

THE AUSBON SARGENT LAND PRESERVATION TRUST

Helping to Preserve the Rural Landscape of the Mt. Kearsarge/Ragged/Lake Sunapee Region

Andover, Bradford, Danbury, Goshen, Grantham, New London, Newbury, Springfield, Sunapee, Sutton, Warner & Wilmot



Chatter



Summer 2026



Focus Forward

From the Executive Director Hans Carlson



June marks both the beginning of summer and the end of our fiscal year here at Ausbon Sargent. We are very grateful to all of you who have supported us over the last twelve months, both financially and with your volunteer time. Thank you all.

I want to say a special thank-you to all of you who took the time to share your thoughts with us for our strategic planning process. Over this last winter, we asked our community to give us survey feedback on the work we are doing, and hundreds of you took the time to help us. We took that information and used it to shape almost three dozen hour-long interviews with various stakeholders, and these allowed us to add color and detail to what we heard in the survey. Through this process, you have given us insight into the things you think we are doing well, the places where you would like to see us possibly expand our focus, and the concerns you have about this region about which we all care so much. We took all of this into a very fruitful day-long board/staff retreat in May and will be writing a new plan over the summer. I very much look forward to sharing the plan with all of you.

I hope you enjoy this edition of the Chatter; as always, it's a great overview of the work we are doing. You will notice a focus on farming in several of the articles, and farming is one of the places where our conservation work intersects strategically with other community efforts. An organization that understands land, like Ausbon Sargent, is a natural partner for those interested in maintaining or creating a relationship with farm work and growing local food. Below you will read a couple of different stories related to these partnerships.

Partnerships, in fact, are something we are thinking about carefully in the strategic planning process. Like all nonprofits, we have our core competencies on which we want to keep focus, but these areas often overlap with the work of other organizations. These shared areas of effort offer the opportunity for partnerships which amplify benefits to multiple missions at once, and this is true of many subjects in addition to farming. Our well-established relationship with Lake Sunapee Protective Association is another great example of the power of partnership to advance multiple missions.

I hope your summer has been lovely thus far. Please enjoy your reading, and again I want to thank everyone who has supported us through membership and other donations. We could not do any of this without your help. There's a lot that needs to be done, but together we can make it happen and keep the legacy of Ausbon Sargent alive in the work we will do in the future.

Onward!

Hans Carlson,
Executive Director



ABOUT THE COVER >

Overlooking the flowers and vegetable crops growing at the Blaisdell Hill Farm in Sutton. The farm operates on leased land within the Hedgehog Hill conservation easement, owned by Andy and Dorothy Jeffrey. Read more about this inspiring partnership on page 13.



How We Prepare for Forever

By Kristy Heath, Development & Communications Coordinator

Ausbon Sargent's mascot is a squirrel, which is not a very ferocious animal and wasn't chosen to signify strength and agility. Instead, it was chosen for its simple and wholesome trait of planning ahead. The saying "squirrel away" is used to save something of value by putting it out of sight for a later use. A squirrel hides food when it is plentiful, in anticipation of the winter months when it is harder to find. Our namesake, Ausbon Sargent, a man of no inherited wealth, spent his life savings to purchase and protect from development a special property in his hometown of New London. He valued the land and wanted it to remain a meaningful part of the community. At the Land Trust, we strive to be more like Ausbon - and the squirrels! Saving land means saving community.

Because we are an organization that has made a promise to over 170 landowners to steward (or protect) their properties **forever**, it is essential that we make every effort to plan for longevity. You might think that all the planning we do is centered around protecting land, but in fact we do some other planning that is essential for Ausbon Sargent to be around for generations to come.

Accreditation: Since 2011, Ausbon Sargent voluntarily goes through a stringent review of our policies and procedures facilitated by the Land Trust Accreditation Commission (LTAC), which takes about a year to complete. The Land Trust must prove that it is adhering to best practices for land protection by showing where policies and procedures have been tested over time. Organizations that pass this review can display the seal of accreditation, which signifies that it is an organization of excellence. The latest accreditation renewal process has provided Ausbon Sargent with an extended accreditation until 2033!

