



# *Hopkinton Area Land Trust*

*2012 Annual Meeting of Members*

David S. Goldman, P.E.

President

Hopkinton Area Land Trust, Inc.

September 25, 2011; 2 – 4 PM Hopkinton Fire Station Conference Room



# *Who We Are*

- **The Hopkinton Area Land Trust is a Federal 501(c)(3), State Chapter 180, Not-for-Profit Corporation, incorporated in 1995**
- **Membership and Volunteer organization**
- **Currently governed by a nine member, dedicated, board of directors (two original directors still serve since we were founded in 1995)**
- **Many members, friends, supporters, and donors in the Hopkinton and surrounding area**



# Officers and Directors

- **Officers**

- **David S. Goldman, PE, President**
- **Edwin Brohm, Treasurer**
- **Mary C. Pratt, Secretary & Clerk**

- **Directors**

1. **David S. Goldman, PE, Chairman and Director for Land Acquisition & CRs (Founding Member)**
2. **Edwin Brohm, Treasurer, Director for Grants and Newsletter Editor**
3. **Mary C. Pratt, Clerk (Founding Member)**
4. **Brian Garrett, Director for Fund Raising**
5. **Jeff Furber, Director for Stewardship**
6. **Gail Clifford, Director for Scholarship**
7. **Beth Rohlfs, Director for Trails**
8. **Mavis O’Leary, Director for Community Relations**
9. **Kenneth Parker, Director at Large**



# Who We Aren't

- **HALT is NOT the Hopkinton Open Space Commission (OSPC)**
  - **OSPC is supported by Hopkinton Tax Dollars from the Community Preservation Committee**
- **Community Preservation Committee**
  - **Overseer of the tax monies collected from Hopkinton Taxes and partially matched by the State**
- ***There is a mistaken perception that the Hopkinton Area Land Trust is a part of the Town (Hopkinton Open Space Commission) and supported by tax dollars***



# *What We Do*

- **Acquire and protect open space in and around Hopkinton**
- **Accept the donation of land, Conservation Restrictions, money and other assets**
- **Develop trails, often working with local scouting organizations (Eagle and Gold, public service projects)**
- **Promote conservation and passive recreation**
- **Educate the public on land preservation and conservation issues**
- **Award college scholarships to conservation-minded Hopkinton students**



## ***What We've Accomplished***

- **More than 800 acres of open space owned or under conservation restriction (or in process)**
- **Miles of trails that are actively used by the community**
- **Applied for seven and won six grants for trail development, trail signage and trail repairs**
- **Dozens of \$250 scholarships awarded**
- **Nurtured a growing endowment**
- **Geocaching Program on trails and properties**
- **Increased Trust awareness through newsletters, articles, events and a new web site**



# Properties and CRs

## Properties

- Wiley Woods\*√
- Brook Hollow\*√
- Deer Run/Brickhill\*√
- Hopkinton Highlands I\*√
  - Zettek Overlook\*√
- Hopkinton Highlands II\*√√
- Hopkinton Highlands III\*\*
- Spring-Hill I & II\*
- Old North Mill I & II\*√
- Deneen-Scarlatta\*\*
- Hill Street\*
- Clinton Street\* Kotob
- Wilson Street, Zettek \*
- South Mill Street, Braim Farm\*
- Canterbury Lane\*\*
- Front Street, Pelouquin Estates\*\*
- Commons/Rocky Woods Rd.\*\*\*

## Conservation Easements

- EMC 228 South Street\*
- EMC 52 South Street\*
- Terry High School Property\*
  - Center Trail\*√
- Hopkinton Meadows North St.\*√.
- Whitehall Property\*√
- Fruit Street Property\*\*
- Drowne Saddle Hill RD\*\*
- Brook Hollow DeGozzaldi\*\*\*

\* Property owned or Conservation Easement Granted

\*\*Property or Conservation Easement in process

\*\*\* On-Hold

√ Denotes a Trust Trail

√ √ Denotes Trail under development



# *2012 Accomplishments*

- Center Trail Grant and Completion of Environmental Upgrades
  - \$17,525 DCR Grant for Center Trail repair of erosion problems
- Negotiated Braim Farm open space transfer (29 acres); contribution to the endowment and another 10 acres in progress
- Negotiated Peloquin open space transfer and contribution to the endowment (in progress)
- Developed new HALT logo/brand images
- Continue the transition to an open member organization
  - Membership is now at 91 members
  - Second annual meeting
- Increased endowment from \$39,150 to \$51,447
  - Another \$5,000 is expected with the acquisition of the Fruit Street CR
  - Another \$2,000 is expected with the acquisition of the Peloquin Estates
- Grant from the OSPC for \$7,000 for trail head signs





