

**GREAT MEADOWS CONSERVATION TRUST, INC.  
CALL TO ANNUAL MEETING**

**Date: Tuesday, April 3, 2007      Time: 7:00 PM**

**Place: Ct Audubon Center at Glastonbury,  
1361 Main St, Glastonbury**

Just South of the intersection of Route 17 and Main Street.

- Agenda:**
1. Minutes of Annual Meeting 2006
  2. Treasurer's report for fiscal year 2006
  3. President's annual report to the members
  4. Report of the Nominating Committee.
  5. Election of Directors to serve through 2009.
  6. Election of Officers to serve until next annual meeting.
  7. Any other business which may properly come before the meeting.

Rick Doran, Secretary of the Trust

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**A Catered Dinner will precede the meeting and program**

**5:30 pm - *Hors D'Oeuvres featuring a selection of locally made Cheeses and Wines***

5:45 pm Buffet - Menu: Lasagna – Meat or Vegetarian, Salad, Garlic and Italian Bread; Pie; Coffee, Tea

7:00 PM Annual Meeting Convened

**7:30 PM Program: *Jiff Martin "No Bar Code: A Local Agricultural Renaissance"***

**Jiff Martin** is New England Field Representative for the American Farmland Trust and Project Director for the Working Lands Alliance.

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Clip and mail with check payable to Great Meadows Conservation Trust to GMCT Annual Meeting, E.A. Olson, 52 Hitching Post Lane, Glastonbury, CT. 06033 or call reservations to E.A. Olson (860) 633-8417. Please note this event is open to family and friends.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_ or special dietary needs \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending \_\_\_\_\_ \$12.50 per person      Total enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

**Reservations must be received no later than Friday, March 23th.**

**REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

**MEMBERS:** Ms. Ingrid Boelhouwer, Mr. Neal Cox,  
Mr. Richard Mihm, Mr. Ralph Moyer,

**DATE:** February 1, 2007

**Nominations for Board of Directors (2007-20010)**

**Glastonbury:** Mr. Mark Packard – 1<sup>st</sup>  
**Rocky Hill:** Mr. Edward Chiucarello - 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Mr. Richard Doran – 2<sup>nd</sup>  
**Wethersfield:** Mr. Robert Pulford – 1<sup>st</sup>

**Nominations for Officers**

**President – Mr. James Woodworth**  
**Vice President – Ms. Duffy Schade**  
**Secretary – Mr. Richard Doran**  
**Treasurer – Mr. Richard Mihm**

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**CONTINUING BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEMEBERS**

Name	Town	Term Expire Date	Term #
Judith Haddad	Wethersfield	2008	1 <sup>st</sup>
Ingrid Boelhouwer	Wethersfield	2009	1 <sup>st</sup>
James Woodworth	Wethersfield	2009	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Duffy Schade	Glastonbury	2009	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Richard Mihm	Glastonbury	2008	1 <sup>st</sup>
Elisabeth Olsen	Glastonbury	2008	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Peter Maxwell	Rocky Hill	2008	1 <sup>st</sup>
Wendell Coogan	Rocky Hill	2009	1 <sup>st</sup>

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**GREAT MEADOWS CONSERVATION TRUST, INC  
2006 ANNUAL REPORT**

**President's Report**

The GMCT year began on a sunny Sunday afternoon nature walk diverted by high water from the flood plain out onto the Hartford dyke. Walkers straddled the line between nature and civilization. By year's end an MDC referendum was passed that will eventually end the leakage of CSOs from the city into the river, and a city dyke renovation project would shore up the dyke against future flood damage to the city.

The unusually high winter flood waters hid and hindered the progress of the forest and invasive species control project on the Wolf Parcel, but by year's end 140 volunteer man, woman, and chainsaw hours, contributed by Trust members, neighbors, and high school community service workers, matched billing by All Habitat Services for over \$5000 in WHIP grant reimbursements from the USDA.

On the Wood Parcel, several years of planning came to fruition as contractor Scott D'Angelo cleared trash out of Beaver Brook and the edge of the marsh, lowered, leveled and planted grass and a bench with a view. Volunteers spread town supplied wood chips along an inviting path leading from the sign next to the drive into the wooded edge of the marsh.

GMCT's \$10,000 matching grant helped to push Friends of Nayaug over the limit of their fund raising drive, helping the town of Glastonbury purchase an easement to prevent future development on a parcels along Tryon Road south of the Ferry Landing.

In November the Wethersfield voters authorized funds to preserve upland open spaces for the future, culminating several years of work by the Conservation Commission.

