

**Tom Wessels – *Reading the Forested Landscape***  
**Thursday, September 28, 2017 ~ 7:00 PM**  
**MJR Theater, Thetford Academy**

With a wealth of images, Tom Wessels introduces his audience to the ample visual evidence that can be seen in the woods, to unravel the former agricultural, logging, or wind histories of our forests. Using the shapes of trees, where scars are found on their trunks, stump decay patterns, the construction of stone walls, the surface topography of the forest floor and much more, Tom will show how any forest's history can be deciphered in great detail.

Tom Wessels is a terrestrial ecologist and professor emeritus at Antioch University New England where he founded the master's degree program in Conservation Biology. His interests range from forest, desert, arctic, and alpine ecosystems to geomorphology, evolutionary ecology, complex systems science, and the interface of landscape and culture. He has conducted workshops on ecology and sustainability throughout the country for over three decades. He is the author of numerous books (his latest being *Granite, Fire, and Fog: The Natural and Cultural History of Acadia*). Selected titles will be available for purchase the night of the program.

Reading the Forested Landscape is sponsored by the Thetford Historical Society, the Thetford Conservation Commission, and the Science Department at Thetford Academy, and will be held in the Martha Jane Rich Theater at Thetford Academy, at 7:00 pm. The program is suitable for all ages, and there is no admission charge.

