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**Wellfleet Conservation Trust 33rd Annual Meeting on August 19, 2017  
9:30AM, Council on Aging-- 715 Old Kings Highway**

Mr. Jack Clarke, Director of Public Policy and Government Relations for Mass Audubon, will address the 33rd Annual Meeting of the Wellfleet Conservation Trust on Saturday, August 19, 2017, at the Wellfleet Senior Center at 715 Old King's Highway in Wellfleet. The doors open at 9:30 AM for morning refreshments and informal discussions. The Annual Meeting will convene at 10 AM. Preceding Mr. Clarke's presentation, there will be the nomination and election of individuals to the Board of Trustees, a financial report, and an activity report.

Mr. Clarke, our keynote speaker, will address "Conservation Challenges Facing our State and Nation." Mr. Clarke has a particular interest in fostering public activism to protect Massachusetts's natural resources and to promote the improved quality of life which results from preserving and protecting our environment. He will speak about the impact of recent changes to federal and state laws, policies, and practices; and will offer advice on what citizens can do to effectively advocate for the protection and preservation of our fragile natural resources both here on the Cape and beyond.

Mass Audubon, with Mr. Clarke's direction, has joined with other conservation organizations to guide Massachusetts to be a national leader in local conservation actions. The state has created grant programs and special tax credit provisions that have helped local conservation trusts and towns to be more effective in their conservation efforts. Our Wellfleet Conservation Trust has been able to put more land in conservation through the State Conservation Partnership Grant program and the Conservation Land Tax Credit program. State and federal conservation programs are, of course, currently under scrutiny owing to budget issues.

Please join us on August 19<sup>th</sup> and be a part of our efforts to conserve Wellfleet and to protect this special part of the world which we all love so much.

**About Wellfleet Conservation Trust**

Wellfleet Conservation Trust is an approved 501.C.3 non-profit local land trust established in 1984 to assist and promote the preservation of natural resources and rural character of the town of Wellfleet. WCT's mission is to conserve land in its natural state in perpetuity for enjoyment by current and future generations. For further information on the effort, visit WCT at <https://wellfleetconservationtrust.org> or the group's Facebook page or write: WCT, PO Box 84, Wellfleet MA 02667.