



**February 27, 2023**

Above: Clubmoss at DCLT's Tobey West!

## Updates from the DCLT

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### *Protected Forever: Tobey West*

#### Community-wide support yields conservation success!



Earlier this year, the DCLT successfully closed on two of the three lots comprising Tobey West.

Eight acres in total, the property was one of the largest remaining pieces of unprotected open space left in the Town of Dennis.

The property's rich cultural history and high conservation value generated widespread support for the project.



Now, we'd like to take a moment to highlight this community-wide success story, and impart an emphatic "thanks" to all of you who made this happen.

12/2021: DCLT signs the deal. Seller agrees to a [charitable bargain sale](#).

**2/2022:** DCLT applies for Dennis **CPA funds**. **Dennis CPC** supports the request and recommends it for Town Meeting.

**5/2022:** The Townspeople vote unanimously at Town Meeting to support the project, allocating ~\$300,000 in CPA funds.

**8/2022:** The project receives >\$35,000 in support from Fields Pond Foundation, Cape Cod Five Foundation, and the Towle Ocean Conservation Foundation.

**11/2022:** The State awards the Town a LAND Grant, prepared by **the Compact of Cape Cod Conservation Trusts**, providing ~\$300,000 towards the project.

**12/2022:** DCLT fundraising efforts complete, with over 100 individual supporters across the community. DCLT closes on the first Lot (green in map above).

**1/2023:** DCLT closes on the second Lot (green in map above).

**4/2023:** DCLT will sell a permanent **Conservation Restriction (CR)** on both Lots to the Town of Dennis, paid with Dennis CPA and State LAND Grant funds.

**1/2024:** DCLT will close on the third Lot (red in map above), and donate a CR to the Town.

*Please accept our deepest gratitude for all who supported this important, complex project. Rest assured, our Town is healthier because of you!*

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## Upcoming Events

### **TODAY at Noon - *Mapping made easy webinar***

Ever wonder who owns that property, and what it looked like in the past? How to access that pond? Where the rising seas will flood our roads? In this webinar, you'll learn to explore feature-rich and easy-to-use interactive mapping resources provided free by the **State of Massachusetts** and the **Town of Dennis**.

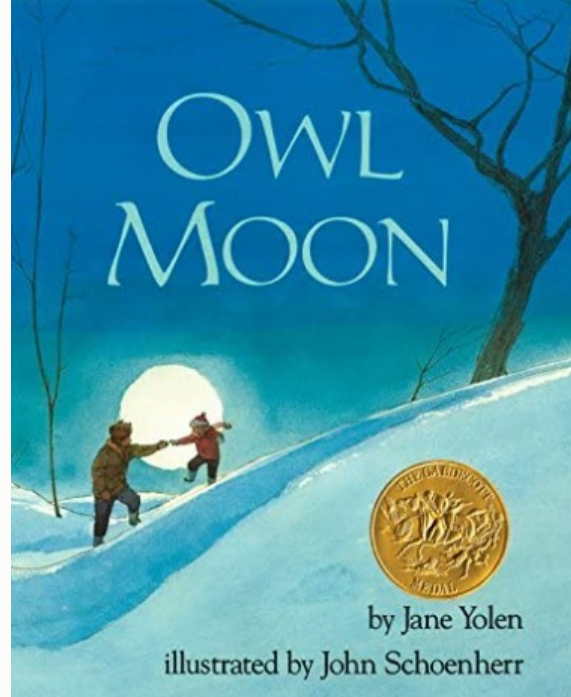
Click to join the Zoom webinar at 12 PM  
today

### **Now through March - *Owl Moon StoryWalk® off the Rail Trail***

This chilly season, get the whole family on the move with a visit to our StoryWalk! The book, *Owl Moon* tells the story of a father and daughter

searching for owls in the woods on a cold winter night.

Visit the book at DCLT's "Nickerson Rail Trail," a 1/4 mile, unpaved, out-and-back spur of the Rail Trail itself. Participation is free for all. Please help us by spreading the word!



Walking directions to the trailhead

**Tuesday, March 7th at 2 PM -**  
*The lichens of Crowes Pasture*

The DCLT has teamed up with naturalist and lover-of-lichens, Hayley Kolding, to host a walk at the Town's Crowes Pasture Conservation Area.

Participants will learn about the lovely lichens that pepper trees, rocks, and sands of Crowes Pasture and beyond.

Hayley Kolding is a master naturalist, currently pursuing her Masters of Science Degree in Vermont.



Email us to register

**Sunday, March 19th at 1 PM -**  
*"Seeing with your hands" walk*

The DCLT has teamed up with the daVinci Pursuit to host its second

monthly walk at the intersection of nature and art. DCLT staff will lead the walk while the daVinci Pursuit's CEO, Mark Kesling, leads the journaling... synergism at its finest!



This second walk, *Nature Drawing*, will be held at the **Town's Sea View Playland in Dennis Port**. Participants will need to bring journals and pens, pencils, colored pencils, or whatever they want to work with. Please email us to reserve your spot, or stay tuned for future walks to come!



Email us to  
register

*Event participation is free for Members ([join here!](#)), with a \$10 suggested donation for nonmembers.*

**Did you know...**



On a recent outing to explore vernal pools in town, the DCLT found a number of fairy shrimp, one of the relatively rare critters who exclusively call vernal pools home. Click below to see a short video of our outing, or, to learn about these crazy-cool critters, [click here!](#)

Click to watch our  
video!

Contact us to get involved!



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