

2012 Report
Barr Hill & Long Pond Committee

Members: Paul and Sue Slater, Clive Gray, Christopher King

Barr Hill received its usual stream of visitors during the year. Views were improved by Tracy St. Louis. The preserve featured two major events, a picnic and guided tour for Wonder & Wisdom on July 11 and a 40th anniversary celebration on July 22 that welcomed about 50 visitors. At the 40th anniversary, staff of the Vermont Chapter of the Nature Conservancy (Emily Boedecker, Bob Klein and Rose Paul) set up tents and displays, and local volunteers offered cake and lemonade. At a certain point people were assembled so that Clive, Emily, Bob and Greensboro Selectboard Chair Marsha Gadoury could make some uplifting comments about Barr Hill and the Nature Conservancy. The road was badly damaged by a June storm but fixed up nicely in July by Eric Clark, so that on July 11 and 22 it was possible to shuttle visitors to and from the preserve with a small bus. All in all it was a beautiful and very special event on Barr Hill.

A pair of Long Pond Committee members cleared the Rolf Muentner Trail to the north shore this spring. On July 11 a representative of VT Fish and Wildlife proposed to the Selectboard that F&W improve Long Pond Road and clear a parking area next to the pond to facilitate fishing access. Some users of the pond expressed the view that it was preferable to protect the pond's pristine character by restricting access to 4-wheel drive vehicles. The Selectboard took F&W's proposal under advisement.