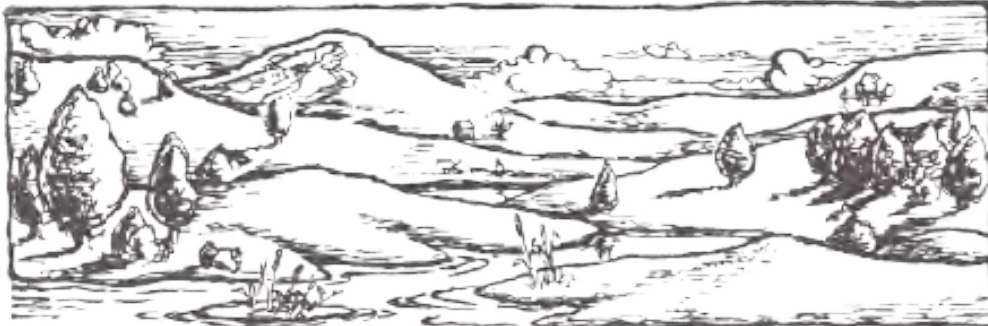


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**PASSUMPSIC VALLEY
LAND TRUST**

The Passumpsic Valley Land Trust is a nonprofit conservation group composed of local volunteers who are dedicated to preserving the beauty and ecological habitats of the Passumpsic River and its watershed, as well as improving public access.

Alan Giese to speak at the Annual Meeting on January 28th.

Former board member Alan Giese will speak at the Annual Meeting. Alan is the chair of the Natural Sciences at NVU and professor of biology at NVU-Lyndon. He has an expertise in Lyme disease and invasive species and is known for his field work with ticks. Alan has a small stained glass featuring a tick in his office. He has many interesting experiences out in the field and a vast knowledge of the ecology of the Passumpsic River Watershed.





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PASSUMPSIC VALLEY LAND TRUST NOTICE OF 2022 ANNUAL MEETING

The Passumpsic Valley Land Trust invites you to attend its 29th Annual Meeting, for the year 2022.

WHEN: Saturday, January 28, 2023, 3 PM

WHAT: Annual Business Meeting

WHERE: Universalist Unitarian Congregation of St. Johnsbury at 47 Cherry Street. Parking is in the lot before you get to the building or on the street. Cherry Street is a one way street. Event is co-sponsored by the UU Congregation.

The Annual Meeting Program

The PVLT Board of Directors will conduct a brief Business Meeting with a presentation of the Annual Report, the Financial Report, the Nominating Committee Report, and the result of the voting for Directors. Light refreshments will be offered.

Annual Business Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome and President opening remarks
2. Reading and acceptance of Annual Report
3. Reading and acceptance of Financial Report
4. Committee Updates
5. Report of the Election of directors
6. Guest speaker

Voting for Directors

In accordance with PVLT Bylaws (Article III, Section I, parts A, B, and C), the Nominating Committee presents the following slate of Directors for a three-year term beginning January 2023:

Lenny Gerardi (2023-2025) Re-election
Dana Welch (2023-2025) Re-election

- Current PVLT members are eligible to vote in the election of Directors to the PVLT Board.
- If two or more names are shown on your mailing label, you may have a current family membership entitling two family members to cast ballots. You may photocopy the ballot below to enable a second vote.
- If you are not a current member but wish to establish or renew your membership to enable you to vote for Directors in the 2023 election, you may submit your annual membership dues along with your ballot. Tax-deductible membership contributions are \$10 for an individual, \$25 for a family, or \$25 for a business or organization. Contributions larger than the threshold for membership are welcomed and gratefully appreciated.

Gifts to Passumpsic Valley Land Trust

Support PVLT's conservation activities related to the Passumpsic River and its watershed. Every gift makes a difference and impacts the recreational, educational, ecological, and historic assets of these resources. Now is the time to consider giving to Passumpsic Valley Land Trust! Want to learn more? Please contact board member Laurie Olszowy at lcocappy@gmail.com

PVLT Bylaws: Article II Membership and Structure. Section I – Members. A. Any person or organization shall be entitled to membership in the Trust upon payment of annual dues. B. For the purposes of voting, annual membership for new members shall be effective 14 days following the receipt of dues payment and shall run for one full year beginning with the effective date. For renewing members, membership shall begin immediately and run for one full year from the date of dues receipt by the Trust.

Ballots for election of Directors must be received **no later than Thursday, January 24, 2023**, at PVLT, PO Box 624, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819.

