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From the President, *Adam R. Moore*

When I can, I walk.



Quansoo Farm. Photo by Melissa Moore

When I can, I walk. To work, that is, and home again, at the end of the day. As Sheriff's Meadow Foundation now has a new office, at 78 Campbell Road in West Tisbury, I find that, on certain days, I am able to walk to work.

It's not every day. In the summer, it's just too hot, and too dusty, and one must step off the road every 50 yards to make way for the vehicles of homeward-bound beachgoers. In the depth of winter, it can be too cold or windy. And on many days, I just have too many appointments and other commitments before or after work to make it practical to walk. But there are those days when the weather and the schedule allow, and on those days, I walk.

Beginning at Quansoo Farm, I walk the Quansoo Road, and then the Quenames Road, all the way to its end at the paved South Road. Then I cross South Road, and then walk up part of a dirt road called Old Ridge Hill Road. From Old Ridge Hill Road, I hike a series of trails through the woods that lead, ultimately, to the 78 Campbell Road office. The walk itself takes

just under an hour, and it measures under three miles, one way.

The earthen track of the Quansoo and Quenames road must be one of the oldest roads on the island, given that one of the oldest houses on the island—the Hancock-Mitchell House—stands at one end of it. Despite its age, the Quansoo Road remains a simple dirt road. It spurns “improvement” and widening and pavement...and easements. Walking its length, at different times of the day, in different directions, in different weather, has given me the chance to get to know the plains of Quansoo in a new way.

The morning walk differs from the afternoon walk. Some mornings, I begin in darkness. I've walked under the light of a waxing gibbous moon. By the time I reach South Road, the sun has risen. When deer season begins, I wear orange. I walk with a sassafras walking stick. As I walk, the stick taps a steady cadence on the dirt road. Mornings on the Quansoo Road are pretty solitary.



Quansoo Farm path. Photo by Melissa Moore

Afternoons, however, are quite social. I know the driver of about every other passing car. With each neighbor, I find that I pause for a minute or two for a pleasant conversation. These conversations are kept “cocktail party short,” as before

long, another car will approach, and the conversation must be concluded, as the vehicles and the walker must all safely get out of each other’s way. And in the spring, the afternoon offers the accompaniment of the aroma of dinner being cooked. Ribs on Kenasoom? Chicken off Quenames? I smell the smoke of every backyard barbecue along Quansoo, and arrive home winded and hungry.

The walk offers good exercise. I don’t take this exercise for granted. Some years ago, rheumatoid arthritis had so destroyed my knees and one of my hips, that I could only walk on crutches. Knee and hip replacements and great rheumatologists fixed that, however. Now I find myself very grateful for the ability to walk to and from work, when time permits.

Perhaps more important than the exercise, though, is that the walk offers time to think. Eventually, the tapping of the cadence and the keeping of a pace become mesmerizing. I find that, almost without fail, I soon become lost in my thoughts, and unaware of

exactly where I am along the road. The flat terrain of the Quansoo plain, and lack of distinguishing views or landmarks, and the monotony of the oak forest, all cause me to lose my place. It is not until I glance to the side and read a sign—“Post Oak,” perhaps, or “Georgiana”—that I again know just where I am.

Now I do not become lost in place. I know that I am on the road, heading to work or heading home, and I am moving in the right direction. If I just keep walking, I will get to where I am going. I do, however, become lost in thought.

I hope that, this fall, that all find time for a long walk on a dirt road or a woodland path or a sidewalk in a park. And I hope that we walk for long enough to let the birdsong, or the steady tapping of a cane, or the rhythm of the crashing surf, mesmerize us. And I hope that we walk that familiar path, and have faith that our feet will bring us home, and take the time to get just a little bit lost.

Annual Meeting

Annual Meeting held on June 27, 2025

The Board of Directors of Sheriff’s Meadow Foundation held its Annual Meeting at 78 Campbell Road in West Tisbury on Friday, June 27, 2025.

At the meeting, the Board elected Officers and Directors.

The Board elected Peter Getsinger, Megan Greenglass, Terry Guylay, Ben Martin, and Jonathan Steinberg to first, three-year terms as Directors. Biographies of new Directors are included in this newsletter.

The Board re-elected Jesse Ausubel, Robin Rivera, and Samme Thompson to second, three-year terms as Directors, and re-elected Matthew Dix, Tom Enders, Tom Rapone, and Amy

Weinberg to third, three-year terms as Directors. Adam Moore was elected to a one-year term as a Director.

