



Frenchman Bay CONSERVANCY

protecting the land you love



PHOTO JIM LEVITT

Little Tunk Pond

Tunk Pond Easements

by Jamie Brown

Over the past two years, Jim and Jane Levitt generously donated to the Frenchman Bay Conservancy (FBC) two conservation easements on their property in the northeast corner of the town of Sullivan. The first, known as the Two Rock Beach easement, was completed at the end of 2006. The second, known as the Levitt Cove easement, was completed in the second half of 2007. Together, these two easements protect nearly 175 acres of forested uplands, some 4,500 feet of Little Tunk Pond shorefront, and over 500 feet of Tunk Lake's shorefront.

The easements safeguard remarkable scenic resources. They protect the view of most of the shoreland on Little Tunk

Pond that can be seen to the north and west of FBC's existing Little Tunk Preserve. Beyond the newly protected shoreline, a visitor to the Little Tunk Preserve can see the impressive profiles

Frenchman Bay Conservancy protects nearly a mile of shorefront on Little Tunk Pond and Tunk Lake with two new easements.

of both Schoodic and Black Mountains, located in the State of Maine's adjacent Donnell Pond Unit. In their proximity to other conserved properties, the easements donated by the Levitts expand the mosaic of lands around Tunk Lake that comprise one of the largest contiguous

areas of protected lands in Downeast Maine. Including a variety of properties being conserved by public, non-profit and private landowners, the protected lands around Tunk encompass tens of

thousands of acres stretching from Spring River Lake to Schoodic Bog.

Though the two easements donated by the Levitts do not provide for public access, they do help to ensure that users of the State and Conservancy land will continue to enjoy spectacular views and

President's Column

A message from our president: Lisa Heyward

Greetings,

Fall could arguably be claimed as Maine's most spectacular season. The reds and golds of the changing leaves as well as the uniquely rich burgundies of the blueberry barrens reward ramblings by car, bike or on foot. It is the perfect time to enjoy FBC's Short Hikes! On a hike on the Baker Hill trails or a late visit to Little Tunk Lake we can be especially appreciative of the generosity of the donors of conservation easements and property who have opened these places for our use and enjoyment. In celebrating FBC's twentieth anniversary year we have taken credit for achieving the protection of so many acres, but it is really the donors who must be thanked repeatedly for preserving the beauties of these places.

We continue to see the generosity of landowners wishing to donate property and conservation easements. More projects than we have ever seen before are landing on Jamie's desk. It is an honor and a joy as well as a great responsibility to work with these potential donors, as together we try to preserve special lands for the enjoyment and use of future generations. Along with increased numbers of projects we see increasingly complex projects. The Levitt easements that Jamie showcases in the lead article of this issue are the result of careful planning by the Levitts. They knew they wanted to preserve the pristine aspect of the shores of Little Tunk Lake. For financial reasons they chose to do the protection in two separate easements, rather than one. The result for conservation is the same: the preservation of a special place. And, again, we can thank forward thinking and very generous landowners.

Sincerely,



Lisa Heyward, President



Frenchman Bay:

An inside view from Beppie Noyes

Joyous Colors

from 2003

Pick a color, any color: yellow? We have that, poplars a dazzling yellow, golden against the blue October sky. Orange? We have that in all shades.

Former Board member Elizabeth “Beppie” Noyes died July 3, 2007, at her beloved home Tasseltop in Sorrento, Maine. For many years FBC members and friends have enjoyed her cheery essays about the natural world. We hope to occasionally reprint some of her columns in future issues, but this is the last one for a while. To get a copy of “Beppie’s Musings,” a collection of her newsletter columns, please contact Joyce at the FBC office (207-422-2328).

Why, when the meadows swirl with Monarchs, crickets sing, and spiders send their silver threads on the evening wind, when hummers in twos and threes hover over the fall flowers, Liatris and Dahlia, Queen Ann’s Lace and wild aster, when the sky is swept by great white drifts of cloud and the sea turns sapphire and the maples ruby red and amber, why is it when the world around me is wild with every shade of joyous color, why is my heart so sad?

It is not just the thought of the future—the cold and the snow and frozen mud by the road side, the ever diminishing wood pile, or the short days as the sun dips low over the bare trees too soon. Who could ask for a more dazzling good-bye than we have here on the coast of Maine? A slow lingering smile, songs remembered, sails on the sparkling bay, campfires on the beach... Perhaps it is the memory of other good-byes—of the hand held for the last time—a letter full of love and little jokes—who knew it would be the last one?

