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22nd Annual Meeting

March 28, 2008

Orono Community Center
(Keith Anderson Building)

6:30 - Social with refreshments

7:00 - **Jerry Longcore**,
retired wildlife biologist USF&WS

**"The American Beaver
(*Castor canadensis*):**

Largest Rodent in North America"

Photo by Jerry Longcore



7:45 - Annual Membership Meeting

Annual Board Meeting
to follow

Please bring newsletter insert for agenda

Buy a PRIUS to Support the Orono Land Trust

In a generous show of support for the Orono Land Trust, **Bob and Minnie Weiss** of Orono have given us a 2002 Toyota Prius Hybrid. The sale of this vehicle will generate funds to help us embark on some of the many projects we have lined up (see article on Strategic Planning.)

Orono Land Trust members will be given an opportunity to view, drive and bid on this Prius before it is offered to the general public, (con't page 6)

New Hinds Conservation Easement



Photo by Dave Clement

Once again, **Jim and Pat Hinds** have generously donated land for conservation. It is hard to find the right words to praise people who have done so much

for land preservation in Orono. This new parcel, that was donated to OLT on December 18, 2007, consists of 37.27 acres of land located on the north side of Forest Avenue, just past Havasu Pines Home Park.

It consists of wet lands which provide habitat for many different birds and of course, beaver. It also has uplands for deer, bear and other animal life.

This parcel abuts a previously conserved 48 acre parcel which stretches to Taylor road and connects to Newman Hill. Previously, Jim Hinds and a partner bought 909 acres of land on the opposite side of Taylor Road to hold until the State of Maine's Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife were able to purchase the land.

Due to the Hinds' efforts, nearly 1,100 acres of land between Forest Avenue and Pushaw Lake have been preserved into perpetuity. A large portion of the Caribou Bog in Orono and its' many features are safe from development. Most of this land is open to the public for passive recreation and educational study. If you want more information, please contact an OLT board member.



Photo by Dave Clement

2002 Prius
donated to
OLT by Bob
and Minnie
Weiss

A Cautionary Tale

As a long-time research biologist, I have recognized that studies that span decades, instead of days, usually reveal insights into bird biology that would otherwise go undetected. Fortunately, administrators of my agency of employment did not blanch when I asked for additional years to collect more data to explain a biological event during the breeding season of migratory birds in Maine. Currently, it seems that short-term investigations to satisfy local information needs have discouraged long-term field studies at the landscape level. A recent report in the magazine *National Wildlife* illustrates that the longer view is justified.

Since the 1960s biologists in Ontario have been monitoring the breeding success of the Gray Jay, which begins breeding in February in Algonquin Provincial Park. By marking individuals with colored leg bands, investigators begin noticing that some populations had declined, especially in the southern part of the species range. The gist of the findings was that temperatures were increasing by 0.7 ° F per decade, breeding seasons averaged 3.1 days earlier per decade, and females were laying fewer eggs with fewer nestlings being hatched. The result was a 50% decline in the Algonquin Park population of Gray Jays. To be able to breed before the end of winter Gray Jays build up a cache of food (insects, berries, fungi, and tidbits of flesh from carcasses), as much as 50 pounds per bird, so that the necessary food is available to produce eggs when most food is scarce. It seems that the increasing higher temperatures causes the jays' cache, provisioned with perishable food in summer and fall, to rot before the onset of the breeding period, when the birds need it most.

Breeding success was compromised further because vacant territories began to outnumber reoccupied territories as mortality of adults occurred. When individuals from a failed nest paired again, it was often with a young, inexperienced bird, so that the new pairing was less successful. Thus, the historical social fabric of breeding, that is, for Gray Jays to have the same mate (90-100% of the time) from year to year, had broken down so that only about 50% of the pairs had the same mate from one year to the next. A short-term study of even a decade would not have revealed these insights.

For more details read the following: Waite, Thomas A. and Dan Strickland. 2006. Climate change and the demographic demise of a hoarding bird living on the edge. *Proceeding of the Royal Society, B. Biological Sciences*, 273 (1603): 2809-2814.

