

Spring/Summer 2006 Newsletter

From The President's Desk:

Dear Members, Friends & Bolton Residents,

In our last newsletter we asked for your support at May's town meeting to preserve the Mentzer property on Main St. You may be wondering what happened as it never went to town meeting. Instead of seeking funds from the town, we are working with its owner, Beverly Mentzer, to sell one houselot, and then she is donating the remaining land for conservation. A Bolton resident is buying the lot, and we are now navigating the town's lot creation process.

The new Mentzer Family Conservation Land will be about 24 acres, with frontage on the south side of Main Street. It's forested and extends up the hill beside Bolton Spring Farm's orchards, and backs up to a farm on Annie Moore Road. It also includes a parcel at the corner of Main St and Meadow Rd, and another on the north side of Main St. that connects to trails on the Lime Kiln conservation land and its 450 acres of abutting preserved tracts, including the Moses Henry Mentzer conservation land also donated by the Mentzers. We thank Beverly Mentzer and her family for their latest contribution toward preserving this unique historic landscape.

The state funds have finally come through on the Agricultural Preservation Restrictions (APRs) on the Nicewicz and Schartner

family farms. Together with the abutting Schultz farm, Bolton now has a 287 acre agricultural preserve that will continue in perpetuity. It would not have happened without Bob Schartner's generosity, Eric Schartner, the Nicewiczs, Senator Bob Antonioni, Rep. Pat Walrath, Nellie Aikenhead and the Trust for Public Lands, the state's Agricultural Preservation Restriction program and its \$1.7 million of federal funding for Bolton, the over seventy Bolton residents that contributed to our fund raising campaigns, and the citizens of Bolton who overwhelmingly passed the town's \$1.69 million contribution at the 2004 town meeting and ballot vote.

Former police chief and newspaper columnist Warren Wilson described these farms well when he wrote, "I have been asked to describe a route for driving in Bolton that would let newcomers find the most beautiful spots that still show, to some degree, why Bolton is still called "agricultural". To see old Bolton close up, drive to the end of West Berlin Road. The Schartner Farm is Bolton 1910. On Sawyer Road, you will view the Nicewicz and Schultz Farms, both priceless remainders, they are jewels away from the sights and sounds of route 495 traffic."

Thank you to all the many parent volunteers that brought the ELF learning program to every K-8 grade in Bolton. Our schools are situated in a natural area so teaming with wildlife that river otter live there. ELF gets the students outside in small groups to experience nature up close. The ELF program for the new school year is now underway.

This summer we had another successful Tom Denney Nature camp at Bower Springs. Attendance was up about ten percent to 155 campers, mostly from Bolton. Some great video was shot, and we are looking for a volunteer with a video editing system who would like to assemble it into a show for Bolton's channel 10.

One of our leading Trust Directors, Mike Beck, has resigned to devote more time to family and work. We thank Mike for his years of service, which included being

president of the Trust, and his recently leading the Trust's successful effort to help the Bolton Conservation Commission protect the large Stephenson tract.

Thanks also to last year's Trust President Tom Parker for his tremendous energy leading the Trust through a very busy year in which many keys lands were protected, and our website was much improved. Tom continues as a Director.

We are seeking Bolton residents that want to serve as a Director or Associate Director. No experience is needed, just a desire to help with land preservation and/or educational programs.

Last but not least, this newsletter lists our members, without whom we would not exist. Thank you for your support !

-Ken Swanton

ELF In The News

We began ELF last year at the Florence Sawyer School by teaching the Kindergarten through 7th grade about nature with "Earth and Sky" lessons.

We began in October by learning about orienteering skills and using a compass with Finding Your Way...Clues that Give Us Direction. The children really enjoyed having to navigate with clues to find the hidden scavenger boxes on the school property.

In January we focused our studies on learning about sounds through an introduction to sound waves. Sound

Symphony focused the children on the importance of producing, hearing and distinguishing sounds as important to survival in the animal world. As shown in the accompanying photograph, these 2 fifth graders are learning first hand the ease at which sound waves are formed using simple coat hangers.



Our final workshop of the year was entitled Wind and Clouds...Reading the Sky. For ages, people have tried to read the sky to prepare for the weather. Even with sophisticated tools, weather forecasting is a difficult job. The children were exposed

to the basics of cloud formation by simple weathervanes, observing cloud formations outdoors and studying cloud-type charts. This workshop took the children to the end of the school year.

We appreciate the generous support that the Bolton Conservation Trust provides to keep

the ELF program running at the Florence Sawyer School. We are looking forward to our seventeenth year of providing Environmental Learning for the Future to the majority of students at the school.

Noreen Beck
Tina Flaherty.

Bolton Conservation Trust 2006 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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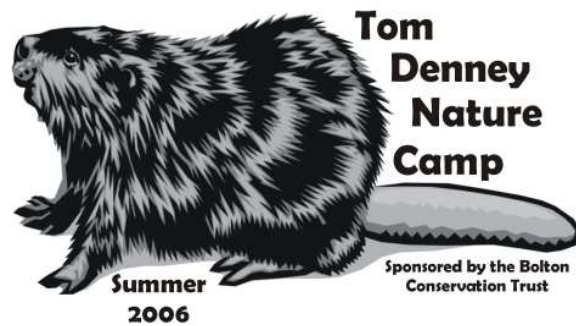
Tom Denney Nature Camp

Imagine finding out that the call you always thought belonged to an elusive bird was actually a tree frog! This was just one of the discoveries that campers made this summer at Bower Springs.

The Trust was fortunate to have Jessica Kagle, a specialist in environmental education for elementary school children, participate in Staff Orientation in June. She gave the staff some great ideas for incorporating environmental information into games and activities for campers.

We want to thank the Bolton Conservation Commission for providing four permanent picnic tables for use by the campers and staff. The tables are a great addition to the

camp area, especially when the weather gets damp!



In keeping with our goal of making environmental learning fun, a three session orientation for prospective CIT's will be held this spring. More information will be in the Fall Newsletter.

Associate Directors Wanted

Do you share our enthusiasm for Bolton's Farms and Open Spaces? Interested in getting involved in helping to preserve the abundant natural beauty of our town? Interested in helping promote education about nature and the environment?

The Bolton Conservation Trust is currently searching for a few Associate Directors. To be an Associate Director, you need only enthusiasm for promoting the

Trust's mission and be able to attend our monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of every month. In this role, you can also take additional responsibility, if desired, for education, public relations (newsletters, web site), land stewardship, fundraising, or events (walks, fundraisers, etc.). If interested, please contact Tom Parker, at fatherofsam@verzon.net.

The Bolton Conservation Trust

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