The Board elected Susannah Bristol to a one-year term as Chair. Peter Brooks was elected to a one-year term as Treasurer; Alec Walsh was elected to a one-year term as Clerk; and Adam Moore was elected to a one-year term as President.

The Board bade a fond farewell to departing Directors Stever Aubrey, Lisa Foster, Hillary Noyes-Keene, Alan Rappaport, and John Schaefer. Following the meeting, Directors walked on the trail on the 78 Campbell



Great-crested Flycatcher. Photo by Chris Scott

Road property, crossed the Tiasquam River, and hiked along Ellen’s Path until reaching Stonewall Farm and the home of Ellen and Ed Harley. There, all enjoyed a delicious lunch hosted by Ellen Harley.

Foundation Elects New Directors



Peter Getsinger, is the third of five generations to summer or live year-round on Chappaquiddick. His grandparents (the Bunker family) purchased land on what is now called Snow's Point (correctly renamed by the Town of Edgartown), and fostered a love for Chappy that continues. Over time, and as the family expanded over the years, they eventually looked to Sheriff's Meadow to help resolve some of the generational issues that often arise. Peter enjoyed working on Wall Street for 41 years. He found Nexstar Capital Partners in the fall of 2003, a firm focused on distressed investing, primarily in Latin America, after having been head of global investment banking for Latin America at Deutsche Bank. Peter held the same role at Bankers Trust Company in addition to overseeing the project finance business there. He is a former Chair of Electro Dunas in Peru, and served on the

board of GPU Argentina Holdings. Peter is a past co-president of the Chappaquiddick Island Association, former treasurer and board member of the Featherstone Center for the Arts, a past trustee and vice-president of the board for the Kent School in Connecticut, and former chair of Sheriff's Meadow Foundation. He currently sits on the board of Argan, Inc., a NYSE listed company whose primary business is to provide a full range of construction and related services to the power industry. Peter graduated from Williams College with a B.A. in American Civilization. He shares a lifelong commitment to conservation on Martha's Vineyard.



Megan Greenglass was born and raised on Martha's Vineyard and is now a seasonal resident of Edgartown. She grew up horseback riding at Crowhollow Farm

and running cross-country and track at the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School. Megan attended Elon University in North Carolina, and after graduating, she lived and worked in New York City for several years. She now works on the Talent Operations team at Toast, a Boston-based technology company. Megan remains closely connected to the Island and enjoys spending time on the water with her husband and two daughters.



Terry Guylay is a 50-year seasonal visitor and resident of Martha's Vineyard. She has rejoined the Board of Sheriff's Meadow, where she previously served as Treasurer. Terry is a graduate of Vassar College and received an MBA in Accounting from Hofstra University on Long Island. After business school she worked as a tax accountant for BDO and earned her CPA. She then joined her husband Wes's investment partnership firm in New York City and earned her CFA. She continues to work with Wes in their Family Limited Partnership. Terry has served on the Board of Miss Hall's School in Pittsfield Massachusetts and is an active member of the Lost Tree Foundation in Florida. Growing up on Long Island and spending every summer in Chilmark with Wes and their children, Sandra and Jeff, Terry has developed a strong interest in land preservation, conservation and maintenance. She is thrilled to be rejoining the Sheriff's Meadow Board and hopes to make a strong contribution.



Cedar Tree Neck Sanctuary. Photo by Susan Hughes



Benjamin Martin is an avid runner and surfer and lives on the Island with his wife, Hilary Dreyer, and their husky-mix rescue dog, Potato. Having met Hilary on one of the Island's trails back in college, Ben has a deep love of preserving the Island's lands to be enjoyed by all. Ben originally began visiting the Island with his parents and grandparents and a lifelong love of this place and

community brought Ben to the Island to live and work year-round in 2015. Ben currently serves as the Director of Development and Special Projects at the Martha's Vineyard Hospital where his primary focus has been centered on the hospital's "Housing for Healthcare" campaign to build workforce housing for hospital and nursing home employees.



