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## **CITIZENS FOR LEXINGTON CONSERVATION 2019 FALL WALKS**

*All walks are free and open to the public*

### **Saturday, September 14, 10 am - 12 noon: iNaturalist Walk at Whipple Hill**

Do you have an interest in using online apps to identify plants, animals and wildlife in general? This exploratory walk of Whipple Hill will use iNaturalist to see what can be learned using this handy smart-phone resource. Bring your phone with iNaturalist installed and ready to use. (*The app may be found at: <https://www.inaturalist.org/>. It's free but may require registration on the iNaturalist web site.*) Plants will be the focus (since they are easiest to photograph) but we'll look at other organisms as available. Meet at the Winchester Drive entrance opposite Berkshire Drive. Please park on Berkshire Drive as space in the parking lot is limited. Heavy rain cancels.

Walk Leader: Andrea Golden ([andgold@comcast.net](mailto:andgold@comcast.net))

### **Saturday, September 28, 8-10 am: Fall Birding at Dunback Meadow**

Fall birding at its best. Come see what surprises Dunback Meadow can offer as the fall migration of vireos and warblers winds down and sparrow migration begins to gather steam. Meet at the Allen St. entrance.

Walk Leader: Bobbie Hodson (781-861-9421, [robertahodson@comcast.net](mailto:robertahodson@comcast.net))

### **Saturday, October 5, 9-11 am: Habitat Restoration and Wildflower Preservation at Joyce Miller's Meadow**

Join Lexington Conservation Stewardship Program Coordinator Jordan McCarron and Zoo New England Director of Conservation Bryan Windmiller for an in-depth look at the ongoing habitat restoration and wildflower preservation work being done at Joyce Miller's Meadow. Jordan will provide an overview of the Town's Conservation Meadow Preservation Program, highlighting the ecological, recreational and scenic benefits of the project while Bryan will talk specifically about Zoo New England's work to preserve several species of declining sand plain wildflower at the site, most notably the New England Blazing Star. The walk will then proceed into Arlington's Great Meadow before returning to the Waldorf School. Park and meet behind the Waldorf School at 739 Massachusetts Ave.

Walk Contact: Keith Ohmart ([kohmart@verizon.net](mailto:kohmart@verizon.net))

### **Tuesday, October 8: Mature Walkers Walks (see details on page 5)**

### **Tuesday, October 15: Mature Walkers Walks (see details on page 5)**

### **Sunday, October 20, 1-4 pm: ACROSS Lexington Route L Walk**

Explore Route L, the newest addition to the ACROSS Lexington system. This route connects the Conservation properties of Dunback Meadow, Cotton Farm, Upper Vine Brook, Daisy Wilson Meadow, and Tower Park along its 4+ mile route. Walking surfaces will be a combination of easy unpaved walking trails and paved streets and sidewalks. Heavy rain cancels. Meet at the Bowman School parking lot.

Walk Leader: Keith Ohmart ([kohmart@verizon.net](mailto:kohmart@verizon.net))

### **Saturday, October 26, 1-3 pm: Meagherville/Poor Farm Walk**

The preservation of the Meagherville Conservation property in 1999 was just one of the lasting achievements of long-time resident Kay Tiffany. Join this guided walk to discover the natural treasures of this property including Lexington's largest beech grove, an opportunity to view the memorial bench to Kay, and then a walk to the nearby Poor Farm, the site of Lexington's original Poor Farm which is now an open meadow. Walking surfaces will be flat woods trails. Heavy rain cancels. Meet at the end of Garfield Street next to the Garfield Street playground.

Walk Leaders: Elisabeth Bornhofft ([lbornhofft@gmail.com](mailto:lbornhofft@gmail.com)) and Fran Ludwig ([fludwig12@yahoo.com](mailto:fludwig12@yahoo.com))

### **Thank You Walk Leaders**

CLC's walks program is entirely dependent on our walk leaders, who are all volunteers, for its continuing success. We wish to express a sincere thank you to Keith Ohmart, Harry West, Roger Wrubel, Judy Mello, Elaine Quinlan, Alix Bartsch, Ian Fox and family, Holly Samuels, Phil Hamilton, and Susan Barrett for their leadership of our Spring 2019 walks and activities.

### **Cancellation**

#### **Cotton Farm Autumn Celebration on Sunday, September 22**

The Cotton Farm apple festival, which has been held for the past few years in September, has been cancelled this year. This year's celebration originally scheduled for Sunday, September 22, has been cancelled because of an apple crop failure.