Winter Outing

The OLT winter ski outing turned into a snowshoe outing. It was a grey, fairly warm day. Paul Markson led a small adventurous group consisting of Sally Jacobs, Nancy Rampe, Ron and Meg Logan, Jim and Gail White and Peg Markson on a 3 hour tour starting up Newman Hill and over to Bangor Hill. It was a fun trip full of animal tracks and new twists and turns in the trail. After reaching the top of two of Orono's highest points, we headed down to the railroad bed and came out by a huge beaver house along the bog. We followed the railroad bed along Black Pond as a loop back to Cal's parking lot on Taylor Road. Just before the end of the walk, we were greeted by a porcupine, or at least, we were excited to see him and he continued to eat.

Just as we were leaving the trail, the sun peaked through. All in all, a very nice afternoon.



Photo by Gail White

Bird Before Work!

Co-sponsored by

OLT and the **Field's Pond Audubon Center**

All 7:00 – 8:30 a.m.

Monday, May 12

Gould's Landing on Pushaw Lake, Orono

Leader: Paul Markson. Meet in Gould's Landing parking lot at the end of Essex Street.

Tuesday, May 20

OLT riverside trails, Orono

Leaders: Judy Markowsky, Joni Dunn. Meet at dead end of North Penobscot Street. Be prepared for a trail whose first part is steep.

Wednesday, May 28

Technology Park, Orono

Leaders: Jerry Longcore, Jim Bird. Meet in parking lot behind Microdyne Building on Godfrey Drive

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7:00 p.m. Program:

Jerry Longcore

Retired Wildlife Biologist, USF&WS

“The American Beaver (*Castor canadensis*); Largest Rodent in North America”

7:45 p.m. Annual Corporate Membership Meeting

Secretary’s Report of 2007 Annual Meeting - Pat Thompson

Treasurer’s Annual Report - Jim Hinds

President’s Annual Report - Dave Clement

Old Business

New Business

Special thanks

Election of Directors

Returning Directors for three year terms: John Alexander, Jim Hinds, Sally Jacobs, Ron Logan, Peter Millard, Sue Owen, and Shep Sheppard.

Continuing Directors: Melissa Burch (2009), David Clement (2009), Jay Johnson (2009), Jerry Longcore (2010), Peg Markson (2009), Mick Peterson (2009), David Scheidt (2010), David Thompson (2009), Pat Thompson (2010), Wendall Tremblay (2010), David Wardrop (2009), Gail White (2010), Lin White (2010).

Adjunct Directors: Chris Dorion, Norm Poirier

Announcements

Spring Trail Day: April 26

MLTN Land Conservation Conference: May 2 and 3, Brunswick

Bird Walks in May co-sponsored with **Fields Pond Audubon**

Adjourn Annual Corporate Membership Meeting

Annual Board Meeting
To follow, approximately 8:15 p.m.

Welcome to returning Directors

Secretary’s Report: March, 2008 meeting

Treasurer’s Monthly Meeting Report

Nominating Committee - Election of Officers

Dave Clement – President

Jerry Longcore - Vice President

Gail White - Treasurer

Pat Thompson - Secretary

Sue Owen - Clerk

Old Business

New Business

Adjourn Next Board Meeting April 2.

Members

(with date dues are paid to)