Strategic Planning: Ausbon Sargent must be aware of how changes in the world and in our area might affect the work we want to do. Therefore, every five years the Land Trust goes through a period of strategic planning, including a market study. Over the past eight months, we have worked to collect thoughts from our constituents, volunteers, members, and others about what we are doing right, and what we should work on to improve over the next five to ten years. The results of this exercise guides us in formulating how we move forward. While our mission will stay the same, the work we must do to meet that mission will change over time.



Courtesy Jean Herrick

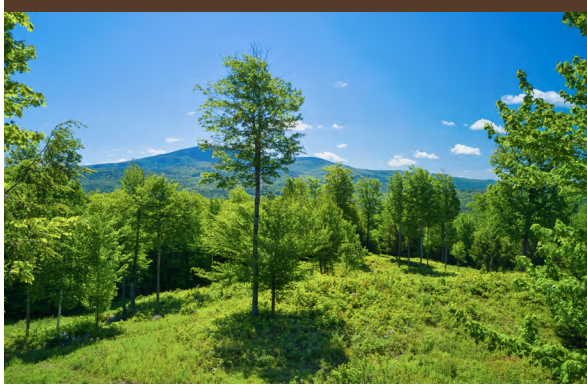
Alternative Energy: Energy costs, among other things, are rising each year, so finding alternative ways to meet our energy needs today and for an unpredictable future are real things to consider. Through the kindness and generosity of the Hess family (see page 7 for the story), Ausbon Sargent is the grateful recipient of a 42-panel rooftop solar array that is generating more power than we can consume! This means that not only is our carbon footprint shrinking, but more of the donations we receive can be used for land projects, stewarding our 14,000+ acres, and managing the properties owned by the Land Trust. It is a win-win!

Ausbon Sargent works every day to deliver the promise of "forever" to those who have entrusted us to watch over and protect their special places. And every day we do our best to plan for the future and to remain an organization of excellence, focused on protecting all that we love about the rural landscape in which we live.



Kristy is the Development and Communications Coordinator at Ausbon Sargent and just celebrated 11 years with the organization. She enjoys camping, hunting for sea glass, skiing and boating. A NH native, Kristy resides in New London.

LAND PROJECT UPDATES:



A view of the vantage point at Cassey Brook Preserve. The easier access point afforded by the purchase of the Ledger property will welcome future visitors to this peaceful area. Courtesy Peter Bloch, EarthAerial Productions

THE LEDGER PROPERTY

3.5 acres in New London

In 2020, the Land Trust purchased the 201-acre Cassey Brook Preserve off Wilmot Center Road in Wilmot. Access to the property has been a challenge over the last six years, as visitors are required to travel along a road and driveway that is shared with an abutter. Each winter and spring when the access is narrowed due to snow and mud, Ausbon Sargent respectfully asks that the public refrain from accessing the Preserve so as to not block the abutting driveway. On June 1, 2026, the Ledger family sold to the Land Trust 3.5 acres of land along Wilmot Center Road in New London, which also directly abuts the Preserve. The dilapidated structure on the Ledger property will be removed, and year-round access to the Cassey Brook Preserve and its wonderful trails will be made available to the public. Keep an eye out for the announcement that the access point is ready to be used!

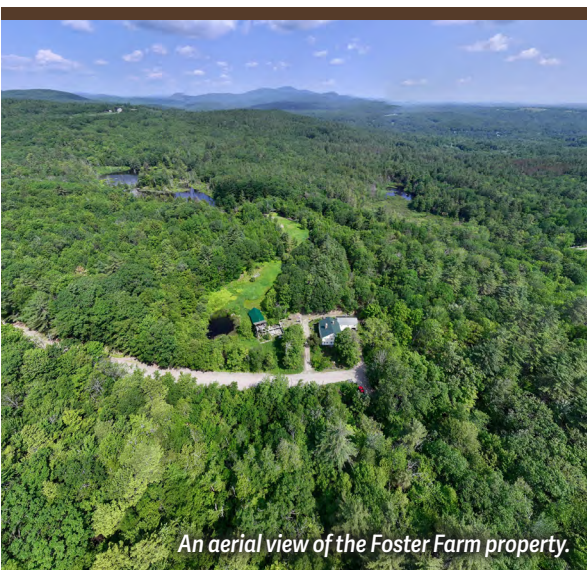


One of the many woods road trails that exist on the Ohler property.

