Notes - Perspectives

Generalizable
Pre-hist. drilled by nature/conflicts with power/control of change / this leads to all kinds of new legacies + respect

Surprises from past climate, Evr. Agv, next?
Conserv. back 2 land, hum

Lessons - Ecological, About the land, About the People

What legacies are we generating, what inertial forces
are we unleashing?

Part of landscape that we're losing - the lookoutlands, the huge expanse of fields, the wind-swept isolated trees.

What legacies? Garlic mustard + whole pine + spruce

Two things to save: history + land

New legacies + inertial forces

Much more to learn from history = Time-perspective, new tools and
new knowledge. But to do this we need better access to
the sources = VG/MVM - archives, maps, oral histories, V6 film, Dick/Nim articled

Big landscape to interpret - Squib, Katama, NW show

Surprises - Hurricane, Coyote, Winter Holly, Weaque - Squib,

As for me - See more of land and people

Conserv. - EA returned to Freeman Law - operative word is gen.

No need to conserve anything. Every parcel is habitat & does
support us & native organisms. But each is also a precious
architectural growth in importance. Good to have places that fill
up history of people + farm. We need all this info to help continue
managed + stable + spruce - a store of famines, food miles, junkyards

Lack of agreement on schools - regionalization
Lessons learned about the Island

Past
Pre-history was dominated by natural processes.
Means that for 1000 years we've been in a new era
in which our activities - with variable impacts - have
been significantly responsible for shaping the land.
Means that the Land's dynamics we experience are
increasingly a consequence of not just what we see
and witness but what people have done in
the past.
Should give us pause, as we act. For every one of our
actions sets off a cascade of subsequent actions.

From within this appreciation of history and the few
insights that this volume has been able to contribute,
H. W. and H. Mitchell
into Wasque and Beach, or the history of MFLSF
or late devastation of West Chop. We have much
to learn about the natural history of the Island
Opportunities for students. Lessons and admonitions
for our elders.

There is much basic work to be done. We can
also bring new and unique tools and new and refined
perspectives to bear on information. We've looked
at MFLSF, Lloyd Rave, Copeau have looked at
Long Point and Wasque, Dick Burt has examined
local history at Experiween Magheon's place, Eric
Nic start on Proprietors history of WT - what about E?

Karin Stanley - Bullard (?) Farm + Inn / PHA

Peter has examined Pond People - Smith and then Flint lands. So much more to do - people like Simon Atwater, Dr. Fisher, H.W. Butters and Norton. Also important conservation landscapes - we've looked at MFLSF - but what about Squire Farm, Red Gate Farm, Seven Cores, Kataura, Cheep Woodenlands. Understand interpret, weave human tales and use to appreciate and to motivate conservation and guide stewardship. We know much more. Process continues.

Accomplish this and to identify other serendipitous avenues to pursue need to tap the good will and resources of all and to spur our institutions to action. Scour our closets, learn, draw attention to letters, journals, and help archive these. Simple recent example - Gazette's recent effort to track movies, and of course Lucas work on oral histories. Archive and make available - Gazette website, Lucas work should be digital and available audio and downloadable podcasts. Main repositories could and should do much more - MVM finding aid but make available digitally. Gazette: microfilms but move to full digital access. Will spur more collection. Two up, will make these available to students. Will let all connect with history and landscape.

Campaign - Sucking Sound - Dick + Jim re Indian

Conservation of landscapes = history, legacies. Don't
need to preserve all. EA

Bring local food, conservation, appreciation of history and natural history together.

Need it all - primary woods that hint of older conditions, multi-stemmed wood use and keep warm - with all benefit from tools. Different histories.

Stone walls. Waup rush brooms, junk yards.

Need inspiration.