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Greetings from Wonalancet,

It's only two weeks until the WPA's Annual meeting, Sunday, August 11, 2019. We meet in the Glen by the Chapel at 5pm for our customary Pot-luck Dinner, moving inside at 7pm for a very special presentation, then a very short business meeting. I hope to see you all there. It's always a pleasure to catch up with old friends and neighbors and meet new-comers as well. In the event of rain an alternative location will be posted on the Chapel door and on our website; [wonalancet.org](http://wonalancet.org).

I'm delighted to announce that this year's presentation will be by Susan Goldhor of Tamworth and Cambridge. Dr. Goldhor received her PhD in biology from Yale. Her special interest is mycology and she has served as President of the Boston Mycological Club and columnist for the journal *Mushrooms*. Locally she is well known for her witty and consciousness-raising nature writing for the Wonalancet Out Door Club *Newsletter*, of which she was for 10 years the editor.

At the annual meeting I'll have more details on this year's accomplishments, but I'd like to just briefly mention a few here. Our "Little Library" on Ferncroft Road has been a wonderful self-sustaining success. We have continued to support field trips for Tamworth school children led by our own redoubtable Helen Steele, a WPA Board Member. For younger children we helped present a Monarch Butterfly program by Hillary Behr. We also made a significant financial contribution to a permanent conservation easement along the Mill Brook near the Di Filippe Farm. This not only protects critical wetlands and abuts other conserved land; it also guarantees public access via existing hiking, skiing and snowmobile trails.

This year we were greatly saddened by the loss of Dave Bowles one of the founders of the WPA, and one of the five original signers of our Articles of Agreement back in 1973. Dave had long advocated for a community bulletin board for Wonalancet. In the coming year we are going to install that long-needed resource, according to a design that Dave and I designed jointly.

In the coming year we will be moving forward with plans to confront invasive species. The Town of Sandwich has just completed the first year of a program to control invasive species in their town. We are busy learning from their experience. Stay tuned.

Finally, I want to take this opportunity to thank the Board and everyone who has helped and supported me these past two years as President of WPA. I have served on the Board for 23 years and will be passing my current responsibilities on to another person at the regular meeting of the Board in September. The Board is always looking for people to serve our mission and I encourage all members to consider a term on the Board.

Thanks for reading!

John Waite