



Annual Letter

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This year's Chelmsford Land Conservation Trust Annual Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, May 21st** at the **Ralph Parlee Agricultural Center on the lower level of the Barrett-Byam House, 40 Byam Road, Chelmsford, MA.** We will begin to assemble at **5:15 pm** and start the program at **5:30 pm** with our guest speaker, the **"Creature Teachers – Your Animal Ambassadors."** This one hour, live animal program features Rick Roth (the Teacher) and a variety of animal friends such as a gray fox, skunk, flying squirrel, and others. Rick is well known in the area for his entertaining, yet environmentally informative presentations. This program is open to the public of all ages, so

tell your friends and bring your kids.

After the program, we will break for some refreshments, and at 7:00



PM, we will begin the business portion of the Annual Meeting, which is open for all to hear the events of the past year. Chelms-

ford Land Trust members are entitled to vote to receive reports, and on renewing three of the directors for a new three year term.

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. If you are a Life member, thank you for your ongoing and valued support.

Sincerely yours,

Dale Williams

PROJECTS

- The Land Trust will be installing informational kiosks at several property locations. The first location will be at the entrance to Bartlett Park directly across from the Main Library.
- We are researching and identifying what trees, shrubs and other memorials have been given to the Trust through the years, but had lost their identifying signage. We will be labeling each with new metal plaques containing updated information.
- Website Renovation - Our current website is 12 years old and in need of a good going over. To that end, we have hired a consultant to completely redesign the website and bring it into the 21st Century. The process has started and should be accessible this Summer.



WinterFest Walks x2

Due to favorable weather conditions, the Land Trust was able to host two WinterFest Walks this year! Notable at the end of Saturday's Archer Meadowbrook walk, was when a neighbor came out and told the group of the daily sighting of a bobcat residing in Archer Meadowbrook.

Sunday brought another well attended walk at Bartlett Woodlot. Beaver Brook was flowing nicely over the ancient dam used to control the flow of water into the millpond, which was located a bit further down-stream. After the walk, a blazing campfire allowed kids and adults alike to enjoy making some tasty S'mores: ingredients donated by the Chelmsford Open Space Stewardship. Thank you COSS!



Archer Meadowbrook — Skunk Island



Bartlett Park Marshmallow Roast



High Street Entrance to Bovey Woodlot



Rail Trail Entrance to Bovey Woodlot

Edward-Hope Bovey Woodlot News The Beginning and End

The High Street entrance to the Bovey Woodlot was completely blocked when an enormous White Pine toppled over and landed perfectly along the trail. As shown in the picture, the trunk of the tree had been significantly damaged by hungry insects. Many thanks to Ken Dews for the huge effort to unblock the entrance and reroute the beginning of the path to the left of the fallen tree.

The end of the Woodlot trail exits onto the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail. A bench, thoughtfully donated by Jane and Alan McKersie, is located at the exit/entrance to the Woodlot to serve as a convenient resting spot for the users of both the trails.