THE OHLER PROPERTY

100 Acres in New London

On June 29, 2026, Ausbon Sargent finalized the purchase of a conservation easement on the 100-acre Ohler Property, where Dr. John and Priscilla Ohler moved to in the mid 1950's. The Ohlers had expressed interest in protecting their land in the past but wanted to leave it to their six children to decide what to do with such an important and valuable asset. Dr. and Mrs. Ohler would be pleased to know that their children have honored their wishes by keeping this acreage undeveloped. This conservation easement helps to protect the Pleasant Lake watershed, allows for continued hiking on the existing woods roads, and will provide for eventual trail connections between Messer Farm and the Two Brook Woods properties. The Ohler property creates almost 300 acres of contiguous protected land, essential for wildlife habitat and forestry. Ausbon Sargent is grateful that the Ohler family chose to protect this special piece of land, and that they sold the easement to the Land Trust for \$225,000 below the appraised value.



An aerial view of the Foster Farm property.

FOSTER FARM

69 acres in Warner

The Kawasiwajo (kah-wah-SEE-wad-ZOH) Community Land Trust (KCLT) reached out to Ausbon Sargent in 2025 to collaborate on a special project in Warner. A generous benefactor purchased the 70-acre Foster Farm property in 2020 with the intention of selling it to KCLT for just 25% of its appraised value. Part of the project is putting 69 acres of the property under a conservation easement to protect the beautiful Ballard Brook that flows into the Warner River, and the wildlife habitat on the property. This project couples affordable housing (the rehabilitated farmhouse), with farmers who can then live and work the land. Because the property is located on what was traditional Abenaki territory, a cultural easement will provide access to the land for natural, spiritual, and cultural resources. Ausbon Sargent helped to fundraise and bring awareness to the project, and in the spring of 2026, KCLT purchased the property. We anticipate that by the time this issue has gone to print, a conservation easement will have been placed on the 69 acres of the Foster Farm property and is now part of a corridor of conserved lands across the Mink Hills. Visit kcltnh.org for more information on this project.

Land Protection Options

By Andrew Deegan, Land Protection Specialist



A portion of the trail found on one of the Blitzer conservation easement properties, Bradford.

Since its founding in the late 1980's Ausbon Sargent has used different conservation tools to protect over 14,000 acres in the Mt. Kearsarge/Ragged/Lake Sunapee region. Each method comes with different benefits as well as different challenges.

The conservation tool that Ausbon Sargent has most utilized is the **conservation easement**. This is when the landowner, either a private individual, municipality or other conservation organization, grants Ausbon Sargent rights to their property. These include the development rights as well as certain management activities that can occur on the property. Commercial forestry and agriculture are typically allowed so long as a plan is followed, and best management practices are used. This option is good for many landowners because they can manage their land, knowing that it is permanently protected. The difficulty for Ausbon Sargent lies in the fact that the landowner is not permanent. As the land is transferred from owner to owner, Ausbon Sargent must be diligent about communicating the terms of the easement to each subsequent owner to reduce the chances of misuse of the property.

Another way Ausbon Sargent has protected land is **outright ownership**. The Land Trust owns over 1,400 acres with several more projects in the pipeline. These lands are managed by our stewardship staff under the guidance of the policies we have established over time. Our properties are mostly open to the public for low impact recreation, and we can create trails to provide easier access to the land. In most instances the properties can be managed for forestry and agriculture.

Costs associated with these kinds of management activities are the responsibility of Ausbon Sargent. If there are issues on an easement property, like a timber trespass or destructive ATV use, Ausbon Sargent works with the landowner to remedy the situation but ultimately it is the landowner's responsibility to fix the issue. When Ausbon Sargent is the landowner, it is our responsibility to remedy the situation.

Many of the properties we have conserved were in **Current Use**. Current Use is a great tool for reducing taxes on property more than 10 undeveloped acres in size. The property is taxed as it is currently being used, not considering its full development potential. Although there are some protections with land being in Current Use, they are not permanent; the land can be taken out of Current Use and developed by paying a penalty. This is not an option with a conservation easement. Therefore, Current Use can be a good conservation tool, but it does not permanently protect the land.

