



# Chocorua Lake Conservancy

Spring 2016

Conserving the Basin since 1968

## Iconic View Protected

The view from the hill overlooking Chocorua Lake is iconic, from the historic barn downward to Little Chocorua Lake, past the Narrows Bridge, over Chocorua Lake and up to majestic Mount Chocorua. Each year thousands of photos are snapped of this beautiful view.

For 140 years, the Bowditch family has preserved this view. In 2013, the state chose this iconic view to represent New Hampshire on the “America the Beautiful” quarter.

This historic view is now protected forever thanks to a recent agreement between the Chocorua Lake Conservancy and the Bowditch family for the Conservancy to purchase a perpetual conservation easement on the property. This agreement continues and memorializes the Bowditch family’s long history of conservation and stewardship.

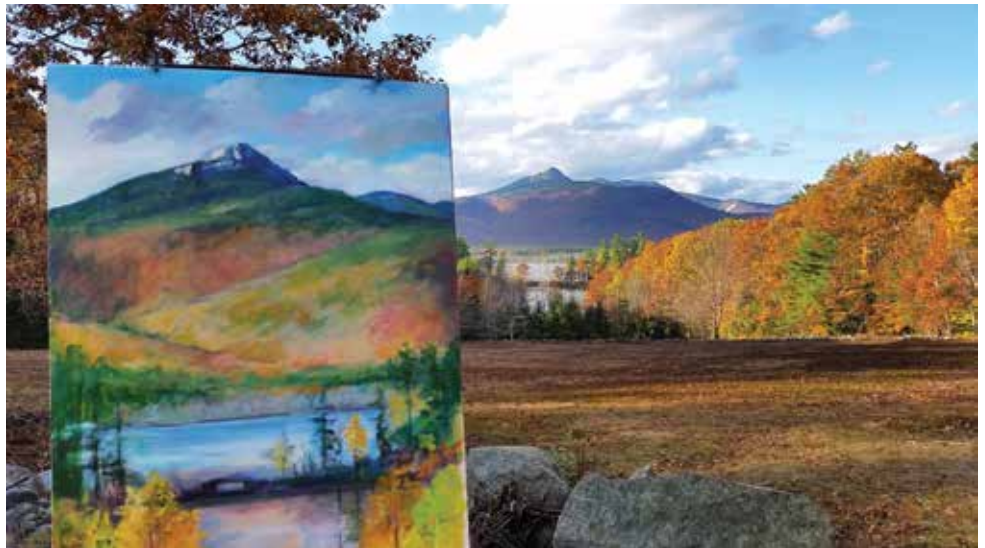


Photo by John Watkins featuring painting by Penny Purcell

“The Chocorua Lake Conservancy has given us a great opportunity to honor the Bowditch legacy and the work put in by Samuel I. Bowditch and James R. Bowditch, as well as an opportunity for us to show our love for this area and its residents,” said Bill Vander Clute on behalf of the Bowditch family.

The Bowditch legacy is strong in Chocorua. Charles P. Bowditch was one of the founders of the Chocorua  
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## Lynne Flaccus Hired as Stewardship Director



Almost 50 years after the founding of our predecessor organizations, the Chocorua Lake Conservancy has hired its first full-time employee!

We are excited to welcome Lynne Flaccus to the position of Stewardship Director. Lynne will be responsible for advancing the stewardship program of the Conservancy, which is responsible for managing or stewarding 3,800 acres of protected land in the Chocorua Lake Basin.

As Stewardship Director, Lynne will establish personal contact with each owner of protected land and will work with the landowner to create a “current conditions” report for each covenant or easement, to establish a baseline against which changes in the land can be assessed for compliance with the governing document.

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## Stewardship Director, continued

Building on these initial contacts, Lynne will recruit and train volunteers to assist with annual landowner contacts and property visits, to offer assistance with land management questions, and to update Conservancy records to reflect any changes in protected properties.