## 2019 Fall Mature Walkers Series

*No car necessary to reach these incredible natural areas within and around Lexington.*

Walks are organized by Citizens for Lexington Conservation, in cooperation with Lexington Transportation Services. Each walk is planned to utilize the Lexpress bus system to allow for through hikes ending at a destination different than the starting point. All walks will be on unpaved surfaces with the challenge of occasional roots and stones. Wear comfy shoes and dress for the weather. (Heavy rain will cancel.) Optional: bring water, snack, camera, and walking stick. Transportation will be via Lexpress. (No bus fare required for Seniors between the hours of 9 am and 1 pm.)

**To Register:** Registration is free but is required for those intending to use Lexpress. To reserve your spot for one or more walks call 781-698-4840.

### **Tuesday, October 8: Beaver Brook North (Brookhaven) to Avalon at Lexington Hills via The Western Greenway Trail:**

This walk will pick up the Western Greenway trail system on the Beaver Brook North property behind Brookhaven and then follow the trail as it wends its way through a wide variety of habitats before crossing Walnut Street and ending up at Avalon at Lexington Hills. Along the way we will pass well preserved stone foundations of one or more former homesteads along a remnant portion of colonial Shade Street.

**Details:** This walk officially departs from Depot Square, 13 Depot Square. Please join your guide, Keith Ohmart, in time to catch the 9:30 AM #3 Lexpress bus departing from the Depot. (He will be holding a Walkers sign.) The group will depart the bus at Brookhaven where those participating in the walk from the Brookhaven Community will be met at approximately 9:40 AM. This outing will last approximately one and a half hours in order to meet the #2 Lexpress at Avalon at Lexington Hills at approximately 11:15 AM. Those wishing to return to Brookhaven can depart the #2 bus at the intersection of Concord Avenue and Waltham Street. (*Due to construction at Brookhaven, public parking is not available at the present time.*)

### **Tuesday, October 15: Simonds Brook/Paint Mine/Hennessy Field (more challenging terrain):**

This walk will explore three different but contiguous Lexington Conservation properties linked together with an interconnecting trail system. Fall colors should be quite stunning along the power line corridor that traverses the properties. We will also look for migrating raptors that can often be found hunting this corridor.

**Details:** This walk officially departs from Depot Square, 13 Depot Square. Please join your guide, Keith Ohmart in time to catch the 10 AM #6 Lexpress bus departing from the Depot. (He will be holding a Walker sign). The group will travel together via Lexpress to the intersection of Volunteer Way and Rangeway Street. (*You may also meet the bus in the parking lot on Turning Mill Road, between Mountain Road and Grimes Road by 10:10 AM, where you may leave your car.*) This outing will last approximately 2 hours, with participants returning to the Turning Mill Road parking lot to meet the 12:10 PM #6 Lexpress returning to the Depot in Lexington Center.

## **The Stewardship Report: Updates from the Conservation Division and the Conservation Stewardship Program**

By Jordan McCarron

With the 2019 summer field season winding down and my field crew long since returned to college, I am happy to reflect on what was, in many respects, the best stewardship season since I started with the Town in 2014. This year, we received funding to add a third field crew member to our summer staff and elevate one of the positions to a supervisory role. Original funding for our usual two field crew positions was allocated in 2008; since then, the Town's growing trail network and inception of the ACROSS Lexington system put too heavy a load on the two-crew team and it was time to grow.

This year's summer crew—Sarah Stigberg, Matt Stevens and Neil Tracey—brought a much higher level of detail, thoroughness and professionalism to the maintenance of the Town's trail system than we've seen in previous years and they seemed to have a lot of fun doing it! In addition to the nearly 60 miles of conservation trail in Lexington, the crew was also able to take on the maintenance of the Idylwilde Community Garden site, participate in multiple work days at our Hayden Woods Trail Improvement Project, keep the picnic area and orchard at Cotton Farm looking clean and sharp, and tackle many more miscellaneous odds and ends of projects than any crew has done in the past. Sarah, a rising senior at Hamilton College, took on the supervisory role with Matt and Neil working as field crew; Matt is a rising sophomore at WPI and Neil is entering his freshman year at Georgetown.

