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Annual Meeting and Potluck - Sunday, September 17

Come join us at the annual meeting Sunday, September 17, at the Somers Congregational Church (Rt 190 just east of the intersection with Rt 83). Refreshments and social hour begins at 5:00, with the potluck dinner starting at 6:00. Bring your favorite dish to share, along with your own plates and utensils. Beverages will be supplied, but you may bring your own as well. A short business meeting will follow to elect new officers for the coming year. This year's featured speaker will be member John Scheirer. John hiked our McCann Family Farm property every day for 365 consecutive days from May 2005-May 2006, has written a book about his experiences, and will share these with us.

Proposed slate of Officers and Directors for 2006-2007:

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1st V. President – Jerry Stage

2nd V. President – Karl Hasel

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News Briefs

- Test plantings of chestnut tree nuts on Swann and Whitaker properties have been very successful. One tree, sprouting from a nut planted in May, is already 28” tall! The American Chestnut Foundation will determine if the test results support planting the hybrid blight-resistant nuts raised from special pollination procedures in an attempt to re-introduce a stronger strain of the once popular tree in New England.
- NCLT received the “Outstanding Fundraising Project” annual award from the Land Trust Service Bureau this year for our efforts related to acquiring the Whitaker property.
- Bank of America is planning to support stewardship projects on Whitaker with volunteer teams and funds during September and October to help with the improvement plans outlined by the Stewardship Committee.
- The Board of Directors has completed a board development program to enhance the capabilities of the Directors in the areas of public relations, fundraising, membership recruiting and communications, website content, and grant writing. The Board spent 7 2-hour sessions with consultant Simone Joyaux, a well known speaker and expert on non-profit organization operations and development. The project was funded by a grant from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving.



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