



Brewster Ponds Coalition

Annual Meeting

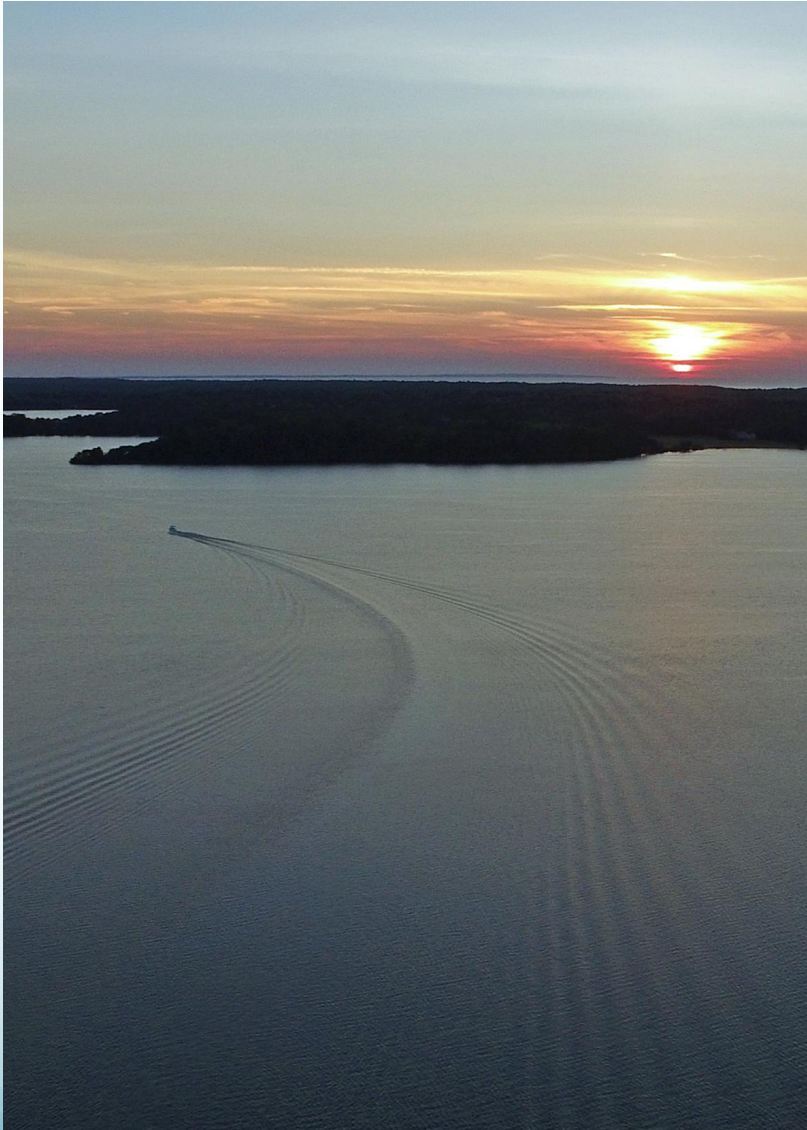
August 13, 2016

Mission

The Brewster Ponds Coalition is dedicated to preserving and nurturing the natural beauty, healthy habitats and recreational opportunities of Brewster's ponds, and to safeguard them for current and future generations.



Long Pond



Our Agenda

- Minutes of 2015 Annual Meeting
- Highlights of the past Year
- Election of Directors
- Keynote Speaker:
Dr. Laurel Schaidler
Research Scientist
Silent Spring Institute



2016 Board of Directors:

- Tom Vautin (President)
- John Keith (Vice President)
- Gwen Pelletier (Secretary)
- Patricia Monahan (Treasurer)
- Karen Malkus-Benjamin
- Konrad Schultz
- Dawn Walnut

About Our Members

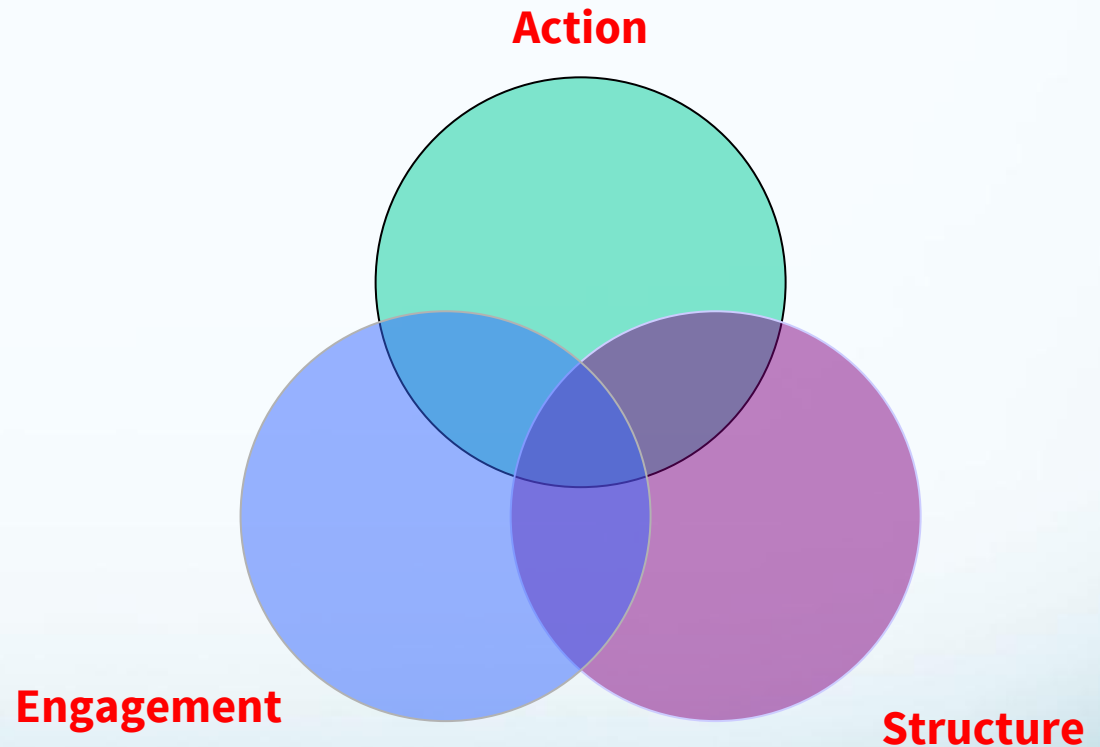
- Over 300 individuals and families have contributed to the Brewster Ponds Coalition for 2016!
- Members come from 14 states.
- More than 80% are from Massachusetts.
- Only about 50% have Brewster mailing addresses.
- All are committed to protecting Brewster's environment!



