



July, 2002

We begin this first summer after September 11th thankful that so much of our heritage has been preserved but wary as we adapt to the uncertainties of this changing world. Lovell will be affected as we go forward. We continue to hope that in this 21st century much that has been unique about Lovell will be preserved.

What are the challenges facing the GLLT if we are to contribute to the preservation of the ambiance of this community? This year we will concentrate on two areas. The first is that we must support the efforts of the Milfoil Prevention Committee, established by the Town of Lovell, as it shapes a prevention and response program to protect all the waters in the Kezar Lake watershed. It will require the leadership of the town of Lovell and its year round residents to plan for the future of this community. Second, we will focus on continuing our efforts at conservation through easements and acquisitions to simply balance the increasing development that is occurring here.

We want to acknowledge that in the past year, Gordon "Stub" Eastman retired as Selectman of Lovell. Stub was a friend of the GLLT with a love for this community and a vision for it that we hope can continue. We want to thank him for his years of cooperation, stewardship, and leadership. We will miss his availability, character, and unique presence.

The Milfoil Prevention Committee under the direction of George Scala has been charged with the responsibility to develop a program for protection of this watershed. His report will detail the organization and its efforts and accomplishments to date. Many members of the town are devoting a great deal of time to this ongoing effort.

Our conservation efforts continue. We expect to finalize another significant easement shortly which will not only preserve land but provide an excellent wildlife refuge in the heart of Lovell. The Evergreen property is currently under contract. The Standing Committee on Evergreen Valley of the Kezar Lake Watershed Association is monitoring to see that development on the shorefront of Evergreen will conform to standards of the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the Army Corps of Engineers.

Monitoring within this watershed is becoming increasingly necessary. A variance for development adjacent to wetlands in the Lower Bay has been granted by the town of Stow and the DEP which permits a significantly lower standard than we have come to expect from the Shoreline Zoning laws. It is our hope that the DEP will maintain higher standards in this area in the future. Unfortunately, we expect increasing development pressures especially in wetland areas.

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This past winter saw the completion of our Long Range Planning survey under the direction of Sara Cope. The survey was designed with the participation of Sally Davey, Tom Henderson, and George Scala. Sara has tabulated and summarized the results of this survey.

The Thirteenth Annual Educational Meeting will take place on Saturday, August 3rd. There will be (1) a presentation by the Milfoil Prevention Committee under the chairmanship of George Scala; (2) an update of developments on the properties at Evergreen Valley; and (3) a presentation by Sara Cope of the results of the Long Range Planning Committee as it seeks to prioritize and develop strategies to meet the current and future challenges to the GLLT. It is suggested that those with internet access look up the Squam Lakes Association web page at <http://www.squam lakes.org> which might be considered as a model for our future. This promises to be a landmark meeting and we welcome the input of our members and guests.

We wish to broaden our membership base. Again we encourage the next generation of property owners, both seasonal and year round, to become members. We would like our members to encourage their children and grandchildren to become members in their own names and participate in our activities. Only as future generations are invested in the heritage of our town through conservation and preservation can we be truly successful in our effort to maintain this beautiful community. We need volunteers to help in our programs and we include in this newsletter a list that indicates where we need assistance.

We enclose our semi-annual contribution envelope for renewal of dues or new memberships and for donations to our unrestricted operating or endowment funds. Regular memberships are renewable in July of every year. If you wish to make an additional donation beyond your dues to go to the Milfoil Prevention Committee, kindly indicate that on your donation check. New memberships are encouraged at any time. Major contributions to the Milfoil Prevention Committee, our endowment or operating funds are necessary and deeply appreciated.

Howard A. Corwin
President



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- In addition to the extraordinary energy of our membership, the Land Trust needs your continuing support to accomplish land and resource protection.
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**The Greater Lovell Land Trust Presents:
Natural History at the Lovell Library
Wednesday Evenings in July at 8:00 PM**

New speakers and new topics!

July 10th, James St. Pierre Maine Director of RESTORE: An Alternative Approach to Land Preservation.

Jym will give us a view of an alternative way to protect Maine's wildlands. RESTORE: The North Woods is a regional conservation organization calling for the establishment of a 3.2 million acre Maine Woods National Park and Preserve to ensure that traditional uses and natural values that define the Maine Woods remain intact. This proposal is not without controversy, but Jym's extensive background in a variety of civic organizations and his extensive knowledge of the history of the Maine woods guarantees an interesting presentation that is designed to get those of us in western Maine thinking about issues beyond the bounds of Lovell.

July 17th, Bart Dewolf Consulting Ecologist. Understanding Natural Communities

Natural communities are associations of interacting plants and animals and their supporting environment, minimally impacted by humans, that recur across the landscape. A variety of upland and wetland natural communities are found in the vicinity of Lovell. In this slide-illustrated talk, Bart will explain how to recognize some of the common and not-so-common communities found in the area, and describe some of the plants and animals that make them their home. He will also explain why an understanding of natural communities is important to conservation at the landscape scale, and how to use natural community maps for conservation planning.

