

Duxbury Land Trust Annual Report – April 1, 2021 – March 31, 2022

STEWARDSHIP

- ❖ Progress continues to acquire 66 acres of land on the Ridley Brook and River Road in North Duxbury. A feasibility grant was approved by the VT Housing and Conservation Board and we were granted reimbursement for half the cost of the property appraisal. A decision on the full grant application is projected to be determined this summer. The success of this project will bring the amount of DLT's conserved land to more than 550 acres.
- ❖ Monitored the five properties under DLT conservation easements: Duxbury Town Forest; State of Vermont ag fields on River Road; 100-acre wetland behind Crossett Brook Middle School; 73 acres of a private property that was part of the VT State Farm, Crossett Hill; and 30-acre private property, Crossett Hill.
- ❖ Completed ongoing stewardship of 2 DLT-owned properties, i.e., removed invasive poison parsnip plants and assessed general conditions. Plans are underway to repair the VAST Trail on the swimming hole property that has been damaged by trucks and off-road vehicles.
- ❖ Donated easement to the Town for Scrabble Hill Road repairs adjacent to DLT land. Requested that gravel in front of large concrete blocks be removed and the blocks be replaced with boulders.
- ❖ Continued to advocate for more accessibility to the Town Forest on Hart Road.

OUTREACH

- ❖ Held a natural resource event, Foraging for Art, led by Duxbury Teaching Artist Rachel Mirus.
- ❖ Coordinated Duxbury's Green Up Day for the 24th year. Multiple discarded items such as old mattresses, and a snowmobile in addition to miscellaneous bottles and cans were collected.
- ❖ Produced the annual newsletter.
- ❖ Continued to update and refresh the website.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

- ❖ Held a productive board retreat in March to reinvigorate and plan for transition.
- ❖ Interviewed key stakeholders to assess performance and generate ideas for future achievements.
- ❖ Seeking new board members with the goal of establishing a more representative board.

MANY THANKS TO ALL OUR MEMBERS FOR YOUR SUPPORT !

Duxbury Land Trust Board ~ Janet Bisbee, Dan Cardozo, Catherine Gjessing, Jim McCarthy, Rachel Mirus, Alan Quackenbush, and Audrey Quackenbush