Our Framework for Planning: Three Interconnected Themes



- **Action**
 - Projects
 - Educational programs
 - Advocacy
- **Engagement**
 - Member events
 - Volunteer opportunities
 - Extending networks & outreach
- **Structure**
 - Building organizational capacity
 - Developing financial resources
 - Establishing roles and policies



BPC Events, Programs and Volunteer Opportunities



- Healthy Ponds Art Fest at the Cape Cod Museum of Natural History
- PALS volunteer reception and program review
- Beautify Brewster Volunteer Clean-up Day
- Weed Watchers Workshop
- Brewster Conservation Day
- Ponds & Neighborhood Summit
- **August 20 – Bike to Ponds Summer Celebration!**
- More to come!



Tools and Resources: How we are helping

- New Pond Waterfront Improvement Guide.
- Tax-deductible funding option for neighborhood projects.
- Regulatory engagement:
 - Stormwater
 - Septic systems
 - Pond remediation projects



Pond Waterfront Improvement Guide

Prepared by AmeriCorps Member Ben Howard

and

Gwen Pelletier, Jan McGann, & John Keith
of the Brewster Ponds Coalition

7/20/2016

A Funding Option for Neighborhood Projects



As a 501(c)3 charitable organization, the Brewster Ponds Coalition is willing to accept tax-deductible donations for specific pond improvement projects and to hold those funds in a restricted account.

Basic requirements:

- The recipient must be an organization such as a pond or neighborhood association.
- Funds held must be used for purposes that protect or improve the health of Brewster's Ponds.
- The BPC will disperse funds to the neighborhood association as the project moves forward.



Discussing a potential stormwater project at Blueberry Pond.

Regulatory Engagement

- Active participation in Town and regional developments affecting ponds and groundwater.
- Advocating for sound, science-based policies.
- Seeking involvement of neighborhood leaders.



Financial Summary

July 2015-June 2016



Income & Expenses

- ❖ Total Income: \$22,000
 - 304 contributors
- ❖ Total Expenses: \$5,800
 - Events/Publicity \$1,804
 - Printing & Mailing \$3,645
 - Office Supplies \$128
 - Dues & Fees \$223

Account Balances (as of June 30, 2016)

- ❖ Unrestricted cash: \$19,326
- ❖ Restricted funds: \$6,533

Looking Forward

- **Continue education programs and information sharing:**
 - Science-based Educational Pond Kits - Americorps project for 2017
 - Ongoing community workshops to increase awareness.
- **Expand advocacy for pond protection and restoration:**
 - Participation in septic system regulatory process.
 - Engagement in Mill Ponds remediation plans.
 - Seeking funding and support for pond studies.
- **Provide support to pond and neighborhood associations:**
 - Assist users with the application of the Pond Waterfront Improvement Guide.
 - Working with the Town of Brewster and others to identify and correct problems affecting pond water quality.



Annual Elections

Background

In accordance with the Bylaws of the Brewster Ponds Coalition, election of Directors takes place at the Annual Meeting of the Corporation.

The Board of Directors has three staggered three-year terms with three positions in each term:

2016 - Karen Malkus-Benjamin, Dawn Walnut, and Konrad Schultz

2017 - John Keith, Tom Vautin, Open Position (formerly Rick Kuzman)

2018 - Gwen Pelletier, Patricia Monahan (appointed to succeed Tony Ortiz, Open Position

Board members may serve up to two consecutive regular (full) terms.

Officers are nominated and elected by the Board of Directors at the first meeting following the Annual Meeting.

The election of a new Nominating Committee for the next year also takes place at each Annual Meeting.

Proposed Slate of Nominees



The Nominating Committee proposes the following slate for election to the Brewster Ponds Coalition Board:

1. Re-elect Karen Malkus-Benjamin, Dawn Walnut, and Konrad Schultz to three year terms ending in 2019.
2. Elect Patricia Monahan for the balance of the current term ending in 2018.
3. Elect Judy Pirani to fill the open position ending in 2017.
4. Elect Susan Day Searles to fill the open position ending in 2018.

The following slate is also proposed for election as members of the Brewster Ponds Coalition Nominating Committee for 2017:

Dawn Walnut, Konrad Schultz, Fred Budreski



Thank You all for your active participation and
financial support!

Introducing Dr. Laurel Schaider

Research Scientist - Silent Spring Institute