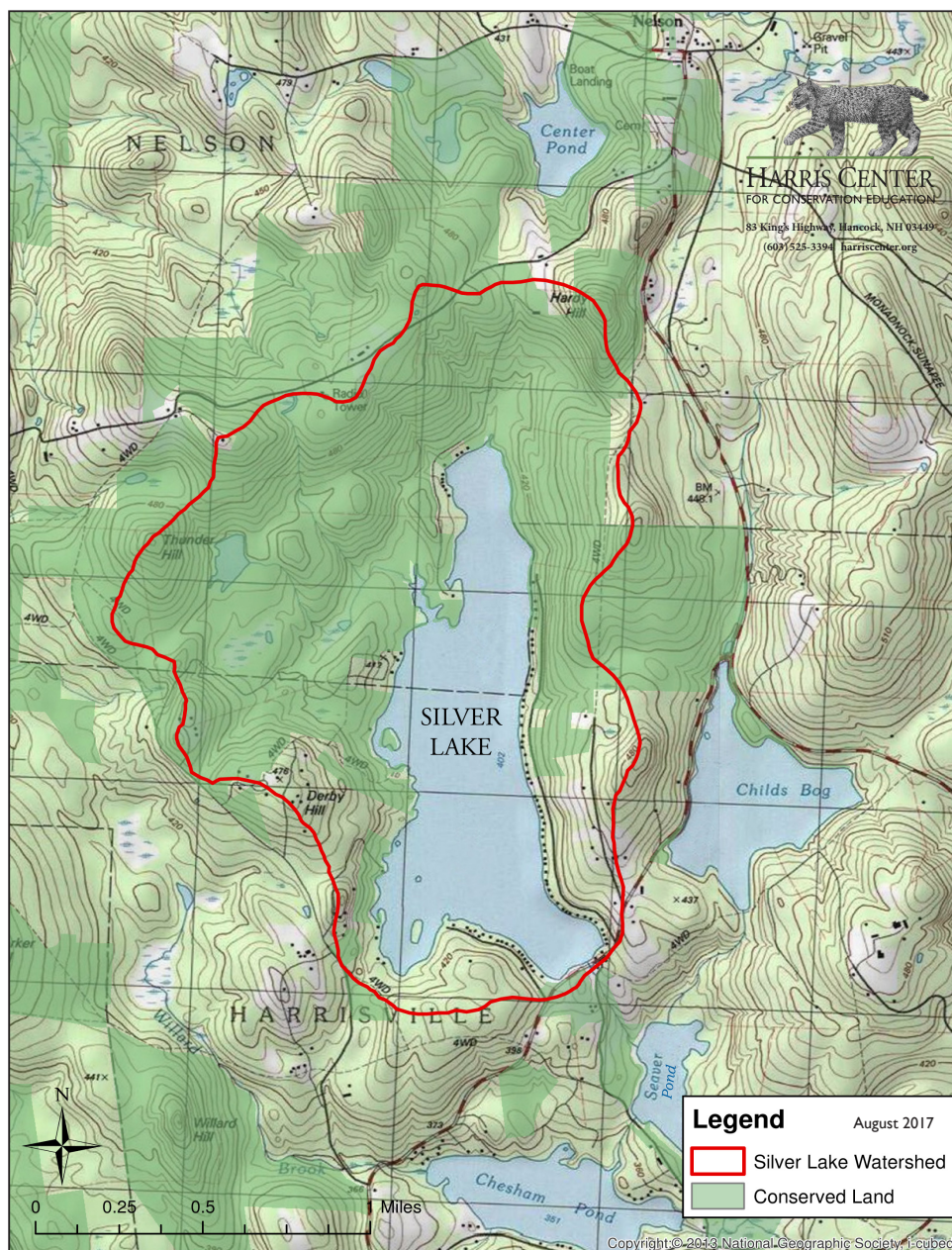


## Silver Lake Land Trust 2017 Annual Report

**Well Done, But More to Accomplish Our Multigenerational Goal!**

### Conserved Lands Around SILVER LAKE



**Agenda**  
**2017 Annual Meeting of the Silver Lake Land Trust**  
August 19, 2017, 10:00 AM  
Brantwood Camp Beach  
Breed Pond Road, Nelson, NH

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|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| 1. Call to Order                  | Sal Mollica   |
| 2. Minutes of 2016 Annual Meeting | Bob Gogolen   |
| 3. Financial Report               | Bob Gogolen   |
| 4. Membership Report              | Linda Braun   |
| 5. Moment of Silence              | Sal Mollica   |
| 6. Easement Status                | Eleanor Drury |
| 7. Soak Up the Rain               | Sal Mollica   |
| 8. Boat Launch Project            | Sal Mollica   |
| 9. Trustee Nominations/Elections  | Laurie Appel  |
| 10. Stewardship Award             | Sal Mollica   |
| 11. Speaker                       | Ryan Owens    |

