

CHARLTON HERITAGE PRESERVATION TRUST



Newsletter: July 2024

EARTH FEST

Charlton Public Library

April 27, 2024



Bill, Janet, Elizabeth, Jim and Karin at Earth Fest

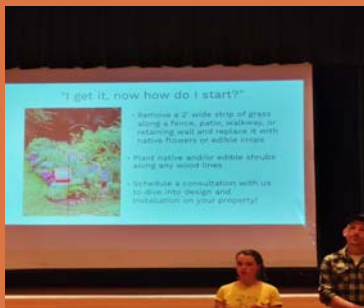
Reimagined Roots

Charlton Public Library,

May 17, 2024



Bill Introducing CHPT



Lucy & Nate Presenting

NEWS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Current (6/26/2024) Board of Trustees

Bill Blasius – President

Lisa Westwell – Vice President

Sandy Dam – Treasurer

Karin Johnson – Clerk

Colin Novick (Executive Director of the GWLT)

Elizabeth Moran

James Moran

Janet Blasius

We would like to thank the members of the board for their continuing commitment to conservation and preservation.

WHAT HAPPENED IN THE FIRST HALF OF 2024?

CHPT started the year with its annual meeting on February 21 at the Charlton City United Methodist Church. The board was re-elected with some changes in the officers with Bill Blasius moving from clerk to president, Lisa Westwell taking the vice president position and Karin Johnson assuming the clerk's duties. Janet Blasius crafted stained glass hummingbirds for the board members and a chickadee and yellow finch for an attendee drawing.

In March, Bill Blasius attended the Massachusetts Land Conservation Conference. He was thankful for the many new contacts made and passed on a summary of the key points of talks that he attended to the board members.

The weather for Earth Day cooperated this year and we had a presence on the town common. We had good traffic with a lot of questions about places to get out onto trails without having to travel out of town. We're happy to help minimize anyone's personal recreation carbon footprint. We were also excited to add some new members. A drawing was held for a stained glass chickadee, which was won by a delighted resident.

Our spring event brought Nate Fournier and Lucy Smith from Reimagined Roots to Dexter Hall on May 17th for a presentation on "Landscape Border Bounties: The Power of Planting for Wildlife and Wellbeing". This Friday evening talk was attended by 37 people. Nate and Lucy's engaging talk covered ways to look at lawns from a new perspective. The idealized lawn is a diversity



Fresh boards at Little River

desert, but doesn't have to be. Replacing a two foot wide strip of border with native plants becomes a mini-oasis for pollinators, birds and family foragers.

STEWARDSHIP AND PROPERTIES

Boards have been replaced on multiple bridges at our Little River property on the north end of Buffumville Reservoir.

Thanks go out to Lisa Westwell, Janet Blasius and Bill Blasius for sitting through multiple Planning Board meetings as we patiently wait for a final ruling on a large flexible subdivision currently in the planning stage.

PLANS FOR THE SECOND HALF OF 2024

We will be back on the green for Old Home Day and are starting to think about our fall event. There is always work to be done on the properties.

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