



Annual Letter

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

The CLCT has been meeting virtually for the last year, and it has been working out surprisingly well. While not as enjoyable as face-to-face, the important work of running the Land Trust has been getting done. One benefit of our Zoom meetings is that Jack Frassa, our longtime Director and Treasurer, has remained on the board! Jack moved to Plainville, MA, but has graciously continued act as our Treasurer.

Many thanks to Director Phil Stanway for his continued efforts to publicize the CLCT and it's properties and events. Many generous donations and memberships have been received over the last year, thank you (and visit clct.org)! We have gained many new members due to Phil's work.

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, or go to our revamped website at "clct.org" and use the secure pay site. Please share information about our organization and events with your friends and neighbors.

Sincerely yours,

Dale Williams

Warren - Pohl Property

In the Fall of 2020, the Town of Chelmsford purchased the 54-acre Warren-Pohl Farm. The farm was originally acquired by the Warren Family in the 1620's and remained in the family for 14 generations. Several Warrens are tied to the Land Trust since it's origins in the 1960's; Edwin Warren, one of the founders of the trust, Miriam Warren, our first Secretary, and current Director and Clerk Becky Warren, a recently retired National Park Ranger.

The Town of Chelmsford Conservation Commission and the CLCT are developing a Conservation Restriction (C.R.) for the Warren - Pohl property, one of the requirements for the use of the Community Preservation Fund used to purchase the property. The C.R. sets the allowed uses of the property, protecting it against subdivision and development for perpetuity.

The Warren-Pohl property would be the fourth Town of Chelmsford Property on which the CLCT holds a C.R.; The others are:

- Sunny Meadow Farm
- Sheehan Farm
- Pond Street Beach



View of the main hay field at the Warren - Pohl Property



Rhododendron in bloom at Bartlett Park

CLCT Event at Bartlett Park

We are planning to have an outdoor event at Bartlett Park during the late summer or early fall. There will be an informal talk and/or display geared especially toward our younger members. Details to follow!

Bartlett Park Wall

Parts of the tall stone retaining wall separating Bartlett Park from Acton Road has been looking precarious for the last couple of years. The deteriorating sections have been fenced off. CLCT has solicited several quotes for rebuilding the wall and steps.



Maintenance of our properties

The picture to the left is a section of the main access trail at Bartlett Woodlot. Years of blowing off the trail with a leaf blower by an overly enthusiastic volunteer has stripped much of the topsoil and exposed the roots of the surrounding trees. This practice has ended.

Ken Dews, a Director for the Land Trust, has been placing yards of wood chips to provide the roots with some protection and make the trail safer and more pleasant to walk, as shown by the picture to the right.