So I walk the roads along the edges of our bay, blinded by the colors of our Maine October day, and it is like hitting all of the piano keys at once. Pick a color, any color: yellow? We have that, poplars a dazzling yellow, golden against the blue October sky. Orange? We have that in all shades. The maples are every tint from pale to brilliant with bright red bleeding down the fluttering leaf tips. The oaks still hold on to hunter green, keeping the summer spirit alive just a bit longer, but whispering their dry brown secrets if you listen. In the woods along the shore and up in the hills, the evergreens hold fast to their silhouettes. Pine and fir, cedar and spruce sound the organ-point of their dark tones, shadows of black, substantial shades standing upright in their places in the year’s end, the everlasting evergreens.

We all go through this changing time. The old earth knows her children wherever and whoever you are—turning leaf or tenacious root, leaping deer or walking woman, spider spinning or weary man, singing frog, wondering child, blue berry or hungry bear—the earth is always turning us round and round and the clock, the real clock, not some new digital device or expensive designer sports watch—her clock, running on star light, ebb tide, and falling leaf, is always ticking, and never needs winding, batteries neither included nor necessary.

Fall is our yearly reminder: life is short and sweet, and dark and sad. From our earliest years to our last good-byes, we are filled with beginnings and endings, joys, sorrows, memories and tomorrows. Like the turning trees, these fountains of fire, we try to shed our lazy old selves. We too look forward to the coming seasons that stretch ahead down this country road that winds around us as we go. Like the leaves, we are a splash of color, a heartbeat of the life we know is out there and in here, a persistent whisper in the inner ear that says,

“Wait ‘til next year...”

Beppie Noyes

Celebrating 20 years of pro



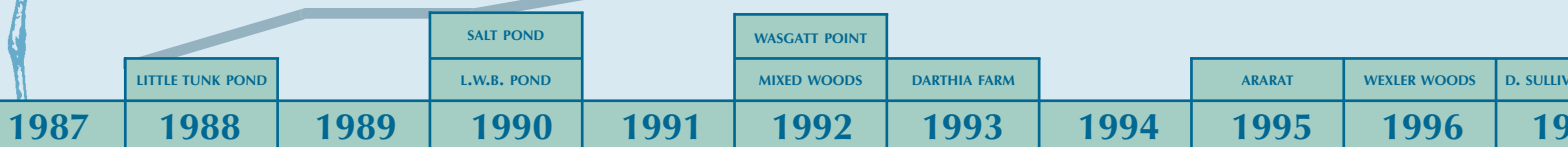
Oliver Crosby

Frenchman Bay Conservancy's annual meeting on August 19 celebrated our twenty years of protecting land in the region. The highlight of the day was the dedication of a granite bench inscribed to honor Oliver Crosby. Oliver was one of the original signers of the Articles of Incorporation and he has served on the Board continuously ever since. In her remarks, President Lisa Heyward said, "Oliver is truly the heart of Frenchman Bay Conservancy."

"The fact that Oliver Crosby was there from the beginning is one of the main reasons that the FBC is here and thriving today. His even temperament and his distinguished diplomatic service in U.S. embassies all over the world were invaluable. He could see the pros and cons of each person's argument. He refused to be distracted by non-essential issues that were often raised, but steadfastly brought us back to the matter of forging ahead to found and nurture a lasting organization." *Sheila Denny-Brown, signer of Articles of Incorporation and founding Board member.*

"I remember Oliver educating us in the early days of FBC about the need to protect and conserve land. Year after year he'd stand up in the VIS Annual Meeting and give a report on the progress being made by the nascent FBC. Everybody loved Oliver so we all tolerated it, but it took a long time and a lot of effort on his part before we really got it." *Barbara Kent, longtime Board member.*

As Oliver is quick point out, he didn't do it alone. Many people have worked with him over the years to accomplish FBC's record of success. We would especially like to thank everyone who has served on the Board of Directors. They have attended meetings, worked on trails, raised money and given sage advice.



Frenchman Bay Conservancy formed.

Protecting the land you love, and the people who helped along the way.

