number of acres protected.

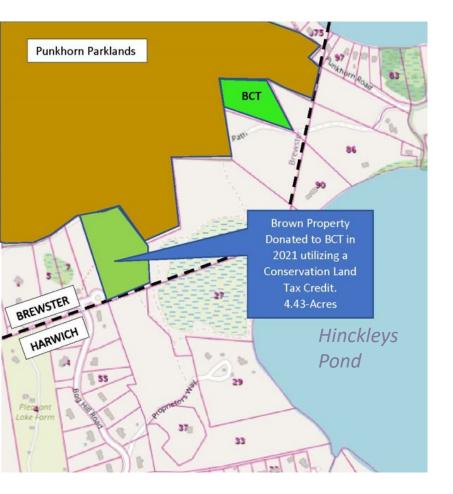


## It's been a GOOD year!

#### Protected FOUR parcels totaling 9.92 acres

#### *Of these 4 newly protected parcels:*

- 3 parcels were DONATED
- 2 are within a Zone II Wellhead Protection Area



#### Squantum Path (Brown)

- 4.34 acres
- Donated in honor of Jacob and Barbara Brown
- Punkhorn Parklands
- Zone II Wellhead Protection Area





#### Main Street (Backus)

- 0.44 acres
- Future site of "Backus Park"
- Protects a small pond that connects to the Considine Ditch
- Removal and Restoration of historical building by Brewster Historical Society



#### Setucket/Airline Road (Backus)

- 0.21 acres
- Donation
- Zone II Wellhead Protection area



#### Holly Avenue Rear (Burke)

- 4.93 acres
- Pine-Oak Woodlands
- Bakers Pond Trails

## Land Stewardship

## Bonnie Newman, Chair of Land Stewardship



## Stewardship Activities

#### **Monitoring Properties**

- Boundary Marking
- Encroachment







## Managing Properties

- Trail Maintenance
- Invasive Plant Removal
- Meadow Maintenance
- Storm Clean Up

## Stewardship Highlights

#### Multi-year Restoration Projects

#### Ellis Landing

- Beach grass planting
- Fence installation

#### Eddy Sisters

- Permitting completed
- Cover crop planted

#### Slough Road

• Meadow seeding



## Stewardship Highlights

Multi-year Showcase Projects

Habitat Restoration

• Dowling



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#### Multi-year Showcase Projects

#### Habitat Restoration

• Hay Conservation Center







## How we do it all

*Jon Bruce, Land Stewardship Coordinator* 

#### BCT Support Staff

o Summer intern, Brady Hill

#### **BCT Land Stewardship Volunteers**

- AmeriCorps member, Vince Tanguilig
- AmeriCorps Service Days
- Workday volunteers
- Land Monitor and Boundary Crew volunteers





## **Communication & Outreach**

Hal Minis, Chair of Communications







## Engaging Brewster's Youth

#### 1) Brewster Elementary Schools

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Windmill Meadows
  - Native Plants & Pollinators
- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Hay Conservation Center & Vernal Pool Trail
  - Tree Identification & Soil Layers
  - Vernal pool ecology
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Eddy Sisters Trail
  - Decomposition in forest ecosystems
- 2) Nauset Regional Middle School
  - 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Bakers Pond Trail
    - Tree Identification

3) College scholarship in partnership with the Garden Club of Brewster



# Community Outreach: Walks & Talks

- 12 StoryWalks<sup>®</sup>
- 15 Public walks in Brewster's
  - conservation lands
- 2 Cape-wide events First Day and
  - Summer Solstice
- 2 Talks in partnership with the Ladies
  Library
- 2 Virtual Talks
- Beautify Brewster most nips

## Brewster Conservation Day

Water Resources: we are all part of the solution

#### BCT's partnership with

- Town of Brewster
- Brewster Historical Society
- Brewster Ponds Coalition





## Brewster Conservation Day

#### 11<sup>th</sup> Annual

- ✓ Over 750
  participants
- ✓ 35 Exhibitors
- Local business sponsors
- Grant support from the Massachusetts Cultural Council



