



Annual Letter

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

We hope you have had many opportunities to enjoy the outdoors this last year. Being outdoors, breathing in the fresh air has become an evermore important activity with the advent of Covid epidemic. One can be more relaxed, and feel more comfortable surrounded by open space. The CLCT has continued to meet virtually for the last year, the format has been working quite well. It has been an active year, with the Bartlett Park wall project, events at Bartlett Park, Pollinator Garden at Sunny Meadow, continued work on the Warren-Pohl Conservation restriction, and the care and maintenance of our properties.

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, or make a donation 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

Bartlett Park Events

Two major events were held at Bartlett Park during 2021. The first event was “Eyes on Owls”, held on October 2nd. Marcia and Mark Wilson led an educational and entertaining program enjoyed by over 400 children and adults alike. A variety of owls native to New England were shown by the Wilsons to the appreciative crowd. It was a real hoot!

The annual Scarecrow Festival was held on November 7th. The Chelmsford Open Space Stewardship set up dozens of hay bales with stands for the participants to exhibit their Scarecrows. The creatively crafted Scarecrows were enjoyed by many. Downright spooky driving past Bartlett Park in the evening!





Reconstructed Stone Wall—Acton Road side

Bartlett Park Stone Wall Project

The Bartlett Park wall project, the largest project yet undertaken by the CLCT, is complete. The project was started during the winter by the K.T. Fenton Masonry, whose skilled craftsman worked in some quite harsh conditions. The rock from the old wall was removed and sorted into piles for reuse. Old tree roots and stumps were excavated. Drainage under and through the wall was installed to minimize damage from water both liquid and frozen. The stone from the old wall was skillfully reused, with patches of mortar used to lock the stones into place. The area between the top of the stone wall and Acton Road was carefully regraded. The whole work area has been cleared and re-loamed and reseeded. The grassy area should be usable by mid-summer.

A large section of the Bartlett Street wall was also reconstructed. Extra stone resulting from the base excavation has been used to delineate the boundary of Bartlett Park from an adjoining neighbors property.



Renewed Stone Wall—Bartlett Street side