

CHEBEAGUE & CUMBERLAND LAND TRUST
Standard 1. Practice D. Ethics: Statement of Organizational Values
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This practice pertains to the ethical responsibilities of the individual Directors of CCLT as they discharge their duties conducting the operations of the land trust in interactions with fellow CCLT Directors; and in serving landowners, the greater land trust community and the general public.

- When we agree to serve as a Director, we necessarily assume the role of personal representatives of the values inherent in the *Standards and Practices*, ascribed to and adopted by this land trust. Therefore each Director will, by his or her actions, project a positive image of CCLT as an organization that can be trusted to conduct its business with honesty and integrity in all dealings with each other, with landowners, and with the public.
- We will be aware of, and act in accordance with, the laws that must guide us. We will avoid even the appearance of a conflict of interest and will disclose any possible conflicts to the Board of Directors immediately.
- As we value the privilege of citizenship in the state of Maine, and of serving the land trust members and citizens in Towns of Cumberland and Chebeague Island, we will strengthen our stewardship of that privilege by increasing our understanding of the communities we serve.
- We will remember that every landowner is entitled to the best information relevant to his or her particular situation and we will make every effort to provide that information. In order to promote clarity in communications and better understanding between the parties, we will always attempt to see ourselves, the land trust, and the comprehensive view from the landowner's perspective.
- We will maintain confidentiality regarding information exchanged during Board meetings and speak for the Board only when authorized to do so. All discussions with landowners regarding possible land preservation agreements will be strictly confidential.
- We will always be aware that we have assumed an obligation to a future that we cannot predict or comprehend and we will support each other with compassion and understanding in our efforts to carry out this obligation.

*(The bulleted items are adapted from "Duties and Responsibilities of All Directors" and "A Few Constants" in the Chebeague & Cumberland Land Trust **Director's Manual**)*