Alexander, Janet & John, Life Member
Allen, Bob & Linda, March-08
Allen, Marybeth & Robert, April-08
Arata, Bill & Sally, May-08
Asnis, Lisa, May-08
Bauer, Nancy, July-08
Baxter, Katherine Carter & Dave, July-08
Beattie, Betsy & Ken, November-08
Bell, Bob Lombardo & Kathleen, Oct-08
Borodko, Margaret Russell & Stan, July-08
Bradford, Richard, Life Member
Brown, Karna Olsson & Phil, Life Member
Bruce, Alice & Mitchell, December-08
Bulteel, Melissa Burch & Jim, April-08
Buschner, Marci, January-09
Butler, Adrienne & Alan, October-08
Butterfield, Edwin Nagy & Desire, Jan-09
Camp, Polly & Paul, October-08
Campana, Jean, February-08
Campbell, Margaret & Christopher, May-08
Carmack, Adrienne, March-08
Carr, Mike & Teri, February-08
Carter, Ed Brazee & Connie, April-08
Carville, Jean & Woody, October-08
Chase, Becky & David, Life Member
Clancy, Beth White & Margaret, June-08
Clark, Barbara & David, Life Member
Clark, Sarah & William, Life Member
Clement, Betsy Weiss & David, Nov-08
Cronin, Chris & Karen, January-09
Crosby, Judy & Herb, March-08
Cunningham, Beth Cuddy & Harry, July-08
Curtis, Rose Marie & Ted, March-08
Davis, Ron & Lee, January-09
Dearborn, John & Bethel, December-08
Dearborn, Evelyn & Vance, Life Member
Dearborn, Mary Cathcart & Jim, Life Member
Diebold, Christina, May-09
Dimond, Eva & John, Life Member
Dorion, Chris, Life Member
Dorion, Dorothy & George, April-08
Dunlap, Cindy & Bob, Life Member
Egenhofer, Stephanie, October-08
Erker, Victoria & Dave, December-08
Folster, Brent, February-08
Frank, Irja, October-08
Frankel, Kathy Lyons & David, Sept-08
Frederick, Brian, September-08
Grant, Nancy & Charles, Life Member
Gray, Marion & Mac, October-08
Greenwood, Susan & Michael, Life Member
Gregory, John & Carol, October-08
Grew, Edward, January-09
Griffin, Michael & Valerie, October-08
Guidotti, Barbara, November-08
Hackney, John & Ginny, January-09
Hall, Douglas, April-08
Hamilton, Lois, Life Member
Hanscom, Kenneth & Cathy, November-08
Harris, Joyce & Paul, Life Member
Harris, Lianne & Walter, Life Member
Hasbrouck, Sarah & Sherman, Life Member
Hatlan, V. Nees-Hatlan & B. N., January-09
Hill, Dick, December-08
Hinds, James & Patricia, Life Member
Hover, Francois Amar & Karen, September-08
Hsu, Yu Kao & Martha, August-08
Hudson, John Holloran & Leslie, February-09
Jacobs, Sally, Life Member
Johns, John Maddaus & Elizabeth, Nov-08
Johnson, Sandra, April-08
Johnson, Jay, Life Member
Johnson, Scott -Dirigo Pines Dev. Co, Life Mbr

Kail, Harvey & Patricia, March-08
Keleti, Steve, Life Member
Kelley, Alice & Joe, February-08
Kelly, Fran & Robert J, March-08
Kierstead, Stephanie, August-08
King, Laurie Hicks & Roger, April-08
Kleban, Eloise, April-08
Koehler, Linda & Glen, December-08
Kurr, George, Life Member
Kurr, Mary Louis, Life Member
Labrecque, Kathy Bourgoin & Dave, Nov-08
Langellier, Eric Peterson & Kristin, February-09
Leach, Thela & Roger, Life Member
Levy, Valerie, October-08
Logan, Meg & Ron, May-08
Longcore, Joyce & Jerry, Life Member
Lyman, Viola & John, Life Member
MacKay, Don & Susan, June-08
MacKnight, Nancy, Life Member
Mallett, Virginia, Life Member
Manter, John & Margaret, Life Member
Mares, Liz, November-08
Markowsky, George, Life Member
Markowsky, Judy, Life Member
Marks-Molloy, Katherine, January-09
Markson, Paul & Peg, February-09
Martin, Peg, Life Member
McCormack, Irene vonHoffman & John, Jan-09
McCormick, Bev, March-08
McDaniel, Michael L&ry & Holly, Oct-08
Means, Rachel & Paul, Life Member
Melrose, Paul & Kasey, June-08
Metcalf, Hank & Mary, March-09
Millard, Emily Wesson & Peter, Life Mbr
Miller, David R, November-08
Miller, Jane & Robert, Life Member
Monahan, Emmy S, December-08
Moose, Sylvia & Jack, May-08
Morris, Caroline, Life Member
Morse, Jane, February-08
Mumme, Alice & Kim, Life Member
Murphy, Janet & Paul, Life Member
Nagy, Edwin, January-09
Nichols, P. Scott, November-08
Nichols, Barbara & Ken, December-08
Noyes, Gladys & Ron, February-09
Ohno, Sue Erich & Stom, November-08
Olmstead, Kathy, April-08
Opitz, Michael, March-08
Osberg, Priscilla & Philip, Life Member
Owen, Jeff & Susannah, December-08
Owen, Sue & Bucky, Life Member
Perry, Connie & Tom, Life Member
Peterson, Mick & MaryJane, December-08
Pickering, Marisue & John, October-08
Porter, Terry, February-09
Pratt, Dorothy, May-09
Puri, Rajesh & Kewal, November-08
Quick, Bronco, Life Member
Quimby, Lucy, January-09
Rampe, Nancy & Glenn, Life Member
Rice, Jeannette & Dick, Life Member
Rose, Jim & Laurie, November-08
Rose, Betsy & Mark, January-09
Ross, Ruth, December-08
Scheidt, David & Rose, January-09
Schilmoeller, Kathy & Gary, January-09
Schneider, Elizabeth, October-08
Sewall, Kathy & Douglas, October-08
Sewall, David, Life Member
Sheppard, Stevenson & Sara, September-08
Sheppard, Martha & Edmund, November-08
Simon, Harlan Onsrud & Pam, October-08
Smith, Dana, January-09
Soule, Lois & William, April-08

