



# BWLT NEWS

*Protecting The Land You Love*

August, 2023

## Help Us Celebrate

### *Tappen Brook Trails Opening*

Join us for the official opening of Tappen Brook Trails on September 30th. This will be a fun and casual event with opportunities to hike, relax, play games and celebrate at the Bridgewater Town Park. Tickets can be purchased now on our website:

<https://bridgewaterlandtrust.org/events/>



Please Join Us For the Grand Opening of  
**Tappen Brook Trails  
& Volksmarsch Walk**

**Saturday, September 30, 2023**

The Bridgewater Town Park, 221 Tappen Road Bridgewater

*Start time between 12 - 1 PM*

*Pre-registration is required: [www.bridgewaterlandtrust.org](http://www.bridgewaterlandtrust.org)*

**Tickets: \$25 per person  
Children 12 & under Free**

*Walkers can chose from a variety of walks ranging from 1 mile to 3 miles.  
After your walk pull out your lawn chair and stay a while! Twins Barbecue  
Food Truck will offer pulled pork, chicken and all the fixings.  
Games, raffles, photo ops and more! Adults BYOB.*

**Thank You To Our Sponsors:  
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## Welcome Lisa

*Lisa Antel joins BWLT Board of Directors*

The BWLT is pleased to announce that Lisa Antel has been elected to the Board Of Directors.

Lisa grew up in Ohio, in a home surrounded by woods that provided her a place to hike, bike, and watch the antics of birds and other wildlife. When Lisa moved to Bridgewater in 2002, with her wife, Louise Marble, she was delighted to be in a beautiful place—one reminiscent of that childhood home. Their Bridgewater property adjoins a protected land preserve and the historic Tim Pond. It presents wildlife views that are even more captivating than those of her childhood.

As an experienced therapist, Lisa recently started a private practice. For the past 22 years she worked at Post University serving as the Director of the Counseling Center and also taught Masters-level courses. Before earning her MSW at Smith College and after studying at Bates College and Oxford University, Lisa co-founded a Washington D.C.-based consulting firm that helped lawyers embrace technology and change.

For nine years, Lisa was a member of the Board of the Bridgewater Library Association, serving as both secretary and president. She enjoys being engaged in efforts to create community and maintain the uniqueness of Bridgewater.



*Lisa Antel doing what she loves.*

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## **Be A Trail Blazer**

### *Help Support Our New Trails*

Are you a hiker or outdoor enthusiast? The BWLT is making public access for passive recreation a priority, and we need your help! We are continuing to improve and expand our trails. At our new Tappen Brook Trails (access at 221 Tappen Road), we will be adding more signage, small bridges at stream crossings, water bars to help with trail erosion and an expansion into additional land owned by the BWLT. We are also in the process of expanding and changing our Town Line Farm trail to take advantage of key features and reduce mowing

and maintenance.

**With a donation of \$250 or more you can become a Trail Blazer.** You will receive two free tickets to the Tappen Brook Trails' grand opening and a personalized Yeti Yonder 34 ounce water bottle (see image below). Support from Trail Blazers will be earmarked for trail improvements and expansions. Donations should be made by September 20th. Donors will be thanked and recognized at the event and beyond. Please contact Julie Stuart at [julie@bridgewaterlandtrust.org](mailto:julie@bridgewaterlandtrust.org) for details.



