

Notes on Conservation III. Questions

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Is Lobsterville Moors considered “protected open space” due to limited access nature of road? Are there other such areas that are legally protected by mechanisms other than fee to organization or CR?

Brendan O’Neill: 78 parcels of 20-100 acres undeveloped and unprotected left on MV. Six are >100 acres. Will VCS hold land like Moshup Trail? Or gift to another? >29 CRs on 2000 ac by 1980.

APR – Increasing need to ensure that area is really farmed, not just horse farm or hobby farm. MVG citing Brendan. Supply not meeting demand. Clear need for access to more land. ⁱ

Ag conflict with rare and endangered species, oversight by NHESPⁱⁱ

What happened to the Mill Brook Watershed project? Was it ever written up? Mill Brook Trail Association Trust – VCS 1995. Mill Brook Walking Trail (is that Tea Lane to Native Earth etc?).

Brian – Do we map all of Seven Gates as protected or only the 930 or 1026 ac?

VOLF. CR on Spring Point or others? Deed restriction for open space? Some have public access (Meetinghouse Road) some private (Pilot Hill). Sweetened Water – deed restriction. Meetinghouse CR-VOLF.

View Easements – VOLF. Working at Spring Point. Study at Makonikey, assisted by Hyde Landscape Excavations. VOLF – Preservation Through Planning.

Ongoing role of VOLF? Own land, but what is their activity? Tashmoo Springs View & building.

TTOR when involved in MV? Grey Barn details? Rainbow Farm?

Mink Meadows proposed CR to TTOR. Wes Ward involved; will brief.

CR donation. Formerly 30% deduction for 5 years. Now 50% for 15 years.

Collaboration - MVLB and Chappaquiddick Open Space Fund (collected more than \$2.1m from 96 donors 1997-2003). 2003 purchased 3.5 ac for \$650,000 on North Neck – key link in cross-Chappy trail (\$200K from MVLB). Worked with Marsh Hawk Trust – arm of SMF to buy over time. COSF started with \$1m towards “unbuilding” of John and Mary Francis house that fronted outer harbor opposite Caleb’s Pond. President Nancy Hugger, Skip Bettancourt’s wife; they put CR on 14.5 ac including access to Cranberry bog. 2002 >\$100K from 123 donors. One of eight Chappaquiddick Island Association subcommittees with money funneled through Marsh Hawk Trust at no expense. Dick Johnson – triad model

for conservation: Chappy, SMF, MVLB. Self property (trails now expanded, house will go)

SMF. 2008 140 parcels only 8 open to public.

Largest private landowner on MV? 2005 ac fee 150 parcels; 853 ac CR.

Access -- McMahon Article on Public Trust Document (In Land Protection)

MAS – Why was Allen Morgan involved in CTN with Hough as VP MAS 1960?

MV: Choices for the Future. Paper assessing state of Vineyard from a conservation and development perspective (Leah Johnson Smith economist and Phil Henderson).

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