Sucec, Judy & James, June-08
Tableman, Kent, December-08
Tandy, Dan & Family, January-09
Taylor, Robert, Life Member
Thompson, David & Patricia, October-08
Tisher, Sharon & Paul, Life Member
Tjepkema, Christa Schwintzer & John, Jan-09
Toder, David Koffman & Michelle, Oct-08
Tremblay, Trudy & Wendall, Life Member
Tuholski, Gerald & Susan, December-08
Twining, Holly & Travis, Life Member
VanKirk, M.D., Amy & Jim, October-08
Wadleigh, Donna & Leith, Life Member
Walker, Judy & Bill, January-09
Wardrop, David, January-09
Weiss, Bob & Minnie, Life Member
Welcomer, Mark Haggerty & Stephanie, Oct-08
Wells, Margot & Mark, May-08
White, Cindy & Alan, February-08
White, Lucinda & Alan, March-08
White, Gail & James, Life Member
Whitehill, Marie, Life Member
Wicks, Barbara, July-08
Wilson, Jeremy & Katie, Life Member
Wood, Nancy & George, January-09
Woodard, Jean & Frank, Life Member
Yarborough, David, November-08

Awaiting Dues from these Members

Adkins, Randy & Lyn, January-08
Antonitis, Beverly, September-07
Bird, Jim & Mary, May-07
Blagojevic, Milos, December-07
Blease, Jack & Cindy, January-07
Boss, Dan & Sara, December-07
Cain, Emily, October-07
Casco Bay Energy, Brian Ahern, June-07
Cloutier, Janet & Dave, August-07
Colaninno, John & Rebecca, May-07
Colburn, Steve, January-08
Crockett, Chick, January-08
Daigle, Cheryl & John, January-08
DeSiervo, Hazel & August, June-07
Drummond, Beth & Tom, November-06
Edson, Sue & Dave, December-07
Fer, Morris, October-06
Fortier, Jay & Susan, July-07
Fritz, Nancy, April-07
Goldenberg, Bruce Lackie & Jennie, May-07
Hart, Suzanne K, June-07
Landis, Eric & Janette, January-08
Leighton, Melanie L, June-07
Lukens, Ken Dupuis & Margo, August-07
Malis-Andersen, Suzanne, February-07
Monroe, Lyndsey, March-07
Monroe, Julie & Stephen, August-07
Page, Brian & Paula, August-07
Pearce, Deta & Bryan, October-07
Reed/Hillary, Mr & Mrs William, May-07
Renado, Rernille & David, January-08
Rock, Pauline, November-06
Rymph, Georg L, October-06
Sader, Kris & Steven, December-07
Sands, Richard, January-08
Schroeder, Paul, September-07
Smith, Alden & Dianne, November-07
Smith, Alice & Charles, January-08
Storch, Kay & Dick, December-07
Trefts, Betsy, January-08
Walsh, Lynne, June-07
Weatherbee, Rita & George, April-07
Whelden, Jane & Harry, December-07
White, Linn, April-07
Wood, Marion & Clair, November-07

Strategic Planning Sessions Continue David Clement, President

On January 8 your land trust board had its second strategic planning session with Deb Chapman from Maine Coast Heritage Trust. The first session was held a month previously and is described in the last OLT Newsletter (volume 79, Winter 2007-8, available on our website, www.oronolandtrust.org). Unlike the first session, the January meeting focused on one major strategic need; building enough capacity within the organization to support the expanding work of the OLT.

