



Spring 2005

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***From The President's Desk:***

Dear Members, Friends & Bolton Residents,

As the incoming President of the Bolton Conservation Trust, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the outgoing President Ken Swanton for his exceptional stewardship of the Trust over the last year. Most people might want a little breather after a year as President, but Ken has continued to work tirelessly on conservation issues for both the Town and the Trust since stepping down.

Ken's term in office coincided with a banner year for conservation in the town of Bolton. Here are some of the significant achievements:

- All local and state approvals were finalized for the Schartner/Nicewicz APR's which comprise 180 acres of soon to be permanently protected farmland. The Trust successfully raised over \$110 thousand to help with the funding of this project. The APR was several years in the making and may close as soon as June.
- The Town voted to purchase 77 acres of woodland in the middle of the Rattlesnake Hill preserve from John Stephenson. The Trust raised over \$40 thousand to contribute to this project.

The land purchase was completed in March and the preserve now consists of over 400 acres of permanently protected land owned by both the Trust and the Town.

- In March, Ann Levison donated 44 acres of land on the Bolton/Harvard line to the Conservation Trust (see article). The only costs to the Trust for this generous donation were surveying and legal fees.
- Nancy and Brad Reed donated a conservation restriction on 10.8 acres of their land on Randall Road.

This year, the Trust continues to work with several landowners on potential conservation restrictions, land acquisitions and donations. It is our goal to continue the momentum from last year.

As always, the work of the Trust is an expensive proposition. Our major costs consist of staff, legal and engineering fees associated with land conservation, printing and postage, office expense and insurance.

In this issue we take the opportunity to thank all of our members whose contributions make our activities possible by printing their names. If you have joined the Trust this year, thank you. If you have not yet joined the Trust, please consider doing so. I am excited to announce that we have recently

added online giving to our web site through the non-profit groundspring.org (see below). Of course you can still donate the old fashioned way using the form included in this newsletter.

We are looking for a new Webmaster (see below) and hope to announce more web site upgrades in the near future. If you are a talented web developer, please consider volunteering. We are also looking for new office space (see below).

Lastly, as the incoming President, I would like to make myself as accessible as possible

to our constituents. If you have any concerns or suggestions that you would like to share with me, please feel free to contact me at any time at the email address or phone number listed below.

Sincerely,

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### ***Bolton Winter Carnival Update***

Bolton Conservation Trust and the Bolton Trails Committee would like to thank Mike and Karin Hoeffler for hosting this year's Bolton Winter Carnival which was held on February 12<sup>th</sup>. The weather conditions were perfect and the snow was extremely fast. With over 200 people turning out to enjoy the day, it is great to know that the Town of Bolton takes its conservation efforts seriously but at the same time can stop and enjoy some of their accomplishments. Congratulations to all the sled race winners

in every age category, and to those who participated in cross-country skiing and snow-shoeing. Thanks to the 4-H Club for operating the concession stand, Great Brook Farms and Inflatable Flying Objects for their support, and all our local businesses for advertising this event. Congratulations to Bolton residents for supporting a Conservation Vision. With a little help from Mother Nature we hope to see you all next year.

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### ***Annual Meeting***

The Bolton Conservation Trust Annual Meeting was held Sunday March 6, 2005 at the First Parish of Bolton Church. In spite of the still snowy conditions, the meeting was preceded by a walk up Powder House Hill behind town hall. About 80 members and friends attended the meeting, one of our largest turnouts in recent memory!

The highlight of the evening was guest speaker Tom Wessels, author of Reading the

Forested Landscape, who presented a fascinating talk about how to read the clues in the natural landscape that reveal its history. Mr. Wessels kept the audience so entertained that there was much disappointment when he had to cut his speech short due to the arrival of dinner. Because of the excitement Mr. Wessels generated, the Trust has invited him back for a program in October (details to follow in our next newsletter).

Other highlights of the evening included outgoing President, Ken Swanton's speech noting the Trust's numerous accomplishments of the last year; and Noreen Beck and Tina Flaherty's speech about the great success that the Trust's ELF program is having in Bolton's schools. Greentree awards, presented annually to those people who have contributed to significantly to the Trust's mission, were given this year to Brad and Nancy Reed for their 10 acre conservation restriction on Randall Road, and to Noreen Beck and Tina Flaherty for their generous donation of time and effort to the ELF program.

Trust members elected Bonnie Potter, Michael Beck, Dan Gaffney and David James as Directors through 2008; and Tom Parker as President, Tom Moses as Vice President, David James as Treasurer and Robert Johnson as Clerk.