In other news, our project to upgrade the parking area and trails at Cotton Farm to universal accessibility standards as well as add a viewing platform on the pond has broken ground. The Town has hired [SumCo Eco Contracting](#) to do the improvements. The project will also include re-naturalization of the old driveway on the site, removal of several ornamental gardens, and invasive plant work. The site will be under construction through mid-November 2019; the main trail through the site connecting Upper Vine Brook with Marrett Road may be closed for periods during construction. More information on the project can be found [HERE](#) under Cotton Farm Revitalization.

The orchard at Cotton Farm saw a flourish of activity this spring with grafting, pruning, and mulching happening at a higher level than it has in past years. Despite this effort, the orchard appears to be experiencing its least productive year in recent memory with almost no apple crop. This is due in large part to pest and disease issues typically managed by a spraying regimen and integrated pest management approach. Our Orchard Steward team will be looking more closely at developing a limited spraying program in 2020 with support and approval from the Lexington Conservation Commission.

At Joyce Miller's Meadow, the Conservation Division has continued its work with [Grass-roots Wildlife Conservation/Zoo New England](#) to establish natural populations of [New](#)

[England Blazing Star](#), a state listed Species of Special Concern, in addition to several



other declining species of sandplain wildflowers. The Conservation Division has partnered with Grassroots since 2017 to try and establish a new population of the blazing star; the project is permitted through the state's Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program. A new planting site was established at the property in early June and thus far, all blazing star that was planted this year is flourishing. Many of the blazing star planted in fall 2018 could be seen in full bloom in mid-August. Another planting date has been set for early September.

At Cranberry Hill, the Conservation Division continued its long-term deer browse monitoring study in partnership with Harvard Forest and the earth science program at Minuteman Technical High School. In both 2017 and 2018, students built two 10 x 10 meter fence exclosures with adjacent control plots to measure forest composition and succession with and without the presence of deer. Data is collected by students each year in May. Over time, we hope this data will help us better understand how deer are changing our environment and inform our management of the land.

To augment this deer research, we began a partnership this year with the freshman earth science program at Lexington High School to perform annual deer browse surveys at various properties around Town. This method, developed by the State's Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, is more subjective and relies on observations of deer browse and a visual assessment of the health and diversity of the forest. In May, researchers from the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife gave a presentation to approximately 70 LHS freshman on the project and methodology and then conservation staff and teachers led students on a first survey at Willard's Woods in June. We hope to continue this partnership and project in future years.

Finally, habitat enrichment work continued at Cataldo Reservation by Steward Holly Samuels as part of her East Lexington Habitat Enrichment Project. Since 2017, Holly has been removing invasive plant material from the site and restoring the area with native plant stock in an effort to improve habitat and water quality along the Mill Brook as well as enhance the visitor experience; Holly received a wetlands permit from the Lexington Conservation Commission in 2017 to do this work.

As always, there will be many more opportunities to volunteer and get involved with the Stewards well into the fall. The Stewards are hosting Stewardship Saturdays on October 19th and November 16th to start. Information on our Stewardship Saturday program can be found [here](#). Information on our Conservation Stewardship Program, including how to become a member, can be found [here](#) or by contacting Jordan McCarron, Conservation Stewardship Coordinator, at [jmccarron@lexingtonma.gov](mailto:jmccarron@lexingtonma.gov) or 781-698-4532.

## **Lexington Community Farm (LexFarm) Update and Harvest Festival**

By Susan Schiffer, Board President

Lexington Community Farm (LexFarm) is a non-profit, working farm connecting the community with local food and sustainable practices while preserving historic farmland. 2019 is LexFarm's sixth year operating the farm. In the past two years the organization expanded its farming program, invested in additional staff, implemented a volunteer program, relaunched its education program and continues to engage community members at two open house events. We employ two full time Farm Managers and seasonal staff, including a farmstand manager and farm educator. In 2018 LexFarm promoted its former Farm Manager, Tim Hines, to Executive Director.

In June of this year, LexFarm was fortunate to be awarded a \$5,000 grant from Community Endowment of Lexington to hire an Educational Consultant to help us gain a better understanding of how to build financially sustainable education programs with varied, meaningful, and rich content for all ages.

LexFarm continues to remain committed to providing access to healthy food for all community members through its matching SNAP program and the USDA's HIP program. In 2018, LexFarm donated \$26,095 worth (8743 lbs) of produce to area food pantries and other organizations that help individuals and families in need. In both 2019 and 2018, we were fortunate to have been awarded a \$3,000 grant/year from Foundation for MetroWest's Hunger Relief Fund to help financially support this important part of our mission.