As you can see, there are several land protection options for those who want to keep their land undeveloped. Ausbon Sargent works with each landowner to find the best method of protection for each particular property and also determines if the property fits within the Land Trust's criteria for protection.



Andy has worked at Ausbon Sargent for 18 years as its Land Protection Specialist. He lives in New London with his wife and two children. In his free time, he enjoys birding, kayaking, hiking, and generally being outside.

The Importance of Family Farms

By Jamie Wilson, Stewardship Manager

Family farms have long been the backbone of agriculture and rural communities around the world. They symbolize tradition, hard work, sustainability, and community values. In an age of industrial agriculture and large corporate farming operations, family farms remain essential to both society and the environment. These farms play a major role in supporting local economies by creating jobs, purchasing supplies from nearby businesses, and helping to keep money circulating within rural communities. Farmers' markets and local food systems often rely heavily on family-owned farms, allowing consumers to buy fresh products directly from the people who grow them.

Family farms also help preserve cultural traditions and values. Farming families often pass down knowledge, techniques, and customs that have existed for decades or even centuries. These traditions teach responsibility, cooperation, and respect for nature. Family farmers are often deeply connected to their land, so they tend to focus on maintaining soil quality and producing healthy crops that can support future generations. Many family farmers use sustainable practices such as crop rotation, composting, and careful water management to protect natural resources. Unlike some large-scale industrial operations that may prioritize profit over conservation, family farmers often see themselves as caretakers of the land. Their long-term connection to their property encourages them to maintain healthy ecosystems for future generations.

Rising costs, unpredictable weather, competition from large corporations, and changing market conditions make it difficult for many small farms to survive. Supporting local agriculture, buying from farmers' markets, and encouraging agricultural policies that help small farmers are important ways society can protect these valuable institutions.

Most of our conservation easements keep the land open for commercial agriculture and commercial forestry. It is important to us as an organization to protect the land but to also keep people connected to it by allowing for sustainable agriculture and forestry. We are constantly learning how we can support the farms and forests we are connected to, while protecting the rural landscape of our region.



Jamie works as the Stewardship Manager at Ausbon Sargent and oversees the stewarding of conservation easement properties and properties owned by the Land Trust. She enjoys hiking, mountain biking, skiing, and cooking. Jamie currently resides in Sunapee with her cat, Poppy.



Picking strawberries at the Sargent Clough field, New London

“There needs to be a radical shift towards more robust local and regional food systems, largely made up of family farms and local food businesses. At Two Mountain Farm, we know our customers, and our customers know us. They are our neighbors living in the greater Kearsarge and Merrimack Valleys.

We have trust. We have mutually beneficial relationships, and we have food sovereignty for those who choose to participate.”

– Andrea Bye, Two Mountain Farm

“Growing up, my father always kept animals, mowed hay, and made maple syrup. I am lucky enough to have done the same thing for the last 55 years. “Going farmin” is in your blood; it’s about following the cycle of the seasons and enjoying the land. Small farms are nothing without small farmers and my wife and I are very lucky to have a son and his wife who now own and run the business as third generation farmers. He has been kind enough to let me stay on and I still find huge joy and satisfaction hooking up the mower at sunrise and setting out for the day. Perhaps the greatest joy is working the land that is always going to be the land, protected by a conservation easement crafted with the careful guidance of Debbie Stanley [former Executive Director at ASLPT] and put in place by my father Richard Webb.”

– Van Webb, Harding Hill Farm



Left: Lisa and Jamie Hess along with Hans Carlson celebrate after officially switching the Ausbon Sargent building to solar power in March, 2026.

Right: The finished 42 panel solar array.

A Powerful Gift

By Jamie and Lisa Hess

Have you noticed anything new on the roof of Ausbon Sargent's headquarters building? Next time you visit, you'll see 42 rooftop solar panels. They not only serve 100% of the building's electrical needs; they also feed excess electrons into the electric grid to earn credits from Eversource. Since coming online at the beginning of March, these panels have already generated an astounding 7.9 megawatt-hours of electricity, and plenty more is on the way as the days get longer and the sun climbs higher in the sky.

