

## **REPORT OF THE OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE**

2007 was another busy year for the Open Space Committee. In January, with the help of the Natural Resources Outreach Coalition (NROC), a Landowner Workshop was held in the Community Room at the Fremont Library. The workshop, which was well attended, focused on the benefits and options available to landowners who may be interested in conserving their land. It was an open forum that included a brief presentation given by Frank Mitchell, Extension Professor and Extension Specialist, Land & Water Conservation for UNH Cooperative Extension, followed by a question and answer period. Those in attendance received a copy of *Conserving Your Land - Options for New Hampshire Landowners*.

Throughout the spring, the Committee's focus was on speaking with landowner's who showed an interest in obtaining additional information on conserving their land. In addition, the Committee evaluated several parcels using the established criteria to determine whether they may qualify for future conservation.

A monthly monitoring schedule and checklist was set up for Glen Oaks, in which designated members take a walk through Glen Oaks and report on their findings. These findings include observations regarding usage, wildlife and general conditions of the trails themselves, and are reported at the next Open Space meeting. In the near future, we hope to have copies of each monthly worksheet together in a binder that is made available to the public for viewing.

During the fall months, there were many discussions regarding possible recreational/educational activities that may take place at Glen Oaks. There were several good suggestions made by committee members. The final outcome of these discussions resulted in an Owl Walk which took place in early December. Approximately 30 people attended the walk that was led by Audubon volunteer and Fremont resident Terry Bronson.

We hope to be able to offer additional activities to take place in Glen Oaks in the upcoming season and are very happy to see that people are getting out and enjoying this wonderful natural resource that belongs to us all.

Respectfully submitted,

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*"Those who contemplate the beauty of the earth find reserves of strength that will endure as long as life lasts."*

*~ Rachel Carson*