### **LexFarm's Harvest Festival, Sunday, September 22, 10 AM – 1 PM 52 Lowell St, Lexington, MA**

Spend some time down on the farm this fall

We are in full harvest mode and the farm looks FARMTASTIC!

Live music-collaboration with Munroe Center of the Arts

Food trucks / pop up food vendors

Face Painting

Veggie races

Kindness rock painting

Flower bracelets

Silk fields farm tour

Brite Harvest farm tour - hydroponic farm

Pumpkin decorating

Sunflower farm art

Our Farm Stand will be open to purchase all your fall veggies, fruit, flowers and extras.

Pay at the door \$10 member family / \$15 non-member family

Unfortunately we cannot allow dogs on the farm, so it's best to leave your four-legged friends at home.

Overflow parking: Park on one side only of Lillian St., Haskell St., or Litchfield St.



## Hayden Woods Boardwalk Complete

By Keith Ohmart

Work was completed in August on over 750' of new boardwalk in Hayden Woods. The completion of this project has reopened a trail linking the existing trail system in Hayden Woods with a trail entrance on Hayden Avenue near the intersection with Waltham Street that had fallen into disuse due to standing water conditions along much of its length.

The reopening of this trail re-establishes a critical off-road link in the regional trail network connecting the Western Greenway Trail on the Department of Conservation and Recreation's (DCR) Beaver Brook North property behind Brookhaven with trails through Hayden Woods and the Takeda property south of Shade Street. It is hoped that permission can eventually be obtained from the Cambridge Water Authority to reopen a trail connection across their property on Lincoln Street that will connect with trails on Conservation's Cranberry Hill property that will provide a connection to trails in the Minuteman National Historical Park.



The Hayden boardwalk has been a three-year project beginning with a successful trail improvement grant application to DCR's Recreational Trail Program for funds to purchase the materials needed. Just short of 600 hours of volunteer labor over the last two years contributed by Lexington Conservation Stewards, the Lexington High School track and field team, and corporate volunteer teams from Thermo-Fischer Scientific, Grace Chapel, and Takeda (Shire), supplied the labor to construct the boardwalk. The DCR grant requires a contribution of a set ratio of volunteer hours to match the funds awarded to purchase the construction materials for these projects.

The perennially wet nature of the ground presented especially challenging conditions to be overcome in the design and construction of the boardwalk. Sections of 12" diameter corrugated plastic culvert material were used as sleepers in the areas where standing water was present, a first for Lexington boardwalk projects, with long stretches requiring the teams to work in knee deep water and mud.

A final workday to realign the approach trail from Hayden Avenue along a more sustainable grade has been scheduled for Saturday, October 19 from 9 am until 12 noon. Volunteers are welcome. No prior experience necessary. Meet on the east side of the parking lot at 33 Hayden Avenue. No need for mud boots for this work as the terrain is high and dry under foot.

The Greenways Corridor Committee will now move forward to incorporate this reopened trail into the ACROSS Lexington trail system linking existing Routes H in Hayden Woods and B in Dunback Meadow via a connection through the Bowman School property. At the current time, the best access with parking to the new boardwalk is from the Valleyfield Street trail entrance. Once ongoing construction is completed at the office complex at 45 and 65 Hayden Avenue, parking and access to the trailhead will be available in the rear of these properties.

## **Local Citizens Urge Heightened Traffic Safety Measures along Lincoln Street**

By Joel Friedlander

On a warm, sunny day this past June, my father and I took a walk near his home on Ponybrook Lane, a new development in Lexington near Middle and Lincoln Streets. One of our preferred walking stretches is along Lincoln Street heading toward and beyond the 128 Overpass. On family walks we often loop back home via wooded Mill Street and a portion of the Battle Road that skirts the edge of Minuteman National Historic Park. I enjoy the walks for the opportunity they give me to spend time with family and to get fresh air and exercise. I find the views of the City of Cambridge Reservoir, the wooded slopes of Mill Street, and the pasture land that hems in the Battle Road beautiful and peaceful.

Sometimes on walks past the Cambridge City Reservoir and along Mill Street, I occasionally spot a wading Great Blue Heron, Red-tailed Hawks flying across the treetops, and White-tailed Deer browsing a local resident's lawn. In mid-to-late summer you can see a few sprays of Cardinal Flower bursting out of the water by a sluice off of your left shoulder

where Mill Street branches off Lincoln Street and becomes a small bridge over a portion of the Reservoir before resuming as asphalt road.