Jonathan Steinberg has summered, since 1962, at his family retreat off of Lighthouse Road in Aquinnah. He studied at Putney School, UC Berkeley, the Université d'Aix/Marseille, and UCLA School of Law. He was a partner at Irell & Manella LLP for three decades, where he focused on congressional redistricting, voting rights and intellectual property litigation. As a second-year associate, he argued before the California Supreme Court on behalf of a delegation of California members of Congress. In subsequent redistricting cases, he represented the Senate of the State of California, and the Los Angeles City Council. A founding member of the board of the University of Southern California's Intellectual Property Institute, Mr. Steinberg represented a broad range of industries, from semiconductor companies to film studios. He serves as advisor and chairman emeritus of the board of iPalpiti Artists International, and on the board of Hear Now, each of which puts on classical music festivals in Los Angeles and in Europe.

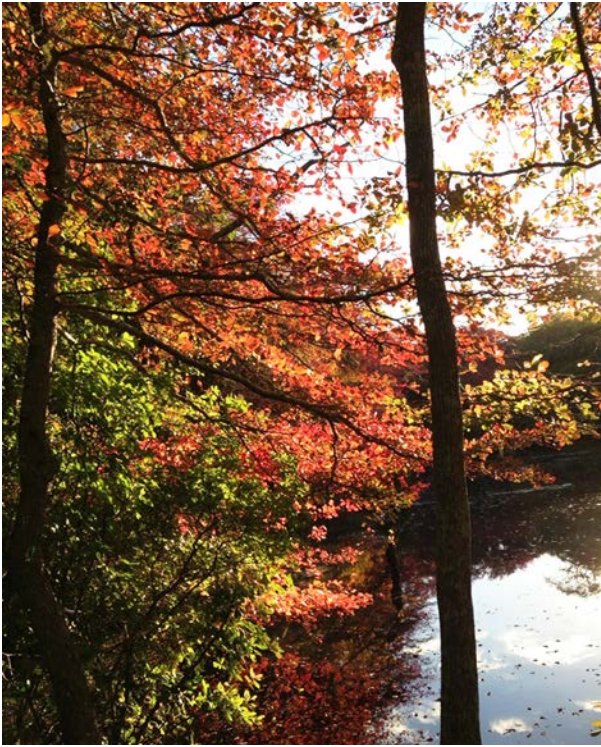


Little Beach. Photo by Noah Froh

Species Spotlight: Beetlebung (black gum or black tupelo)

Nyssa sylvatica

By Kristen Geagan, Director of Stewardship



Beetlebung trees at Cedar Tree Neck. Photos by Kristen Geagan

On Martha's Vineyard, the tree locally known as "beetlebung" is more widely recognized as black gum or tupelo in other areas of its native range. This unique local name originates from its historical use in the whale oil industry, where its tough, rot-resistant wood was crafted into the "beetle" (a type of hammer) and "bung" (a cork or stopper) for sealing barrels.

These striking wetland trees are among the first to announce the arrival of autumn, undergoing a dramatic transformation as their shiny foliage shifts into brilliant hues of red and purple. The trees are typically dioecious, meaning male and female flowers are found on separate trees. The flowers, once pollinated, produce a tart purple fruit with a large hard pit. These fall fruits serve as a crucial food source for a wide array of wildlife, providing essential sustenance during the colder months. In winter, even after their leaves have fallen, beetlebung trees remain easily identifiable by their distinctive horizontal branching pattern, which creates a captivating silhouette against the winter sky.



Invasive Species Alert: Help Us Track Mile-a-Minute Vine!

Originally introduced from Asia, Mile-a-Minute Vine has spread rapidly in various regions. First identified in Massachusetts in 2006, it is now popping up in multiple areas across the island. This highly invasive plant can grow up to six inches daily, suffocating and shading out native vegetation. Your help is crucial to prevent its further establishment on the island.

What to look for:

- Triangular leaves: Often nearly equilateral.
- Small, curved barbs: Found along the stems.
- Saucer-shaped leaves (ocrea): Located at the stem nodes.
- Metallic blue fruits: Ripen from green in the summer.

If you spot this plant, please report it to the MDAR (Mass Department of Agriculture) at <http://massnrc.org/pests>.

Together, we can help manage the spread of this invasive species and protect our unique natural communities!



Mile-a-Minute vine. Photo by Margaret Curtin



Fall Forestry Update

Sheriff's Meadow staff continued with several forestry projects this spring. All of the work is aimed at reducing the wildfire hazard, preparing forests for an expected southern pine beetle outbreak, or dealing with outbreaks already underway.



