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# **ANNUAL MEETING**

## Compendium

A Collection of Annual Meeting Flyers for the  
years 1998-2019 (with a few gaps here and there)

# ***WHAT IS A LAND TRUST?***

HOW CAN ONE HELP PROTECT AND PRESERVE OPEN SPACE IN ACTON?

Come To The  
Annual Meeting Of The

## **ACTON CONSERVATION TRUST**

FEBRUARY 12, 1998

7:30 PM

**ACTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
; ACTON CENTER**

- Hear from Marion Thornton, President of the Concord Land Trust, about their successes in preserving critical parcels in Concord
- Learn about plans for the Acton Conservation Trust to become a more active Land Trust for the Town

QUESTIONS?

Call Susan Mitchell Hardt 369-9264

Karen O'neill 635-0237

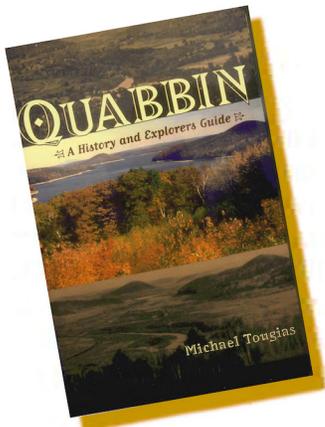
# Acton Conservation Trust

# ANNUAL MEETING

March 6, 2005  
7:30 - 9 PM  
Acton Town Hall

Guest Speaker: Michael Tougias

## Quabbin: A History and Explorers Guide

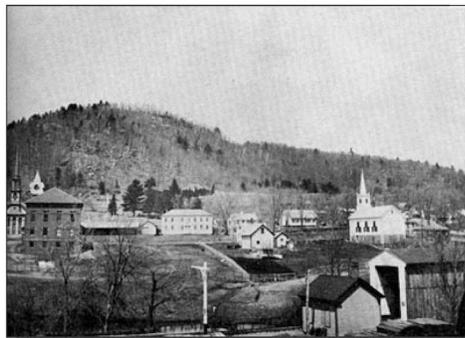


The program features the demise of the “lost towns” flooded to create the Quabbin, the construction of the massive reservoir, and how the Quabbin works today. In addition Tougias will take the audience on a natural history tour of the Quabbin and surrounding area with suggestions for day trips.

Tougias’ slides include before and after images of the lost towns, workers building the dams and aqueduct, the grand opening of the reservoir, wildlife of the Quabbin, unique natural places, and favorite trails and entrance gates. Tougias also discusses three fascinating events from the region he calls “forgotten history” as well as a couple of surprise findings. For more information, visit Tougias’ website, [michaeltougias.com](http://michaeltougias.com).

(Refreshments served).

For more information about this event, contact Susan Mitchell-Hardt, 978-369-9264.



# Acton Conservation Trust

2006 Annual Meeting

*PRESENTS*

## A CAMERA IN THE WOODS

The Wildlife Trails Education Project

**Ron McAdow**

Executive Director  
Sudbury Valley Trustees



Want to learn more about the secret lives of your wild neighbors? Ron photographs bobcat, fisher, and coyote when they think we aren't watching. Children should be encouraged to attend. Ron's remarkable photos may encourage you to set up a candid camera in the woods too!!

When?  
Where?



Sunday April 2, 2006

7:30 PM

ACTON TOWN HALL

For More Information Contact Susan Mitchell-Hardt  
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**HENRY D. THOREAU  
TO SPEAK AT  
ACTON CONSERVATION TRUST  
ANNUAL MEETING**

Sunday March 4, 2007

7:30 PM

Church of the Good Shepherd  
164 Newtown Road

All ACT Members, their guests, and others are invited to join us for a night with Mr. Thoreau (aka Richard Smith of the Concord Museum), who will comment on his observations while walking through Acton and will read from "Walking". He will answer questions in character and then break character to answer additional questions. Please join us and bring a friend!

