Highlights and Accomplishments of DCLT 2020-2021

In the beginning of the year the DCLT BoD meetings were held via ZOOM, the remainder to present were in-person at the Town Hall.

Began 5 yr Strategic plan focusing on younger individuals membership

Stewardship Plan focus on DCLT sanctuaries, making them more appealing to the public.....these 2 plans were prepared by Liza Moran

Working with MASS Audubon for holding CR on Chet's property, Bonnie View Farm

Phase II of NCRS Grant for spraying of invasive species in WW. Project completed.

Participated in Ken Butkiewicz Rail Trail Dedication & Tree Planting (Tulip tree donated by DCLT).

Slater Woods clean up, part 2

DCLT walk at Bafflin Sanctuary, CT Audubon, Pomfort, CT

Scholarship winner, Hannah Morrill, studying at Mt Holyoke, Env.Studies

Updated stewardship reports for all DCLT properties.

Collaborated w/TLGV to have "Letterboxing" at WW.

Applied and received Malser Grant for \$6,268. To be used for updated sanctuary signage, TBVS new boardwalk and historical signage for WW.

No DCLT Plant Sale due to Covid-19.Our major fundraiser for this year is the ongoing Native& Pollinator Bulb Sale with good participation. Headed by Liza Morin & committee members Fay Ferland, Elaine Martin, Debi Thibaudeau, nancy Vajcovec and Visha Wieloch

Today's Presentation @7pm, here at the Grange, "Native Wildflowers through the Seasons" with Dr Robert Bertin, Professor Emeritus is in conjunction w/the bulb sale.

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This is DCLT's 18th year after restart in 2004 & incorporation in 2005. (Initially started in 1991 but was not vital after a few years). DCLT has a total of 373 Acres.

Continue to work with MASS Audubon on a CR for Chet's Kulisa's property.

Native Bulb sale completed in October 2021/Liza Moran

Professor Bertin of Holy Cross presented "Native Wildflowers through the Seasons"/Visha.

Placed a plaque for Ken Butkiewicz @ the Rail Trail Bridge on the French River.

DCLT received a Janet Malser Grant. We completed projects of a new boardwalk @ TBVWS, a new kiosk @ WW, upgraded DCLT signage for major sanctuaries and historic signs made for WW @ the Grand Trunk & @ the Dam Reclamation site.

DCLT participated in the 1st Dudley Agricultural Com. community event, called "Dudley Grows Together - Plant Crawl". DCLT partnered with the Dudley Grange for the return of the DCLT Plant Sale at this event.

We hosted the Bay State Riders. A horse riding organization interested in partnering w/DCLT.

Town of Dudley restarted the Open Space Com -Dave Harrigan is Vice-Chair.

Hired a Financial Planner to manage our endowment.

George Patrinos, DWD supervisor, presented PFAS. Open to members & public.

Upgrading DCLT kiosks w/Trail maps, QR codes.

Thank you to the Dudley Fire Dept for use of their Training Room for our monthly mtgs.