Logs and shredded wood at Phillips Preserve. Photo by Adam Moore

Forestry work shall continue on various Sheriff's Meadow Foundation properties in the fall of 2025 and the winter and spring of 2026.

At **Caroline Tuthill Preserve**, Sheriff's Meadow shall continue with a thinning of the pitch pine forest. The purpose of the thinning is twofold. First, thinning the forest gives the remaining, mature, healthy pitch pines the best chance at surviving an outbreak of the southern pine beetle. Thinning the forest enables the breeze to blow around the crowns of the pitch pines, and thereby disrupts the pheromone communication of the southern pine beetle. Second, thinning the forest reduces the wildfire hazard.

The work to be conducted at Caroline Tuthill Preserve will mimic the work that was performed in the spring of 2025. The pitch pines will be marked, the marked trees will be felled, the tops will be mulched on site, and the logs will be stacked in small piles. Certain larger logs may be removed from the site for milling into lumber.

For these properties and more, all of the forestry work is being conducted pursuant to Forest Cutting Plans

At the **Phillips Preserve**, Sheriff's Meadow has shredded the large piles of logs that had been left in scattered areas around this Vineyard Haven property. This shredded wood shall be moved to the neighboring land of John and Janet Packer, as the Packers fortunately have a use for the wood chips. Once

this work is complete, Sheriff's Meadow will use its new forestry equipment to cut remaining hazard trees along the trail and road.

We anticipate reopening the Phillips Preserve to the public in the winter.

At the **Tredwell property** on Tea Lane in Chilmark, Sheriff's Meadow will fell the large, dead pitch pines that ring this small property. All of these dead trees pose a hazard to the neighboring roads, power lines, and houses. Trees in the interior of the property will be left standing dead as wildlife habitat.



Wood chips. Photo by Adam Moore

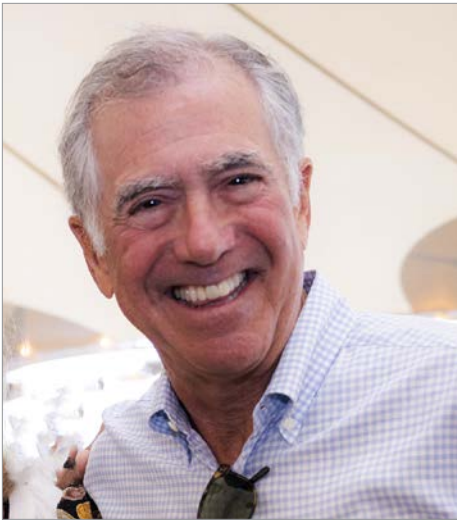
At **West Chop Woods**, much work awaits. Come winter, Sheriff's Meadow will fell freshly-killed trees along the trails, power lines and property boundaries. Then we will mulch the tops of the felled trees to eliminate "ladder fuels" and reduce the wildfire hazard. Logs will be stacked in small piles, and larger logs will be skidded to the power lines for milling. The trees in the interior of the property, that do not pose a safety hazard, will be left standing dead as wildlife habitat.

For these properties and more, all of the forestry work is being conducted pursuant to Forest Cutting Plans that have been written by Adam Moore, who is a Massachusetts Licensed Forester.

Anyone with questions about the southern pine beetle, wildfire hazard, or beech leaf disease is encouraged to call Adam Moore at 508.693.5207 or reach him via email at moore@sheriffsmeadow.org.

Summer Benefit Remarks Given at Oyster Pond

July 21, 2025



Remarks of Alan Rappaport

It is my pleasure to welcome you to our annual summer benefit. Always a fun event, it kicks off the summer on the right note, in a beautiful spot—tonight at this incredible home of Dick and Nancy Friedman—what a setting, with a lot of this property placed in conservation. I would like to start tonight with a thank you to Dick and Nancy, our hosts. Thanks for opening up your property to us once again—it is incredibly beautiful and a tangible reminder of what this organization is trying to preserve. And many thanks to our Summer Benefit Committee led by Ellen Harley, you do an amazing job year after year, so thank you.

Sheriff's Meadow is in its 68th year and is focused on conserving the natural, beautiful rural landscape and character of Martha's Vineyard. We conserve properties, maintain the properties that we have conserved, and build a community of those interested in protecting this island.

To date, we have protected close to 3,500 acres with miles and miles of walking trails; the properties are environmentally sensitive, historically significant, and incredibly beautiful. They stay that way because of the hard work by three groups. I would like to recognize all three:

First, the staff of Sheriff's Meadow:

We are so fortunate to have you work with us. You all have options, we know that.