Many of Conservancy's conservation covenants date from the early days of land conservation in the United States. The creation of conservation covenants represented a pioneering and herculean effort on the part of founders of the Conservancy's predecessor organizations. The Conservancy's records contain important information about each covenant, but modern standards of land trust practice require that we establish up-to-date systems for maintaining relationships with the owners of protected lands and for assuring that our information about each parcel remains current with the passage of time.

Lynne has a lifelong connection with the Chocorua area. She spent her childhood summers and many vacations at her grandmother's house in Tamworth, of which she is now a co-owner. She spent much of her youth and early adult years exploring, hiking, fishing, and canoeing throughout Chocorua, Tamworth and the Sandwich Range. After college, she spent four years living and working in the area.

"There has always been a special spot in my heart for Tamworth and the Chocorua Lake area!" Lynne says.

Lynne brings to the Chocorua Lake Conservancy almost 30 years of experience in land conservation and stewardship, managing protected properties, studying wildlife, and educating adults and children. Most recently, she served as Education and Stewardship Specialist at Midcoast Conservancy (Wiscasset, Maine), where she was the point person for all stewardship activities. Lynne spent the prior five years as Programs Manager at the Sheepscot Valley Conservation Association (Newcastle, Maine), where she implemented a wide range of stewardship and conservation programs, and natural history education.

This Stewardship Director position is partially funded through generous grants from the Tamworth Foundation, the New England Grass Roots Foundation, the Davis Conservation Foundation; and the Norcross Wildlife Foundation.

Lynne will be supervised by Peg Wheeler and Alex Moot, with support from Paul Doscher, who recently retired after 27 years at the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests.



Lynn Flaccus with family on Bald Pate

### What is Land Stewardship?

When a land trust accepts a conservation covenant or easement, it accepts a perpetual, legal responsibility to protect the conservation values described in that covenant or easement, to visit and inspect the protected property on a regular basis, and to uphold the terms of the covenant or easement. The Conservancy must provide the resources to support the following five major responsibilities of land stewardship:

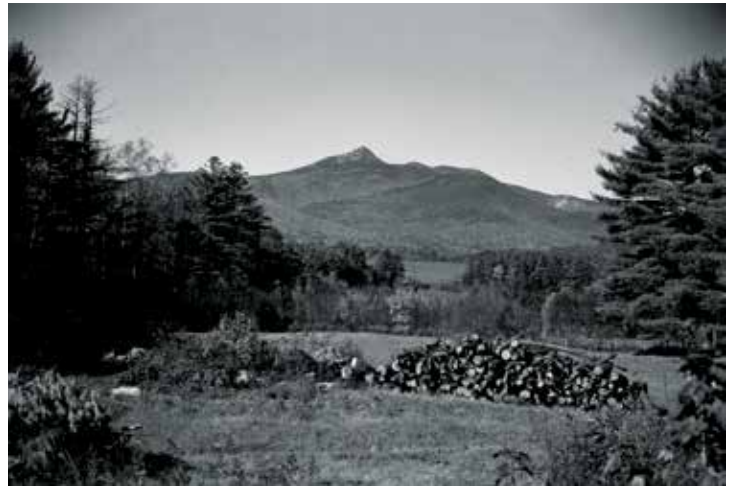
1. Creating baseline documentation, which is a detailed report prepared prior to closing that describes the conservation values and condition of the property, and requirements for monitoring the property on an ongoing basis.
2. Visiting and monitoring each site on a regular basis to confirm and document, in writing, that the conserved property is being maintained according to the terms of its covenant or easement.
3. Communicating regularly with landowners who have signed conservation covenants or given conservation easements, including the tracking of ownership changes if the property is sold or passed from one generation to the next.
4. Investigating all apparent violations of the covenant or easement terms.
5. Addressing any departure from the conservation terms when and if needed, to be sure that those terms continue to be honored.

## Iconic View, continued

Lake community and a devoted conservationist. In 2006, Jim Bowditch conceived and carried through to its completion the awarding of the coveted “National Historic District” status to the Chocorua Lake Basin and its viewshed.