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**ANNUAL MEETING**

Sunday, April 6, 2008, 7:30 PM  
Church of the Good Shepherd  
164 Newtown Road



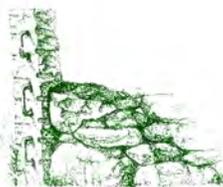
John Hanson Mitchell

## Who Owns the Land?

All ACT Members, their guests, and others are invited to join us for a night with local author John Hanson Mitchell. He is one of the most intriguing, original nature writers alive.

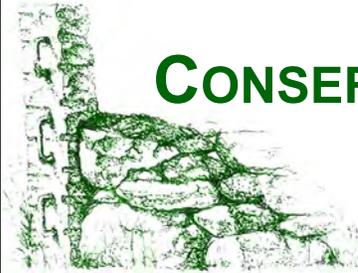
John will answer the question, "Who owns the land?" By using the history of the land just west of Nagog Pond, he will tell the story of private ownership of land in this country and the rise of land trusts (such as ACT) and land protection groups. Various cultures have used that tract over the last 500 years or so, each with its own attitudes towards the land.

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**ANNUAL MEETING**  
April 5, 2009 7:30 PM  
Acton Town Hall  
Room 204

# Patricia Huckery

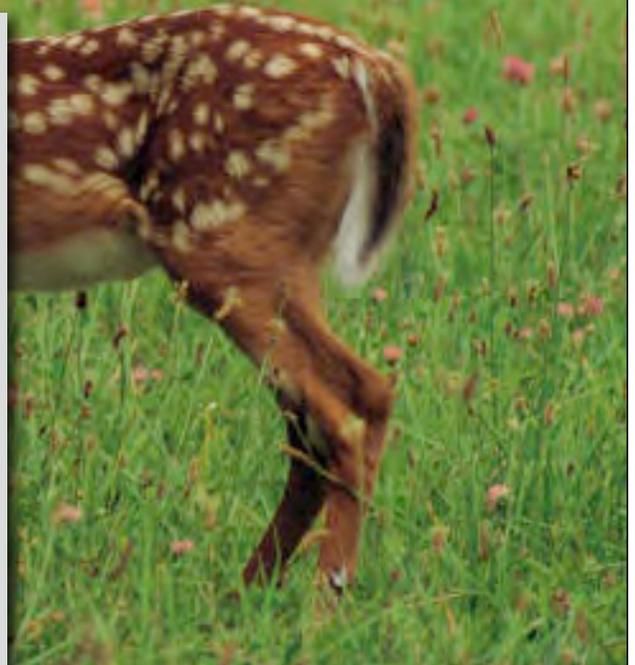
## Why Manage the Wild Deer Population?

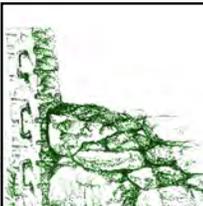


All ACT Members, their guests, and others are invited to join us for a night with Patricia Huckery, NE District Manager for the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife.

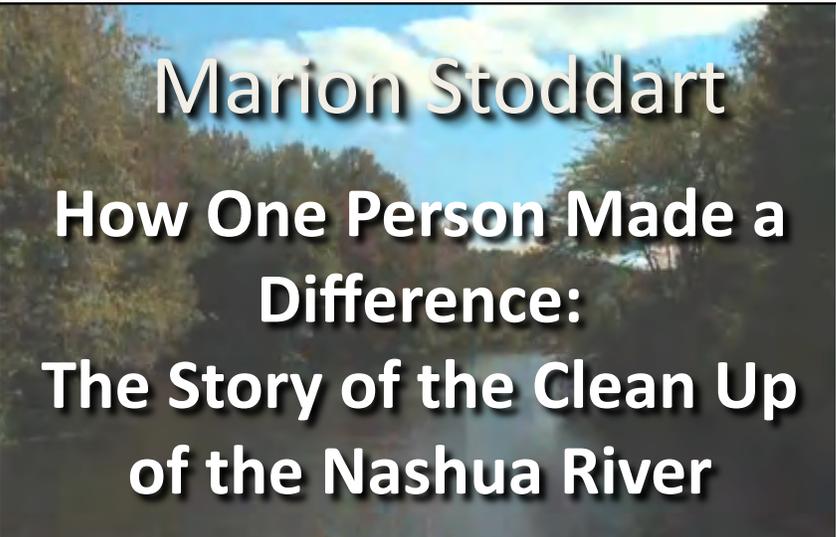
A family of deer on the edge of a field at dusk is a lovely sight...but is it possible that there are too many deer in our area? Patricia Huckery, will share the recent experience of several towns in dealing successfully with this timely issue. She will explain how by working together, public and private land owners can prevent problems, such as forests which cannot regenerate, excessive deer tick incidence, car accidents, and damage to farms and gardens. She will also address, the question of feeding deer during the winter, and how high numbers of deer can affect rare and endangered plants and animals.