But you decided to spend this time and your careers with us. I would like everyone to know who you are so please raise your hand when I call your name. Noah Froh—the fastest runner in conservation, Kristen Geagan—the lady who knows the island's secrets, Catherine Hall—the coordinator of the summer benefit, Tom Hallahan—keeps us organized and on target, Liz Loucks—a great botanist and the bane of invasive plants, Peter Rodegast—our expert in buildings, Joe Rogers—builder of boardwalks, keeper of trails and master of the skid steer. Thanks to all of you, for all your hard work.

Second, thanks to our board, 35 committed, hard-working, generous with time and money—it is a great board, its fun—we learn something at every meeting and we are making a difference. I am not going to call out everyone, but two groups deserve mention. To our new board members: Meg Greenglass, Ben Martin, and Jonathan Steinberg.

And, to returning board members: Peter Getsinger and Terry Guylay, welcome back! You both knew what you were getting into and came back, thank you!

To our retiring board members. We all believe that term limits are important to healthy organization, but there comes a bittersweet moment when valuable board members leave. I want to say a special word of thanks to: Stever Aubrey, Lisa Foster, Hillary Noyes-Keene, John Schaefer and George Ahl. You have made an incredible difference. Please stay close to us!

Third, is you, this group gathered here tonight. As you will hear from Adam, we have accomplished a lot since we last got together and have big plans. All of this happens because of you: the committed, engaged, thoughtful Sheriff's Meadow community. Thank you for your support this year and joining us to keep this Island beautiful for future generations to enjoy.

One final note before handing the podium to Adam, I too, just stepped down as board chair of Sheriff's Meadow and have termed off the board. It has been my honor to serve

this organization for over 10 years, chair for most of the past 3. I am so proud of all that we have accomplished. The island's beauty continues to attract thousands, putting pressure on our lands, infrastructure, and waters. Sheriff's Meadow's role is more important than ever.

We have a brief program tonight. Adam will share his views on what we have been able to accomplish since we were last together, our new board chair, Susannah Bristol, on goals for the years ahead. Sheriff's Meadow is so lucky to have Susannah—great experience, strong island connection, effective leader.

Now Adam, who has served as our president for the past 17 years—we are very lucky to have him.



Remarks of Adam Moore

Thank you, Alan—and thank you for your dedicated service to Sheriff's Meadow Foundation as a Board member, as the creator of TrailsMV, and as the Chair of our Board.

Before I begin, I want to give a shout out to staff member Noah Froh. Tomorrow, Noah and a team will attempt to do something that has never been done before, and that is to swim from Nantucket to Martha's Vineyard. He is doing this to help the YMCA teach kids to swim. Noah, Godspeed!



We meet tonight in the Quampeche region of Edgartown, beside Oyster Pond. We gratefully acknowledge the thousands of years of stewardship here by the Wampanoag people. We are gathered upon 36 acres of conservation land, all of it protected by conservation restrictions, given to Sheriff's Meadow in the 1980s by Allen Norton, Albie and Wilda White, and by our host, Dick Friedman.

At Sheriff's Meadow, we save land, we care for the land, and we foster a love of nature—and in the past year we have done all three. We conserved Pimpneymouse Farm! I want to give a special thanks to all those who gave. We will open this land to the public in the fall. And we still welcome and need your support.

To help us care for the land, we moved into our new maintenance facility and office at 78 Campbell Road in West Tisbury!

And to foster a love of nature, we opened Squibnocket Pond Reservation to the public! Thank you for your generous support—and for your patience. Please know that we are scheduling special Twilight Tours to thank our founding donors. Squibnocket Pond Reservation is full of rare species, but fostering a love of nature, is not just about the rare, it is also about the common.

But why care about what's common? Well, our original articles of organization called for us to: "acquire, receive, and protect such natural areas so that they may serve as living museums." So, I've pondered that phrase, "living museums," and with my daughter, Ingrid, we went to an actual natural history museum. The curator took us into the back, the storage areas—the cabinets of every kind of bird and reptile and fish and frog. The curator showed us the heath hen, but then, the curator said he wanted us to send him specimens of whatever is common. And I said, "why?" And he relied, "because these were common one day," And then he opened up a drawer full of passenger pigeons.