Please cut here and return your completed ballot to:

PVLT, PO Box 624, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819, for receipt **no later than Thursday, January 24, 2023.**

Ballot for PVLT Board of Directors, for 3-year term 2023-2025

(Check or write-in no more than two names)

Lenny Gerardi [] or Write-in candidate _____

Dana Welch [] or Write-in candidate _____

PVLT at the Lyndon Farmers' Market

At the last market of 2022, Jonathan Kaplan and Carol Housner, wearing PVLT tee shirts, added river songs to their set list and talked about PVLT and our mission. Board member Daisy McCoy was also there to hand out last year's newsletter and answer any questions. Jonathon has a PhD in botany and plant pathology and teaches Sustainable Food Systems, Food for Thought, and other biology courses at NVU-Lyndon. Carol is an award-winning singer/songwriter with a passion for bluegrass and roots music. Among the many songs they sang was "Rhythm In The River" by local songwriter Alan Greenleaf. We hope to have more occasions next summer where the community can learn about PVLT and the work we do to protect the Passumpsic.



New Board Member: Brian Lamoureux



This year, PVLT welcomed Brian Lamoureux to the board. Brian first engaged with the organization during the spring 2020 Murphy parcel riparian buffer planting while he was working for Northwoods Stewardship Center on the Watershed Conservation Crew. During that time, his interest in brainstorming ideas for PVLT's community engagement grew into serious consideration for serving on the board.

Brian moved to Lyndonville in 2017 to attend Lyndon State College (soon to be Vermont State University-Lyndon) and graduated with a B.S. in Mountain Recreation Management in 2020. His appreciation has grown into a love for the watershed through paddling spring whitewater on the Moose and Passumpsic Rivers, mountain biking at Kingdom Trails, and skiing at Burke. Brian is hoping to leverage his experiences gained in recreation and conservation through several seasons of work with the Green Mountain Club, Northwoods Stewardship Center, Jay Peak, and Burke Mountain to further the work of PVLT.

Tree Planting

Between the fall of 2020 and this fall (2022), we have planted a total of 3,937 stems on the Murphy Parcel and 1,124 stems on the Towns parcel, for a total of 5,061 trees and shrubs planted on our properties in Lyndon.

NorthWoods crews have spent a total of 613 people-hours planting those trees between the five seasons we have been out there.

This year we planted American elm, Balsam poplar, Basswood, Black willow, Eastern cottonwood, Hackberry, Silver maple, Elderberry, Speckled Alder, Nannyberry, Red osier dogwood, Shrub willow, and Silky dogwood.





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Stewardship Monitoring

This year, the board made the decision to contract out a portion of the annual monitoring of our conserved parcels to the NorthWoods Stewardship Center. NorthWoods' summer staff member Hanson Menzies and PVLT Board member Dana Welch visited and took data and photos for 11 of our parcels in Lyndon, Burke, St. Johnsbury, Victory, Danville, and Barnet. The monitoring reports generated from this effort build on the work done in 2020 by CCV intern Sarah McCormick as well as the ongoing monitoring by the PVLT board members.

One of the goals of this monitoring is to locate any ecologically damaging issues such as trash, trespass, erosion, or invasive species, so they can be addressed in our future stewardship activities. There were several examples of all of the above-listed issues found during monitoring, and the board plans to discuss how best to address these issues over the winter.

The Stewardship Committee was formed earlier this year to do deeper-dive discussions of our monitoring and land management efforts and set goals for the organization to better focus our stewardship efforts.



Visit the PVLT website for additional information about the Murphy parcel and other conserved properties. PVLT has 24 parcels in 10 Passumpsic Valley Watershed towns totaling approximately 600 acres.



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PVLT's Annual Membership Renewal Reminder

In the past PVLT changed the way it reaches out to members annually to renew your support for your land trust. PVLT is now on a once-per-year reminder integrated into this newsletter. A membership that is current entitles you to cast a ballot for your Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting or to vote on any special items that may come up, such as Bylaws changes. PVLT depends on your faithful support not just for underwriting your organization's land conservation activities but also for demonstrating to grantors that PVLT is recognized, vital, and respected.

The mailing label on this newsletter displays the month and year that your membership will or did expire, roughly one year following your most recent contribution. If you recently sent us a renewal, or prefer to stick with a different annual cycle that works for you, just ignore this reminder.

Annual membership dues (minimum amount) by membership category (# of voters). Contributions larger than the threshold for membership are welcomed and gratefully appreciated.

Individual (1) \$10 // Family (2) \$25 // Organization/Business/Corporate (1) \$25

Name(s): _____

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