On this June day walking with my father west along this stretch of Lincoln Street I was struck by a disheartening sight: just beyond the Overpass to the left and right I spotted two road-killed chipmunks and two road-killed turtles. One of the turtles was a baby Common Snapping Turtle with a Snapper's tiny, distinct, dragonlike, spiked tail. Further down the road we came across a lifeless garter snake. The garter snake was at least a foot long, with beautiful, oily black scales and a bright yellow horizontal stripe running the length of its body. With the exception of its crushed head, the snake looked to me to be in nearly pristine condition.

In the evening on the day my father and I walked, I found myself standing on the front porch in the cool evening darkness wondering what to do. I resolved that I had to do something on behalf of the wildlife that would make the Cambridge City Reservoir and the wooded and vegetated surroundings a safe home for them. I just could not imagine myself walking Lincoln Street in the coming months and noticing the sight of more roadkill and feeling guilt and complacency in my heart knowing that I had done nothing to rectify the situation.

My first step was to email Jordan McCarron in the Lexington Town Conservation Department with my concern for wildlife on this stretch of Lincoln Street. He replied with understanding to my concern for wildlife navigating Lincoln Street and directed me to Citizens for Lexington Conservation (CLC) as a potential support and sounding board for my sentiments. Following attendance at a CLC Board Meeting in August at which Board members shared my concern for wildlife on Lincoln Street, CLC Board Member Pamela Lyons and I paid a visit to the part of Lincoln Street my father and I had walked in June. In our short time at the site, Pamela and I observed that automobiles traversing this stretch of Lincoln Street tend to drive rapidly. It seems clear that a child with backpack walking to or from school, a cyclist pedaling toward Lincoln, or a hapless skunk, possum, or turtle waddling from Reservoir to the wooded upland across Lincoln Street might not have the reaction time to make a safe, appropriate decision to avoid oncoming traffic.

Pamela and I therefore propose, at least as a partial solution to the existing problem, that the Town of Lexington establish a speed bump and two signs - at significant intervals from one another on either side of this stretch of Lincoln Street announcing to drivers, "Please drive with Caution: Pedestrian, Cyclist, and Wildlife Thoroughfare." *To this end, on behalf of CLC, Pamela has filed an application for traffic mitigation with the Transportation Safety Group and TSG is reviewing the issue.*

With the signs and speed bumps in place, Lexington can enhance the safety of its roads for its children, citizens, visitors, and wildlife. Town Government has an opportunity in supporting our proposed signage and speed bumps to subtly announce a powerful values message to the community - the importance of ensuring our children's physical safety, the importance to the Town of safely folding new residential developments - such as Grey Oaks Circle and Hobbs Brook on this stretch of Lincoln Street- into the general ebb and

flow of Town activity, the importance of Town residents and visitors being able to pursue recreation and exercise more safely, and the importance of safeguarding local ecological diversity and green spaces.

I welcome your thoughts, suggestions, concerns, and questions regarding our proposal, and ask for your support. You can contact me at [jfriedlander@innovationcharter.org](mailto:jfriedlander@innovationcharter.org).

## **Overview of Sustainable Lexington Committee Activities**

By Todd Rhodes

The Sustainable Lexington Committee (SLC) is a Town committee chartered to provide recommendations related to sustainability initiatives to the Town's Board of Selectmen (BOS). The BOS approved the Town's Sustainable Action Plan in August 2018, which describes the process that the Town will follow to identify, evaluate, and implement projects and programs to improve the Town's sustainability across ten sectors including: building performance, energy, food, land use, transportation, and waste reduction. The committee is working to implement that plan and continue to move several related initiatives forward. As part of that process, the committee has assigned responsibilities for each of the ten sectors to a small team of committee members that is tasked with reaching out to other stakeholders and prioritizing initiatives. Over the past few years, committee members have lead task forces to build the Hartwell Avenue Solar array and install rooftop solar on municipal buildings, and implemented the Community Choice Aggregation program that has been providing residents with Green electricity at a price below the Eversource base price.