It's a lucky accident that Ausbon Sargent already had a near-perfect site for solar, with only a handful of shade trees and a gently sloping southwest-facing roof. So, when the opportunity presented itself, Lisa and I couldn't wait to get started. In our roles serving on New London's municipal Energy Committee, we had just overseen the installation of a rooftop solar array on the New London Fire Station, and we were in close contact with the installers throughout the process. During one of their many visits to New London, we persuaded them to drive around the corner onto Pleasant Street and do a site assessment at Ausbon Sargent. The result is what you now see up on the roof!

Why was 2026 the ideal year for Ausbon Sargent to go solar? In addition to following through on our commitment to conserve our natural environment, it made excellent financial sense to begin to insulate ourselves from the volatile price swings of oil, gas and propane, which are being increasingly impacted by geopolitical risk and overseas conflict. Converting all our energy use to

electricity, and producing our own electricity with solar panels, is the most cost-effective way to keep energy costs under control, both now and in the future.

Federal incentives are still here to help, thanks to the Inflation Reduction Act enacted under the Biden administration. Though the residential solar tax credit has since been repealed, incentives for businesses, institutions and nonprofits will remain in effect through the end of 2027, and in some cases even longer. Ausbon Sargent is eligible for a 30% rebate on the entire cost of the solar panels. When this rebate arrives, plans will be made to install mini-split heat pumps throughout the building for heating and cooling. This final step will completely 'decarbonize' the building and make it perhaps New London's first 'Net Zero Energy' structure. An achievement we can all be proud of!

Ausbon Sargent is grateful for this gift, provided by the Hess family. We look forward to enjoying the benefits of one day being a "Net Zero Energy" structure and spending more of our funding on land projects and conservation!





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Ausbon Sargent gratefully acknowledges the generous operational support of our Membership donors, Annual Fund donors, and Corporate Matching Gift donors for Fiscal Year 2026 which ended June 30. Your annual commitment helps us protect and steward the lands, watersheds, and rural character of the communities we serve. Thank you to the 24 anonymous households that choose to quietly support our conservation work.

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Farewell to Sarah Burtnick

In May, we said a sad farewell to our coworker Sarah Burtnick, as she begins her exciting new chapter out west. Sarah brought new ideas and renewed energy for conservation and while we will miss her presence here as our Stewardship and Outreach Coordinator, we are eager to see all that she will accomplish in the future. We know she'll bring the same dedication, enthusiasm, and kindness to her next chapter as she did here.

Welcome Peter Gribbin!



On June 1st we welcomed Peter Gribbin as our summer stewardship intern. Peter is a recent Environmental Science graduate from Colby-Sawyer College. He enjoys fishing, foraging mushrooms and anything outdoors. He will spend his time as Ausbon Sargent doing GIS work and boundary maintenance. Peter's future plans include graduate school and eventually moving out west.



Volunteers enjoy visiting outside on LSPA's deck overlooking Sunapee Harbor.



Hans Carlson takes a moment to thank the volunteers for their good work over the year.

Volunteer Appreciation Party

On May 20th, Ausbon Sargent staff, board members, and volunteers gathered at the Lake Sunapee Protective Association's Center for Lake Studies for its annual Volunteer Appreciation Party. One of the Land Trust's most important assets is its roster of volunteers, ready to help with monitoring over 14,000 acres of land, completing office projects, and serving on various boards and committees. It was a pleasure to welcome these individuals who had generously donated their time and talents over the past year. If you've ever thought about volunteering, please reach out! Ausbon Sargent has some fun and interesting opportunities available. And there's a party every May to celebrate all we have accomplished together!



A Well-Deserved Retirement for Michael & Susan Chiarella

Before Ausbon Sargent can purchase a property or a conservation easement, legal work must be done to ensure a clean title. The Land Trust has been fortunate to have had a partnership with locals, Michael Chiarella, Esq., and his paralegal (and wife!), Susan for the better part of 20 years. The two have provided pro bono or discounted title and real estate transaction work for the Land Trust which has been an amazing gift. Michael and Susan have been members of Ausbon Sargent since 1998 and are members of the Acorn Society. For the past five years, the Chiarella's have worked from their New London office, right across the hall from the Ausbon Sargent office on Pleasant Street. We will miss our friendly neighbors!

