DANE FOREST PARCEL
PROJECT UPDATE

No. 7 "The Whittier Pine" *November 13, 2009*

Donations & Pledges

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SAVE the DATE

***FUNdraiser* ... Tuesday, December 1, 2009,6:00 to 8:00 PM**
North End Restaurant Rte 25, Moultonborough
$25/person - Cash bar

R.S.V.P. to Kitty at 603-253-3301

Hitting the Trails

Please join us for the following :

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	**$ 489,645**
Remaining	**$ 135,355**

78% ...

Last week, we wrote about the history of the part of Center Harbor where the Dane parcel is located, including the famed Whittier Pine. A number of readers expressed interest in knowing more of this story.

From the Center Harbor Historical Society's history of the Town, we learn of the Sturtevant Farm, on what is now known as Dane Road/ Route 25B. On that property in the 1800s was a tavern, for the accommodation of travelers on the old Plymouth stage route, and later a summer boarding house. Notable people spent summers on the farm, including literary figures Lucy Larcom, Celia Thaxter, and John Greenleaf Whittier.

Whittier, who lived from 1807 to 1892, was one of the most celebrated American poets in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, recognized as the poet of everyday life in rural New England. At one time, all New England schoolchildren learned his poems. Less known is that in the years leading up to the Civil War he was an ardent and active abolitionist.

Whittier spent seven summers at the Sturtevant Farm prior to 1889 and there composed some of his most beautiful poetry, including "The Wood Giant", which recounts the search for majestic trees not lost to timbering and the discovery of an immense pine in a pasture at the farm. This tree, which came to be known as the "Whittier Pine", was believed to have been about 400 years old when struck by lightning in the 1950s and was later taken down.

Whittier wrote:

At last to us a woodland path,
To open sunset leading,
Revealed the Anakim of pines
Our wildest wish exceeding.
Alone, the level sun before;
Below, the lake's green islands;
Beyond, in misty distance dim,
The rugged Northern Highlands.
Dark Titan on his Sunset Hill
Of time and change defiant
How dwarfed the common woodland seemed,
Before the old-time giant!"

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