



NEWSLETTER, DECEMBER 1991

Dear Member, Friend, and Fellow Landowner:

We bring Season's Greetings and good news from The Greater Lovell Land Trust (GLLT). This year's efforts resulted in placing a conservation easement on the highly visible fifty acre lakeside farm of Marion Rodgeron. This beautiful property located just southwest of The Narrows Bridge will remain as open space in perpetuity. Marion's distant woodlot will also be preserved. Conservation of such watershed property is what the GLLT is all about!

Other easements have been completed or are currently being drafted. We are working closely with The National Trust for Historical Preservation and the Town of Lovell on conservation easements to be placed on The Eastman Hill Farm. We have in addition continued our input and negotiations around Evergreen Valley. We have also worked to coordinate potential local acquisitions with The Maine Chapter of The Nature Conservancy.

Last summer's educational program entitled Kezar Lake and Conservation Easements featured nationally known conservation lawyer Stephen J. Small. His excellent presentation on estate planning was recorded on VCR and is available at the Charlotte Hobbes Memorial Library in Lovell or by direct request to the GLLT. Next summer's annual meeting on August 1st will be equally informative, focusing on Long Range Planning in Lovell. Lissa Widoff, Senior Planner of The Land for Maine Futures Board, will speak on the importance of local conservation efforts in view of the recent defeat of the Land for Maine Futures bond issue. We will have our traditional luncheon following the meeting.

The trails on Sabattus Mountain have been maintained by Duncan Howlett and his crew. We are hoping to hear of possible increased state ownership of Sabattus Park in the near future. Duncan has also been monitoring the other conservation easements and property currently under the GLLT jurisdiction.

We would like to solicit the donation of a Camcorder to the GLLT. We hope to develop a visual library as an aid in monitoring properties as well as to record our annual meetings.

Finally, we enclose an envelope for either new memberships or for donations to our endowment or unrestricted funds. Regular memberships will be renewable as of July of each year. New memberships are encouraged at any time. Major contributions to our endowment or unrestricted operating funds are deeply appreciated.

Our membership is growing despite the recession. We remain proud of our mission and accomplishments. We look forward to your increased participation in the GLLT and wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday Season.

Sincerely,

Sally Davey (Co-President)

Howard A. Corwin, M.D. (Co-President)

POLICY STATEMENT

The mission of the Greater Lovell Land Trust is to protect and enhance quality of Kezar Lake and to provide alternative land development in the Kezar Lake watershed in the town of Lovell, Stoneham, and Stow.

The trust, a non-profit alternative to the powers of state and local governments, works exclusively to fulfill the public purposes expressed in Maine conservation laws, such as the Great Ponds Act, the Shoreline Zoning Act, and Town Zoning Regulations.

Through purchase, gift, acquisition of development rights, and the voluntary placing of conservation covenants of property, the Trust works to ensure planned land development in the watershed of Kezar Lake. The Trust cooperates with public, educational, and non-profit groups in educational efforts directed at preserving water quality, land management, and establishing realistic land development options and alternatives.

The Trust does not prevent appropriate land development within the watershed area, but works to ensure that all development efforts comply with existing state and local legislation.

The Trust has begun to acquire and reserve from development specific parcels and easements to protect land of special esthetic, habitat, or other considerations.

Acquisition of land by the Trust is accomplished through negotiation and voluntary cooperation with private landowners. All gifts to the Trust are tax deductible, fully recognized under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code.

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