So, today, I ask you, to go forth and savor the common. Go to Cedar Tree Neck, go to the groves of American beeches, and stand in their shade, one last time. And then, go out joyfully, and savor the abundance of the common all around us—pick the huckleberries, rake the quahaugs, gather the hazelnuts.

You give us the ability to save the land and savor the common. You are Sheriff's Meadow supporters. You make all of this possible. We really appreciate you, and we thank you.

It is now my great pleasure to introduce to you our new Board Chair, Susannah Bristol.



Remarks of Susannah Bristol

Thank you, Adam and Alan for your remarks, and gratitude to the Friedmans for sharing this splendid space with us.

It is an honor to be with you all tonight, and a privilege to begin my term as Chair of this remarkable organization. As you have just heard from Alan and Adam, Sheriff's Meadow has accomplished much in the past year, and we remain focused on conservation, stewardship, and sharing these properties and trails with the public, while cultivating a love of nature.

Standing here tonight, I am reminded of the vision and undaunted energy that founder Henry Beetle Hough displayed back in 1959 when he and his wife, Elizabeth, used their modest journalist income to acquire our first property, Sheriff's Meadow Sanctuary, followed shortly by the iconic Cedar Tree Neck. Our continued focus on vistas wide as well as hidden, underscores their early devotion to conservation. Today, the Houghs would be in awe of the scope and breadth of our endeavors—ranging from examining the eDNA from our bodies of water—to universal access trails—and a

forestry skid steer that has removed a thousand trees ahead of the southern pine beetle infestation.

As our organization approaches its 8th decade, our mission has not wavered. Currently, we are more than two thirds through a strategic plan begun in 2022 which identified six program goals. We have achieved a number of these goals and are endeavoring to bring others within our sights.

Our work continues around:

The renewal of our Land Trust Accreditation, growing the endowment to support our program, and expanding the network of the Sheriff's Meadow family—even the New York Post travel section wants to know about us and our Squibnocket Pond Reservation!

Our growing operations require broader and broader financial support. Tonight's benefit remains one of the most important sources of revenue for our operating budget. Tonight's event has raised more than \$720,000. A gigantic salute to everyone here tonight for your commitment to conservation. A particular shout out to Ellen Harley, our benefit chair, and her team. As Ellen modestly says, "this night is simply a fun gathering and dinner to recognize our donors." Hardly a simple gathering, but you made it happen, Ellen and team, and this evening is crucial to our success.

A remaining initiative for Sheriff's Meadow is to ensure our endowment can support the work of green and blue conservation. We will be focusing more on how Planned Giving can achieve a growing source of strength for Sheriff's Meadow.

At this point you have heard enough from us, but I cannot conclude without expressing the deep gratitude of our Board for your continued support. You have served as volunteers, ambassadors, even spokespersons at planning board meetings. Your continuing commitment to this shared treasure will ensure Sheriff Meadow's success for decades to come.

Thank you and enjoy the rest of the evening.

Photos by Sara Piazza

Legacy Giving at Sheriff's Meadow Foundation

Please consider making a Legacy Gift to Sheriff's Meadow Foundation. Legacy gifts are used to grow our endowment, and the endowment is essential to our perpetual duty to care for conservation lands. Currently, our endowment provides support for about 20% of our operating budget. Our goal is for the endowment to provide about 50% of our operating budget. Legacy Giving offers the best opportunity to grow our endowment to the needed levels.

Our Legacy Giving program is simple. Legacy gifts include:

- ❖ Bequests, where donors recognize Sheriff's Meadow Foundation in their wills;
- ❖ Gifts of conservation land, which would be discussed with Sheriff's Meadow in advance;
- ❖ Gifts of asset land, which could be sold, and which may or may not be discussed with Sheriff's Meadow in advance;
- ❖ Distributions from an IRA;
- ❖ Naming Sheriff's Meadow as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy or of an IRA or other retirement plan; and
- ❖ Inclusion of Sheriff's Meadow in succession plans for Donor-Advised Funds.

We have prepared a simple Estate Planning Form that can be provided to you upon request.

We have created a Legacy Society to thank and recognize those donors who have chosen to make a Legacy Gift and who wish to be acknowledged publicly. Joining the Legacy Society provides a helpful example and can inspire others to give a Legacy Gift. We will list the members of this society in a prominent place in our new office, list the names in our Annual Report, and hold an annual gathering. We expect to hold our first annual gathering in 2026. Thank you.