This critical need has evolved rapidly over the last few years due to the escalating activities and land responsibilities of the Land Trust. For instance, 10 of the 22 properties in which the Land Trust has a deeded responsibility have been obtained in the last three years! In acres, those 10 properties make up 46% of all our total land in conservation easements, trail easements and fee lands. Furthermore, since 2004 there has been a necessary shift of emphasis from merely acquiring land and easements to taking more care of it as well. This change is a nationwide move fostered by more rigorous standards and practices to which land trusts are asked to adhere. And the Caribou Bog Penjajawac Corridor Project, an outstanding endeavor, has been continuing in addition to the above work.

A conclusion of the January 8 session was that the board needed to work harder to engage the OLT membership, the Towns of Orono and Veazie, and other organizations. This hard work should be aimed at revitalizing the committees and increasing opportunities for non-board members to help, improving the OLT's image and presence with the general public, and improving education and training of the board members, stewards and volunteers.

If you have read this far into this article, it is likely you have a significant interest in seeing the Orono Land Trust excel at its mission. We need your help to achieve this goal. Opportunities for helping and enjoying our lands will be published on our website, in future Newsletters, and in emails sent to you. If you have requests or ideas for good projects, contact me at oronolandtrust.roadrunner.com, or by phone, 866-0420.

The Maine Land Conference – A Great Opportunity for You David Clement, President

If you have ever wondered about any topic on land conservation, from preserving family lands to stewardship issues to taking archival digital photos of land to the new tax laws, you will likely find the answers at the Maine Land Conference. This is an annual conference hosted by the Maine Coast Heritage Trust being held this year in Brunswick, Maine on Friday and Saturday May 2 and 3. Friday is usually a day of field trips and workshops, and Saturday is a potpourri of talks, seminars, poster sessions and conservation education. Everyone who goes seems to come back infused with the enthusiasm and ideas of the land conservation movement.

For more information on the conference, check the Maine Land Trust Network (MLTN) website: www.mltn.org/meetings/conservation_conference.html, or contact me (oronolandtrust@roadrunner.com or 866-0420). Most people attend the Saturday session only, though the Friday session is excellent too. Car pooling is available.

Veazie Chapter News



The reusable bags have brought in about \$350 so far.

Members may contact me or visit the Veazie Town office to purchase them for \$2.

David Wardrop
356-8747

SKI, you say?

Thanks to Chris Dorion and lots of volunteers, some great local skiing is available this winter. Park at Cal's Parking lot just in front of the gate to the Orono dump. Walk just past the gate to the Great Caribou Bog Ski sign. Start skiing. The first right hand turn takes you across the railroad bed, by the first bait pond and onward to Newman Hill, Bangor Hill toward Old Town. The second turn to the right brings you to the second bait pond (Black Pond). If you continue straight on the trail, you will go out onto the Caribou Bog, then back into trees heading toward MDIFW land and Pushaw Lake.

Prius (*con't from page 1*) so if you are finding yourselves spending too much at the gas pump, and want to help the OLT as well as yourself, make an offer before our Annual Meeting on March 29. The winning bidder, if any, will be announced at the Annual Meeting.

The Kelly Blue Book price is about \$13,500. Because a used Prius is in high demand, we hope for a good resale price. For this pre-Annual Meeting auction, bidding will start at \$12,000. Contact the OLT at oronolandtrust@roadrunner.com if you are interested in viewing, driving or bidding on the car. If not already purchased locally, it will be sold on eBay or Uncle Henry's after the Annual Meeting.

This auto has 22,500 miles, GPS navigation, front and side airbags, full seat covers, gets 35 to 55 mpg depending on the driving conditions, has a new, beefed up starter battery, CD/Cassette player, and the usual standard options. It still has 77,500 miles remaining on the Toyota traction battery warranty! There are some scratches from minor bumps but it has never had a problem with the drive train or any other part or system.

