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Peter Bergh Fund	Susan Hodgson	Dylan & Ward Preston
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# REPORT TO OUR NEIGHBORS

## January 2017 to March 2018

# Helping to Protect and Preserve the Rural, Agricultural Landscape of Charlotte



*Early morning view of Camel's Hump with conserved land on the Philo Ridge Farm in the foreground*



LETTER FROM THE BOARD

This year's annual report is dedicated to Skip Sheldon, who passed away recently. Skip was a founding board member of the Charlotte Land Trust, a major supporter and a conservor of his farmland on Lake Road. Skip's greatest contributions were his keen insight and understanding of the issues facing conservation as well as his vision of how best to accomplish our goals. All of us on the CLT board have a deep appreciation for what Skip did to help the organization achieve as much as it has.

CLT has been in existence for over three decades. In that time, changes in the farm economy, many beyond our borders and our control, have altered aspects of our conservation work. CLT has been working to learn more about some of the interesting options that can help diversify Charlotte's farm landscape. Whether Charlotte farms are the traditional dairy agriculture or properties of smaller acreage and a mixture of crops, conservation remains a tool that benefits landowners and farmers while preserving our rural landscape.

As always, the board wishes to thank all of you who support conservation in Charlotte through your interest, your donations and your support of the Town Conservation Fund. We are lucky to live in a town with such a beautiful landscape and are also fortunate in the commitment and support of so many to preserve the best of that landscape. The conservation success in Charlotte is something we all see and enjoy, not only now, but far into the future.

*The Charlotte Land Trust Board of Directors*

CONSERVATION

In spring 2017 Clark Hinsdale sold farmland on the corner of Guinea and One Mile Roads to Dylan and Ward Preston, a project that was featured in last year's report. Conservation is a useful tool to help make farmland more affordable for farmers and we are always on the lookout for more projects of this type.



CLT 2018 Board: (l to r) Jessie Price, Jay Strausser, Frances Foster, Marty Illick, David Watts, Kate Lampton, Jessica Sandford. Missing: Jane Lawlis, Lindsay Longe, Mary Volk.

Several landowners contacted CLT during the year to learn more about conservation and how it might be used for their property. The CLT board has a set of criteria that are used to assess which lands qualify for conservation. We welcome the chance to talk with landowners and work with them on the appropriate tools and techniques for preserving the best qualities of their land.

OUTREACH

CLT presented an event with Sue Morse of Keeping Track to a packed house at the Senior Center last spring. Sue's stunning photographs and message about climate and the impacts of change on the natural world gave a larger perspective on how climate change affects animals in northern habitats.

We enjoy the chance to meet many of you at our events and are planning a fun one for this spring for the whole family to enjoy. Be on the lookout soon for more details! And, as in years past, in July the red signs will be out on conserved properties. These are a visual reminder of the generosity of those landowners and the importance of conservation in Charlotte's landscape.

ORGANIZATION

CLT is a member of the Land Trust Alliance, a national organization that promotes conservation and provides extensive technical information and support to land trusts. The LTA Standards and Practices are a set of rigorous protocols for land trusts to follow. CLT uses the LTA Standards and Practices as

the framework for our conservation work, organization and governance. This helps ensure that our work is thorough and meets the best practices for the complex business of land conservation.

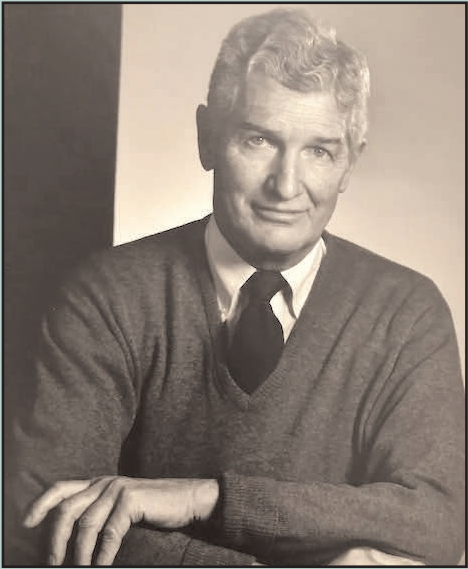
In 2017, we were sorry to accept the resignations of Edd Merritt, David Pill and Jane Kiley from the board. Edd, David and Jane were valuable participants and we will miss having them on the board but appreciate the time that they contributed.

Earlier this year two new members joined the CLT board: Jay Strausser and Jessica Sanford. We look forward to adding their expertise and insight to the group.



Many thanks to Yoga Roots and Adam's Berry Farm for hosting yoga classes at the farm last summer. Yoga Roots generously donated a portion of the entrance fee to benefit the work of CLT. Adam's Berry Farm is a property conserved with the support of many Charlotters and has been a wonderful addition to town. The classes were fun and located in a gorgeous setting!

DEDICATION



We dedicate this Annual Report to Skip Sheldon who was instrumental in the founding of CLT in 1986 and remained committed to our mission throughout the rest of his life. We will miss his wisdom and advice.

2017 INCOME AND EXPENSES

INCOME

Contributions	
Unrestricted	\$31,600
Restricted	325
Interest and Dividends	1,451
Annual Town Contribution	2,415
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$35,791</b>

EXPENSES

Hinsdale/Preston easement	\$35,000
Conservation Project	1,980
<b>Program Subtotal</b>	<b>\$36,980</b>
Outreach	1,620
Fundraising	1,593
Administration	2,629
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$42,822</b>

Total Assets	1/1/2017	\$292,630
Total Assets	12/31/2017	*\$285,599
*Includes Stewardship Fund		\$101,430

2018 Board of Directors

Frances Foster	Marty Illick
Kate Lampton	Jane Lawlis
Lindsay Longe	Jessie Price
Jessica Sandford	Jay Strausser
Mary Volk	David Watts

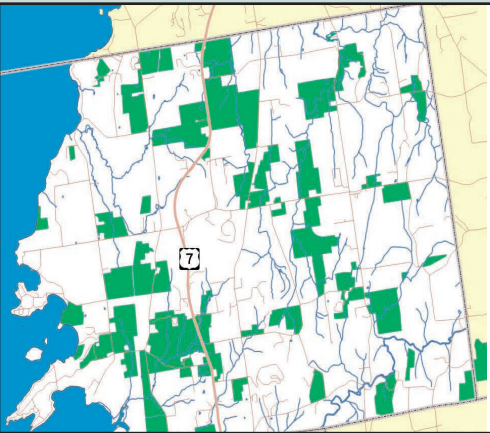
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Town of Charlotte Conserved Land, March 2018



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**YES!** I will help preserve the natural and rural beauty of Charlotte by making a tax-deductible contribution to the Charlotte Land Trust at the following level:

- ☐ Benefactor \$2500
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- ☐ Contributor \$50
- ☐ Sustaining \$500
- ☐ Other \$\_\_\_\_\_

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