Current activities include:

- Supporting the Town Manager in his efforts to hire a Town Sustainability Director who will be tasked with coordinating with all Town departments to consider sustainability in their decision making processes, implementing the Sustainable Action Plan, and securing grants to support these efforts.
- Working with the Town Manager to establish an Integrated Building Policy that will establish a process to consider energy efficiency, solar energy generation, and indoor air quality for Town buildings early in the building design process. This policy will be critical to the Town's ability to make important design decisions for the new police station and new school buildings.
- Ensuring that the new Hastings Elementary School implements solar energy and energy storage systems to power its ground source heat pump system so that the building can come as close as possible to achieving the goal of a net-zero emissions building.
- Working with Town departments to encourage residents to participate in curbside compost pickup (Black Earth Composting) and recycling and to minimize the volume of solid waste generated.

- Encouraging residents to take advantage of Mass Save programs to improve the comfort and energy efficiency of their homes and to save money on home improvements.
- Encouraging Town departments and residents to replace fossil-fuel powered equipment with electric equipment to reduce emissions and noise, and improve health. These efforts include the purchase of electric lawncare equipment by the DPW to care for Town property; the installation of solar power generation across municipal, commercial and residential sectors; and the promotion of programs for residents to purchase electric vehicles.

The committee is always looking for input from residents and other Town groups, committees, and departments for recommendations for initiatives to pursue. Please visit the committee's website at <https://www.lexingtonma.gov/sustainable-lexington-committee> for more information.

## **Lexington Global Warming Action Coalition Activities**

By Ricki Pappo

The Lexington Global Warming Action Coalition (GWAC) is looking forward to a busy fall and winter with programs that further our mission to educate and raise awareness about climate change. In 2020 we will face a ten-year period—until 2030— to have reduced all carbon output by 50%. This includes having a workable, sustainable plan to reach net zero output of carbon by 2050. In order to rise to these challenges of this climate crisis, GWAC plans to increase solutions-based programming.

On **Friday, September 20**, GWAC will support and participate with our Lexington students who are organizing **Lexington's September 20: Global Student Climate Strike**. Michelle Tom, senior, and Grace Yang, sophomore, and their team of student leaders have been working on this since June and the momentum is building. The students were inspired by our local hero, Bill McKibben, and Nobel Peace Prize nominee student strike organizer, Greta Thunberg of Sweden. The strike will be held from 10 am – 11 am at the football field. To find out more details about the Lexington strike go to: the website: <https://www.lexclimatestrike.com>, Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/LexMaClimateStrike/> and follow on Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/lexclimatestrike/> or email at [lexclimatestrike@gmail.com](mailto:lexclimatestrike@gmail.com).

On **Monday, September 9**, GWAC will host an evening where you can learn more about the Global Climate Strike, work on signs for the strike and learn more about GWAC's goals and activities. There will be refreshments and materials for signs. 7 pm, Cary Memorial Library large meeting room.

On **Thursday, October 17**, GWAC and Mothers Out Front will co-host the movie *From Paris to Pittsburg*, a film about climate change. "From coastal cities to America's heartland, Paris to Pittsburgh celebrates how Americans are demanding and developing real

solutions in the face of climate change. And as the weather grows more deadly and destructive, they aren't waiting on Washington to act." Join us for this film and a short discussion afterwards. 6:15 pm, Cary Memorial Library large meeting room.

On **Thursday, October 24**, GWAC will host a forum on Lexington's built environment and how we are getting to net zero in some of our new municipal buildings. We'll also have a speaker on how to move toward net zero in residential settings. 7 pm, Cary Memorial Library large meeting room.

**In December**, we will follow up the October 24 buildings event with a mini energy fair to demonstrate ways to green your sources of energy.

**In early 2020**, we will host another Climate Change Forum where we talk as a community about ways we can develop solutions to our carbon output and mitigation and adaptation to our current conditions.

## Photo Credits

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Page 9: Hayden Woods, provided by Jordan McCarron

## Monthly Trail Walks in Bedford

The Bedford Trails Committee conducts free monthly Trail Walks in Bedford the first Saturday of each month. Trail walks vary monthly, from strolls on flat ground to hikes with hills. For detailed info on current and future hikes, please visit:

<https://groups.google.com/group/bedfordma-trails>

## Open Position on CLC Board

CLC is seeking a secretary. The **Secretary** is a CLC Board member who takes minutes at Board meetings and files any annual forms required to maintain our status as a non-profit organization. The Board meets bimonthly, so the position is well suited for an individual who can make a limited time commitment.

If you would consider filling this position and/or would like further information about the position, please contact Eileen Entin directly ([eileenhome@gmail.com](mailto:eileenhome@gmail.com), 781-862-6418) or through the CLC Website ([CLCLex.org](http://CLCLex.org)).