Check our website, www.oronolandtrust.org for more photos.

Piney Knoll Vote

All OLT Members were invited to attend a meeting of the corporation on February 6, 2008, at 7:00 to hear a presentation by Sally Jacobs about the opportunity to buy the twenty-acre parcel known as "Piney Knoll" from Mickey Schneider. Thirty-five OLT members and one non-member attended the special meeting.

Sally presented maps of Orono for orientation and a map that showed the existing OLT Marsh Island Preserve, the proposed purchase of the abutting Piney Knoll parcel, the Campus Crest development and the proposed right-of-way that OLT has been asked to grant to Campus Crest. This map is available at www.oronolandtrust.org.

After a question and answer period the membership voted on a proposal to:

1. buy 20 acres known as "Piney Knoll" at a bargain sale price of 50% appraised value.
2. grant a right-of-way to Campus Crest for a private, narrow road with public access to connect two portions of C-2 zoned Schneider land.

The vote to pass the proposal was unanimous.

The OLT Board was pleased to have the general membership demonstrate their strong support for this proposal which has been arrived at after many years of negotiations. It is a plan that will do exactly what many Orono citizens have hoped for over the past 15 years:

- a net increase of about 30% in contiguous conserved land of high ecological, trail, and connectivity value for people and wildlife all in an area of high-density housing.
- an access road that will benefit our forestry and field maintenance.
- support for a smart growth plan that promotes concentrated development close to existing infrastructure, schools and businesses.
- Secured public access to trails that will connect the University of Maine trails to OLT trails, and the Penobscot River trails and Penobscot Street.

The Orono Land Trust is in the process of writing a grant proposal to the Land for Maine's Future Board to help finance this purchase. The purchase and stewardship of this popular trail system and green-space getaway in a highly developed part of town will take more money than can be obtained from the LMF. For this reason a pledge drive has been launched for funds that can be used to match any LMF grant and to serve for responsible stewardship in the future. Pledge forms are available at the OLT website or from Sally Jacobs.



Photo by Peg Markson

Sally Jacobs presents land swap proposal with Campus Crest development.

Free Vernal Pool Assessments

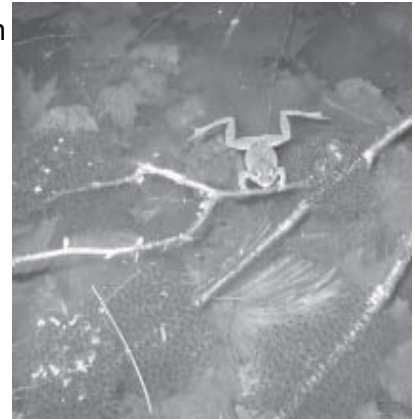
Would you like to know if there are any Significant Pools on your property?

Vernal pools that provide significant wildlife habitat are now regulated by law under the Maine Natural Resource Protection Act. Due to their small size and seasonal nature, it is possible for significant vernal pools to occur on properties without landowners knowing. This proves especially problematic for landowners planning for development.

A vernal pool is a natural, temporary to semi-permanent, body of water occurring in a shallow depression that typically fills with water from rain or snowmelt during the spring or fall and may be dry during summer months. These pools provide optimal breeding habitat for wood frogs, spotted salamanders, blue-spotted salamanders, and fairy shrimp. In Maine, vernal pools provide habitat for a number of state-listed species. Avoiding impacts to pools and their surrounding habitat is important because the amphibians that breed in them return each year to the very same pool from which they hatched.

To assist landowners in determining whether significant vernal pools occur on their property, and to support planning for growth and development, the towns of Veazie and Orono are helping to map pools under the guidance of wetland scientist, Dr. Aram Calhoun and graduate student, Dawn Morgan. This vernal pool mapping and assessment will be a two-year project beginning this spring-time. The process will include:

- Photo-Interpretation: Color infrared photographs will be used to identify wetlands that have the potential to function as vernal pools.
- Vernal Pool Ecology, Field Identification and Assessment Trainings: Local "citizen scientists" will be trained to conduct field inventories of pools to determine their significance using techniques approved by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.
- Field Assessments: No field assessments will be conducted without prior permission from property owners. The benefit to landowners is that, should you want to undertake a development project in the future, you will already know if pools on your property are considered significant wildlife habitat. Pre-identification and determination of pool significance can save time and money required for obtaining necessary permits.