As the year drew to a close, the Trust was slated to receive a gift of land in Memory of Edward and Ann Hayes that will enhance the Trust's ability to support local agriculture, and will share stewardship with the Wethersfield Fish and Game Club who received a hunting easement on the land.

Year's end also saw the inception of a project that looks to provide many benefits to wildlife in the Great Meadows. The Trust, partnering with members of the Hartford Audubon Society and Trinity College professors, began the process of gathering data to apply for Important Bird Area recognition for the Great Meadows. Not only will IBA recognition enhance our ability to attract funds to protect and enhance forest, marsh, and grasslands habitat, but the data that will be gathered will guide stewardship efforts. A hoped for outcome would be a comprehensive stewardship plan that would be a fitting continuation of the two studies of the meadows completed by the Trust over its 30 year history of stewardship.



Gerhardt and Duffy Schade admire the 4th largest bitternut hickory in the state, certified by Trust member and State Tree Expert, Ed Richardson

Jim Woodworth, President

## Program Committee Annual Report 2006

A column by Peter Marteka in the January 2nd Hartford Courant brought out over 137 hikers to the second scheduled winter walk, and attendance flourished at subsequent walks, even those that were rescheduled due to rain or high water. Jim Woodworth and Larry Lunden, Land Management Chairman, took turns leading the five hikes scheduled to monitor GMCT holdings in the Glastonbury Meadow, Eleanor Wolf and Wood parcels in Wethersfield, Methodist Church parcel in Rocky Hill and Hockanum Meadows parcel in East Hartford. Walks were cosponsored with CAS, Glastonbury.

“Using the Law to Preserve and Strengthen Our Communities” In March the Trust co-sponsored, along with 17 other non-profit groups, a forum exploring the opportunities afforded by newly enacted open space, historic preservation, and affordable housing legislation. Over 80 people attended the event. The panelists were Julie Belaga, Co-chair of CTLCV, Dwight Merriam, partner in Robinson and Cole and an land use law expert, David Sutherland, Legislative Director of the Connecticut Chapter of The Nature Conservancy, Mary Ellen Kowalewski, Director of Community Development for CRCOG, and Walter Woodward, Connecticut State Historian. Judy Harper, director of CAS Center at Glastonbury and Chairman of Glastonbury Conservation Commission was moderator.

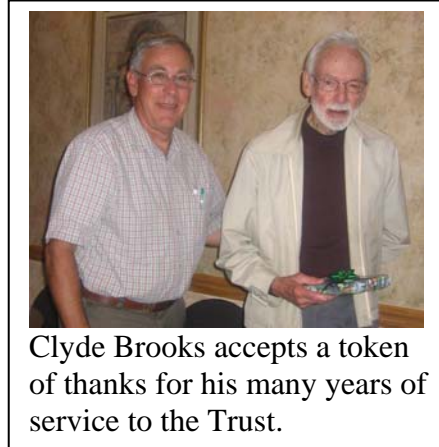
A series of canoe/kayak paddles – “Tuesday Evenings in May on the River” were lead by Jim Woodworth

In June, the Trust supported Connecticut Trails Day on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, with a Nature Hike in the flood plain led by Ken Etheridge, and CT Open House Day on the Glastonbury/Rocky Hill Ferry with free Ferry rides and booths, spearheaded by Peter Maxwell.

In September the Trust scheduled a special dinner board meeting to honor Clyde Brooks for his long term service to the Trust, as Board member and office holder, and to wish him well in his new home in Pennsylvania.

In October the Trust cosponsored the Annual Nayaug Canoe & Kayak Race & Riverfront Celebration, part of the New England Canoe & Kayak Racing Association Point Series.

Also in October the Trust cosponsored a Meet the Candidates night in Glastonbury.



Clyde Brooks accepts a token of thanks for his many years of service to the Trust.

E.A. Olson, Chair.

## Land Management Committee, Annual report 2006

Our parcels continue to be in good shape. Our parcel count now stands at 40 with an approximate acreage of 155. Seven parcels were inspected during the year. Presently ten parcels have not been inspected during the last five years.

We inspected several parcels in anticipation of acquisition. We acquired a new parcel in the Rocky Hill meadows from John Hayes. It contains a turf farming area which is being rented. It is also near the Bald Eagle’s nest. This parcel is closed to the public during the Eagle nesting season to protect them from disturbance. Additional parcels were inspected that may come to us during 2007.