*Please join us and bring a friend!*  
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**ANNUAL MEETING**  
*Sunday, April 11, 2010*  
*7:30 PM*  
*Acton Town Hall*  
*Room 204*



# Marion Stoddart

## How One Person Made a Difference: The Story of the Clean Up of the Nashua River

Citizen activist, Marion Stoddart, will take us through the steps in her journey to clean up the Nashua River. Her husband's career brought her and her children to Groton, Massachusetts where she lived in close proximity to the Nashua. In the mid 60's she launched her vision and formed the Nashua River Clean Up Committee aimed to clean the river and protect the land along its banks. In 1969 they formed the Nashua River Watershed Association to research and produce a long range plan to improve the river's poor conditions. Today much of the pollution has been cleaned and Stoddart has been honored for her advocacy with a United Nations Award, featured as a Citizen Hero by the Today Show, and became the subject of a widely-read children's book, "A River Ran Wild" (1992) by Lynne Cherry.



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**Mass. Water Pollution Curb Signed Into Law**  
A First for the U.S.:

to be the Republican minority, night with was among major legislation. Volpe's pen enacted in the fading hours of The Ohio and Connecticut rivers and particular several feeder streams. He praised the General assistance.





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ANNUAL MEETING  
SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2011  
7:30 PM  
ACTON TOWN HALL  
ROOM 204

## HIKING THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL: AN EVENING WITH ROGER "HAMMER" TETREAULT

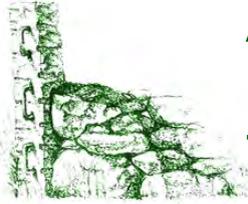


Roger Tetreault of Boxborough took the phrase “take a hike” literally when he decided to walk the 2,176.4 miles of the Appalachian Trail. A carpenter by trade, Roger is a backpacking and hiking enthusiast. After ten years of hiking the local terrain he decided early in 2008 to hike the Appalachian Trail.

It took Roger 5½ months to hike from Springer Mountain in Georgia to Mount Katahdin in Maine. He hiked from March 25 until September 7. During the hike he encountered temperatures ranging from 18° to 100° plus snow, lots of rain, deer, wild horses, wild long horned cattle, wild boar, mountain lions, bears, snakes, and many wonderful fellow thru-hikers.

Please join us and bring a friend to be entertained by pictures and stories of Roger’s excellent adventure followed by a brief business meeting and snacks.

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# ACTON CONSERVATION TRUST

## ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, March 25, 2012

Room 204

Acton Town Hall

7:00 PM Business Meeting and  
Board Elections

7:30 Guest Speaker:

## Michael Tougias

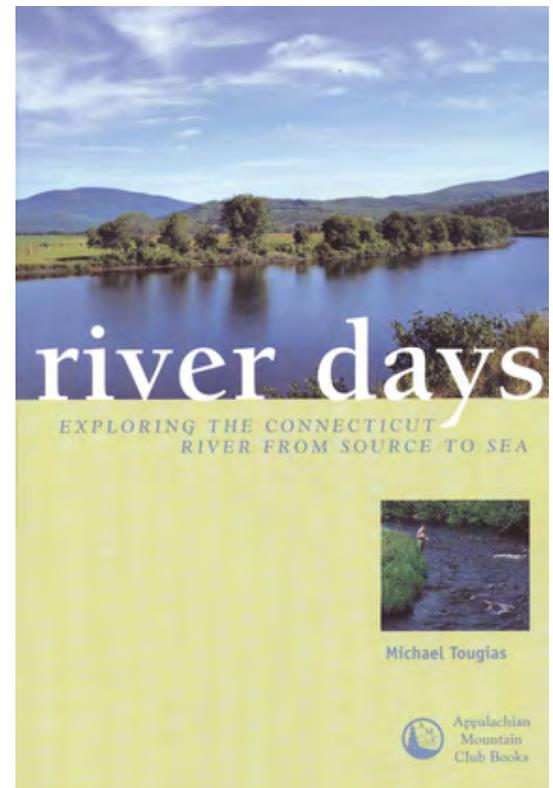


## *400 MILES DOWN THE CONNECTICUT RIVER*

All ACT Members and friends are invited to join us for a night with author Michael Tougias. Mike is author of 19 books about places and significant events in New England. At our meeting he will present a narrated slide presentation about the history and natural history of the Connecticut River, based on his book "River Days". The presentation will take us down the entire 410 miles of the river on a journey through the past and present, along the way discussing wildlife, environmental issues, Native Americans, log drives, major floods, and more. Practical tips will be given including his favorite sections of river to paddle, fish, and camp. The slides will also help to find the best spots for photographing wildlife such as moose and bald eagle. Humor is woven in the talk and a focus on some of his misadventures.

Please join us and bring a friend to be entertained by pictures and stories of Mike's excellent adventure followed by Q&A with our speaker and refreshments.

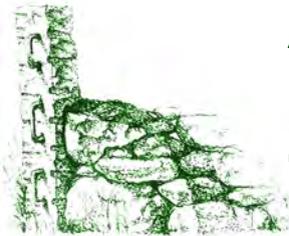
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# ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, March 24, 2013

Room 204 Acton Town Hall



## ACTON CONSERVATION TRUST

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7:00 PM Business Meeting  
& Board Elections

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7:30 Guest Speaker:

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### Tom Wansleben: *Owls of New England*

Come join us for an evening of owls galore. Tom Wansleben has spent a career as a wildlife biologist working with avian species from the Grand Tetons in Wyoming to the forests of New England. He is currently the Stewardship Biologist for Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust in Athol where his current focus is on the management of forests and wildlife habitat in a climate change era.

The night will feature a visual and audio tour all about owls. Tom will provide some context as to why owls are so interesting and how they have been embedded in human myths, religion and pop culture. We will learn about their natural history such as how they achieve silent flight and capture prey at night with a high degree of accuracy. Tom will take us through the different owl species we may encounter locally and discuss aspects that are critical to their survival. It should be a *hoot*.

Please join us and bring a friend to be entertained and informed by Tom. The presentation will be followed by Q&A with our speaker and refreshments.

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# ACTON CONSERVATION TRUST

## ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, March 23, 2014

Room 204 Acton Town Hall

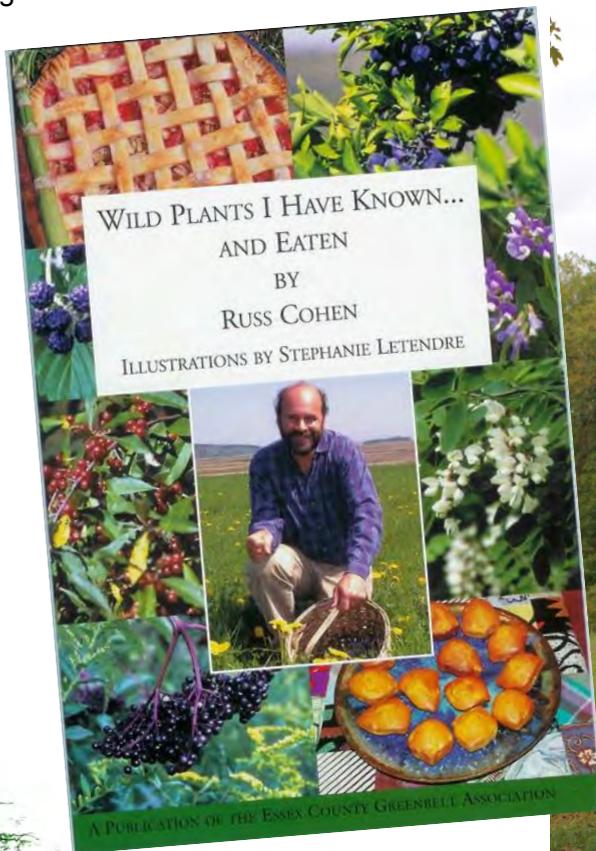
7:00 PM Business Meeting & Board Elections

