

Sample Annual Monitoring Letter to Conserved Landowners

May 31, 2013

Dear Dr. Kirsten Alexander and Shauna Larson,

As spring settles in and the days get longer, Stowe Land Trust and its volunteer stewards take advantage of these nice days to conduct our annual monitoring of conservation easements. As the owner of a conserved property, you probably know how important periodic visits and walks on your land are to protecting its conservation values. It's also an opportunity for us to answer any questions you may have about the Conservation Easement on your land, and allows us to update our records on any changes that may have taken place in the past year.

Some time over the next 4-5 months one of our volunteer stewards or I will be walking the conserved area, and perhaps taking a few photographs. If you would like to join us, please call me to set up an agreeable time. We hope you will join us, but understand if you are not available to do so.

Don't forget to contact us if you are planning any changes to the conserved portion of your land such as building structures, driveways and roads, a shed and/or shelters and before you give anyone any type of right on your land such as a utility or access easement or a boundary adjustment. Please also be sure to let us know if you are planning to put your conserved land on the market. By doing so, we can be sure to introduce ourselves to the new landowners. If you have any questions about our annual stewardship program, please don't hesitate to give me a call at (802) 253-7221.

Have a great summer!

Sincerely,

Rebecca Washburn
Assistant Director

P.S. I hope you enjoyed the *Our Place* newsletter mailed to you this spring. We want to be a resource for you as stewards of your land. This annual newsletter is one of the ways we can connect you with useful information about land management.