The agreement with the Bowditch family prohibits any additional structures or residential use while preserving the present view. A portion of the property will be designated for public access to enjoy the historic view.

The project is supported in part by a grant from New Hampshire’s Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP), demonstrating the state’s recognition of preserving such a special place.



View from Bowditch lot, circa 1950.

Later this year, the Conservancy will be asking lovers of Chocorua Lake and the Basin to contribute to that portion of the acquisition cost not covered by the LCHIP grant, and to a fund to provide for the management and administration of the property and of the easement.

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## Want to help?

The Board needs members to serve on various Conservancy committees:

- **Land Conservation:** Responsible for the stewardship and protection of existing conservation covenants and easements owned by the Conservancy, and for the identification and acquisition of new easements and other land interests which help the Conservancy achieve its mission.
- **Lake Protection:** Responsible for the monitoring of water quality in both Chocorua Lake and its tributaries and preventing aquatic invasive species through careful monitoring.
- **Property Management:** Responsible for management of Conservancy-owned property, including the Chocorua Patrol and the maintenance of all public access areas, the Narrows Bridge railings, and the Little Lake dam. Responsible for managing Conservancy lands in accordance with the current Forest Management Plan.
- **Education & Outreach:** Responsible for communicating the Conservancy’s mission, goals and programs to various constituencies. Organizes occasional educational workshops and community-building events.
- **Governance & Nominating:** Responsible for the general affairs of the Board of Directors, by ensuring that the board processes, structure and roles are effective. Responsible for identifying and nominating new members to the Board, and for helping Committees identify additional members. Responsible for records management.
- **Finance:** Responsible for overseeing the fiscal affairs of the Conservancy and the work of the Treasurer by ensuring the proper systems, procedures, and controls exist.
- **Development & Membership:** Responsible for overseeing fundraising efforts which promote membership growth and create a diverse philanthropic revenue stream that ensures the Conservancy’s financial ability to carry out its mission.

If you would like to offer your services, or want to recommend someone else, to any of the above Committees, please contact either Alex Moot ([amoot@chocorualakeconservancy.org](mailto:amoot@chocorualakeconservancy.org)) or Peg Wheeler ([mwheeler@chocorualakeconservancy.org](mailto:mwheeler@chocorualakeconservancy.org)).

# Upcoming Events

- Sunday, July 3rd @ 9am – 10:30am: “Adopt a Highway” trash pickup (meet in [the Grove](#))
- Sunday, July 3rd @ 12pm – 2pm: Members Cookout ([Mathews house](#))
- Saturday, July 9th: “Save the Loons” Fishing Derby (meet in [the Grove](#))
- Saturday, August 13th @ 12pm – 2pm: Members Cookout ([Wheeler field](#))
- Saturday, August 20th @ 3pm – 6pm: Annual Meeting & Cocktails ([Runnells Hall](#))
- Saturday, August 27th: Members Event (details to come)
- Saturday, September 3rd – Monday, September 5th: Labor Day Weekend Tennis Tournaments
- Sunday September 4th @ 6pm: Annual Picnic & Cocktails in [the Grove](#)
- Sunday September 4th @ ~7:30pm: Festival of Lights boat parade
- Saturday, October 8th @ 9am – 10:30am: “Adopt a Highway” trash pick-up (meet in [the Grove](#))



The twinkling flotilla of the Parade of Lights brings another summer to a bittersweet close. Photo by Betsy Memishian.

## Celebrating Tamworth's 250th

The Chocorua Lake Conservancy has held several field trips for the community in celebration of Tamworth's 250th anniversary.

On February 27th, John Watkins led a group into Conservancy's Conservation lands in and around Heron Pond, and on April 17th, Chris Conrod took a group to explore various vernal pools in and around Bolles Road and Chocorua Lake Road.

For more information and future events celebrating the 250th anniversary, see the organization's Facebook page at:

[www.facebook.com/Tamworth250/](http://www.facebook.com/Tamworth250/)



# 2015 Annual Report Chocorua Lake Conservancy

## President's Letter

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to thank all of our members, friends and other donors for their generous support during 2015.

