

December 22, 2008

Dear Brunswick-Topsham Land Trust Member:

We are writing to update you on the potential sale of seven acres of land owned by the Brunswick-Topsham Land Trust (BTLT), which is part of the in the Crystal Spring Farm - North property that extends into the Medical Use Zone. The property would be used for the construction of a long term care facility. We last wrote to you on this issue in July when the BTLT Board voted to pursue the sale of the 7-acre property. Since then, the BTLT board has been working within the Land Trust Alliance Standards and Practices to negotiate a possible sale of this property. In November, the BTLT Board approved a purchase and sale agreement with Rousseau Management, Inc. This agreement has several contingencies. One very important contingency is that BTLT members must vote to approve the sale of the 7-acre parcel at a membership meeting. To this end, we have scheduled a meeting of the BTLT membership to discuss and vote on the proposed sale of the 7-acre parcel off of Maurice Drive in Brunswick to Rousseau Management, Inc.

**The BTLT Membership Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday,
January 14 from 7:00 – 9:00 pm at the
Crooker Theater at Brunswick High School.**

(Child care will be provided by Brunswick High School community service students)

All of the documents related to the sale can be viewed or downloaded from the BTLT web site (www.btl.org). If you do not have internet access you can pick them up at the BTLT office or contact the office and ask that copies be sent to you.

The BTLT Board has worked hard to ensure that all of the conditions we mentioned in our July communication have been met in the proposed sale agreement. These conditions include: 1) ensuring a fair market value sale of the property not only by having three local realtors review the two appraisals that have been conducted, but also by placing the property on the open market for a thirty day period to enable other potential buyers to come forward; 2) granting a public and agricultural right of way over Maurice Drive so that the remainder of the BTLT property can be accessed from Baribeau Drive; 3) creating a parking area at the end of Maurice Drive for better access to the CSF-North trail system; and 4) requiring an adequate permanent vegetated buffer along the CSF-North boundary and the boundaries of residential abutters.

The BTLT board has negotiated this sale so that we can use these funds to further our strategic land conservation objectives. We hope that you will be able to attend this important meeting and have your voice heard. If you have any questions, we encourage you to contact us via e-mail (btl@gwi.net), phone (729-7694) or letter (BTLT, 108 Maine Street, Brunswick, ME 04011). We deeply appreciate your ongoing support.

Sincerely yours,

The Brunswick-Topsham Land Trust Board of Directors