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President's Report

Charlton Heritage Preservation Trust got a little bit bigger in 2009!

Sandra Dam and Michael Caron joined the CHPT Board of Trustees! We welcome their various financial and technical skills, and fresh ideas.

CHPT also accepted two new parcels. 5+ acres of open space in the Willow Tree Lane subdivision was donated by David Gemme of GEM Builders. Once complete, there will be a looping trail open to hikers and walkers. 4 1/2 acres of green space adjacent to Stonegate Estates on Haggerty Road has also been accepted by CHPT. We expect the Deed to be filed this year to make the acquisition official. CHPT is also in the process of reviewing property owned by a private party. We are hoping that this small, but very historic parcel, will convey in 2010. This would bring our land total to roughly 170 acres. We continue to work with the town to record a Conservation Restriction on the open space at Reindeer Estates.

CHPT's Little River Trail received its annual trail maintenance with the assistance of the Worcester County Sheriff's Office Community Service Program. The crews spent three days working along the 1/2 mile trail. The improvements keep the narrow walking path safer for walkers, control erosion, protect the existing flora and fauna, and generally creating a more scenic walk along Little River.

CHPT continued its annual traditions of holding a Community Yard Sale and participating in Old Home Day. The yard sale is our biggest fundraiser of the year and we were pleased to break last year's record with have a record 56 participants and 5 sponsors. The yearly Eat at Uno's and our regular Empties for Open Space fundraisers were successful as well.

As we move into our 11th year, CHPT will continue to strive to increase awareness about the Trust, boost our membership and volunteer base, fill two remaining positions on the Board of Trustees, manage and improve the property in our care, and as always, acquire additional open space in Charlton.

New members and volunteers are always welcome!

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Westwell  
President