We wish Michael and Susan a long, healthy and happy retirement. Ausbon Sargent is grateful for the meticulous service you have provided to us, helping to protect some very special places, forever.



An aerial view of Blaisdell Hill Farm, which is part of the Hedgehog Hill conservation easement



The landowners and farmers on the Hedgehog Hill conservation easement. (L-R) Andy and Dorothy Jeffrey, Cassie and Jake McCormack-LaShier.

Growing Farmers at Hedgehog Hill

By Dorothy and Andy Jeffrey, Sutton NH

How conserved land, thoughtful leasing, and local partnership are helping the next generation of farmers take root in the Kearsarge region.

The COVID-19 pandemic reshaped many things, including demand for rural land. In the Kearsarge–Sunapee region, properties were quickly snapped up at rising prices. We felt a sense of urgency: how could we protect open space while also contributing to our community's future?

That question led us to purchase 130 acres surrounding Hedgehog Hill in Sutton, on the Warner/Bradford town line. The largely forested land includes a seven-acre open field once part of an eighteenth-century farm. Our original vision was conservation. But another concern soon became impossible to ignore: the steady loss of farmers and farmland. As farmers age out, fewer young people can take their place, and access to affordable land remains a major barrier. As Andy often says, “we live in the stories we sell ourselves.” If we want more young people to see a future in farming, we need a more hopeful and accurate story about what modern farming can be.

At the same time, we were supporting the launch of the first Farmer Apprentice Program with the Kearsarge Food Hub. In 2021, two recent Colby-Sawyer graduates, Jake McCormack and Cassie LaShier, became the first apprentice farmers. What began as a pandemic pivot became a clear calling. As they set out to start a farm of their own, they quickly encountered the same obstacle: land.

That is where conservation and farming intersected in a new way for us. Inspired by models like the partnership between Ausbon Sargent and Spring Ledge Farm, we saw how conserved land could be leased to farmers—lowering barriers while ensuring long-term stewardship. Working with Ausbon Sargent, we placed Hedgehog Hill under conservation and leased the open fields to Jake and Cassie, now operating as Blaisdell Hill Farm. Structuring the lease required a few extra steps, including forming a family LLC, but the process was straightforward and deeply rewarding.

In a fitting full-circle moment, the farm's first gathering was Jake and Cassie's wedding in October 2024, officiated by their mentor, Professor Leon Malan. What began as an apprenticeship had quite literally taken root. Now in its second season, the farm supplies produce to local markets and strengthens regional food security. It also offers a replicable model: conserved land can remain productive, accessible, and economically viable.

Our vision for Hedgehog Hill has evolved from preservation alone to something more dynamic: conservation paired with cultivation. Protecting land is essential, but so is ensuring it remains connected to community needs, including access to fresh, local food. Equally meaningful is the peace of mind that comes with conservation. With Ausbon Sargent holding the easement, we know this land will be stewarded with care for generations.

Looking ahead, we see real opportunity in pairing conservation with cultivation. Many conserved properties with open fields could help address one of the biggest hurdles facing young farmers: access to land. By lowering that barrier through thoughtful leasing, we can keep these landscapes productive and invite a new generation into farming.

At Hedgehog Hill, what began as a conservation effort has become something more—a place where land, people, and purpose come together. If our story can help grow farmers as well as protect land, that feels like a future worth investing in.

Dorothy and Andy Jeffrey have lived in Sutton since 2018. Andy serves on the boards of Kearsarge Neighborhood Partners and Kearsarge Food Hub and is the creator and director of Nature's Way at Sunset Hill Educational Institute. Dorothy serves on the boards of Sunset Hill Educational Institute and Blaisdell Lake Protective Association. Together they are passionate about conservation, community building, and supporting the next generation of farmers in the Kearsarge region.