The town of Wethersfield brought in their contractor to do the planned berm improvements on the Wood parcel. Many improvements were made that our volunteers could not tackle. The berm was cleared of shrubs and dirt piles. Several pieces of metal trash were

removed. A curb cut and a parking lot were constructed. Several trees were cut down that gives a nice vista onto the marsh, and a bench was installed so visitors can enjoy the view. Volunteers cut a short loop trail in the area north of the berm. We are planning to install a bridge to connect to it.

Donna Ellis of UCONN extension service visited the Wolf parcel and two of her beetle farmers dug some plants for beetle production. The beetles from Mrs. Wolf's old yard have migrated to the patch of Loosestrife on the Wolf parcel.

Work continues on the Wolf parcel and the DeMille easement. A private management firm has cleared out much of the growth near the cove. We are getting assistance from the federal government through a WHIP grant for this.

Larry Lunden has taken over the leasing program. We continue to lease farm land to local farmers. We have about 27 acres of farmland on our parcels. An area in Wethersfield has been impacted by the Connecticut River scouring the land during flooding. The farmer will try to continue to use it however. The Coast Guard continues to lease a small plot for channel marker number 122. The town of Wethersfield continues to lease a road diversion area where the river bank was washed out.

We held four winter walks, with a total attendance of 265. Two had to be postponed due to rain and flooding. This year we got wonderful publicity for them with an article in the Hartford Courant by Peter Marteka. This is the largest attendance ever. They were co-sponsored by the Connecticut Audubon Society at Glastonbury.

Larry Lunden, Land Management Chair

### **GMCT Membership Report For 2006**

At the end of 2006, we had 142 Family or Individual Members and 45 Life Members.

New members in 2006:

Angela R. Hauptman	Bloomfield
Jonathan & Vicki Putnam	Cromwell
Janet Smith	Cromwell
Elizabeth Schmitt	South
Glastonbury	
Andrew Pryshlak,	Hartford
Jessie Solomon	New Britain
Lee & Linda Bradley	Newington
Patricia C. Denno	Wethersfield
Alex Hasychak	Wethersfield
Carolyn Irizarry	Wethersfield
Constance & Oliver Mellen	Wethersfield
Sarah O'Hare	Wethersfield
Robert C. & Judy Tatters	Wethersfield
Stephen & Sheila Wells	Wethersfield
Sara L. Zagorski	Wethersfield

Deceased Members in 2006:

Donald Auchter (member since 1970; Life member since 1988)	Glastonbury
Elizabeth T. Dodge (Life Member since 1970)	Wethersfield

Support from the following Garden Clubs:

Hill & Dale Garden Club  
Hillside Garden Club  
Rocky Hill Garden Club  
Wethersfield Garden Club

Glastonbury  
Rocky Hill  
Rocky Hill  
Wethersfield

Joan Mihm, Chair

### **Land Acquisition Report 2006**

The Land Acquisition Committee completed the purchase of a parcel of land from John Hayes along the river in Wethersfield, near the Rocky Hill Boarder, and at years end nearly completed the receipt of a gift of several parcels from members of the Hayes family. The committee continues to be active in contacting land owners in the Meadows to procure land, and monitors land records in the three communities. Several parcels in the meadows were inspected by members of both Land Acquisition and Land Management committees to evaluate them for potential acquisition. To accomplish the goal of preserving land in the meadows, the help of all members is vital.

Pamela St. Jean, Chair

### **Auditors Report - 2006**

March 13,2007

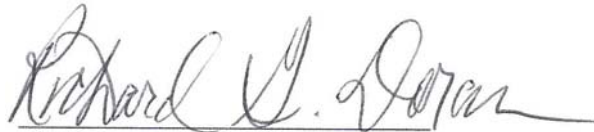
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To the Board of Directors:

We have reviewed the consolidated statements of cash flows for the one year period beginning January 1,2006 and ending December 31,2006. The statements were compared to bank and mutual fund statements, receipts, deposits, and disbursements. All documents were found to support the consolidated statement, as well as the year-end financial report.

In our opinion the financial statements and reports of GMCT's financial position for the period noted are presented fairly, in all material respects.