If you are interested in making a bequest, bequeathing land, or giving another type of Legacy Gift, please contact the Sheriff's Meadow Foundation office.



Cedar Tree Neck Sanctuary. Photo by Noah Froh



Sheriff's Meadow Foundation Happenings

Rez Williams Poster, #6 of Cedar Tree Neck Sanctuary



Support the Annual Fund

Sheriff's Meadow Foundation is delighted to share the latest poster in the Rez Williams series, a 14" x 19" piece designed by Kathleen Forsythe and featuring a section of Rez Williams' oil painting of the beech trees along the Irvin Trail at Cedar Tree Neck Sanctuary. We are pleased to share this poster with donors at no cost, and welcome any contributions to support the conservation work it celebrates. Please scan the QR code to view the entire poster series.

To request a copy, please order through the above link or contact Advancement Coordinator Catherine Hall at hall@sheriffsmeadow.org.



Land Trust Alliance Rally 2025



From September 3, 2025 to September 6, 2025, Noah Froh and Adam Moore attended the annual Rally of the Land Trust Alliance. The 2025 Rally took place in Cleveland, Ohio, and featured a range of educational programs and field trips on all matters of interest to land trusts. Some 2,000 people attended from across the country, including Board members and Staff members from land trusts large and small.

Of note is that Adam and Noah traveled to Foxfield Preserve of the Wilderness Center in Wilmot, Ohio. Foxfield Preserve is a conservation burial ground—both a land trust property and a “green cemetery.” At Foxfield Preserve, bodies and cremated remains may be buried—and cremated remains may be scattered—in strict accordance with the requirements of the Green Burial Council as a natural burial ground. It is one of only a dozen such properties in the United States. Sheriff's Meadow Foundation visited Foxfield Preserve to see if it could serve as a model for a possible conservation burial ground on a Sheriff's Meadow Foundation property.

In 2026, the Rally will be held in Denver, Colorado. Those with any questions about the Land Trust Alliance or about Rally are encouraged to contact the Sheriff's Meadow Foundation office.

SMF is up for re-accreditation, Please see page 11.

SMF Office Renovations



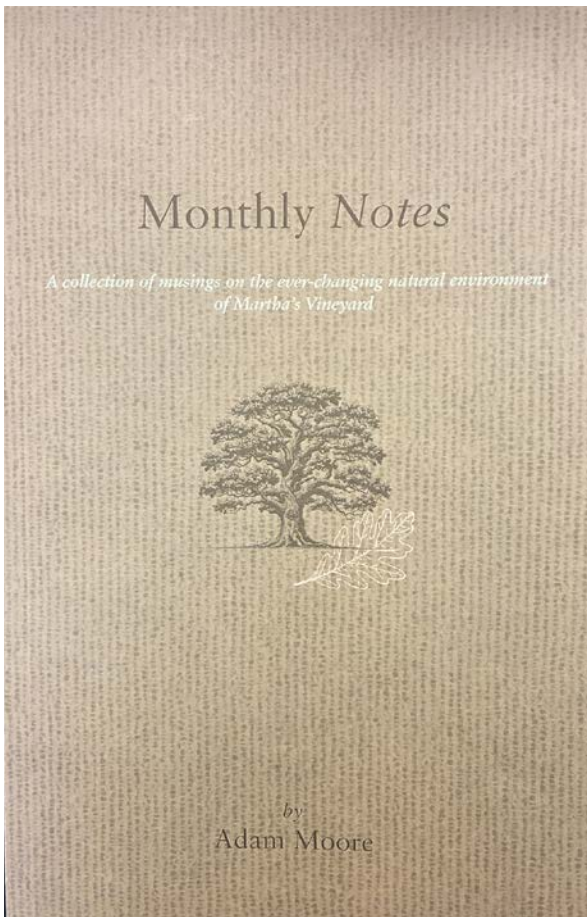
Meeting space. Photo by Adam Moore



Adam's future office. Photo by Noah Froh

Work continues at 78 Campbell Road. The meeting space is completed and the offices are expected to be ready soon.

Monthly Notes Published



Sheriff's Meadow Foundation is pleased to have published the book *Monthly Notes*. Written by Adam Moore, *Monthly Notes* is a compilation of the brief introductions to the "Monthly Update" essay that Adam writes each month for the Board of Directors. Each monthly update begins with a brief observation of nature or island life. These have been compiled over the 17 years that Adam has served as the Executive Director or President of Sheriff's Meadow Foundation.

