

## LAND STEWARD

### OPEN SPACE COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF OLD LYME



The Open Space Commission recently hired a Land Steward to assist in managing town owned open space and privately held lands that have a conservation easement in favor of the town.

Peter J. Norris will work part-time to keep the trails “hike friendly” and to protect natural resources.

Peter will also work in concert with other local and state conservation entities to provide a consistent approach to proper land management.

If you happen to see Peter out and about on a trail, say hello and feel free to share your observations and comments.

Peter and the Commission also plan volunteer work days & projects, and if you may be interested in lending a hand, let him know!

You may contact the Open Space Commission Land Steward at: [peterjnorris@comcast.net](mailto:peterjnorris@comcast.net).

#### **Land Steward Responsibilities Include:**

- Promote and develop wildlife and other habitats
- Ensure trail safety by removing hazards; arranging for removal of downed trees; maintaining trail markers and signs; maintaining gates, bridges, barriers; arranging for maps to be as accurate and current as possible
- Identify, remove and/or monitor invasive species
- Identify and implement restoration projects
- Work with the Open Space Commission and zoning enforcement officer in monitoring privately held Conservation Easement lands, and
- Promote stewardship by via education regarding properties and projects