Town Spotlight: The Town of Sutton

The town of Sutton is part of Merrimack County and as of the 2020 census, had a population of 1,978. Sutton is comprised of four villages: Sutton Mills, North Sutton, South Sutton, and East Sutton. The town was first granted in 1749 and called "Perrystown" after Obadiah Perry, a colleague of colonist John Mason, thought to be the "Founder of New Hampshire." Due to the French and Indian War, Obadiah and many others who followed John Mason gave up their claims to the land, which delayed settlement until 1784. At that time, a second group of settlers from Sutton, Massachusetts arrived, who bestowed the same name upon this new settlement.

Interesting Facts:

- Sutton is 43.3 square miles in size, including 0.77 square miles of water;
- Wadleigh State Park sits on the shores of Kezar Lake;
- Musterfield Farm is an historic working farm first established by Matthew Harvey around 1772. Matthew and two of his sons (Matthew 2nd and Jonathan) were involved in NH politics, serving in the Senate and Congress. Matthew was elected Governor of NH and appointed as a US District Judge by President Andrew Jackson;
- Sutton was home to Lydia F. Wadleigh, one of the most prominent educators of the 19th century who created educational opportunities for women and girls in the 1800's in NH, Philadelphia, Washington, D.C., NJ, and NYC;
- Camp Bueno (a girls' sports camp established near Kezar Lake by Mildred Lefferts in 1923), also became a training area for the All-American Field Hockey Team in 1933;
- Pillsbury Memorial Town Hall was built in 1891, funded by a gift from John Sargent Pillsbury, the founder of the Pillsbury Company who was born in Sutton. Pillsbury achieved notable business and political success in Minnesota. The hall is listed in the National Register of Historic Places;
- Sutton is home to the Kearsarge Regional School District's Middle and High Schools, serving seven area towns.



Beavers built a lodge around the Ausbon Sargent easement marker sign on the Enroth property.

Protected Land in Sutton:

- 12 properties in Sutton are protected by Ausbon Sargent easements, comprising 1,115.01 acres (about 4% of the town).
- Other lands in Sutton are protected by state and municipal easements/agreements, and several others are protected privately.



Stewardship Wishlist

To support the stewardship of Ausbon Sargent's easements and owned lands, the following items would be appreciated:

- » Chainsaw
- » Battery-powered drill
- » Paint for marking boundaries
- » Trail tools
- » Pressure-treated wood
- » Gift certificates to Rocky's Ace Hardware or Belletes

If you would like to help with the acquisition of any of these items, please contact jamie@ausbonsargent.org. Thank you!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Please visit the "Events" page on our website for updates and additions to this list.

Mushroom Identification Walk:

August 16, 10am – 1pm (location TBD)

Join us on one of our protected properties with leaders from the NH Mycological Society.

Skywatch at Cassey Brook Preserve, Wilmot:

September 9, 7:30pm – 9:30pm

Join us with the NH Astronomical Society for a new moon sky watch.

Loon Preservation Committee:

September 29, 5:30pm – 7:00pm at Tracy Library, New London

Learn about these interesting birds, their habitats and behaviors.

Holiday Party Fundraiser at the Grateful Dane Lodge, Newport:

December 7, 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Tickets for this member-only event will be available online in November.

Let us know if you'd like to help at an upcoming trail/property workday or to participate in our easement monitoring program.

Pay it Forward

The term "Pay it Forward" is an excellent way of explaining the work of Ausbon Sargent. Conservation easements ensure that a property will remain undeveloped and protected for the benefit of future generations. Donations provided to the Land Trust help fund the work involved with putting a property under easement, as well as upholding the terms of the easement - forever. Much like the "old days" before EZ-Pass, when we could pay the toll for the stranger behind us as a gesture of good will, giving to Ausbon Sargent evokes a similar feel. The dollars donated to the Land Trust go towards providing a gift to "the stranger behind us."

Those who would like to take their gift one step further can do so by joining our planned giving program, called "The Acorn Society." When a gift of land, an IRA or other defined support is part of one's estate planning, it becomes a catalyst for positive impacts that can last forever. Whether designated for land acquisition, stewardship, or is unrestricted, these gifts only reinforce our capacity to protect our rural landscape forever. If you have included Ausbon Sargent in your estate plans but have not yet informed us or would like to know more about The Acorn Society, please reach out. We are thankful for each and every gift, as they are intentional, meaningful acts in support of the mission of Ausbon Sargent.



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