The book was made available to all those who sponsored the Summer Benefit or purchased tickets to the Summer Benefit. *Monthly Notes* is now being made available to all those who donate \$1,000 or more to our Annual Fund and to all those who join our Legacy Society.



Cedar Tree Neck. Photo by Noah Froh



PUBLIC NOTICE

August 22, 2025

Land Trust Accreditation Renewal Application

The land trust accreditation program recognizes land conservation organizations that meet national quality standards for protecting important natural places and working lands forever.

Sheriff's Meadow Foundation is pleased to announce it is applying for renewal of accreditation. **A public comment period is now open.**

The Land Trust Accreditation Commission, an independent program of the Land Trust Alliance, conducts an extensive review of each applicant's policies and programs.

"Accreditation has been an essential element in improving all of the policies and procedures involved in managing a land conservation organization."

- ADAM MOORE, PRESIDENT OF SHERIFF'S MEADOW FOUNDATION

The Commission invites public input and accepts signed, written comments on pending applications. Comments must relate to how Sheriff's Meadow Foundation complies with national quality standards. These standards address the ethical and technical operation of a land trust. For the full list of standards, please scan the QR code below.

To learn more about the accreditation program and to submit a comment, visit www.landtrustaccreditation.org, or email your comment to info@landtrustaccreditation.org

Comments may also be mailed to:

Land Trust Accreditation Commission
Attn: Public Comments
36 Phila Street, Suite 2
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866



Comments on our application will be most useful by November 28, 2025.

If you have any questions about Sheriff's Meadow Foundation or Land Trust Accreditation, please contact Sheriff's Meadow Foundation at (508) 693-5207 or at info@sheriffsmeadow.org

Summer Benefit Sunset ~ Oyster Pond



Photos by Sara Piazza

Squibnocket Pond Reservation ~ Update

By Noah Froh

On October 31st, the rangers at Squibnocket Pond arrived at the property for the last day of the season. Throughout the summer, thousands visited the property, beginning their hikes from either the North or South Trailhead. Some visitors walked in or biked to the property, while others made vehicle reservations using the online reservation system. Many visitors enjoyed the shorter hike and close-up views of Squibnocket Pond from the North trailhead, while others opted for a longer hike down to the ocean from the South trailhead, where they often jumped in the water at the recreation beach, or continued their hike along the pedestrian beach.

The property was staffed by over a dozen Sheriff's Meadow Foundation's Summer Rangers, both new and returning. Additional staff from Land Bank and Sheriff's Meadow worked at the property throughout the summer to maintain trails, install boardwalks, and monitor rare species.

From November to May, vehicle reservations will no longer be required to visit Squibnocket Pond Reservation, and the property will be open to the public from dawn to dusk. Over the winter, Sheriff's Meadow and Land Bank will begin working on phase two of opening the property, which will include additional trails at both the North and South Trailheads.



Interested in learning more about our Summer Ranger position? Reach out to Noah Froh at froh@sheriffsmeadow.org for more information.



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For more information and to register, please scan the QR code.

Squibnocket Pond Reservation South – Aquinnah

Sunday, November 16, 2025
10:00 am-12:00 pm

Join us up-island for a guided walk at SPR South, our newest property open to the public. Explore the recently created trail system, discover diverse habitats, and learn about the natural and cultural history that make this landscape so remarkable.

Advance registration is required.

Chappaquiddick Hike

Sunday, December 14, 2025
10:00 am-12:00 pm

Join us for a guided walk exploring SMF trails on Chappaquiddick. Together we will discover the beauty and diversity of this special island landscape while learning more about the land and SMF's ongoing conservation work. **Advance registration is required.**



New Year's Day Hike

Cedar Tree Neck, West Tisbury
Thursday, January 1st, 2026
9:00 am-12:00 pm

New Year's Day Hike: Join Sheriff's Meadow Foundation for a special 3-hour, 6.5 mile hike at Cedar Tree Neck Sanctuary on Thursday, January 1, 2026 to start the New Year off on the right foot! We will hike the full 6.5 mile loop which follows the Orange Trail to the Green Trail, including parts of Indian Hill Road and our newly opened Stevenson Trail. Put on your hiking boots, dress in layers, and join us for a refreshing hike at our award-winning property. Register using this QR code!