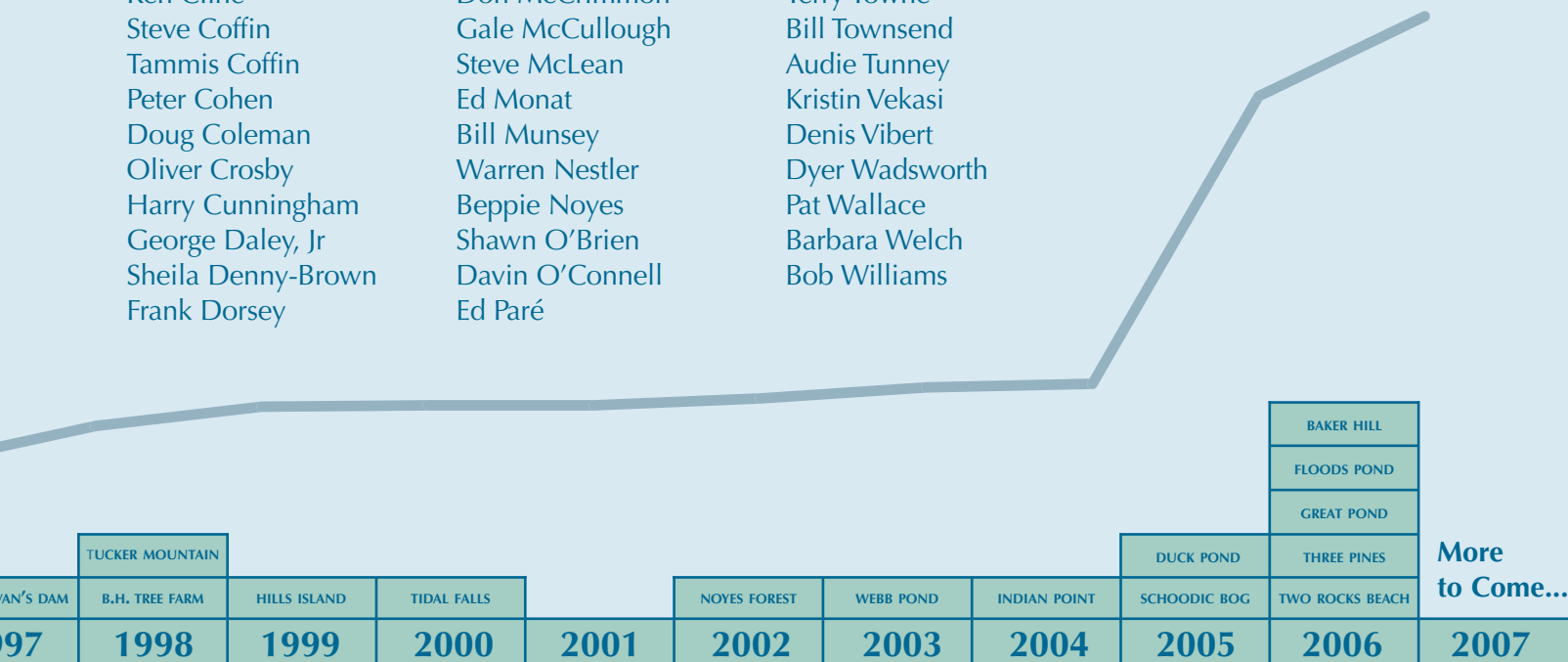
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View of Levitt Easement from across Little Tunk Pond

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abundant wildlife—there are beaver, deer, moose, bear, loons, osprey and eagles that frequent the area—as well as the quiet outdoor experiences that are associated with this beautiful corner of Maine. The easements furthermore help to ensure that, through the use of sustainable forestry management practices, the water quality and health of the forests around Little Tunk Pond and Tunk Lake will be maintained.

The family that donated the easements has a deep connection with the area, as reflected in a recent conversation with Jim Levitt: “Ever since Jane and I started coming up to Tunk nearly two decades

ago, we have loved it here. Each of our three kids—Will, Dan and Laura—has come to Tunk for part of every summer of each of their lives to swim in the pond, climb in the mountains, search for wildlife and enjoy our friends and family in this wonderful setting. For us, this is a very, very special place. With these easements, important parts of the shore of Little Tunk Pond and Tunk Lake will be protected forever. That gives us great satisfaction and peace of mind.”