## **Ryan Owens**

Ryan has been a member of the staff of the Keene-based Monadnock Conservancy since 2006, serving as executive director since 2008. He completed his master's degree through the Field Naturalist Program at the University of Vermont, where he studied natural resource inventory and interpretation with an eye to applying science and communication to land conservation challenges. Prior to that, Ryan worked in nonprofit development with The Wilderness Society in Boston. He holds an undergraduate degree from Dartmouth College, where he studied ecology and environmental studies. He is a past president of the New Hampshire Land Trust Coalition and is a member of both the Land Trust Leadership Council of the Land Trust Alliance and the Chamber Singers of Keene. When not working, Ryan can be found woodworking, running, or telemark skiing. He lives with his wife and son in Walpole.

## **Today's Topic**

Ryan will discuss the evolving priorities of land trusts, with particular emphasis on the balance between "greenway" conservation--expansive corridors of undeveloped land--and the conservation of farms and farmland. The aggregation of conservation land into greenways has long been a priority for most land trusts, due in large part to the need for large, contiguous landscapes to maintain intact natural communities and ecological functions. Agricultural conservation, however, is rising rapidly as a priority, not only due to the critical need for future sources of local food, but also due to the broad aesthetic and cultural appeal of farms and farm families. While an important end in its own right, highly visible farmland conservation is an excellent means of generating new and diversified support for conservation and land trusts. As such, rather than compete against one another, greenway conservation and agricultural conservation can be complementary, with the latter strengthening land trusts to undertake more of the former.

## **Minutes of Annual Meeting Saturday, August 20, 2016 Brantwood Camp, Nelson, NH**

### **Call to Order**

Silver Lake Land Trust Chair Sal Mollica called the meeting to order at 10:07 AM, and welcomed all who came to the meeting. Sal presented the agenda and noted our guest speaker, Steve Roberge, and the topic for today: Conservationist Intervention – Dire Disasters and Near-misses in New Hampshire.

### **Minutes of 2015 Annual Meeting**

In Secretary Doug Miller's absence, Bob Gogolen submitted the minutes for the 2015 Annual Meeting, which were included in the annual report starting on page 9. There were no additions or corrections to the minutes. It was moved and seconded that the minutes be accepted as submitted. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Financial Report**

Treasurer Bob Gogolen directed all to review the financial report on pages 11 and 12 of the Annual Report. Bob highlighted the fact that we ended the year with a surplus of \$21,114, and that we had an unusual amount of payout and income related to the Eastside easement. We donated \$188,146.29 to the Harris Center's East Side Easement fund, and received a very generous \$185,000 donation from the Geddes Revocable Trust which helped replenish our treasury. Bob noted that this past year fulfilled our pledge to the Meade Cadot Fund at the Harris Center with a final payment of \$10,000. Bob answered questions. There were no additions or corrections to the financial report. It was moved and seconded that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as submitted. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Membership Report**

Linda Braun presented a membership report, including the following points:

- Dues letters went out in December
- An Easement brochure was sent
- A letter was sent to lapsed and prospective members with a free membership offer in exchange for a donation to the Harris Center's Silver Lake Easement fund.
- Membership numbers were within the normal range

It was moved and seconded that the Membership Report be accepted as presented. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Moment of Silence**

Chair Sal Mollica asked for a moment of silence in memory of Wendy Snyder, Barbara Walker, Jean Newcombe and Kip Jolly (the latter coming from Susan Allen from the floor).

### **Easement Status**

Vice Chair Eleanor Drury reported on easement status:

- Noted the successful completion of an easement on 187 acres owned by the Seaver Silver Lake Farm Trust and that Silver Lake has 75% of its watershed under conservation easement, a high within New Hampshire.
- Reported that Julia Rowse placed 18½ acres under conservation easement. Julia was roundly thanked and applauded.
- Thanked Jeremy Wilson and the Harris Center for their continued assistance.
- Reported that SLLT will continue working on additional projects including Cricket Hill land on the east side.

#### Eastside Covenant

Bob Gogolen reported that the last property with a pending commitment to join the covenant has been approved by all parties, and just lacks some paperwork and filing with the registry of deeds. This should be completed this fall, leaving only one very narrow parcel to be pursued in the future.

#### Soak Up the Rain

Chair Sal Mollica directed attention to the report on page 9 in the annual report. Barbara Watkins asked if SLLT might be interested in purchasing a large load of blueberry bushes to sell to residents, perhaps in conjunction with the Soak Up the Rain project. Sal agreed to look into the idea.