Richard Doran  
96 Parish Road  
Rocky Hill, CT



Neal Cox  
42 River Road  
Rocky Hill, CT



**GMCT Treasurer Annual Report 2006**

**Summation:**

<b>On Jan 1, 2006:</b>	<b>Checking Account</b>	<b>\$16,180.31</b>	
	<b>Vanguard Value</b>	<b>\$165,885.60</b>	
	<b>Total Financial Assets</b>		<b>\$182,065.91</b>
<b>During 2006</b>	<b>Plus Income (Minus Trans. from Vanguard)</b>	<b>\$11,224.16</b>	
	<b>Minus Exp. (Minus Trans. to Vanguard)</b>	<b>\$25,392.27</b>	
	<b>Vanguard Change</b>	<b>\$11,265.33</b>	
<b>On Dec. 31, 2006</b>	<b>Checking Account</b>	<b>\$7,384.05</b>	
	<b>Total Financial Assets</b>		<b>\$186,547.18</b>
		<b>Gain</b>	<b>\$4,481.27</b>

<b>Income</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>YTD Total</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>YTD Total</b>	<b>Balance</b>
<b>Membership Dues</b>	\$1,600.00	\$1,935.00	\$335.00	<b>Administrative Costs</b>	\$800.00	\$620.05	\$179.95
<b>Life Memberships</b>	\$300.00	\$0.00	-\$300.00	<b>Recording Secretary</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Contributions (Undesignated)</b>	\$2,434.00	\$1,272.50	-\$1,161.50	<b>Insurance</b>	\$2,500.00	\$3,365.50	-\$865.50
<b>Contributions (WHIPs Grant)</b>	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	<b>Newsletter-Printing</b>	\$550.00	\$260.98	\$289.02
<b>Contributions (EBWLPF)</b>	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	<b>Postage</b>	\$400.00	\$351.50	\$48.50
<b>Land Rental/Leases</b>	\$200.00	\$2,225.00	\$2,025.00	<b>Land Management</b>	\$7,591.00	\$6,120.10	\$1,470.90
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<b>U. Mass Study</b>	\$25.00	\$5.00	-\$20.00	<b>Land Acquisition</b>	\$250.00	\$13,535.14	\$13,285.14
<b>Annual Dinner Meeting</b>	\$700.00	\$400.50	-\$299.50	<b>Awards &amp; Gifts</b>	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
<b>Grants</b>	\$5,657.00	\$5,236.16	-\$420.84	<b>Memberships in Org.</b>	\$500.00	\$725.00	-\$225.00
<b>Transfers From Vanguard</b>	\$475.00	\$15,000.00	\$14,525.00	<b>Annual Dinner Meeting</b>	\$500.00	\$414.00	\$86.00
<b>Misc. Income</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	<b>Transfers to Vanguard *</b>	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
<b>Refunds</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	<b>New Initiatives</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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<b>Total</b>	\$11,391.00	\$26,224.16	\$14,833.16	<b>Total</b>	\$23,191.00	\$35,392.27	\$12,201.27

**Banknorth Checking Account Value on Dec. 31, 2005: \$16,180.31; and on Dec. 31, 2006: \$7384.05**

<b>Vanguard Funds - 2006</b>	<b>Stock Bond %</b>	<b>Value On 12/31/2005</b>	<b>Value on 12/31/2006</b>	<b>2006 Gain/Loss</b>	<b>Percent of Assets</b>
<b>Short-Term Investments</b>					
Prime Money Market	100.0%	\$60,777.40	\$48,776.94	\$48,776.94	<b>27.5%</b>
<b>Bonds</b>					
GNMA Fund	100.0%	\$14,633.47	\$25,517.01	\$25,517.01	
Balanced Index Fund - 40%	40.0%	\$4,551.94	\$5,053.68	\$5,053.68	
Wellesley Inc. Fund - 65%	65.0%	\$16,611.40	\$18,476.55	\$18,476.55	
Wellington Fund - 35%	35.0%	\$9,987.66	\$11,479.17	\$11,479.17	<b>34.2%</b>
<b>Stocks</b>					
Balanced Index Fund - 60%	60.0%	\$6,827.91	\$7,580.52	\$7,580.52	
Convertibles Securities	100.0%	\$13,121.20	\$14,819.53	\$14,819.53	
Wellesley Inc. Fund - 35%	35.0%	\$8,944.60	\$9,948.91	\$9,948.91	
Wellington Fund - 65%	65.0%	\$18,548.51	\$21,318.46	\$21,318.46	
Windsor Fund	100.0%	\$11,881.52	\$14,180.16	\$14,180.16	<b>30.3%</b>
<b>Total</b>		\$165,885.60	\$177,150.93	\$11,265.33	
Total EBWLPF Fund		\$134,566.40	\$137,486.37		<b>77.6%</b>
Total Operations Fund		\$31,319.20	\$39,664.56		<b>22.4%</b>



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