Wood Frog and Wood Frog Egg Masses

**For Additional Information and a Detailed Project Description
Please Attend the Combined Town Outreach Session**

5:30pm on Thursday, April 3, 2008

Orono Town Council Chambers

TRAIL DAY – April 26, 2008

All projects begin at 9:00 a.m. Participants may choose any area to work at. Everyone will need gloves and boots.

1) Chapel Road Trail - spread chips. Work will be on both ends of the trail.

Meet either at the end of Chapel Road or the end of College Heights.

Bring wheelbarrows, rakes, pitchforks and shovels. Leader: Adrienne Butler (866-2143).

2) Winterhaven Entrance to JCNA - Widen trail and spread chips.

Meet on Winterhaven Drive at the trailhead. Bring clippers, wheelbarrows, rakes, pitchforks and shovels. Leader: Gail White (866-0041).

3) Cal's Parking lot on Hudson Road (off Taylor Road) to the railroad bed at the foot of Newman Hill - continue preparation of new trail from . Meet at Cal's Parking lot. Bring wheelbarrows, shovels, rakes. Leader: Chris Dorion (866- 7806)

4) Entrance to MDIFW land. Meet at first gate on left on Taylor Road. Bring saws, clippers, rakes, shovels. Leader: John Alexander (827-0465)

5) Stillwater River Trail - widen trail. Meet at Orono Water Building on Bennoch Road. Bring clippers and saws. Leader: Beth White

6) Veazie – various projects. Leader: Dave Wardrop (356-8747)

Calendar

March 28, 2008

OLT Annual Meeting



April 2, 2008

OLT Board Meeting

6:30 pm Orono Rec

Orono Land Trust
P O Box 4
Orono, ME 04473

April 3, 2008

Vernal Pool training

See page 7.

RETURN SERVICE
REQUESTED

April 26, 2008

Spring Trail Day

See page 7.

May 15, 2008

Newsletter deadline

May 12, 20, 28, 2008

Morning Bird Walks

See page 2.

Please check for membership expiration date on your address label.

ORONO LAND TRUST MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please mail this form with your check made out to "Orono Land Trust" to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

**Orono Land Trust, Membership
100 Bennoch Road
Orono, ME 04473**

____ \$25 Individual Membership
____ \$50 Family Membership
____ \$100-\$999 Supporting Membership*

____ \$1000 Life Membership
____ \$5000+ Named Fund**

OLT is a publicly supported charitable organization 501 (c) 3.

*All but \$50 of your donation will go into a long-term fund for future land acquisitions and for stewardship of existing lands.

** For gifts of \$5000 or more, the Orono Land Trust will set up a fund named after the donor or a person named by the donor; the donor can specify, if it is to be a stewardship fund for a particular piece of property, for future land acquisitions, or for a legal defense fund. For example, the "John Doe Fund for Stewardship of the Newman Hill Preserve" or the "Jane Doe Fund for Future Land Acquisitions" or "The John and Jane Doe Legal Defense Fund".

I'd like to make an **additional** \$ _____ donation to help protect green space in Orono.

I am interested in helping on one of the following committees:

____ **Lands** – The core committee, always on the lookout for new areas, monitors land-use changes.

____ **Stewardship and Trails** – Backbone of OLT, monitors properties, maintains trails for public use.

____ **Outreach** – Plans and conducts events and programs of education and entertainment, publicity, newsletter, brochures, website.

____ **Membership** – Encourages existing and new members to participate in OLT activities. collects dues, maintains database.

____ **Veazie Land Association** – Oversees Veazie Lands, easements, trails, etc.

____ **Caribou Bog – Penjajawoc Corridor Project** – Identifies properties in preservation area for acquisition or easements.

____ **Orono Bog Boardwalk** – Maintains Boardwalk, organizes programs, budget, fundraising.

I'd like to share these other interests and talents: _____

Does OLT have permission to list your email address and/or phone number on the OLT web page? Y N

OLT posts its newsletter and members of committees on its web page