3 A: Easement Stewardship Basics

This workshop will cover the basics of conservation easement stewardship. Topics will include the steps involved in annual monitoring of conservation easements, managing landowner uses of the property and resolution of challenges and violations. This information will help you develop a successful easement stewardship program for your conservation organization. Come with questions about particular issues or challenges you may have encountered.

Emily Hague | Monadnock Conservancy | http://www.monadnockconservancy.org
Andy Deegan | Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust | http://www.ausbonsargent.org/

3 B: Closing Issues – Completing the Deal

The third session of the Real Estate Law for Beginners series will focus on what needs to be done to close a real estate transaction, and will discuss issues such as deed preparation and property descriptions, survey and title issues, dealing with liens and encumbrances, title insurance, and the role and responsibilities of the settlement agent, focusing on practical aspects and legal requirements. This session will also touch on some basic tax compliance issues important to landowners, including Form 8383. You may attend just one, or more of the workshops in this series which is specifically designed for staff and board members involved in conservation transactions. This is an introductory level workshop.

Tom Masland | Ransmeier & Spellman, P.C | http://www.ranspell.com
Paul MacDonald | Ransmeier & Spellman, P.C | http://www.ranspell.com

3 C: How to Build a Strong and Effective Board

An engaged and effective board of directors is key to a land trust’s success. A well rounded board can help advance your land trust’s mission; therefore, it’s important to think strategically when recruiting or making changes to your board of directors. This workshop will cover recruitment and orientation of new board members. General expectations and responsibilities of a board member will be addressed including serving on committees and fundraising.

Debbie Stanley | Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust | http://www.ausbonsargent.org/

3 D: NH Statutes & Recreational Liability for Conservation Land Owners

This workshop will cover basic tort law, including premises liability, the statutory limitations to that liability in RSA 508:14 and 212:34 and pending legislation. In addition, the session will include a discussion of recent cases and amendments to RSA 212:34. (A tort is a cause of action in which someone is injured due to someone else’s negligence. A personal injury case is a classic example of a tort).

Evan Mulholland | NH Dept. of Justice | http://doj.nh.gov/environmental-protection/index.htm
Jasen Stock | NH Timberland Owners Association | http://www.nhtoa.org/index.html
### 3 E: How Will You Manage and Monitor All That Land?

Conservation Stewardship, including monitoring and managing conservation lands, is a growing need for many New Hampshire land trusts and conservation commissions. Vigorous land conservation work in recent years has produced many acres of conserved land as well as a cumulative need for stewardship of those lands for habitat protection and recreation. This guided roundtable discussion workshop will explore approaches to assure long-term stewardship, to see that the lands we’ve worked so hard to protect, stay protected. This workshop is appropriate for those involved or interested in meeting the evolving stewardship needs of land trusts and municipalities.

**Frank Mitchell** | Bear Paw Regional Greenways | frank.mitchell@unh.edu  
**Walter Graff** | Appalachian Mountain Club | www.outdoors.org

### 3 F: Current Use Basics and Land Use Change Tax

Participants will learn about the history and philosophy of New Hampshire's Current Use Program and the various categories for forest and farmland. The workshop will also explain the Land Use Change Tax and how communities can use these dollars for local conservation projects.

**Carol Andrews** | NH Association of Conservation Commissions | http://www.nhacc.org/  
**Karen Bennett** | UNH Cooperative Extension | http://extension.unh.edu/

### 3 G: Organizing a Volunteer Work Day on Conservation Lands

Do you have a project on conservation land that needs a few extra hands? Does working with volunteers intimidate you? You’re not alone! Join UNH Cooperative Extension Wildlife Program Coordinator, Emma Carcagno, as she covers the basics of organizing and leading a work day aimed at accomplishing great things. She'll also share inspiring stories of volunteer work days organized by others just like you.

**Emma Carcagno** | UNH Cooperative Extension | http://extension.unh.edu/

### 3 H: How to Protect the Right Lands for Wildlife

Land protection is critical for sustaining a variety of wildlife. Traditionally, land trusts protected land because a landowner approached them about doing so. More and more, land trusts want to strategically work with landowners whose lands might provide high value wildlife habitat. This workshop will help land trusts do that using a combination of tools available on www.takingactionforwildlife.org and local data collected in their communities (e.g. conservation plans, master plans, local knowledge, etc.) to create a wildlife-focused conservation plan for their geographic area.

**Emily Preston Brunkhurst** | NH Fish & Game Dept. | http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/Wildlife/wildlife_plan.htm  
**Amanda Stone** | UNH Cooperative Extension | http://www.unh.edu

### 3 I: Becoming Radical: Recovering the Sacred Roots of Conservation

Steve Blackmer will open with briefly telling the tale of how – and why – he went to Divinity School as a radical way back to conservation. We will then explore the forgotten spiritual roots of conservation through the writings of Thoreau, Muir, and Leopold, and in open council, consider ways to renew the sacred roots of conservation to open the hearts of Americans to love and care for Earth. Steve has previously worked in land conservation with the Northern Forest Center, Northern Forest Alliance, Appalachian Mountain Club and the Society for the Protection of NH Forests.

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