



# The Landmark



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## Seven Acres Given to Land Trust

The land trust is pleased to announce that it has just been given seven acres of woodland in Ellington.

A relatively flat piece at the corner of Lanz Lane and Deborah Drive (which are between Jobs Hill Road and Egypt Road), the land consists of five adjacent lots which were subdivided as part of a development but never approved for building. This mutually beneficial donation has preserved open space in a populated area where it would make a nice neighborhood park or something similar. It is likely that the Land Trust will take a tour of it sometime, and you'll be invited when we do.

We would like to thank Richard and Joyce Joy very much for this generous donation.

## From the President

First, I'd like to apologize for taking so long getting this issue of the Landmark out.

This is the last Landmark I will send out as president. It is possible however that I will continue as editor. Putting out this newsletter has been an enjoyable experience.

As to why I will no longer be president... Well, from the start I've figured I shouldn't remain president any longer than four or five years, because an organization such as the Land Trust should be operated by policy, not personality. Therefore, the officers and Board of Directors should rotate to a certain degree. The most influential position is president, so it is the most important to rotate. In fact, all of the other officers have changed since the Land Trust started and several directors have gone to be replaced by others. Of course there's need for continuity as well, so I'm not in any rush to see the rest of the original directors resign (besides, they're doing a good job).

If you add it up you'll see that I've only been president for four years, not five, so you might wonder why I've declined to run this year rather than sticking it out one more year. Well, this spring I decided to run for the Board of Selectmen in East Windsor, and after thinking about it for a while decided that it would probably be best if I was not both a selectman and president of the Land Trust at the same time. I will remain an active member of the Land Trust and do all I can to promote land preservation in the area.

I would like to thank every member of the Five Town Land Trust, and especially the active ones, for a very successful first four years. We've gone from nonexistence to being an active force for conservation in the area, with a membership roughly 200 strong. In that time we've obtained ownership of 59 acres of land, have several possibilities for future preservation totalling nearly 300 acres, and have made most area landowners and many other people aware of land preservation and the Land Trust. Hopefully in the next few years we'll see even more land saved than during my term.

### Timothy Keeney to Speak at Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Membership of the Five Town Land Trust, Inc. will be held at the Melrose Schoolhouse at 5 PM on Sunday, September 29. It will be a potluck supper meeting with a speaker after the supper and before the meeting. Drinks will be provided. Everyone should bring a main course, side dish or dessert, along with a place setting.

The speaker for the evening will be Timothy Keeney, a Somers native and Connecticut's new Commissioner of Environmental Protection. He will speak about the Scantic River State Park and afterwards answer questions about that and anything else.


The main business of the meeting is the election of directors and officers. The candidates put up by the nominating committee are:

President	Donald Smith
Vice President	Lois Osier
Secretary	George Grant
Treasurer	Albert Grant
Directors	Arend Knuttel, Tex Mulnrite, Tom Curtiss, Linda Allegro, Whit Davis, Culver Modisette

Nominations will be accepted from the floor.

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