

HAMILTON-WENHAM OPEN LAND TRUST

Winter 2001



Nickerson Knoll
Gift of Pauline M. Nickerson

PRESIDENTS REPORT

I am pleased to report that the Hamilton-Wenham Open Land Trust had a busy and productive year. In addition to maintaining our own properties, our officers, directors, and members supported local conservation projects including Appleton Farms Family Fun Day and Work Day (Trustees of Reservations), National Trails Day (Hamilton Conservation Commission), various activities pertaining to Chebacco Woods (Chebacco Woods Land Management Committee), and updating the Town of Hamilton Open Space and Recreation Plan.

We also had productive discussions with several landowners interested in donating land and conservation easements to the land trust. We expect that these discussions will result in two additions to our holdings by the end of this year. We would be pleased to talk with any landowners regarding permanent protection of their land.

Thanks to the generous support of our members and friends, the land trust now celebrates its 16th year of land preservation efforts in Hamilton and Wenham. We confidently look forward to the future with great enthusiasm.

Working together in 2002 we can preserve more of the wildlife habitat, watershed, agricultural lands and other natural features that make Hamilton and Wenham the special places they are. To help us continue our land acquisition program and maintain the properties and trails we now own, we welcome new members and urge our members to renew their memberships now. We are always interested in acquiring additional land and ask that you contact a land trust officer or director regarding possible acquisitions or conservation easements.

A Regular membership is only ten dollars; and larger amounts are always welcome. Contributions are tax deductible in accordance with IRS regulations.

Our best wishes to all in 2002,
Christopher P. Davis, President

IN MEMORIUM



Pauline M. Nickerson

Wenham resident and long-time land trust director, Polly Nickerson died this fall. We were honored to have her as a generous and loyal friend for many years. A dedicated conservationist, in 1991 she gave the land trust almost 12 acres having over 800 feet of frontage on Wenham Lake. And for that we will always be grateful.

Manchester's Ralph Kershaw and the thousands of other victims of the terrorist attacks on September 11. We ask that you always remember them.



Betsy Hopkins, Vice President

With the departure of Hamilton vice president, John Rhoads, the land trust officers and directors enthusiastically elected Betsy Hopkins vice president. A graduate of Harvard, MIT, and the Conway School (landscape design), she is also certified in wetlands plant identification. From 1995 to 1999 she designed and helped implement the shoreline restoration of Walden Pond and also worked on the horticultural master plan for Larz Anderson Park in Brookline. This year she also served as staff person for the Wenham Conservation Commission.

We are also pleased to report that Tim Everitt and Albie Dodge have been elected to the land trust board of directors. Their skills and enthusiasm are impressive and they will further strengthen our organization. A Wenham resident, Albie Dodge is well known for his vast knowledge of the history and geography of Wenham and Hamilton. A former Eagle Scout, company president, school committee member (11 years), and Wenham selectman (12 years), we are fortunate to have him with us. Our new director, Tim Everitt, is a vice president with Wellington Management Company, LLP. His skills as a Certified Financial Analyst make him a welcome addition to the board. Tim mountain bikes and coaches lacrosse, and lives in Hamilton with his wife, Carter, and two daughters. Many of you know Carter for her hard work helping to raise money to purchase Chebacco Woods.



A. Winslow Dodge, Director



Tim Everitt, Director

Hamilton-Wenham Open Land Trust, Inc.

Officers

Christopher P. Davis, Esq, Hamilton *President*
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& Maintenance Manager*
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Reservations

Pondview

2 acres on Boardman, Lane, Hamilton
Gift of Ephron and Priscilla S. Catlin

Nickerson Knoll

11.7 acres on Cedar Street, Wenham
Gift of Pauline M. Nickerson

Helen Warren Richardson

2 acres on Woodbury Street, Hamilton
Gift of Frederick L. W. Richardson, III

Riverside

9 acres off Gardner Street, Hamilton
Gift of Tom and Tim Ford

Whipple

2 acres on Candlewood Island, Hamilton
Gift of Linda Greeley and Paula Minichiello

Taft Woods

4.4 acres off Taft Woods Row, Hamilton
Gift of the Warren 5 Cents Savings Bank

Ted & Ella Johnson

7 acres on Candlewood Island, Hamilton
Gift of Theodore E. Johnson

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