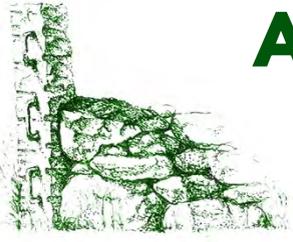
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7:30 Guest Speaker:

**Russ Cohen: Edible Acton**

**Russ Cohen**, professional environmentalist and wild foods enthusiast, grew up in Weston, Mass. (his mother still resides there), where he spent much of his free time in the woods, thereby cultivating a strong spiritual connection to nature. He received his bachelor's degree in land use planning from Vassar College in 1978, and his master's in natural resources and a law degree from Ohio State University in 1982. He has been employed by the Riverways Program (now part of the Division of Ecological Restoration) of the Mass. Department of Fish and Game since 1988, and has served as its Rivers Advocate since 1992. Russ has been leading foraging expeditions for more than 40 years for organizations that include the Massachusetts Audubon Society, the New England Wild Flower Society, The Trustees of Reservations, and the Ecological Landscaping Association. During the 'off-season,' Russ writes articles on foraging and gives slide presentations featuring many of his favorite edible wild plants and mushrooms found in New England. Russ' foraging book, *Wild Plants I Have Known...and Eaten*, came out in June of 2004 and is now in its fifth printing.





# ACTON CONSERVATION TRUST

## ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, March 22, 2015

Room 204 Acton Town Hall

7:00 PM Business Meeting & Board Elections

7:30 Guest Speaker:

### Rick Roth, the *Creature Teacher*: Live Animals Representing *The Nature of my Backyard*

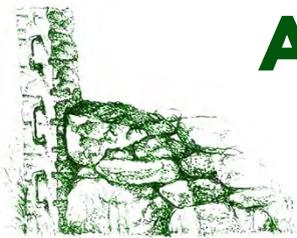
**Richard Roth** has lived his whole life with animals. His father, Charles Roth, was Director of Education and Chief Naturalist for the Massachusetts Audubon Society for many years. Bobcats, fishers and alligators in the house seemed normal to Rick. Educated as an Aquaculturist, Rick has had a fairly diverse career with one common denominator: Animals. He has been the director for several small zoos and has a great reputation as a wildlife artist. For the past five years he has held the position locally as Curator of Marine fishes for a large corporation.

With years of educational experience under his belt, Rick has determined that outreach programs are a great way to engage people from all walks of life and has made these programs his passion. He is here to enlighten us about the elusive creatures hiding in the night in our back yards and conservation lands.



Rick and daughter Sara with friends, Victor and Carlos





# ACTON CONSERVATION TRUST

## ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, March 20, 2016

Room 204 Acton Town Hall

7:00 PM Business Meeting & Board Elections

7:30 Guest Speaker:

**Tom French**  
MassWildlife  
*Return of the Wild*

Dr. Tom French is assistant director of MassWildlife and is a treasure of information and enthusiasm, and he has been so for his 32 years at the agency, speaking with equal ease about beetles, raptors, or marine mammals.

Did you know that almost every species that was here at the time of European settlement has returned to Massachusetts? From ravens, eagles, and turkeys to moose, bears, beavers, and fishers, many of these species had nearly or completely disappeared, but they are now making a comeback. Find out how and why as Dr. French, leads us through the rollercoaster history of wildlife in Massachusetts and discusses our role in shaping that history.