After 48 years as an all-volunteer organization, I am excited to announce the Conservancy has hired Lynne Flaccus as our first full-time staff person (see cover article). Lynne will be starting in May 2016 as Stewardship Director. Please welcome Lynne to the Chocorua Lake Basin community when you see her.

I am also excited to announce the signing of an agreement with the Bowditch family to protect in perpetuity the iconic view from the hill overlooking the Little Chocorua Lake, Narrows Bridge and Chocorua Lake (cover article). Special thanks to Bill Vander Clute, Bruce Bowditch, John Watkins and Peg Wheeler for their hard work on this agreement to protect this important view and provide public access.

**Financial Results:** During 2015, the Conservancy spent a total of \$82,540, which is 4.7% more than we spent in 2014. In 2015, the Conservancy received \$65,462 in contributions from members and other donors, plus \$20,000 in grant funding for the Stewardship Director position. The Conservancy ended 2015 with a \$10,146 surplus. However, if one subtracts the grant funding reserved for the Stewardship Director position, which will be spent in 2016 and 2017, the Conservancy ended 2015 with a -\$9,854 operating deficit.

**Members:** During 2015, the Conservancy received financial contributions from 307 households, a 31% increase over 2014.

Our 83% membership renewal rate in 2015 was a bit lower than last year's 88% renewal rate, but still much higher than most land trusts. The Conservancy added 60 first-time donors and brought back 53 lapsed donors. The number of local, year-round member households and donors jumped to 75 households, a 70% increase.

We are grateful for the generosity, trust, and most importantly, commitment of our members to our mission. The Conservancy only succeeds in our mission to protect the scenic and natural resources of the Chocorua Lake Basin because of our members

Alex Moot  
President (2015-16)

### Board of Directors

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Steven Lanou

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Letitia McIlwraith

Neely Lanou, President Emerita

# Chocorua Lake Conservancy

## -- 2015 Members and Donors --

### Mt Chocorua Society (\$2,500+)

**Ellen G Moot**  
**Linda and Stephen Weld Jr.**  
 Anonymous

### Little Lake Society (\$500-\$999)

**Ian and Janet Cooke**  
 Roger and Benedicte Hallowell  
**Eleanor and William Helm, Jr**  
**Harriet Hofheinz & Robert Bradford**  
**Gregory Lanou & Tracy Skillin-Lanou**  
 Dene & Thomas Lee  
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**Toby and Theo Page**  
**Penelope and Xavier Pi-Sunyer**  
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**Robert Sedgwick & Helen Torelli**  
 Pam and Rick Sedler  
**Anne D Twitchell**  
 Robert and Sandra Watkins  
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### Lake Chocorua Society (\$1,000-\$2,499)

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**Richard and Nancy Fryberger**  
 Geoffrey and Karen Gill  
**Steven Lanou**  
 & Mieke van der Wansem  
 William Mayer  
**Kent and Kay Miller**  
**Alex Moot & Nancy Roosa**  
**John Sedgwick & Rana Foroohar**  
**Sarah B Tipton**  
 Sue, Earl & Whitney Engelmann  
**Marilyn M Woodhouse**  
 Anonymous

<b>Bold</b>	Member 5 or More Years in a Row
<i>Italics</i>	First-Time Member
*	Gift Membership Received

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 Richard Allmendinger & Teresa Jordan  
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**Melissa and Arthur D Baldwin III**  
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 Jennifer, David & Ryan Buchanan  
 John and Michelle Cleveland  
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 Alyce Zellers & James Goldman  
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**Kathryn and Leonard Wheeler Jr.**  
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 Elizabeth and Barry Memishian  
**Claude and Martha Wintner**  
 Debra and John Woodhouse II  
**G Townsend Zwart & Anne T Zwart**  
 Anonymous