July 24th, David Brown, Tracker and Naturalist. Wildlife of the Brownfield Bog.

Dave is back again to share his knowledge and quality original videos. He will take us on an exploration of this nearby natural area, famous among birders as well as sportsman for its density of wildlife. Tracks of the many animals that move up and down the Bog Road will be shown as well as a video of the abundant birds and mammals that can be found there.

July 31st, Richard Fortin, The Yankee Lumberjack

Dick will take us on a trip back in time as we look at the 19th century lumberjack, his tools and life in the woods camp. This program will include a hands on display of authentic tools of the time, and a slide program of the various steps involved in "letting daylight in the swamp". This is an evening you won't want to miss.

Program Note: For safety and space reasons we can accommodate 35 people in the library, so please understand if we have to turn individuals away after we are full.

GREATER LOVELL LAND TRUST: WALKS 2002

As the summer begins the G.L.L.T. is pleased to offer a number of guided walks. We are expanding our walks this year to several new locations and hope you can join us.

Our walks are free and led by trained docents at Heald Pond, Sabbatus Mt. and the Sucker Brook Preserve and other specified locations. Please see our calendar below for details. No prior sign up is necessary. Docents will guide visitors on trails and point out important natural features, identify plants, identify animal sign, and help participants learn to read the forested landscape. Please be prepared to walk on unimproved trails that can sometimes be wet. Please bring appropriate clothing, bug spray, and good walking shoes to deal with all weather. Pets are not invited. Please park carefully to avoid obstruction of fire services, launching facilities, and roadways. Car pooling is encouraged.

Guidelines for walks:

- A casual walk is on developed trails on mostly level terrain.
- An active walk is on developed and rough trails up and down hill.
- A strenuous walk is on an off trail, up and down hill.

All walks are in the morning. Some walks are designed around special themes.

Directions:

The Heald Pond and Flat Hill walks will take place at the Heald and Bradley Preserve. From Lovell drive north on route 5 and turn right on Slab city Road and proceed a short distance over a bridge to a small parking area on your left past the launching area where a docent will meet you.

The Sabbatus Mt. walks will use the popular state owned hiking area off Sabbatus Mt. Road. From Lovell drive north on route 5 and turn right on Sabbatus Mt. Road. Follow the road bearing right at the fork on to a dirt road to a parking lot on the right where a docent will meet you.

The Sucker Brook walks will use the Sucker Brook Preserve off Horseshoe Pond Road. From Lovell drive north on route 5 to the West Lovell Road on your left. Proceed over the bridge to Foxboro road (a left at the next fork). Drive about two miles to Horseshoe Pond road on your right. Proceed down this dirt road a short distance to a sign on our right where a docent will meet you.

THE CALENDAR FOR GUIDED WALKS

July 10, Wed. 8-12. Casual, beaver pond ecology, birds, wildlife sign. Meet at the Heald Pond parking lot (directions above) and carpool to the parking lot at "The Basin" off route 113 and walk about one mile on the Basin trail to Hermit Falls.

July 16, Tue. 9 -11 Casual. Sucker Brook. Wildflowers.

July 22, Mon. 9 -11 Active. Flat Hill. Birds, wildflowers, and views.

July 28, Sun 8-11 Strenuous. Sabbatus Mt. Wildlife sign, trees, views.

August 1, Thurs. 9-12. Active. Historic land use, wildlife sign. We will meet at the Heald Pond parking lot (directions above) and carpool to the Great Brook Trail.

August 13, Tue. 9 -11. Casual. Heald Pond. Wildflowers and mushrooms.

August 24, Sat. 9-12. Active. Heald Pond. Views, wildlife sign, land use, trees.

August 26, Mon. 9 -11. Casual. Sucker Brook. Birds, wildflowers, plants.

August 28, Wed. 10 -12. Active. Heald Pond. A walk up Whiting Hill. Seeds and plants

NOTE: Call 207-925 -1205 if you have any questions about the talks or hikes.

Summer Volunteers Needed... College & High Schoolers

Property and Trail Maintenance...

The GLLT Property Commission is concentrating on trail maintenance and repair, especially in the Bradley Heald venue. The scarcity of volunteers has forced us to acquire the services of a professional Forester who in our case is our own Tom Henderson. He has recently formed Forest Stewardship Services to assist Trusts to meet the field needs which the lack of volunteers presents. He will be completing the Chip Stockford trail and boundary marking; will complete the Red trail at Bishop's Cardinal Walk; complete the Red trail and Flat Hill boundary marking in the B-H venue for starters. We have recently acquired an ATV to assist in all of this on site work garaged with Tom Sheehan, and it should greatly facilitate our work this summer. Tom Henderson's work will be coordinated with the established Venue Captains, Diane Bilotta at Sucker Brook and Bev Bassett and Tom Sheehan at the B-H Venue.

