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**Dear Susan,**

Our year end closed on a strong note as we reached a new record with over 200 members now part of the Trust, and in total, your donations reached a new high. We are so grateful for a growing and committed membership. Thank you!

As we head into the new year, we have a lot taking place and welcome any input you might have to guide us. We discuss

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the Conservation Summit in this newsletter. Effective conservation, in part, involves collaborating with other conservation groups in town and working together in a cohesive way; the summit is an important part of this process. We welcome any of you who would like to attend and participate in the discussion.

We are also stepping up our efforts to engage people on our properties through educational walks and other activities. If you have ideas on areas that might interest you, we would love to hear. In the meantime, choose one of our properties this weekend that you may not have visited before and go explore.

I look forward to seeing you out in Groton!
Ted Lapres, President

3rd Annual Groton Conservation Summit

The Groton Conservation Trust, the Groton Conservation Commission and the Groton Trails Committee formed the Conservation Summit in 2015 to improve communications, coordinate activities, and share information among conservation and recreation groups and with the public, as well as to celebrate conservation efforts in Groton.

This year the summit, hosted by the Groton Trails Committee, will be February 16 (with a snow date of February 23) in the Media Communications Center at Lawrence Academy.

The evening will start with an informal networking time from 6:00 - 7:00 pm. Refreshments will be available. At 7:00, each of the attending groups will be briefly introduced.

Dr. David Black of the Groton School will give a 30-minute talk on some of the issues facing conservation in Groton and worldwide, and the importance of connectivity between conservation parcels and conservation organizations. A moderated discussion between attendees about issues of common interest between organizations will follow. The focus will be on discussing issues that are relevant to multiple organizations and that benefit from having representatives from the many conservation organizations in the room at the same time.

NEW this year is the entrance to Lawrence Academy. There is no parking on Powderhouse Road as before, now you can park in the lot at the top of the new drive or in the church lot and walk up to the center.

This is a free event and open to everyone. Join us!

She-Hikes in 2017

February we are hiking on The Throne Hill. It is February 4, later in the day at 1:30. Meet at the circle of Castle Drive. This is a 3 mile loop, dress warmly with appropriate shoes. A full list of the properties we will visit is available on our [website](#). Interested women please [reply](#)!



Wild Wharton Guided Hike

Sunday, Feb 19, 2017
1:00

Where: Intersection of Martins Pond Rd, Groton, MA 01450 and Dan Parker Road.

Come see the spectacular conservation area featuring beaver ponds, eskers, varied wetlands, upland forest, and hopefully lots of interesting animal tracks in the snow with members of the Groton Trail Committee. Meet at the Dan Parker Road entrance on Martins Pond Rd / Rocky Hill Rd. The hike will last about 2 hours.

Leashed dogs are welcome. The hike is suitable for families with hiking children. Wear comfortable hiking shoes. The hike will be held unless it is stormy.