



DANE FOREST PARCEL PROJECT UPDATE

“Finding Stories on the Land”



No. 6

November 6, 2009

Donations & Pledges

Angus & Elizabeth West
Annie Cabell
Austin & Leslie Furst
Barbara Grossman
Bayne & Jean Stevenson
Bernard Volz
Bess G. Hanson
Betsy & Bruce Whitmore
Bev LaFoley
Bill & Betty Concannon
Bruce & Terri Cabell
Carl & Ellen Metzger
Colin & Melody Anderson
Carol Mead
Cyane Anaya
David & Lauren Murphy
David & Barbara Preston
David & Becky Sinkler
Diane Garfield & Peter Gross
Don Berry
Fred & Granthia Preston
George & Austine Howard
Glenn & Katherine Strehle
Greg & Donna Lowell
Harry & Kathleen Viens
Jennifer & Charley Hanson
Jim & Kathleen Elcock
John & Ellen Bennett
John & Lynn Maley
John & Arlene McLaren
John McLanahan
Karl & Kim Bandtel

Kent & Mary Alice Warner
Larry & Beth Hirshik
Lewi & Joyce Marden
Lisa Wardlaw
Lorin & Nanci Rydstrom
Lowell & Karlene Schwartz
Margaret Beal
Mark Fetting & Georgie Smith
Maureen Criasia-Volz
Mike & Cindy O'Leary
Nancy Grady
Nat & Arabella Dane
Paul & Ronnie Guyre
Peter & Barbara Gibb
Peter & Gail Beckett
Peter & Joann Wood
Pew Charitable Trusts
Richard Cabelle
Roger & Jennifer Larochele
Roy & Myra Gordon
Russ & Mary Orton
Sandy & Steve Condojani
Sara Goodman & David Hyerle
Sharon and Henry Ide
Tim & Audrey Fisher
Tom & Barbara Beal
Tom & Liz Kelsey
Tom & Sandra McClaskie
Tony & Pam Halsey
Town of Center Harbor
Woolsey and Bea Conover

“This land has lots of stories to tell” was the conclusion of hikers on the October 31 discovery walk on the Dane parcel. Observing stone walls winding through the forest, an old cellar hole, woods roads, and patterns of past timbering and pastures, we were struck by the signs of the property’s human history. All agreed that there’s much more to discover here beyond the already much appreciated natural features of the property.



The Dane property is located close to Center Harbor’s first center of population, which was located not on the lakeshore but on Sunset Hill in the vicinity of present day Dane Road/Route 25B. Settled in 1765, this village eventually included a schoolhouse, church, cemetery, stores, and tavern. At that time Center Harbor was part of Moultonborough Addition, incorporated as the town of New Hampton in 1777, with Center Harbor established as a separate town in 1797.



1830 Joseph Sturtevant farmhouse

Near the Dane parcel, off High Haith Road, is the site of the historic Sturtevant Pine, climbed by early settler Hosea Sturtevant to assess the surrounding landscape during his first travels in the region in 1781. Later the Sturtevant Farm on Sunset Hill was a favorite summer destination for John Greenleaf Whittier and other literary figures. Just across Center Harbor Neck Road from the Dane parcel is the site of the famed Whittier Pine, immortalized by Whittier’s poem “The Wood Giant”, as well as the site of a sawmill which gave this road its former name, Sawmill Hill Road.

If you know something of the history of this property, we hope you will share it with us. We also hope you will join us on the November 14 walk or have a chance to explore the land in the future, as together we learn more of the stories of this special place.



Hitting the Trails

Please join us for the following :

November 11 Trail Work 1 PM
November 14 Mushroom hunt 9 AM
Rick VandePoll
November 28 Trail Work 9 AM
Trips leave from the Proctor Sanctuary parking lot.

Campaign Summary

Goal	\$ 625,000
Pledges	\$ 489,375
Remaining	\$ 140,625
	77% ...