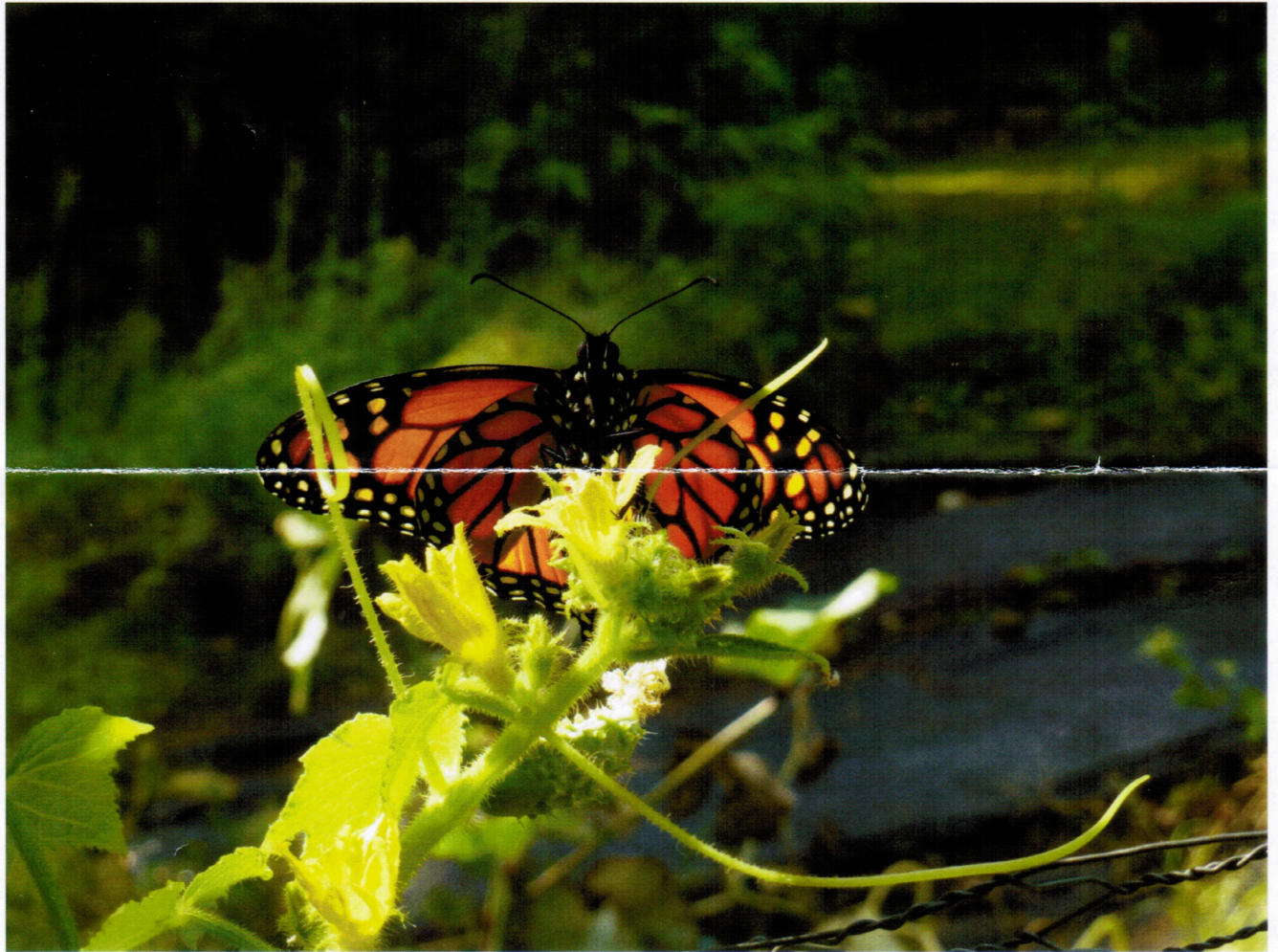

ANNUAL REPORT 2019



ASHBY LAND TRUST



The work of the Ashby Land Trust is to preserve the natural resources and rural character of Ashby.

Monitoring Report



All monitoring responsibilities for our protected properties, Blood Hill, South Road Fields, Morrison Property, and the Arnold Property, have been successfully completed. There were no encroachments to deal with but there are some ongoing issues with motorized vehicles on the Blood Hill Property.

Another growing problem is the spread of invasive plants, (oriental bittersweet and multiflora rose) particularly on the wooded edge of South Road Fields. These non-native invasive plants crowd out native species, and have a detrimental

effect on wildlife, particularly pollinators. Much recent research has shown that pollinators, which include many insects and some animals, are critically important to sustaining a healthy flowering plant population and all the creatures that rely on them as a source of food and shelter - which includes us. The Ashby Land Trust has been researching ways to address the issues of plant diversity and pollinators, which are key to a healthy environment.