#### Trustee Nomination/Elections

Linda Braun provided a report on trustees and nominations with the following points:

- Thanks to all members of the Class of 2016
- Carol MacKinnon, class of 2016, has decided to not stay for another term.
- All other members have agreed to be nominated to serve on the board as the Class of 2019: Sal Mollica, Doug Miller, Ken Bacon and Doz Delori
- Ruth Jacobson-Hardy is a new nominee to the board and will be nominated to the Class of 2019. Linda read from a note from Ruth about her connection to Silver Lake which goes back to her great grandparents, Millard and Irene Hardy who lived in Nelson. Her father bought the family property on Cricket Hill Road four years before Ruth was born. Silver Lake was where she learned to swim, fish, row, paddle, sail and waterski. She expressed gratitude for the work of SLLT and for the opportunity to become part of the ongoing conservation effort.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the following slate of trustee nominees to serve on the Board of Trustees as the Class of 2019: Sal Mollica, Doug Miller, Ken Bacon, Doz Delori and Ruth Jacobson-Hardy. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### Stewardship Award

Chair Sal Mollica presented the Stewardship award to George and Ann Colony. Sal's words follow:

I have been blessed with the amenities of Silver Lake for over 45 years and my wife's family for six generations. I feel that this year's award recipients represent the best qualities of the

families who have loved this resource generation after generation and have contributed so much to ensure our future generations may have the same experience.

Among their specific “can do” contributions the awardees have:

- Been strong partners in Harris Center’s land preservation efforts
- Provided critical strategic support for the BB&N easement
- Set high conservation standards when building at the lake’s shoreline
- Provided an easement to allow Breed Road sediment to flow out of instead of into the lake
- Participated in the Eastside Road Covenant
- Provided leadership and inspiration for the purchase of the recent Eastside Easement
- Actively participating in the Land Trust Board and most importantly,
- Provided refreshments for today’s meeting

I am pleased to present the Silver Lake Land Trust 2016 Stewardship Award to George and Ann Colony who carry on the Colony stewardship of Peg, Barbara Watkins and Bryan Kingsbury.

George offered his thanks “to the folks who do the real work.” He thanks prior generations. He thanked John Newcombe, Jenny Christopherson and Paul Geddes.

Eleanor Drury shared a story about how George helped with the BB&N easement project.

Speaker Steve Roberge

Sal Mollica introduced the guest speaker, Steve Roberge. Steve Roberge grew up in the North Country, surrounded by the Great North Woods and the White Mountains where he discovered his passion for the outdoors and the natural beauty of New Hampshire. He earned a B.S. in Forest Science from the University of New Hampshire and a Masters of Forest Science from Yale University. As the Cheshire County Extension Forester for the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension, it is his responsibility to educate forestland owners about their important role as stewards of the forest. He currently serves on the New Hampshire Forester Licensing Board, is the statewide specialist in maple syrup production for Extension, is one of the founding board members of the Glass Museum, a non-profit arts and music organization in Peterborough, and is Chair of the Harris Center Land Committee. Steve and his wife Rachelle Beaudoin live in Peterborough with their dog, Theo.

The topic of Steve’s talk was about conservationist interventions and some near misses in New Hampshire. Some highlights from Steve’s talk follow:

- Talked about the importance of relationships within land conservation
- Described the conflict between the value of land and the need to conserve.
- Noted that big things can be inspiring, but small things are incredibly important. Examples of small conservation projects abound.
- Noted that 80-90% of land is privately owned.
- Explained that conservation options include easements, current use, deed

restrictions and others; the diversity of land owners can pick the best option for their situation

- Said that if asked, only 15% of woodland owners want to cut for money
- In reality, 40% do cut, which leads to an interesting tension between attitudes and reality.
- In NH, the north country is mostly large plots. Ours are mostly small and personal.
- Steve presented three examples of small and personal woodland ownership:
- The common thread of these stories is intervention by a conservationist. Conservationists come in many varieties: biologists, consultants, foresters and so forth.

#### Adjournment

With no further business, Sal thanks all who attended. A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and a passed. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert Gogolen  
Secretary Pro Tem, Silver Lake Land Trust

## **Easement Status**

- No additional land has been placed under easement in the past year.
- However, thanks to your generosity, since 2010, 285 acres owned by Paul Geddes has been permanently protected under conservation easements stewarded by The Harris Center.
- Additional acreage has been placed under conservation by Julie Rowse in 2016.
- As a community, we have conserved approximately 2.7 miles of shoreline and 75% of the Silver Lake watershed.
- Under consideration is an additional 50 acres of Paul Geddes land on the west side, bordered by Breed, Westside and Wells Lake Roads, which will complete the conservation of the Edgar Seaver/Paul Geddes property at Silver Lake.
- Details of this opportunity and the fundraising goal are to be determined and will require your continued generosity.