From the Mass Great Outdoors Blog:

*"Tom French truly is a cool guy. He's collared black bears in the woods, inspected peregrine falcon nests from high above the Boston city skyline and has shooed away wild turkeys. He's been up close to a bald eagle next and is able to tell the difference between a snapping turtle and an alligator from a distance (people commonly confuse the two)."*





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**ANNUAL MEETING**  
Sunday, March 19, 2017  
Room 204 Acton Town Hall

7:00 PM Business Meeting & Board Elections

7:30 Guest Speaker:



**John Maguranis**  
Massachusetts Representative for  
Project Coyote  
*Living with Coyotes*

Learn all about the most misunderstood and remarkable animal in North America. John's presentation will include a discussion of:

- Natural behavior
- Myths & facts
- Habits
- Diet
- Pet & human safety
- Hazing
- and some Great photographs

John served as a United States Army veterinary technician for more than twenty years, caring for a wide range of animals from bald eagles to bison. Upon retiring from the army twelve years ago and following his love for animals, John became an Animal Control Officer for Belmont, Massachusetts, where he has been able to put his veterinary skills to work for wildlife.

He is the Massachusetts representative for **Project Coyote**, a non-profit organization that "promotes coexistence between people and wildlife through education, science and advocacy.





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# ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, March 18, 2018  
Room 204 Acton Town Hall

7:00 PM Business Meeting & Board Elections  
7:30 PM Annual Review and Awards Ceremony  
7:45 PM Guest Speaker:



**Tom Ricardi**  
*Massachusetts Birds of Prey  
Rehabilitation Center  
Birds of Prey*

All ACT Members and others are invited to join us for a night with Tom Ricardi, wildlife rehabilitator and founder of Birds of Prey Rehabilitation Facility in Conway, Massachusetts. He will share the fascinating history of these majestic and inspiring birds. He will then demonstrate some of their unique behaviors and abilities live in Town Hall!

Tom worked as a state game warden for almost 40 years. He now rehabilitates eagles, hawks and owls. After recovering from injuries, some are released back into the wild while others have injuries that prevent survival in the wild, but enable Tom to showcase their specialized traits. He holds state and federal permits that enable him to lead these one of a kind educational presentations.

This program is open to all ages and is a must for any fans of birds and land conservation. Please join us and bring a friend. This presentation will be followed by Q&A with our speaker and refreshments.

For more more information, contact Susan Mitchell-Hardt, 978-369-9264.

RSVP's are appreciated at [info@actonconservationtrust.org](mailto:info@actonconservationtrust.org)

### Expected Special Guests at Town Hall:

- Golden Eagle
- American Kestrel
- Red Tailed Hawk
- Great Horned Owl
- Barred Owl
- Screech Owl
- Harris Hawk





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# ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, March 17, 2019  
Room 204 Acton Town Hall

3:00 PM Business Meeting & Board Elections  
3:30 PM Annual Review and Awards Ceremony  
3:45 PM Guest Speaker:



## Mike Callahan

*President, Beaver Institute*  
**All About Beavers**

Please join the Acton Conservation Trust for its Annual Meeting and presentation by Mike Callahan. Beavers are abundant in Massachusetts and can be both beneficial and harmful to the environment. Mike Callahan founded the non-profit Beaver Institute, Inc. to better promote progressive beaver management across North America and Europe and has over 20 years of experience managing beaver-related problems.

He also founded Beaver Solutions, in Southamptton, Massachusetts that provides and installs flow devices to control flooding while maintaining habitat. (This includes one on the Guggins Brook Conservation Land in Acton.)

Mike will describe his mission of increasing public appreciation of the beaver's critical role in creating wetland ecosystems and will share his insights about beaver behavior and biology. He will also discuss the latest in beaver management techniques, with examples of how flow control devices can be used to resolve beaver-human conflicts.

We look forward to learning all about his work at our Annual Meeting. See you there!

Please RSVP to ACT President, Susan Mitchell-Hardt, [info@ActonConservationTrust.org](mailto:info@ActonConservationTrust.org) or call 978-369-9264.

