



# Trail Markers



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## Trail Walk and Annual Meeting Sunday May 2, 2010

Our 65th Annual Meeting will take place at 4:00 p.m. , at the Weston Scout House on School Street, across from the Weston Public Library. You can park in front of the Scout House or in the Library parking lot (at the back, please, to leave room for the normal library patrons).

At 2:00 p.m. prior to the Meeting our usual Sunday guided walk will take place, led by Paul Arkema with the support of Pam Fox , President of the Weston Historical Society. It will cover the historic Sears Land where some of the sites relate to Weston's very interesting industrial period.

The meeting point is at the Church Street Railroad Station, where ample parking is available.

Kids and dogs are welcome, but the latter should be leashed.

Refreshments will be served at the Scout House afterwards, as part of the Annual Meeting.

The brief business meeting will be followed by a slide presentation by

Dr. John M. Hagan, President

### Manomet Center for Conservation Sciences

The title of of the lecture will be:

#### Being an Honest Broker of Conservation Science: How Manomet Does Its Work



In an age of polarization, sound bites, and a fire-hose of 24/7 internet information, where can we get unbiased information so we can all make informed decisions? Is climate change real or not? Is it caused by humans or not? Should Massachusetts use its forests for energy? What would you need to know to answer these tough questions, and where would you get that information?

Manomet is a 40-year old science-based organization ([www.manomet.org](http://www.manomet.org)). It exists to provide people with accurate, unbiased information so they themselves can make informed decisions in the context of their own values, especially in relation to natural resource issues and sustainability. John Hagan will discuss some of the difficult issues Manomet is working on (climate change, alternative energy, maintaining clean water, and using the free market to protect environmental values essential to human well-being), and how it tackles these complex problems by restoring trust at the local community level on up.

#### More about John M. Hagan, Ph.D.

#### President, Manomet Center for Conservation Sciences

In 2008, John Hagan took the helm as Manomet's third President in its 40-year history. John began his career at Manomet in 1986, when he joined the Landbird Program as a Senior Scientist. He led the analysis of Manomet's long-term bird banding dataset and organized Manomet's landmark symposium on Neotropical (John M. Hagen, continued next page...)

migratory bird conservation in Woods Hole in 1989. He edited the award-winning symposium volume published by Smithsonian Press.

John went on to establish Manomet's Forest Conservation Program, based in Brunswick, Maine, in 1997. He led a variety of field studies on forestry and biodiversity in the region, and helped transform how the forestry sector thinks about protecting biodiversity. He has worked closely with both timber companies and environmental groups, and is respected as an impartial source of information as well as a neutral convener of diverse interests. With a series of grants from the National Commission on Science for Sustainable Forestry, he helped develop a simple, science-based approach to selecting sustainability indicators that include society's economic, social, and environmental values.

John served as editor of Ornithological Monographs for the American Ornithologists' Union (AOU) from 1993-1998. He is an Elected Member of the AOU and has served on the AOU Council. He is currently on the Forest Research Advisory Council to the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture. In 2007 he received the *Austin Wilkins Forest Stewardship Award* from Maine Governor John Baldacci. In 2009 he received the New England Society of American Foresters' *Integrity in Science Award* for his work to conserve natural resources in the Northeast.

John received a B.S. in Environmental Science from Texas Christian University, an M.S. in Wildlife Management from North Carolina State University, and a Ph.D. in Zoology, also from N.C. State. He lives on Georgetown Island, Maine, and maintains offices in both Brunswick, Maine and at Manomet's headquarters in Massachusetts.

### **We want EVERY Weston family to become a member!**



Our trails, outlooks and open space are an exceptional asset for Weston, and it is our responsibility to maintain (and develop and protect) more than 100 miles of trails that traverse our Conservation land. Your membership helps to cover the cost of this work, which unfortunately rises each year. Your membership also provides our Association with the voice and presence in Town to insure that this wonderful amenity is preserved in the face of ever-increasing pressures of development. This is a key to preserving the property values in Weston, and it is essential that we have the support of as large a share of Weston residents as possible. Our membership this year is 460, and it is one of the largest among

Town organizations, yet it still is only a fraction our Town's 3000 families. Our dues are modest, and we urge EVERYONE to become a member. As an extra incentive to join, THIS YEAR new members will receive a Weston Trail Map free of charge .

### **Operating Fund needs more help**



The Operating Fund, established a few years ago, has been essential in supplementing the annual income from dues, and to enable the Association to pay for the maintenance and upkeep of the trails and outlooks in Town. The Budget allocated by the Selectmen to the Conservation Commission is limited, and our efforts in picking up the slack is vital to keeping our trails the wonderful amenity that they are. Members are encouraged to send contributions to the Operations Fund, in any amount, to our Treasurer at 266 Glen Road.



