

The New Land Trust

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Meet Steve Jenks



Hello everyone. My name is Steve Jenks. I sit as Chairman of the Board for the NLT. My interest in the NLT is two fold. My residence is in close proximity to the NLT and I enjoy X-country skiing. Last winter I skied 65 times NLT trails. Much of my time is spent maintaining the trails. Maintaining the trails for me though consists mainly of packing the ski trail more then actually just skiing. Never the less I enjoy it and the land.

I want to take a minute to let everyone know the status of the NLT at this time. A lot has happened in the last 3 months since I have taken over with the help of the other board members. When we took over the NLT it was in the hole for about \$2,100. That back debt has been paid off thanks to donations and new memberships. The insurance has been paid in advance until March. A lease has been set up for the barn and rent is being collected. 236 is getting some major attention even though there is still a lot to do there. Unfortunately, it does not end here; the NLT needs to take in an average of \$135 a week to stay afloat. This is just for taxes and insurance. These monies come from land lease payments, rent, memberships and contributions.

I am asking that if you are a member, thank you and please stay current with your membership. If you are not a member, please consider a membership. Someone once asked me "what do I get for my membership?" I did not have a good answer. Now I believe I do. My goal is to get more people on the land. Once you are there you will start to feel and see the value that land has to offer. Whether it is skiing, snow shoeing, hiking, camping, walking, bird watching, what ever it may be there is a lot to offer and in time, even more.

236 will be the new point of entry. There will be a "New Land Trust" entrance sign out front by the road, and a sign-in box near the building. This will allow us to obtain addresses so we can send information. I have met with our insurance agent to better understand what the policy allows us to do. As long as no one pays a fee we are covered. The more people that come and enjoy the land, the better our chances are to obtain more memberships and contributions. Invite everyone you know!

My goal is to have tax and insurance money in hand before it is due. In fact I would like to someday have the following years in advance. To do this I need all of your help.

In conclusion, the NLT is in a financial hurt right now. I need all of you to first come visit the land again. Second be advocates for soliciting new members. Third if someone cannot afford a full membership, ask for any kind of contribution. It's all-good. Thank you.

Send donations to:

**The New Land Trust, c/o Treasurer
PO Box 101, Saranac, NY 12981**

Upcoming...

Next board meeting:

Thursday, September 4, at 6:30.
It will be at 236. All members are welcome.

Saranac Farmers Market

Saturdays, 12-4pm at the
Town Hall Pavilion

Next 236 Cleanup Day

Saturday, September 6th, for
most of the day.

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