The meeting ended with a delicious dinner, socializing and conservation conversation. The Trust would like to extend great thanks



Tina Flaherty and Noreen Beck present Ken Tucker, Florence Sawyer Principal, with their Greentree Award

to the Nashoba Valley Winery for donating the wonderful dinner and to the First Parish of Bolton for providing the great meeting venue, and to all of the attendees who made this meeting such a great success.

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### ***Bonnie Potter Scholarship Awarded***

We are pleased to announce that the Bonnie Potter Scholarship will be awarded this year to Nashoba Regional High School senior, David Way. As a youth, David attended Tom Denny Nature Camp for many years and worked as a CIT (Counselor) for several summers. As a CIT, David greatly enjoyed working with children. Although undecided regarding a college major, he has expressed an interest in psychology. We congratulate David on this honor and wish him well in his college career!

For those of you who are unaware of the origin of this scholarship, let us explain. Bonnie Potter has been an extremely active

and positive force behind the Bolton Conservation Trust since its founding in the early 1970's and served as President for many years. She has been a driving force behind many successful land protection efforts in Bolton and has also been the inspiration and implementer of the Trust's "second mission" – environmental education. In collaboration with Emerson School and the Vermont Institute of Natural Science, she started the "ELF" (Environmental Learning for the Future) Program here in Bolton. Despite a recent move to Maine, Bonnie remains active on the Trust's Board of Directors, for which we are most appreciative!

## ***Trust Receives 44 Acre Land Donation***

The Bolton Conservation Trust has recently become the recipient of a very generous gift of land in the north portion of Bolton. Ms. Ann Levison, a Harvard resident, donated 44 acres of her family land to the Trust. The Levisons have had an active forestry management plan in place and have generously allowed recreational use (hiking, cross-country skiing, etc.) of the land during their 30-plus years of ownership. The parcel is located near Warner Road, and abuts the 28-acre open space associated with the Northwoods subdivision. Together with the Solchalski Conservation land, these three contiguous parcels total over 100 acres of permanently protected conservation land. In

addition, the Bolton Loop Trail crosses the property.

The area is in many respects quintessential Bolton land containing relatively young mixed hardwoods, evidence of past farming, numerous rock outcrops and moderate relief. Of unique note, however, is the presence of an exemplary vernal pool, located in a deep depression in the southwest portion of the property.

The Bolton Conservation Trust is planning a dedication walk in early summer to thank Ms. Levison for her gift and to introduce townspeople to the land. Stay tuned for details.

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### ***Trust Accepts Online Donations***

The Bolton Conservation Trust is pleased to announce that we have recently added the capability to accept online donations through a partnership with [groundspring.org](http://groundspring.org), a leading provider of online fundraising services to non-profit organizations. Groundspring.org, which is itself a non-profit provides services to over one thousand charitable organizations in the United States. Using this system, you can securely make both one time and recurring credit-card donations. All major credit-cards are accepted. Just go to <http://www.boltonconservationtrust.org> and click on the Donate Now button.

### ***Tom Denney Nature Camp Update***



There are still a few spaces left in sessions 1 (July 11-15), Session 2 (July 18-22) and Session 6 (August 15-19). Call the Trust office, 978-779-2754, for more information.

### ***Webmaster Wanted***

The Bolton Conservation Trust is looking for an energetic and dynamic webmaster to take our web site (<http://www.boltonconservationtrust.org>) to the next level. Ability to attend our meetings the second Tuesday of every month and interest in land conservation required. Ability to create dynamic web sites (preferably PHP/mysql) desired. If interested, contact Tom Parker at [fatherofsam@verizon.net](mailto:fatherofsam@verizon.net)

### ***Office Space Wanted***

In spite of our best efforts, Bolton has continued to grow and our office space at the Emerson School is soon to be taken over once again by school children. We are looking for free or inexpensive office space so that we may continue our mission. We require one room of at least 200 sq. ft. of heated space. The space will be used by office staff during the day and by Trust directors for meetings at night. High speed Internet access would be a big plus. If you know of any space within the town of Bolton that would be suitable, please contact Alice Roemer at the Trust Office at 978-779-2754 or [mar@roemer.com](mailto:mar@roemer.com).

## *Preserving Bolton's Rural Character*

The Trust wishes to recognize the following people and organizations who responded so generously to our Farm Preservation Initiative after June 2004 and to the Stephenson Land Purchase.

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## *Bolton Conservation Trust 2005 Membership Roster*

Membership dollars provide the funds for the Trust's operating expenses. These expenses include the salaries of our staff, legal and engineering fees associated with land conservation, printing and postage, office expense and insurance. These donors represent the backbone of the Trust and we could not function without them.

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***Thank you for your support!***

***The Bolton Conservation Trust***

*Established 1974*

*Dedicated to its mission, "to assist in and promote the preservation of the rural character of Bolton, to preserve and maintain conservation areas, and to educate the public concerning the use of natural resources."*

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