

## Conserving Additional Land Along Ridley Brook ~

### *DLT's Latest Project*



Several Years ago, the Cook family approached the Duxbury Land Trust (DLT) because they wanted to conserve their Ridley Brook property. With the help of a Vermont Housing and Conservation (VHCB) grant awarded to the DLT in June, the Cooks' wish may be realized next spring. This acquisition is in keeping with the Land Trust's focus on conserving riparian resources along the Winooski River and its tributaries. Purchasing this land will increase Ridley Brook conserved land to more than twenty-nine acres.

Adjacent to DLT-owned land located at the corner of Camel's Hump and Scrabble Hill Roads, the 13 acre Cook property is bordered by approximately 1000 feet of frontage on the Ridley Brook in North Duxbury. The property features a spectacular waterfall, two balancing rocks, and a mature hemlock - hardwood northern forest. It supports a variety of wildlife and provides recreational opportunities such as fishing, swimming, and even kayaking.

This project is being made possible by the Cooks' generosity through a bargain sale and the \$20,000 VHCB grant. In addition, the VHCB awarded \$6,000 to the Vermont Land Trust to fund stewardship and monitoring of the conservation easement, ensuring that the property will be conserved in perpetuity. We still need to raise \$22,000 to complete the sale, cover closing costs, and

establish a fund for property management, stewardship, and ongoing property taxes.

So far the DLT Trustees have raised nearly \$3000 toward the \$22,000 through a special event, designated contributions, and donations in memory of Robert "Bo" Haslam, a founding board member. That leaves a balance of \$19,000, which we hope to achieve through a combination of individual donations and other fundraising efforts.

Please help us reach our goal by becoming a DLT member or with a donation. Membership is \$15 per year for individuals, \$30 for families. Send your tax-deductible contribution to the Duxbury Land Trust, PO Box 56, Waterbury, VT 05676.

For more information on the Cook Project, please contact Catherine Gjessing – 244-4952 or Alan Quackenbush – 244-7512 and/or review our website: [duxburylandtrust.org](http://duxburylandtrust.org).

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## In Memory of Robert “Bo” Haslam

Duxbury lost a conservationist this year. Robert Haslam, known as Bo to his many friends and co-workers, was a founding DLT board member. An outpouring of admiration and affection for Bo was demonstrated by the many generous contributions to the DLT in his memory. Bo cherished the Ridley, and so the donations will be applied to the Cook project ~ a fitting tribute.

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## New DLT Website

The DLT has developed a new website that features the sixteen-year-old organization’s history, conservation projects, and conservation strategies. To learn more about the DLT check out: [www.duxburylandtrust.org](http://www.duxburylandtrust.org) . You can also donate online!

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## Stowe Street Arts Festival

The Duxbury Land Trust Development Committee spent several weeks making Adirondack chairs to raise money for the Cook Property purchase. With the help of Don Welch and Jim McCarthy four chairs were cut out and readied for finishing. Catherine Gjessing set to work creating a decoupage of area scenes including Camel’s Hump. The decoupage chair was truly a masterpiece and was raffled off at the Arts Festival on July 17th. Along with three other chairs that were sold, all made by board members, the DLT raised nearly \$600.



Audrey Quackenbush and Rose Comyns enjoyed the day selling raffle tickets and handing out DLT brochures. Special thanks go to the Revitalize Waterbury team and to Representative Tom Stevens for his announcements and support. Thanks also to those who bid on Catherine’s chair, and congratulations to the winner!



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The Duxbury Land Trust depends on its members for the energy and resources required for innovative and responsible land stewardship. Your membership helps make possible land acquisitions, easement negotiation and stewardship, and communication and outreach efforts. We would love to have you to join us. Send your tax deductible donation to Duxbury Land Trust, PO Box 56, Waterbury, VT 05676. For more information, call a Trustee or visit our website: [www.duxburylandtrust.org](http://www.duxburylandtrust.org)

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Member	\$15
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Contributing member	\$50
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