Duck Derby

The 2019 Ashby Rubber Duck Derby was a smashing success. Our largest race yet included 633 little rubber sailors cruising the turbulent waters of Willard Brook. This year for the first time we were also able to provide prizes for the slowest duck in each of our five preliminary heats.

The race generated some \$2,140 in net revenue and is crucial to the Ashby Land Trust financial health.

Join us for the 2020 race at 1:00 pm on Sunday, May 3rd at Damon Pond - rain or shine!

Doug Leab, Duck Master





President's Report



In 2019 we welcomed our newest Board member, Vicki Mickola who replaced Sue Chapman. Sue had been on the Board for nine years and brought her unique quality of thoughtful steadiness, working as the Treasurer and training her replacement. Vicki comes to us as an experienced land preservationist, and understands conservation from the landowner side. We sincerely thank Sue for her service, and have enjoyed working with Vicki this year.

It has certainly been a satisfying year for the Ashby Land Trust. We completed two land protection projects - one at the very beginning of 2019 and one at the very end. The Douglas Wetland acquisition project was finalized in January and protects 5 ½ acres of wetland on the southeast side of town. The Conservation Restriction on the Ewald property was completed in December and protects 35 acres of forest, streams and waterfalls between Mill Creek Drive and Wares Road. Both the Douglas family and the Ewald family chose to permanently protect land they love, and the Land Trust is grateful to them for choosing us to assist them.

Our other big accomplishment this year was the completion of our application for Accreditation Renewal, through the Land Trust Accreditation Commission. This is required every five years. As a nationally accredited land trust, we are committed to maintaining the highest standards of ethical and technical behavior.

Of particular note in the Renewal process has been the partnership created between the Ashby Land Trust and Workers' Credit Union in Fitchburg. The Credit Union worked with us to create a defense funding mechanism to ensure the protection of the properties we care for against serious violations. We appreciate them for their commitment to local communities and organizations.

This summer I was personally delighted to have a very large number of monarch caterpillars in my garden. They munched their way through my milkweed (both wild and cultivated), leaving stripped stalks behind. After missing every single hatching chrysalis, I nevertheless enjoyed the glory of a dozen or so monarchs fluttering through the flowers.

In 2020 the Land Trust is eyeing projects that will help connect even more people to the delights of the natural world here in Ashby.

A big thank you to you, our loyal members, and to the creative and devoted Board of Directors who make the land trust the vibrant organization that it is.

Jeanie Lindquist

Board & Members for 2019

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Financial Results 2019

FUND	TYPE	SUM OF INCOME	SUM OF EXPENSE	CHANGE
Accreditation Grant		\$0.00	\$215.00	
Accreditation Grant Total			\$215.00	(\$215.00)
Defense Fund	Donation	\$875.00	\$0.00	
	Interest	\$235.51	\$0.00	
	Transfer	\$5,002.55	\$15,334.69	
Defense Fund Total		\$6,113.06	\$15,334.69	(\$9,221.63)
Stewardship Fund	Interest	\$108.65	\$0.00	
	Transfer	\$15,334.69	\$3,302.55	
Stewardship Fund Total		\$15,443.34	\$3,302.55	\$12,140.79
General Fund	Donation	\$987.38		
	Ducks 2019	\$45.00	\$148.95	
	Ducks 2020	\$1,605.00	\$35.00	
	Insurance		\$2,751.00	
	Interest	\$50.85		
	Membership 2019	\$1,420.00		
	Membership 2020	\$1,065.00		
	Other Income and Expense	\$57.00	\$730.70	
	Property	\$520.00	\$1,040.00	
	Reaccreditation		\$2,630.00	
	Transfer		\$1,700.00	
General Fund Total		\$5,750.23	\$9,035.65	(\$3,285.42)
Grand Total		\$27,306.63	\$27,887.89	(\$581.26)
FUND		BEGINNING	ENDING	CHANGE
Accreditation Grant		\$2,852.39	\$2,637.39	(\$215.00)
Defense Fund*	\$1,667.00 Donor Restricted	\$14,449.18	\$5,227.55	(\$9,221.63)
Stewardship Fund*	\$27.62 Donor Restricted	\$1,940.55	\$14,081.34	\$12,140.79
General Fund		\$8,091.73	\$4,806.31	(\$3,285.42)
GRAND TOTAL		\$27,333.85	\$26,752.59	(\$581.26)
LAND				
Mt Watatic		\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00	
Douglas			\$4,400.00	
TOTAL ASSETS		\$39,833.85	\$43,652.59	

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 We appreciate your donations, which are tax deductible to the extent of the law.
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