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 Emily and Andrew Korson, M.D.  
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**Anita Kunhardt & Diana Bailey**  
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 & Susan Lamont  
 Thomas Kunhardt & Helen Lindberg  
 Kate Lanou  
*Richard and Eileen Lennon*  
 Charles Lewis & Ginny Niebuhr  
 William Lincoln Jr & Victoria Mateo  
 Marion Lloyd Salois & Dean Salois  
 Douglas MacLean & Susan Wolf  
 Michael Magruder  
**Calvert Magruder**  
 Stanley and Nancy Marsden  
 Sheryl and George Mathews III  
 Howard and Nancy Mathews

**Family Members (\$100-\$249) continued**

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John and Kathleen Mathews  
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Diane Merlow  
**John and Catherine Mersfelder**  
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    **& Pamela Andruszkiewicz**  
**Ruth R Miller**  
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Helen & Arya Robbins  
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**Sandy and Peg Rubel**  
Rick and Jan Sanborn  
Daniel Seely Jr  
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Edward and Willa Wolcott  
Ned Worcester  
**Barbara P Worcester**  
**Gerrit Zwart & Cynthia Sunderland**  
Anonymous  
*Anonymous*

**Individual Members (\$50-\$99)**

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Victoria Arponen  
Nancy E Baker  
**Tim Baldwin**  
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Leah Watkins Beane\*  
*Ned Beecher*  
Hans-Peter Biemann\*  
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<i>Ingrid and Mark Albee</i>	<i>Starr M Florio</i>	Michael Proulx
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Carolyn C Bloomfield	<i>Antonio and Barbara Iorfino</i>	Barbara and Frederick Slader Jr.
Kathlyn and Jesse Box	Steven and Kathleen Jacobsen	<i>Ruth Timko</i>
Jean and David Brown	Ellen Keith	Edward VerPlanck
Reid and Dusty Bunker	Robert and Monica Lamb	Betsy Watt
<i>Anna and David Burley</i>	Samuel Lane	<i>Ruth Weld</i>
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Christina P Diebold	Kenneth Morse	<i>Anonymous</i>
David Eastman	James Peltz & Ruth Smalley	
<i>David and Suzanne Eaton</i>	Charles and Christine Penglase	

**Members & Friends**

Family Memberships (\$100)	187
Individual Memberships (\$50 - \$99)	84
Student Memberships (\$20)	1
Friends (\$1 to \$49)	<u>35</u>
<i>total households:</i>	<b>307</b>

**ASSETS (of Dec. 31, 2015)**

Cash	\$42,980
Investments at Fair Value	\$256,136
Conservation Covenants & Easements	\$97,210
CLC-Owned Properties	\$550,729
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$947,055</b>

**Help protect the Chocorua Lake Basin by renewing your membership:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$20 (Student)                       | <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 (Friend)                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 (Individual Membership)         | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 (Family Membership)     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$250 (Narrows Bridge Society)       | <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 (Little Lake Society)   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000 (Chocorua Lake Society)      | <input type="checkbox"/> \$2,500 (Mt Chocorua Society) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Amount (please specify): _____ |  |

**Please make check payable to “Chocorua Lake Conservancy” and mail it to:**

Chocorua Lake Conservancy  
 PO Box 105  
 Chocorua, NH 03817

**Or donate online today by visiting [www.chocorualakeconservancy.org](http://www.chocorualakeconservancy.org).**

**Make a difference today:**

**Make a Gift of Securities.** Please email us at [donations@chocorualakeconservancy.org](mailto:donations@chocorualakeconservancy.org) for instructions.

