THANK YOU CARL!
MALT extends a big thank you to former Executive Director, Carl Robinson.

Our executive director since 2012, Carl has helped MALT conserve the Collins Property and come up with more distinctive plans for the TAM, and partnerships with Middlebury Parks and Recreation. Since he is now too busy keeping Frog Hollow Bikes spinning to direct MALT, we are sincerely missing Carl, his dry sense of humor, and iced coffee runs! Thank you, Carl!

NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
MALT would like to welcome a new E.D., Jamie Montague! She will be starting in mid-July part-time, transitioning to full-time in September.

Jamie is a native of New Hampshire and has traveled the world looking for a place that resonates as home. In 2015, she moved back to New England with her husband and daughter and is thrilled to be living in Vermont. Jamie is honored to serve the greater Middlebury community at MALT. "This organization is grassroots and has deep and long-standing partnerships across private and public sectors. I'm honored to lead us in conserving local landscapes and connecting our community with them."

With an Environmental Science degree from the University of Rochester and a Master's of Natural Resource Management from the University Centre of the Westfjords in Iceland, Jamie brings a strong science background and professional experience in several non-profit settings. She worked as a naturalist in the Adirondacks, coordinated Citizen Science and Education programs in Washington state, and most recent served as the Education Director at Audubon Vermont.

Jamie thrives on the challenge of inspiring others to live as stewards of the environment and gets particularly excited about maple syrup and fall colors! In her free time you will find her running, hiking, and biking with family, knitting Icelandic sweaters, and baking her way through old-fashioned cook books.
**MALT board changes**

We welcomed a new board member this past winter: Ellen Cronan. Ellen brings with her a large amount of trail experience. She has already put in some hours working on the TAM. Welcome, Ellen!

We sadly say farewell to Don Devost and Jeff Stauch, and thank them for their time and service on the MALT board.

**TAM and park work**

There has been a lot of growth this year, so that means a lot of work on the TAM. Trees are cleared, paths are mowed for the Beginner’s Bird Walk Saturday June 17 and for summer camps, and brush and parsnip is removed constantly as the rain and hot days make a jungle out of our lands. We are also working on a path from the southern part of the TAM to East Middlebury, to connect to Moosalamoo and the Long Trail. This requires some bushwhacking with a GPS!

There’s a new gravel lot at Hamilton Rd, which is parking for Johnson and James, and Jackson trails. MALT would like to thank Matt DeBisschop for hauling gravel and J.P. Carrara and sons for donating gravel. Thank you to Monument Farms and Peter James, for letting us store trail supplies in their barn. Please stay on the gravel and out of the field as it is too wet.

Thank you to TAM and Otter View Park volunteers! Recent trail work done by Hannaford Career Center students, Jason Chance, MALT board members. Invasives removal at Otter View Park by Andrew L’Roe and Ron Payne.

**TAM Trek**

This year the 14th Trek is planned for September 17! This time of year is perfect for a run or hike in the woods, and this year we will have professional timing services from 802timing. There will also be a guided hike and fun run.

To register, online: https://runsignup.com/Race/VT/Middlebury/TAMTrek.

Registration is $45 for the 6 and 18 mile event, and free (donations recommended) for the fun run and hike. Come for food, fun, t-shirts and prizes!

Thanks to our Trek sponsors so far: r.k. Miles, Green Peppers, IPJ Real Estate, VT Sun, Middlebury Fitness, MNFC, Carrara & Sons, Addison Independent, Frog Hollow Bikes, Drop In Brewing, Fire & Ice, (continued on page 3)
Summer Camps
This year we are continuing our popular MALT summer youth camps at Otter Creek Gorge Preserve with Mo Bissonnette and Katie McEachan, but also partnering with a new camp based in the open and grassy area near the entrance at Wright Park.

The new camp is called Camp Terrahana, and will be led by Peter Cummings and Monica Filippenko. Peter is a Middlebury native and former Camp Kookamunga counselor. Monica has a background in child development and art and has varied teaching experiences. Both are certified in Wilderness First Aid. (Website: campterrahana.com)

Children at camp will experience the landscape through games, hikes, plant identification, primitive skills, arts, crafts, friendship bracelets, music, forts and fairy houses, and stories. At this writing, there are still spots left for campers at Camp Terrahana.

Middlebury College Summer Intern
Maria Celes Abragan, is an international student from the Philippines, studying Geography and Environmental Studies at Middlebury College. Fun fact about Maria: she has visited 15 countries within 5 years of studying abroad! Maria speaks about starting her internship:

“My first week as an intern is quite transformative. I now look forward to each morning when I’m out on the trail and into the woods cutting brush and mowing weeds, giving me the perfect opportunity to explore different trees, plants, birds, and other animals surrounding the trail. I have never been this passionate before, and I think that working with John Derick, the trail manager, really inspired me to love what I am doing. One of the best things about this internship so far is meeting John who, through actions, taught me the values of commitment and passion, which I think matters more than any other things. “

(Trek Sponsors continued:) Hannaford Supermarkets, LandWorks, Lincoln Peak, American Flatbread, Natl Bank Middlebury, Little Pressroom, Marbleworks Partnership and VT Ski & Ride.
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