



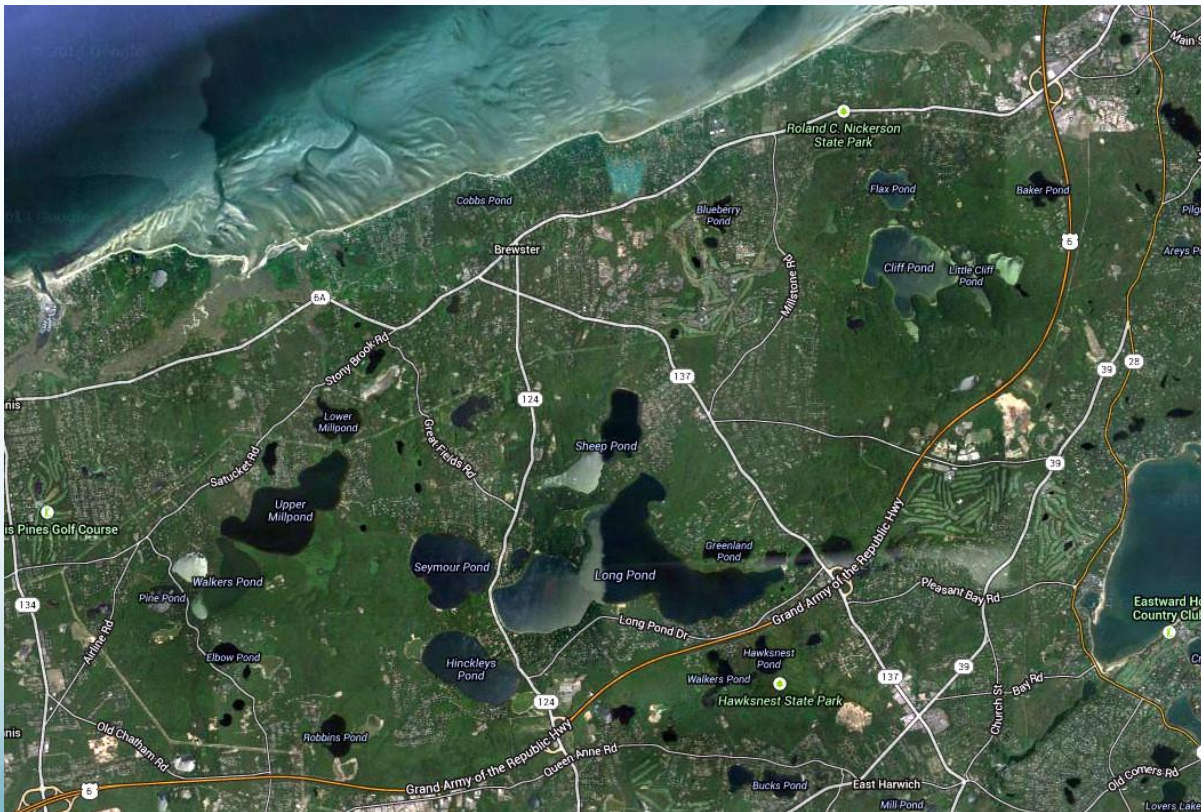
Brewster Ponds Coalition

Annual Meeting

August 12, 2017

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.





Our Agenda

- Minutes of 2016 Annual Meeting
- Highlights of the past Year
- Election of Directors
- Keynote Speaker:
Andrew Gottlieb
Executive Director
Association to Preserve of Cape
Cod.





2017 Board of Directors:

- Tom Vautin (President)
- Konrad Schultz (Vice President)
- Gwen Pelletier (Secretary & Treasurer)
- John Keith
- Karen Malkus-Benjamin
- Judith Pirani
- Sue Searles
- Dawn Walnut

BPC Events, Programs and Volunteer Opportunities



- Educational Programs:
 - Pond walks and biking
 - Kayak eco-paddle
 - Expert lectures
 - Hands-on workshops



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- Community Engagement and Collaboration:
 - Joint Americorps sponsorships
 - BPC Team for Beautify Brewster
 - Brewster Conservation Day



Tools and Resources: How we are helping



- Pond Waterfront Improvement Guide for vegetated buffers and stormwater management.
- Support to neighborhood and pond associations with technical information and planning.
- Advancing environmental testing for cyanobacteria.