**Join the CLC’s Legacy Society!** Create a lasting legacy with a planned estate gift. Email us.

**Become a Sustaining Member!** Go to our website, click “Support Us”, and make a recurring donation.



# Income Statement (FY 2015)

*For the period from Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2015*

## **INCOME**

Donations	\$65,462
Grants	\$20,000
Donation Boxes	\$1,144
Contributed In Kind Services	\$8,484
Investment Income	(\$2,404)

<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$92,686</b>	<i>% total expenses</i>
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## **EXPENSES**

<b>Property Management</b>	<b>\$19,233</b>	<b>23.3%</b>
Lake Patrol & Public Convenience	\$7,640	
Erosion Control & Landscaping	\$5,660	
Property Insurance	\$4,975	
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	\$688	
Other Expenses	\$270	

<b>Land Conservation</b>	<b>\$9,303</b>	<b>11.3%</b>
Land Stewardship Services	\$8,810	
Other Expenses	\$493	

<b>Lake Protection</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0%</b>
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<b>Education &amp; Outreach</b>	<b>\$7,829</b>	<b>9.5%</b>
Spring Newsletter	\$4,420	
Fall Newsletter	\$1,179	
Membership Dues & Contributions	\$1,500	
Member Cookouts	\$276	
Website, Social Media & Other Expenses	\$454	

<b>Governance</b>	<b>\$5,046</b>	<b>6.1%</b>
Archivist Project	\$3,350	
Nominations Mailing & Other Expenses	\$1,137	
Annual Meeting & Board Meetings	\$559	

<b>Finance &amp; Administrations</b>	<b>\$23,202</b>	<b>28.1%</b>
Legal Services	\$15,917	
Consulting Services	\$3,480	
Insurance	\$1,929	
Office Expenses & IT Services	\$1,386	
Business Registration Fees	\$490	

<b>Development &amp; Membership</b>	<b>\$9,935</b>	<b>12.0%</b>
Mailing Services & Postage	\$7,139	
Mailing Lists & Member Stickers	\$896	
Bank & Other Transaction Fees	\$862	
Other Expenses	\$684	
Donation Acknowledgment Mailings	\$354	

<b>Contributed In Kind Services</b>	<b>\$7,991</b>	<b>9.7%</b>
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<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$82,540</b>
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<b><u>NET INCOME (DEFICIT)</u></b>	<b>\$10,146</b>
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# Preparing for Perpetuity

A pristine lake, an undisturbed lakeshore, a forest in its wild state, a beautiful field - appreciating the beauty of nature is just the beginning for the Chocorua Lake Conservancy.

With each new (and old) conservation agreement comes a deep and permanent responsibility: we have promised to look after, or steward, the conservation protections placed on this land forever. Regular land stewardship satisfies the legal and ethical obligations created when the Conservancy, or one of its predecessor organizations, accepted a conservation covenant or easement.

Past leaders of the Conservancy and its predecessor organizations carried out these responsibilities through personal connections with landowners who, in most cases, were the original donors of the covenant or easement.

Generational changes, both among landowners and among the leadership and volunteers of the Conservancy, and evolving standards of land trust practice and recordkeeping, now require that Conservancy approach this responsibility in a more systematic manner.

Today, all land trusts are obligated to establish and carry out a regular program of checking to be sure that the covenants on each conserved property are being honored. Building relationships with landowners — walking their land with them and working to address common concerns — goes a long way toward making sure that our conservation agreements are upheld.

After much debate, the Conservancy board decided in 2015 that our all-volunteer land trust did not have enough volunteers to fulfill its stewardship obligations towards 74 conservation covenants and easements covering almost 3,000 acres. Thanks to the efforts of board members Peg Wheeler and Melissa Baldwin, the Conservancy was able to secure four grants totaling \$24,500 towards this position.

We are excited to welcome Lynne Flaccus to the position of Stewardship Director.

The hiring of Lynne as Stewardship Director position and adoption of modern stewardship practices will assure local residents and visitors that the Conservancy's conservation holdings are being cared for in a manner that protects the interests of all and maintains the unique qualities which our predecessors worked so hard to preserve.

➤ Read this story online at: [bit.ly/1q3vGoT](http://bit.ly/1q3vGoT)

Heron Pond (Lonely Lake)  
in the Frank Bolles  
Nature Preserve.  
Photo by Alex Moot.



