



## *Hartland Conservation Commission 2000*

### *I-91 Interchange*

Much of the early part of 2000 was spent participating in discussions about the development proposal for the interchange. The Conservation Commission began working with the Upper Valley Land Trust, the Selectboard, the Planning Commission, Hartland Community Connections and a local landowner to develop a proposal for conserving some of the open lands around the interchange. Thanks to the support of many individuals and organizations, we've made great progress on this project.

### *Work with Hartland Elementary School*

This year we co-sponsored River Days, a K-3 outdoor education workshop that used Lull's Brook as an outdoor classroom – nearly (200) schoolkids participated. The workshop used Travis' Trail along Lull's Brook, a Commission/Eagle Scout project from a few years ago.

### *Lull's Brook (The Lull's Brook Watershed Association)*

The Commission worked with a new local watershed association, the state, and local landowners to raise issues regarding impacts on Lull's Brook of a proposed sewage discharge, and to advocate development of lower-impact alternative solutions.

### *Sixth Annual Photo Contest*

We had over 40 wonderful entries displayed at Old Home Days on this year's theme "Your Favorite Outdoor Place in Hartland" – thanks to all entrants for sharing your wonderful pictures!

### *Support for local land conservation projects*

The Commission worked with the Upper Valley land Trust to support 2 conservation easement projects in Hartland.

### *Hartland Conserved Lands Map*

We continued work on refining and improving this map with the help of the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Council.

### *A Word About the Conservation Trust Fund*

Our Fund grew by over \$1,000? this year, with many townspeople contributing. The Fund was established in 1989 to support "planning and preservation of the Town's natural and cultural resources for the continuing benefit of the townspeople." Contributions from the fund, though small, have been critical in providing local matches to grant programs and demonstrating local support to funders of conservation projects. Hartland is growing, and we need to grow our Conservation Trust Fund too. All contributions are tax deductible. Increasing the Fund will enable to Commission to leverage larger amounts of money to ensure that our productive fields, woods, wetland, and unique wildlife habitat remain for present and future generations of Hartland residents. Thanks to all who have contributed!

Conservation Commission Members:

Sue Achenbach (Secretary), Andrea Ambros, Geoff Dates, Deborah Luquer (co-chair), Philip Nothnagle (Planning Commission Representative), Tom Ramsey, Scott Richardson (Treasurer), Andy Stewart, Jennifer Waite (Chair), Ginny White