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## View The Blue Moon

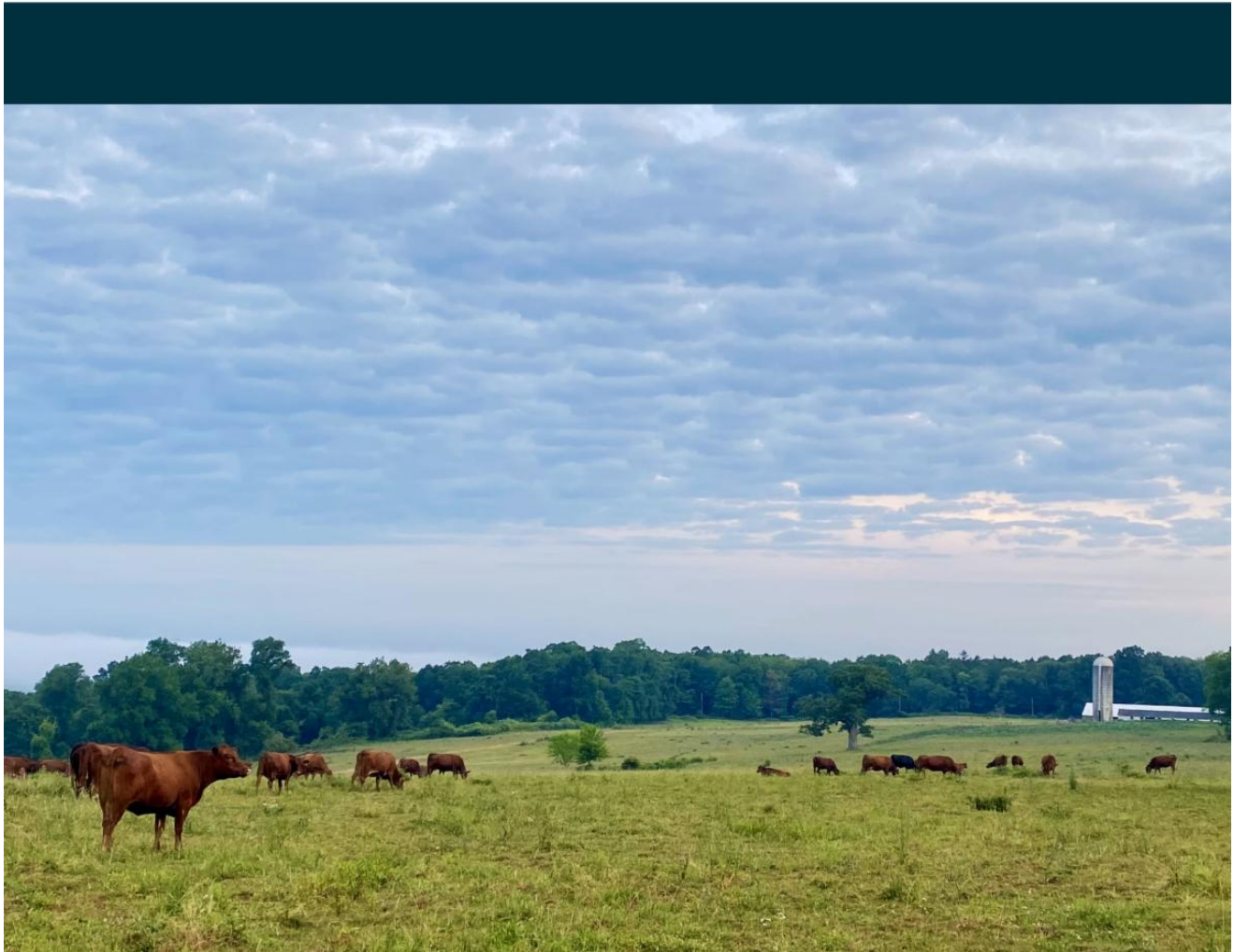
Town Line Road at the BWLT parking area is the perfect spot to view the rising moon. The area will be open late on Wednesday, August 30th from 8 PM to 10 PM for those who would like to observe the blue moon. A blue moon is an additional full moon that appears in a subdivision of a year. Owing to the rarity of a blue moon, the term "blue moon" is used colloquially to mean a rare event, as in the phrase "once in a blue moon." Bring a chair and whatever else you need to enjoy the view. This is a free event. RSVP is required as parking and space is limited to 25 guests. Rain cancels. RSVP: [julie@bridgewaterlandtrust.org](mailto:julie@bridgewaterlandtrust.org)



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## **Spotlight on Bridgewater Barns**

In the distance is Schaghticoke Farm on Northrup Street. For many years beginning in the early 1920's, this 165 acre farm was a dairy operation run by George Pratt who specialized in the production of "Golden Guernsey" known as a superlative, high-fat milk. In 1973, Mr. Pratt donated this land and other farm holdings to the Nature Conservancy to be permanently preserved in agriculture. Today Stuart Family Farm leases this land and buildings. They raise all-natural beef, pork and chickens.



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