## Board Nominations

If any CLC members know someone who you think might be a good candidate to serve on the Conservancy's Board of Directors, please contact Peg Wheeler at [mwheeler@chocorualakeconservancy.org](mailto:mwheeler@chocorualakeconservancy.org). Self-nominations are permitted but are not encouraged.

We are looking for individuals who have expertise in one or more of the following areas:

- Interest in and knowledge of natural resources and wildlife
- Land conservation and management
- Water quality monitoring and management
- Experience with land trusts and/or other non-profits
- Community outreach and event programming
- Legal expertise
- Writing/editing skill
- Financial expertise

Desirable personal qualities include:

- Commitment to the mission and work of the Chocorua Lake Conservancy.
- Availability to attend and participate meaningfully in six (6) Board meetings per year, located in either Chocorua or Portsmouth. Board meetings are typically scheduled during 9am to 1pm on a Saturday or Sunday morning. If you are unable to attend a board meeting in person, you may participate via teleconference.
- Availability and willingness to take an active role in at least one board committee.
- Willingness to help with fundraising efforts, attend Conservancy events, and lend volunteer assistance as needed.

Please think about your personal and professional acquaintances in the community, and about the members of your extended family, with the qualities listed above in mind.

## Wildlife Notes

Because of a warm winter, sparse snow, and thin ice, the annual dog sled races were cancelled—first in January, then in February. Fisher, deer and moose tracks were occasionally seen but other critters' prints hard to observe.

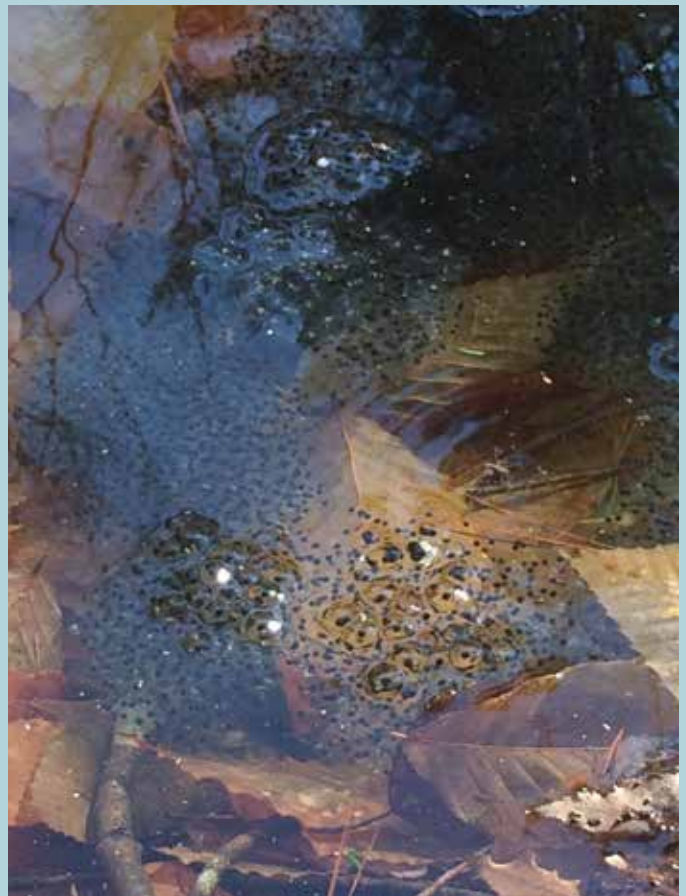
With spring the bears are browsing, the deer running, the rough grouse drumming, and the bees humming. Two pairs of loons--maybe only passersby's--have been spotted on the Lake as well as several Mergansers and twelve Goldeneyes up at the north end.

Remember; please send your animal/bird/insect sightings to:

[hhofheinz@chocorualakeconservancy.org](mailto:hhofheinz@chocorualakeconservancy.org)

OR post them on our Facebook page:

[facebook.com/chocorua.lake.conservancy](https://facebook.com/chocorua.lake.conservancy)



Wood frog eggs in a vernal pool. Photo by Ruth Weld.

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