The resignation of Paul Alpert has created the need for a new Captain of the Chip Stockford Preserve sub committee. Again any volunteers would be most welcome to call me.

We will be erecting a Kiosk at the Chip Stockford Preserve and adding benches to the B-H Venue. Our boundary dispute at B-H has subsided but we need to continue monitoring that site.

We would like to recruit at least two new members for this Commission. Please call me at 928-2207 if you are willing to join in the fun!

– C. George Scala

Land Monitoring and Stewardship...

The Land Monitoring and Stewardship Committee is gearing up for another season of monitoring the conservation easements held by the GLLT. When the trust accepts an easement it becomes our responsibility to monitor the property to ensure the terms of the easement remain in place. Easements are one of the trust's highest priorities and we have a well trained and committed group performing this function.

We are interested in having a couple of people join us to assist with the monitoring program. It is a great chance to meet the property owners that have partnered with the trust for protection of properties. It is also an excellent opportunity to learn about the legal process of land conservation, land use, natural resources and other areas of potential interest to many. We encourage college students and high school students to volunteer to learn more about these areas which might lead to possible career pursuits.

Do not miss this opportunity to get involved with this year's program! We will be scheduling appointments with landowners throughout the summer months. We normally meet owners for an hour on a summer evening and one can participate in all or some of the visits. To volunteer, contact Tom Henderson at 603-367-4486.

– Tom Henderson

Please mark down this date – Saturday, August 3, 10:00 A.M.

At the Lovell Town Hall, Center Lovell

“THE FUTURE OF THIS LAND TRUST”

The Greater Lovell Land Trust invites all residents of Lovell to its annual educational meeting.

First there will be an extensive update by George Scala and his Milfoil Prevention Committee of the Town of Lovell. He will discuss the organization, its accomplishments to date, and future plans for the continuing effort to avoid further introduction or spread of milfoil into the Kezar Lake watershed.

Second, Sara Cope, chairperson of the Long Range Planning Committee of the GLLT surveyed its membership and its board of directors over this past winter. She will summarize the results.

The GLLT remains committed to cooperation in the public and private spheres to preserve the quality of the Kezar Lake watershed, the sense of community and the culture of this area. Our annual education programs are designed to promote awareness of our natural heritage and alert us to opportunities for its conservation.

Everyone associated with the Land Trust is a volunteer.

82 Members Respond on the Long Range Plan

Last year, the Greater Lovell Land Trust began developing its first-ever Long Range Plan. We asked our members to help us with this by completing a brief questionnaire. The Long Range Planning Committee would like to thank each of the members who took the time to respond. Eighty-two of you returned a questionnaire, providing us with many outstanding and thoughtful suggestions to incorporate into the plan.

The results of this survey have now been tabulated and are being used to help the committee draft a document that will help the GLLT go forward with its mission. Preliminary analysis showed that you strongly support the primary objective: land conservation and acquisition. You especially value our summer seminar series at the Charlotte Hobbs Library and our summer nature walks and talks on Land Trust properties. You also expressed strong support for programs that continue maintaining the quality of Kezar Lake. You also identified specific areas of concern such as Milfoil, Jet-Skis and the future of Evergreen Valley.

The committee encourages all of you to attend our annual meeting on Saturday, August 3, 2002. Sara Cope, the chair of the Long Range Planning Committee will be presenting a more detailed analysis of the survey results and will report on the progress of the committee in drafting the Long Range Plan.

– Sara Cope



Some Random Thoughts About Conservation Easements

- The main purpose of creating a conservation easement is to preserve the special qualities of your property that make it unique to you and your family. If you wish to be a steward of your land, appreciating its natural beauty and environmental resources while wanting to leave an enduring legacy, you can donate a conservation easement to the Greater Lovell Land Trust (GLLT). It is a gift you give to future generations.
- Your Rights As a Conservation Easement Donor:
 - The right of retaining title to your property
 - The right to sell it
 - The right to restrict public access
 - The right to reserve certain uses on the whole or part of your property
 - The right to give it or bequeath it to whomever you choose.
- The GLLT becomes your "partner" in protecting your land and your wishes. We become your eyes into the future because we are an organization dedicated to the principles of saving precious resources in the Kezar Lake Watershed.

Please write, call or e-mail for more information or to answer your questions about conservation easements to the GLLT Easement Committee, c/o Mary Louise Blanchard, P.O. Box B, Lovell, ME 04051, 207-925-2661, e-mail: mlb@ghi.net.

– Mary Louise Blanchard

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