## **Stormwater Runoff Mitigation**

### **Soak Up the Rain**

- Six projects identified, one completed
- Plans for five additional being prepared
- Mostly infiltration steps and water bars
- Boat Launch additional two

### **Boat Launch**

- The boards of Silver Lake Land Trust and Silver Lake Association approved a request to have a plan developed to further mitigate erosion at the boat launch area.
- Major features of the plan are:
  - Split rail fence and mesh to better direct traffic
  - Terracing to allow more stable and durable plantings
  - Infiltration steps to supplement existing cement steps
  - No new sets of steps
- Recommended plantings will be hardy and all native
- Project will be phased to spread expense over two or three years
- As much as \$2,400 may be available from the SOAK grant to defray costs for portions of the project this year.

## Financials

### Profit and Loss

	<u>Jul '16 - Jun 17</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Direct Public Support	9,165.00
Interest	213.69
Other Income	<u>2,500.00</u>
Total Income	<u>11,878.69</u>
Gross Profit	11,878.69
Expense	
Projects	24.00
State Fees	80.00
Accounting & Legal	775.00
Operations	592.55
Insurance and Misc	677.20
Meetings	<u>112.20</u>
Total Expense	<u>2,260.95</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>9,617.74</u>
Net Income	<u><u>9,617.74</u></u>

## Financials

### Balance Sheet

	<u>Jun 30, 17</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Silver Lake Land Trust MM 7438	<u>221,767.29</u>
Total Checking/Savings	<u>221,767.29</u>
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable	<u>200.00</u>
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>200.00</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>221,967.29</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>221,967.29</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Unrestricted Net Assets	212,349.55
Net Income	<u>9,617.74</u>
Total Equity	<u>221,967.29</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>221,967.29</u></u>

## Membership Report

### Conservator

Jeff Miller & Carol MacKinnon +  
Salvatore & Mary Beth Mollica  
Francois & Rosamond Delori

Larry White  
Jim & Judy Putnam

### Protector

BB&N School  
Ted & Linda Braun  
Bob Gogolen & Beth Caldwell  
Joshua Houle  
George & Ann Colony  
Malcolm & Cynthia Macdonald  
Julia Rowse  
Hugh & Maureen Mason  
Tom & Sue Johnston  
William W. Francis  
Howard Land Trust (Arthur & Virginia)  
Astrid & Todd Warden  
Judith Putzel  
Barbara Ross  
Roger & Sandy Williams  
Dennis & Elaine Fallon

Seaver Silver Lake Farm Trust  
Max & Kristina Chretien  
Peter Allen & Susan Allen  
Eleanor Drury  
Jon, Maddie & Maura Allen  
R.L. & Pamela Elliott  
Thomas & Izola Porter  
Doug & Terri Miller  
Louisa Putnam  
Ken & Dorothy Bacon  
Al and Barbara Gogolen  
Barbara Watkins  
Harvey O'Connor  
Walter Rohr  
Laurie & Ken Appel  
Kathy & Phil Miner

### Regular

Terry Mednick  
Barry & Karen Tolman  
Don Snyder & Rebecca UpJohn Snyder  
Sam and Merilee Eaton  
Jane Kristal & Don Towsley  
Laura Miles  
Pamela Banks  
Bryan Kingsbury  
Colin Kennard  
William Glazier  
Mark Mollica Family  
John Croteau, Jr.  
Brenda & Bruce Ellis  
Irene Pipes  
Sally Rives  
Alan & Beverly Wiggin  
Ruth Jacobson-Hardy  
Richard Austermann  
Jane Shuffelton

Howard Ross  
The Inn at East Hill Farm  
Parliman Silver Lake Family Trust  
Claudine Bing  
John T. Newcombe  
Linda Singer & Greg Rothman  
Tillson Family Trust  
Barrie M White Trust 2  
Emily Drury  
Mark Drury  
Rowse & Fallon's Silver Lake Trust  
Vaughn Johnston  
William & Margaret Gurney  
Barbara Gendron  
Laura & Tim Miles  
Susan & Peter Bramley  
Charlotte Stanley  
Lauren Mollica and John Courtney

## Board of Trustees

As of August 1, 2017

	2017	Class of 2018	2019
Sal Mollica, Chair			X
Eleanor Drury, Vice Chair	X		
Bob Gogolen, Treasurer		X	
Doug Miller, Secretary			X
Peter Allen	X		
Laurie Appel	X		
Ken Bacon			X
Linda Braun	X		
Ann Colony	X		
John Croteau		X	
Doz Delori			X
Dennis Fallon			X
Bill Gurney		X	
Ruth Jacobson-Hardy			X
Colin Kennard	X		
Bryan Kingsbury	X		
Julia Pakradooni	X		
Nicholas Putnam		X	
Barbara Ross	X		