

BWLT NEWS

Protecting The Land You Love

November, 2025



Town Line Farm Dairy Barn Renovation Complete

The renovation of the south end of the Town Line Farm Preserve dairy barn is now complete. During the process, contractors uncovered extensive rot that had severely compromised the building's structural integrity. The timing of this project proved critical in saving this iconic barn, and we are grateful for the community support that made it possible. Looking ahead, we hope to address another section of the barn in 2026.

Thank you to the following contractors who partnered with us on the renovation: Cady Builders, LRM, Inc., Concrete Unlimited, McCormack Electric LLC, Taurus Painting Services, and Jamie Curren.



Taurus Painting Services adding the final touches to the inside paneling.

BWLT Appoints Next Generation Council

The BWLT is pleased to announce that we have appointed 8 members to a newly formed Next Generation Council. The purpose of the council is to engage younger residents and integrate a more inclusive and diverse voice to our land preservation efforts. Loosely defined as residents under 40 years old, the group will meet once per quarter and discuss a variety of land preservation topics.

The members are: Freddy Perlman, Miranda Hora, Henry Gsell, Robert Dewar, Matt Cariani, Will Stuart, Emily Cable and Tarryn Crossley. If you would like to learn a little about who they are, you can review their impressive biographies here:

Next Generation Council Biographies



From left to right: Bob Dewar, Henry Gsell, Miranda Hora, Freddy Perlman, Emily Cable and Will Stuart

FIELD NOTES

Daffodils Planted

Thanks to a team of volunteers we can look forward to more daffodils in the spring. Bulbs were planted at our Jim Allen Farm Preserve on Hut Hill Road and around Gumbo's bench at the Jane Pratt Preserve Parking area on Town Line Road. Thank you to: Joe Dolen, Sharon Gawe, Mike Tuz, and Victoria Zandonella.



Jane Pratt Parking Area
Our parking area on Town Line Road is used



extensively for walkers who enjoy the sites along Town Line Road. It has also become a popular spot for photographers including this antique car owner, looking to capture the perfect shot.

Hazard Removed

Thanks to Dillon Tree Service for removing several dead maple trees from the Peardon Preserve. One large maple (pictured here) was in danger of falling on the historic barn. We will assess the condition of the barn in the coming months.



UPCOMING/RECENT EVENTS



Meet Your Greens

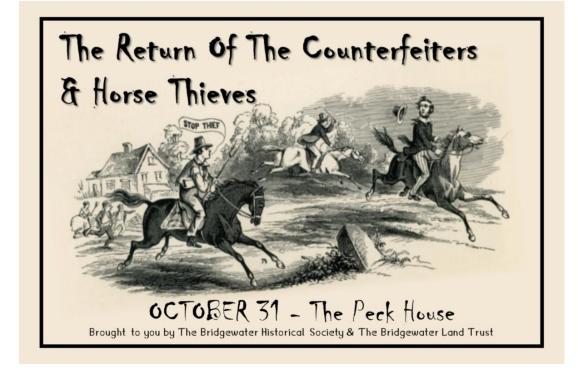
Join Us at Housatonic River Brewing in New Milford on **Thursday, October 30 from 5 PM** - **7 PM.** The BWLT is co-hosting this networking happy hour for board members of conservation organizations, volunteers, enthusiasts, and professionals. All BWLT members are welcome.



Trunk Or Treat

Joins Us At The Peck House

Bridgewater was notorious in the 1800's for both horse thieves and counterfeiters. In fact, we have the unique distinction as the home to Connecticut's first and most celebrated counterfeiter! These characters have come back to make some more cash and steal a few more horses.



Come see us at the Peck House on October 31st between 5:30 and 7 PM for the Town's annual Trunk or Treat. We hope our "trunk" will be a "treat" for adults and kids alike!



Trunk or Treat preparations are underway

Trail Opening & Hike

Town Line Farm Preserve Saturday, November 1st at 10 AM

Start your weekend outdoors and join the Roxbury Land Trust and Bridgewater Land Trust for a guided new trail opening at the Town Line Farm Preserve. There is a newly built bridge and trail connecting the Town Line Trail with Roxbury Land Trust trails.

Attendees should meet promptly at 10 AM at the Jane Pratt parking area on Town Line Road. The hike will take approximately 1 hour.



Annual Celebration & Meeting

Join us on November 12th at the Hilltop Senior Center for an evening of celebration, community, and connection. We'll reflect on the year's accomplishments, honor our dedicated volunteers, and share exciting news about the work ahead.

Guests will enjoy appetizers, drinks, and a delicious dinner catered by the Bridgewater Bistro, followed by a special interactive program, "Savor the Season", highlighting and supporting our local farms.

Tickets are available now. We encourage you to reserve early—this event is expected to sell out!

Buy Tickets Here



Annual Celebration & Meeting

FEATURING A SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Savor The Season

Culinary Delights From Local Farms

The Hilltop Senior Center Wed., November 12th at 5:30 PM

Tickets: \$50

Includes drinks & dinner catered by The Bridgewater Bistro Seats are limited

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