## BCT's Incredible Staff

*Amy Henderson, Executive Director* 

Jon Bruce, Land Stewardship Coordinator

Dorria Marsh, Communicaitons & Outreach Coordinator

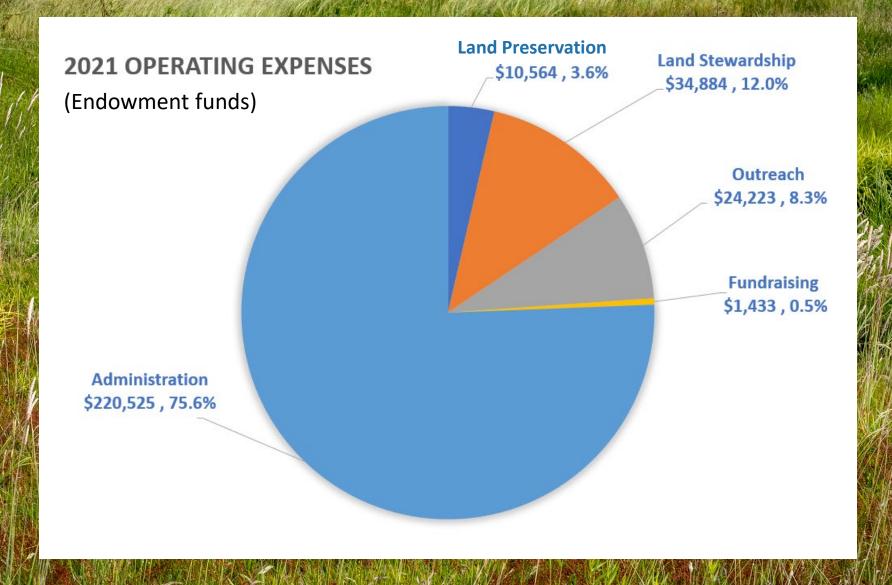
*Lissy Perna, Administrative Assistant* 

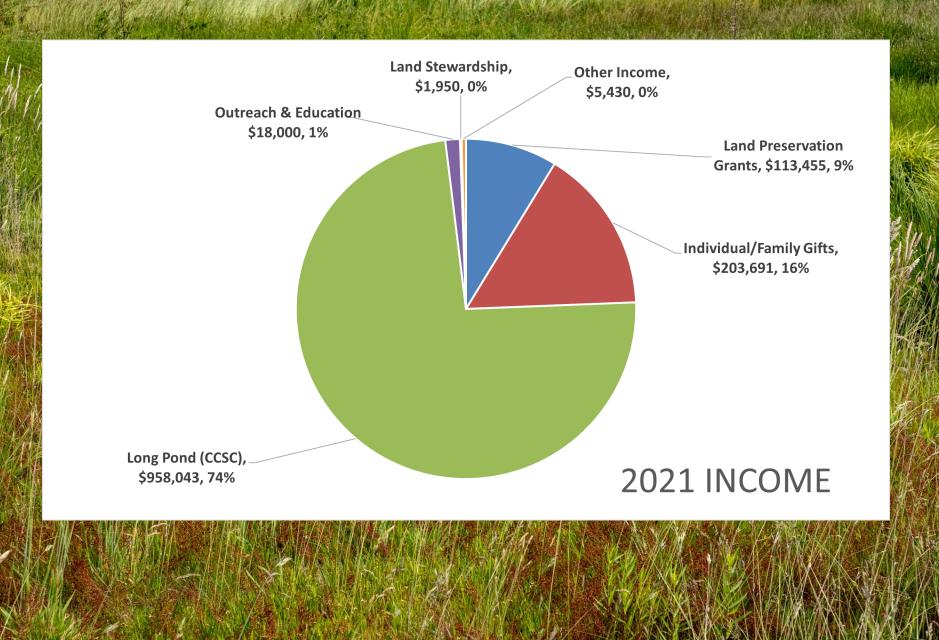




## Financial Report 2022

## **Peter Soule, Treasurer**

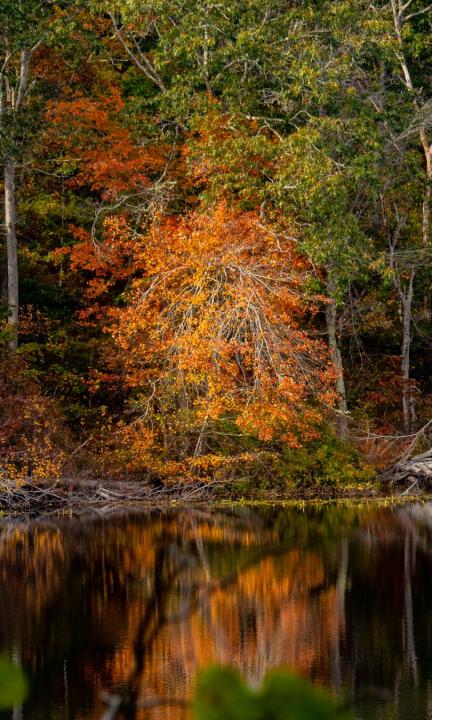




Land Acquisition: your investment in protecting Brewster's water resources, fragile habitat, and rural character.

## \$1,272,562 \*

\*\$958,043 toward the Town's purchase of the Long Pond Cape Cod Sea Camps parcel.



## Vote to approve the BCT 2022 Financial Report

## Election of members of the BCT Board of Trustees

Tino Kamarck, Nominating Committee Chair

**Presented by Bonnie Newman** 



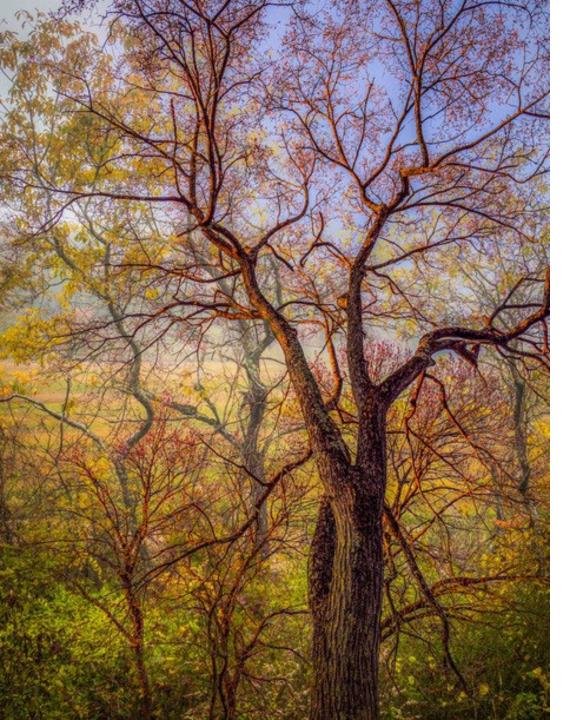
## **Proposed slate for the BCT Board**

# *Nominations for re-appointment 2022- 2025:*

- Beth Finch
- Debra Johnson
- Peter Johnson
- o Tino Kamarck
- o John Lamb
- Rosemary (Dirkie) VanAntwerp



# Vote to approve the slate for the BCT Board 2022-2025



*BCT Conservationist of the Year award* 

Awarded for conservation leadership and action in Brewster

## BCT Conservationist of the Year award



#### **Peter Soule**



Brewster's Drinking Water: Keeping Our Water Supply Safe Paul Anderson, Superintendent of Brewster's Water Department

## Thank you for joining us.





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