# 2012 Accomplishments

- Began the Geocache-on-Trails and properties
  - Whitehall Conservation Area (WCA) (GC34KJH, N 42° 14.142 W 071° 34.298);
  - Karl Mighton Trail (KMT) (GC34X6Q, N 42° 13.065 W 071° 28.329);
  - Deer Run, Andersen's Trail (DRT) (GC34X5Y, N 42° 14.870 W 071° 29.895).
  - Since May of this year the Trust has had
    - A new Geocache Master – Dr. Michael Babcock
    - 24 visits to the Whitehall Conservation Area
    - 8 visits to Deer Run Andersen's Trail,
    - 2 visits to the Karl Mighton Trail
    - 3 or 4 more caches to be placed in the next 2 to 3 months
- Fruit Street Open Space Conservation Restriction (co-held with SVT) coming to fruition by October (after 8 years)
- Potential CR on the 80 acre Abbott Farms Open Space Property (co-held with SVT)
- Library presentation with the Friends of Whitehall



# 2013 Goals

- Continue to increase Membership
- Continue to increase Endowment
- Continue to increase Awareness
- Recruit a volunteer web master
- Form committees (membership, geocaching, stewardship, & website development and maintenance)
- Formalize the Stewardship Program
- Deploy and maintain 3 to 4 additional Geocaches sites on HALT properties
- Finalize paperwork and trails development on the Highlands II and Peloquin Estates properties
- Update Strategic Plan and Update Work Plan



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September 16, 2012



**Back-up**



# Financial Condition of the Trust

- Financial Position

– 223435633	Business Blue Checking	<u>\$1,161.38</u>
– 50030523	Business Money Fund	<u>\$37,633.08</u>

- Endowment Funding

– 85198214	C.D. #1	<u>\$13,834.62</u>
	Endowment	\$51,477.70
	Total	\$52,635.00



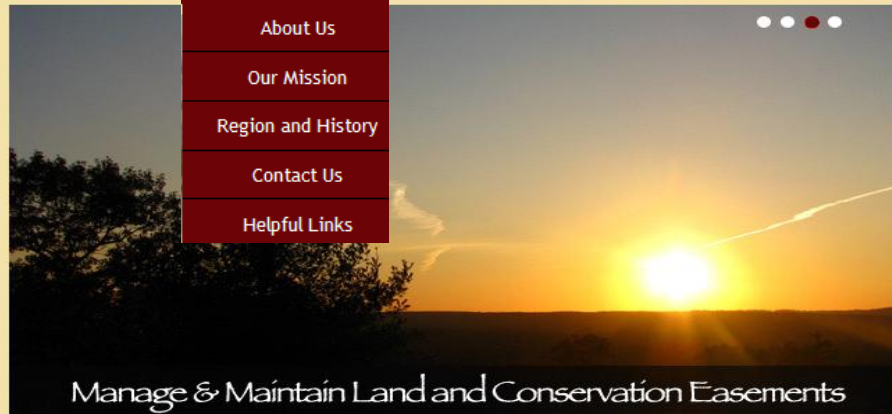


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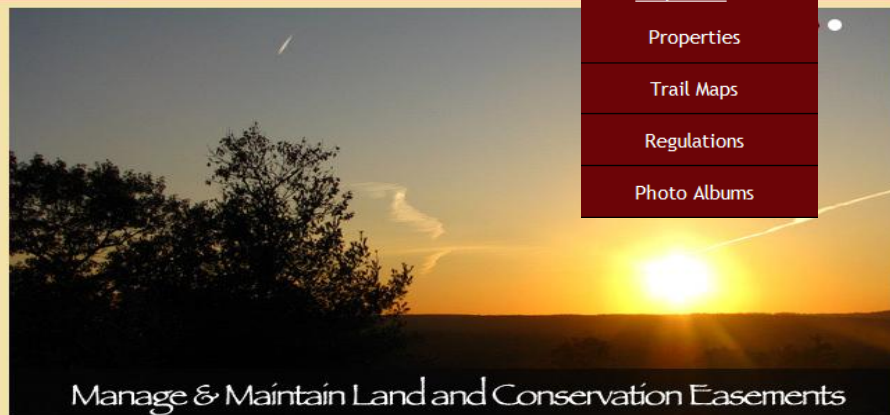




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## Hopkinton Highlands



The home of the Douglas Sands Memorial Trail. The trail is reached just behind the large boulder at the entrance to Hopkinton highlands at the intersection of Saddle Hill Road and Greenwood Drive. Parking is provided for three (3) cars on a gravel parking pad. The trail is a brisk walk over hilly terrain looking down into a deep ravine. In addition, there is an unmarked side trail to the top of the Saddle Hill ridge. Down the road at 52 Greenwood Rd. is the Zettek Overlook, affording a spectacular view to the west toward Mt. Wachusetts.

Size: 40.8 acres.

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Location	Latitude	Longitude
Parking	42°14'44.32"N	71°32'55.00"W
Start (lower)	42°14'44.71"N	71°32'54.14"W
Bench	42°14'45.71"N	71°32'50.43"W
Bench	42°14'52.10"N	71°32'42.16"W
Trail crossing	42°14'55.03"N	71°32'42.61"W
Start (upper)	42°14'56.23"N	71°32'45.25"W

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# Center Trail Erosion (Sept, 2011)