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



Science-based Pond Education in the Classroom and Field

- Goal: To develop a science-based pond education program for schools.
- Project was an Individual Placement (Corey Bray) supported through Americorps.
- Three local private schools participated in 2017 pilot.
- BPC team developed classroom kits and curriculum for teachers and managed field trips for nine classes.
- Next step will be to develop a management and financial plan to expand the program to the public schools.

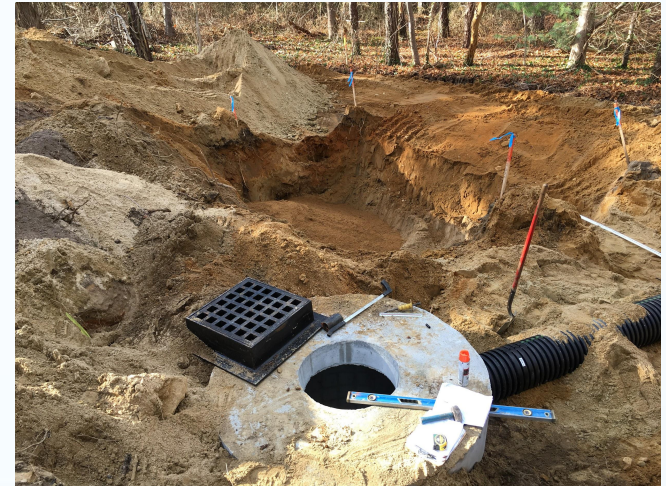


Funding Neighborhood Projects

The Brewster Ponds Coalition can accept tax-deductible donations from individuals for specific pond improvement projects.

Basic requirements:

- Funds must be used for purposes that protect or improve the health of Brewster's Ponds.
- The project must be sponsored by an organization such as a pond or neighborhood association.
- Donations are held by the BPC in a restricted account on behalf of the of the neighborhood.
- The BPC will disperse funds as the project moves forward.



Blueberry Pond stormwater project

Financial Summary

January - December 2016

FY-16 Unrestricted Income & Expenses

- ❖ Total Income: \$23,800
 - More than 300 contributors
- ❖ Total Expenses: \$13,600
 - Program Services \$6,557
 - Meetings \$1,823
 - Supplies \$1,559
 - Insurance \$1,558
 - Other administrative \$2,103

Account Balances (as of December 2016)

- ❖ Unrestricted cash: \$28,340
- ❖ Restricted funds: \$5,830

Looking Forward

- **Continue education programs and information sharing:**
 - Expand the BPC science-based educational pond project with Brewster schools.
 - Conduct ongoing workshops to increase community awareness of water quality issues.
 - Continue member recreational/educational events.
- **Expand advocacy for pond protection and restoration:**
 - Develop the BPC Citizen Scientist program beyond the pilot.
 - Continue working with the Town on the Mill Ponds program.
 - Seek funding and community support to advance pond remediation.
- **Provide support to pond and neighborhood associations:**
 - Work with the Town of Brewster and others to identify and correct watershed problems affecting water quality.
 - Assist with application of the Pond Waterfront Improvement Guide.



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 BPC Board of Directors has three staggered three-year terms with three positions in each term. Current “classes” are:

2017 - John Keith, Tom Vautin, Judith Pirani

2018 - Gwen Pelletier, Susan Searles, Open Position

2019 - Karen Malkus-Benjamin, Dawn Walnut, and Konrad Schultz

- Term limits: Board members may serve up to two consecutive regular (full) terms.
- Officers are nominated and elected by the Board of Directors at the first Board 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:

Re-elect John Keith, Tom Vautin, Judith Pirani to three year terms ending in 2020.

The following slate is also proposed for election as members of the Brewster Ponds Coalition Nominating Committee for 2018:

Dawn Walnut, Konrad Schultz, Fred Budreski, Jay Olin

2017 Splash Award



Awarded annually to the BPC volunteer who has made a **splash** through his or her contributions to improve the water quality, beauty, or natural habitats of Brewster's Ponds.





Thank You all for your active participation, financial support and commitment to our Mission!

Introducing Andrew Gottlieb

Executive Director

Association to Preserve Cape Cod