Jim directs the Program on Conservation Innovation at the Harvard Forest and is very active in the land conservation movement at a national

level. His knowledge and experience helped the Conservancy to take a fresh look at its easement-drafting practices regarding sustainable land use. Thanks in part to a dialogue with Jim, the Conservancy was able to create easements that protect the land’s conservation values and allow for ongoing sustainable management practices. Further, by completing these easements in a phased manner over two years, the land was protected while the landowners were able to benefit fully from the associated federal tax deductions. The Levitt easements at Tunk offer

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a great example of how the Conservancy can work with landowners to create a conservation solution that benefits the public, meets landowner objectives and advances the Conservancy’s mission of conserving distinctive local landscapes and natural resources for the benefit of wildlife and people. ❖

Fundraising: *How we ask and why*

As a member of Frenchman Bay Conservancy, you’ll receive several kinds of requests for funding. We do this because we know that people respond differently to appeals. Some are inspired by a picture of a completed project, some like to be in on a land purchase and some are interested in supporting the basic operations of the organization. We don’t expect everyone to respond to every request and we are grateful for every gift you send. These are the kinds of appeals you’ll receive:

Membership Renewal Notices are sent in the spring. These gifts go into the general operating fund, which pays for all the staff time put into the land protection and stewardship programs.

An Annual Appeal is sent in the fall. These gifts also go into general operating.

Three Newsletters each year include a donation card. Each newsletter will highlight a specific program area or project and you’ll have the opportunity to direct your gift to that program if you choose.

Capital Campaigns to purchase land or complete major projects have their own schedule, outside the regular fundraising routine. We always offer our members the opportunity to contribute to such projects, either through a special appeal or through a newsletter. We also reach beyond our membership in these campaigns to engage more members of

the community in protecting the places that are important to them.

If you don’t wish to receive specific kinds of mailings, please let us know and we’ll make every effort to respect your wishes. We can’t customize the newsletter mailings because of the rules for bulk mail, but we can remove your name from the mailing lists of any appeal.

In Memoriam

We have received memorial donations in honor of Frank Howd and Anne Geier.

Join us TODAY!

Most of our operating budget is provided by donations from our members. We count on your regular donations to enable us to protect more land and preserve the character of this very special place. We welcome donations at all levels—the growth in our membership over the years tells us that the community values our work.

Our members tell us that the benefit they value most is the knowledge that they've done their share in *protecting the land they love*. But, just as a bonus, they also get three editions a year of our informative newsletter, and they get the opportunity to help out with trail maintenance, planting flowers or getting out a mailing.

Blue Heron Society

If your circumstances permit, we urge you to consider joining the Blue Heron Society by making a commitment to give \$1000 or more each year for general operating support. You can help us grow into a more ambitious and proactive land trust with more capacity to make a difference.

YES! I want to join Frenchman Bay Conservancy.

NAME(S) _____

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Membership Levels

Please enroll me in the category checked below:

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- I am interested in becoming an FBC volunteer.
 My check, payable to FBC, is enclosed.

Please remit form and check to: Frenchman Bay Conservancy
PO Box 150, Hancock, Maine 04640

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Thank you!

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Frenchman Bay Conservancy is a nonprofit land trust founded in 1987. Its mission is to promote conservation of the distinctive landscapes and natural resources of the Frenchman Bay and Union River watersheds for the benefit of wildlife and people.



For more information on the Conservancy, please visit our office at Tidal Falls, or contact us by mail, phone, or e-mail:

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2007 Musselman Canoe & Kayak Race Results

Racing Class (9 miles)	Paddler	Place	Time
OPEN CANOE Two man	Justin Wardwell & Clayton Cole	Overall Winners	1:23:50
OPEN CANOE Mixed	Chip Loring & Ander Thebaud	1st	1:25:50
	Kate Muir & Bob Hessler	2nd	1:31:05
WAR CANOE	Terry Wescott, Bob Miller, Michael Sprout, Ted Pierson, Dave Lee, Lori Peasley, Bill Deighan, Ed Raymaker, Bernard Cremieu-Allan & Angus Deighan	1st	1:29:15
OPEN CANOE Male	Brian Galipeau	1st	1:34:31
	Mark Rosborough	2nd	1:49:15
	Duncan Rosborough	3rd	2:35:00
KAYAK Male	Dick Hanson	1st	1:34:30
	John Carter	2nd	1:34:40
	Earl Baldwin Jr.	3rd	1:37:40
	Dan Beaumert	4th	2:00:15
Recreation Class (4.5 miles)			
KAYAK Female	Tammy Kelley	Overall Winner	52:20
	Ellen Shapiro	2nd	1:18:40
KAYAK Male	Bob Bachorik	1st	58:20
	Gary Thomas	2nd	59:55
	Ralph Shaprio	3rd	1:00:40

In Celebration
 FBC has received donations in honor of the marriages of Dan Farrenkopf & Misha Mytar and Marc & Emily Prud'hommeaux. Congratulations!