

Chelmsford Land Conservation Trust

Promoting the preservation of Chelmsford's rural heritage and conserving open lands for the benefit of all

Annual Letter

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This year's Chelmsford Land Conservation Trust Annual Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, May 17th at 7 p.m.** Our speaker this year will be Rick Roth, the Creature Teacher, presenting a live animal program entitled, "Animals in Your Back Yard." Accompanying him on stage will be a gray fox, woodchuck, flying squirrel, skunk, and snapping turtle, to name a few.

Rick is well known in the area for his entertaining and informative presentations. This program is open to the public for all ages, so tell your friends and bring your kids. The evening will begin at **6:30 pm in the Ralph Parlee Agricultural Center on the lower level of the Barrett-Byam House , 40 Byam Road, Chelmsford, MA** with some delicious refreshments before the

program. A short business meeting open to all Chelmsford Land Trust members will take place after the talk to receive reports, vote on directors, and hear of the events of the past year. Be sure to visit our website – www.clct.org – for updates and more information about our schedule of events as well as photos of previous activities and items for sale.

Your commitment to our organization allows you and future generations to experience the joys of nature. Since we are a member-supported organization, I ask that you please renew your membership with the enclosed envelope to help achieve our goal of conserving open space in Chelmsford. Please share information about our organization and events with your friends and neighbors – we would love to have more members! If you are a Life member, thank you for your ongoing and valued support.

Sincerely yours,

Dale Williams



Hardy Hikers through Bartlett Woods

Ken Dews and Rebecca Markey led our Winter Fest Walk through Bartlett Woodlot to the old dam site. They related many interesting facts about different tree species, especially the endangered American Chestnut. The kids enjoyed the s'mores and building snow people?!

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2015 IN REVIEW

We had a clear night for star gazing in August with the telescopes of the North Shore Astronomy Club. Many people were in attendance to view the stars particularly the Andromeda Galaxy. A November work day at Kroll Pasture extended the boardwalk along the Double Wall hiking Trail by 30 feet. The Winter Fest walk this year was held at Bartlett Woodlot after assembling at Bartlett Park. Turnout was good for this annual event ending with a campfire and s'mores at Bartlett Park. The Mother's Day weekend bird walk was cold and damp and most birds sought shelter rather than show off their plumage.



Kroll, Calder, Larter Pasture

New Hand Pump

Ken Dews installed a new Maine-built hand pump on the old well head at Kroll Pasture. The June Cook Rose Garden requires frequent watering and this Vison Co. pump will deliver the water we need. The depth of the water in the well is over 15 feet. Funds to purchase the pump came from donations in memory of Frank Warren, father of board members Becky, and Frank Warren.

CONTINUING PLANS AND PROJECTS

Several directors have been attending the Chelmsford Center Improvement and Walk meetings as Bartlett Woodlot is slated for a proposed walk that would cross Beaver Brook. Nothing final has been decided. Other directors have been meeting with the Town Manager to conclude the Sunny Meadow Conservation Restriction. A final meeting is scheduled for May 6th.

ACTIVITIES

UPCOMING 2016

- April 30th – Bird Walk starting at Sunny Meadow Farm at 7 am and going to Red Wing Farm
- Star Gazing – TBA
- Butterfly presentation - TBA