

# The NRT Report

Natural Resources Trust of Mansfield Newsletter

## Events of the past year

### Acquisitions

This year the NRT purchased it's first piece of land in the Wading River watershed. Acquisitions Director Lenny Flynn negotiated the purchase of over 2 acres on West Street and along the Wading River. The land is both wetlands and uplands. It is on the left just before crossing the bridge going west on West Street .

Efforts to interest land owners along the Canoe River to sell land for conservation has yet to yield any positive results. The key pieces have been identified and the owners know that we are interested.

### Water Park

The water park reared its ugly head again. Representatives from Blackstone Entertainment, owners of the property, visited the Town Hall to see if a zoning change is possible to allow the park. My sources tell me that a developer from Foxboro was in contact with Blackstone about the property. This sparked talks of a deal between Blackstone and Clemmey to try to change the zoning to allow water parks. A change would require a Town Meeting article and vote. It never got that far. It seems the developers found that the sentiment hasn't changed. They have gone away for now. We'll continue our vigilance.

### Signs

As you drive around town you'll notice NRT signs identifying our properties. Colin Cauldwell and Lou Andrews placed the signs this summer. See photo. >>



### Rededication



The NRT, with the help of the Mike Ahern from the town, planted a replacement tree on the South Common to honor past board member and conservation activist Jane Findlater.

### Members

NRT director Cindy Ostrowski was appointed to the Conservation Commission, and Vice-president Colin Cauldwell is it's new chairperson. We lost a valuable member of our board when Chris (Flass) Weaver moved to the Midwest. We will be miss her knowledge and enthusiasm .

### Great Woods Walk

Finally, we hope to have a Great Woods walk this fall. Check the local papers for details.

**2006 Dues**  
are payable now.  
Membership is only \$25.00.  
Please mail your dues to the NRT,  
255 Fruit Street,  
Mansfield, MA 02048.

## Membership

**The NRT welcomes new members!**

Our dues are \$25.00 per year.

Send dues to :  
NRT, 255 Fruit Street, Mansfield, MA 02048

**Annual Meeting , Thursday,  
July 20, 2006 at 7:30 PM  
Village at Willow Crossing  
Community Center  
Cobb Street**



## Natural Resources Trust of Mansfield

255 Fruit Street  
Mansfield, MA 02048-3116

**"To acquire and preserve natural resources  
for the use and enjoyment of present and  
future generations"**

### Annual Meeting Agenda

**C**all to order 7:30 P. M.

Secretary's Report  
Treasurer's Report  
Nominating Committee's Report  
Election of Officers & Directors

- Status of Conservation Projects
- Old Business
- New Business
- Adjourn

The NRT welcomes donations to our land acquisition fund. These funds are dedicated to acquire and protect conservation land in Mansfield.

Please send your tax - deductible contribution to:  
NRT, 255 Fruit Street, Mansfield, MA

### Nominating Committee's Report

Nominating Committee:  
Meredith Holford, Cindy Ostrowski,  
and Janice Meszoely.

Officers for 2006-2007  
President: Louis F. Andrews  
Vice President: Colin Cauldwell  
Secretary: Meredith Holford  
Treasurer: Cindy Ostrowski

Directors for 2006-2007

Margaret Flannery	Leonard F. Flynn
Marydee Flynn	Robert Goldman
Janice Meszoely	Charles Meszoely
Elizabeth Roche	John Russo
Jane Sheehan	Deborah Snyder

Director of Acquisitions, Leonard F. Flynn

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