## Weston Forest & Trail Association, Inc.

### Operations – 2009

**Cash & Cash Equivalents 1/1/09**

\$36,212.03

**Receipts:**

Dues	\$ 22,770.50
Gifts	4,200.00
Map sales	995.00
Book sales	611.00
Interest	1,305.31
Operations Fund	18,892.00
Weston Reservoir Fund	<u>3,746.00</u>

**Total Receipts**

52,519.81

**Disbursements:**

Office Expense	\$ 8,745.12
Insurance Expense	2,427.36
Accounting	1,600.00
<b>Maintenance:</b>	
Land's Sake	\$44,397.22
Other	<u>4,650.00</u>
	49,047.22
Weston Reservoir Fund	3,884.29
Stewardship	<u>2,242.01</u>

**Total Disbursements**(67,946.00)**Cash and Cash Equivalents 12/31/09**

Checking Account	\$ 8,528.92
Vanguard GNMA Fund	<u>12,256.92</u>

**Total Cash and Cash Equivalents**\$ 20,785.84\*

\*This total includes Restricted Funds as follows:

**Restricted:**

Operations Fund (2009)	\$ 600.00
Weston Reservoir Fund	3,831.39
Case Estate Fund	<u>2,000.00</u>

**Total Restricted**\$ 6,431.39**Weston Forest & Trail Association, Inc.****Endowment Fund - 2009****Balance 1/1/09** \$726,815.80**Receipts & Disbursements**

Contributions	\$14,505.00
Income and Capital Gains	<u>128,080.11</u>

Net change in Value of fund 142,585.11**Balance 12/31/09**\$869,400.91\*

The average market value of the Fund in 2009 not including contributions received during the year was \$790,855.86. The Cost of Living Index for all Urban Consumers in the Boston Area increased 1.8% during the year ended November 2009. 1.8% of \$790,855.86 is \$14,235.41. Real income from the Fund in 2009 is calculated as follows:

Income and Capital Gains	\$ 128,080.11
Less inflation adjustment	<u>(14,235.41)</u>

**Real Income or (loss)** \$ 113,844.70

\$113,844.70 is 14.40% of the average market value of the Fund in 2009. The average real rate of return on the Fund starting in 1989 is 2.75%.

\*This amount includes \$14,505.00 which was deposited to the Endowment Fund at year end, but which is not included in the attached statement from the Cambridge Trust Co.



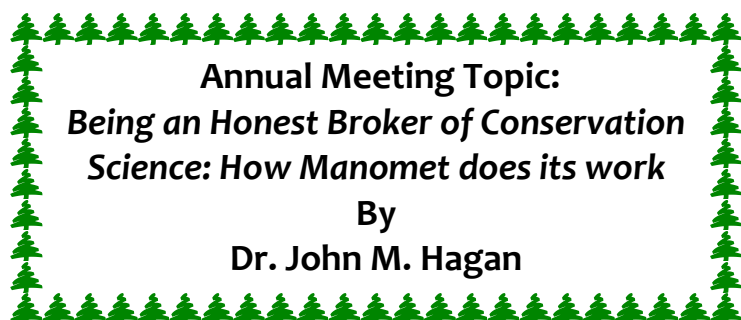


Weston Forest and Trail Association, Inc.  
266 Glen Road, Weston, MA 02493

**Annual Meeting Sunday May 2, 2010**  
4 P.M.

*The Scout House, School Street*

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### Please Join the Association:

- ☐ Individual membership      \$ 25
- ☐ Family membership      \$ 50
- ☐ **Supporting membership\***      **\$ 100 \*** (recommended)
- ☐ Leadership Support      \$ 1000\*
- ☐ Life Membership\*\*      \$ 2,000 or more\*\*

**Note that all membership contributions are fully tax-deductible**

\* If you wish to receive the exclusive, unique WF&T coffee mug, please check here ☐

\*\* Life Members will receive a framed certificate of appreciation, unless checked here ☐

Also, please send me ☐ copies of **"Walks on Weston Conservation Land"** by Elmer E. Jones @ \$ 15.00 each, plus \$ 2.00 for postage and handling. This book is also available at Dragon Books in the Town Center. **Maps of the Weston Trail System** are available for \$ 10.00 at the Conservation Commission office, in the Town Hall. **All can also be purchased on the WF&TA website at [www.westonforesttrail.org](http://www.westonforesttrail.org)**

**CHECK HERE ( ) TO GET IT ALL:**

**Supporting Membership + Trail Map + Trail Guide + coffee mug for \$ 125.00**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to the **Weston Forest and Trail Association, Inc.**  
and mail, together with the above form, to Mr. George Bates, Treasurer, 266 Glen Road, Weston, MA 02493. You can also join over the web at [www.westonforesttrail.org](http://www.westonforesttrail.org)

