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01. | End of an Era

Linda Harvey, the founding Executive Director of LACLT, has announced her upcoming retirement in May. Linda has been with the organization over 23 years and moved it from a fledgling start-up to an organization of tremendous success and impact.

“It’s been a privilege to be part of this wonderful organization, and I’m so happy with all the great things we’ve accomplished. I’m excited for the next leader to take this terrific organization to even higher levels of achievement.”

LACLT Board Chair Jason Hicks notes, “On behalf of the LACLT Board, we are extremely grateful to Linda for her remarkable service. As a sole employee starting with a borrowed folding chair, she grew the organization into a nationally recognized success story. Linda engaged local communities to recognize a need for affordable housing for its citizens and helped them provide it. She developed a vast network of committed stakeholders to create permanently affordable community assets. She assembled a team of highly skilled staff to provide programs of excellence and impact to thousands of Lakes Region residents. Under her leadership, LACLT has invested 87 million dollars into the community to build neighborhoods and change lives. We will be forever mindful and proud of her achievements and stewardship. It is with mixed emotions that wish her well in her future endeavors, and we transition to new leadership.”

Jason and Linda explain, “We’ve long had sound Succession Plans in place to cover planned and unplanned absences.

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PICTURED: 1993 - Linda with LACLT's first tenant Board member Bob, after closing on one of the earliest properties.

So it is easy for the organization to draw from these plans in moving ahead.” The Board’s Transition Team is in place and has been working with a consultant to provide an effective transition process.

Since Linda began, the organization has developed 277 units and recently preserved an additional 65 units - bringing LACLT’s portfolio to a total of 342 permanently affordable housing units. Construction will begin on another 24 units this spring in Gilford. 1000s of Lakes Region residents have participated in LACLT’s free financial literacy and homebuyer education services.

Last month LACLT celebrated the completion of the River’s Edge project in Laconia, converting a site comprised formerly of contaminated soil and blight into 32 units of permanently affordable housing. Linda and LACLT have won dozens of awards over the years, including the Lakes Region Chamber’s Irwin Award, Business NH Magazine’s Business of the Decade, Citizen’s Bank Community Champion, Lakes Region Visionary Award, Lakes Region Community Leadership Award, and many awards for excellence in nonprofit management. Linda was named one of NH Magazine’s Remarkable Women, Zonta’s Woman of Achievement, and one of the Lakes Region’s 100 Legendary Locals in Ray Carbone’s book of the same name, among many honors.

“I’m looking forward to focusing on my health, having more time with family and friends, and supporting the Land Trust in new ways. It’s an exciting time for me and for the Land Trust.”

02. Annual Meeting

LACLT celebrated 23 years of service to the community at its annual meeting held on October 19th. The business meeting celebrated a year of great achievement.

LACLT unanimously approved the election of officers and Board Members. Newly elected officers: Jason Hicks, Chair, Frances Strayer, Vice Chair, Geoff Ruggles, Treasurer, Chris Walkley, Vice Treasurer, Caitlin McCurdy, Secretary, and Erin Weller, Vice Secretary. New members elected were Ross Currier and Michael Gagnon.

LACLT's Year in Review Highlights:

- Completed construction of River's Edge;
- Secured all financing for Gilford Village Knolls III;
- Preserved 65 units in Meredith and Ashland;
- Added a new 2 bedroom manufactured home to Frances Court in Meredith;
- Brought the expiring 19-unit LNI Limited Partnership into the LACLT portfolio;
- Celebrated the sale of \$375,000 in state tax credits;
- Maintained exemplary rating with NeighborWorks America;

- Netted over \$8,000 in the Board's 1st Annual Putt Putt Golf Tournament;
- Hired a wonderful new Resident Services Coordinator;
- Secured a \$25,000 feasibility grant to study solar power;
- Received the Live United Award from Granite State United Way and the Environmental Award from Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce.

For the Year Ahead, LACLT can expect to:

- Hire a new Executive Director;
- Build Gilford Village Knolls III, a 24 unit senior project;
- Seek financing to rehab the Meredith/Ashland preservation project;
- Continue to build our project pipeline, including a homeownership project in Wolfeboro;
- Execute the strategic plan;
- Work on creating a child savings account program;
- Expand community gardens and other resident engagement activities; and
- Successfully complete the NeighborWorks America on-site Organizational Assessment.

Board Member Highlight



Maria & Ryan when they were elected to LACLT's Board of Directors in 2010

With welcoming new Board members comes saying good-bye to other Board members who have reached their term limits.

In Ryan Barton's six years on the Board he served as President, Vice President, and Chair of the Acquisitions, Personnel, and Nominating Committees. Ryan's thoughtful leadership, enterprising spirit, sharp analysis, and problem solving skills were invaluable.

Maria Babineau also served on the LACLT Board with distinction for six years. During her tenure she served as Board Secretary and was on the Finance, Asset, Nominating, and Fundraising Committees. We remain grateful for Maria's thorough and timely records as Secretary and her thoughtful and compassionate advocacy for persons of modest means and other vulnerable neighbors. Her kindness and humor will be missed.

Ryan and Maria have made this organization, our communities, and the lives of the people we serve stronger and more successful.

During their six year tenure, LACLT:

- Invested 40 million into the community and paid \$1.5 million of property taxes, bringing the total to date to \$87 million invested with \$3 million of property taxes paid;
- Built 129 permanently affordable units, bringing the total to 342 with construction starting on another 24 in the spring;
- Raised over \$1 million to support a comprehensive Portfolio Strengthening Initiative; and
- Provided life changing programs and services to thousands of our neighbors who because of their efforts have opportunity for familial and economic stability and growth and a safe place to call home.

We extend our deepest gratitude for their dedication and service. Each made substantial contributions of their time and talents to our organization and will be deeply missed.

"It was an absolute privilege to serve on the board and work with the incredibly committed, talented, and hard working LACLT team! The organization stands out as a world class charity, meeting a deep need in our community"
~ Ryan Barton

03. Prescott Farm

Thanks to the generous donations from John Allen three formerly homeless children in LACLT's transitional program were able to attend a week of camp at Prescott Farm this year.

Prescott Farm gives all LACLT children the discounted membership price. That coupled with Mr. Allen's donations has made it possible for 22 kids to attend camp in six years.

Prescott Farm, located in Laconia, offers camps during the summer and school vacation weeks. Camp participants learn to appreciate the natural and cultural history of the farm through activities. The picture to the right says it all: have you ever seen a child so excited about a carrot?



With continued support from Mr. Allen, Prescott Farm, membership donations, and a portion of proceeds from the Putt Putt Tournament we are excited to continue to make this opportunity available to LACLT children.

Thank you! The First Annual Putt Putt Tournament presented by Meredith Village Savings Bank to benefit LACLT was a great success!

Despite the threat of rain we had over 30 teams participate and raised over \$8,000. Proceeds have gone to help LACLT's Housing Development, Resident Services, Transitional Services and Housing for Homeless Families, and Prescott Farms Camp Scholarship Program.

A huge thanks to our sponsors, participants, raffle prize donors, host Pirate's Cove, and The Common Man Restaurants/Tilt'n Diner, The Great American Restaurants, and Stone Brook Hill Farm for providing a delicious lunch.



Annual Membership Drive Underway

HAVE YOU RENEWED YET?

We would like to thank all our members who have already taken the time to renew their support this year. With the help of our membership, we've built housing and created life changing opportunities for 23 years.

The only way we can carry out our mission is with the help of caring community members like you. Please help us again to provide wonderful, affordable places to live to those who so urgently need it. We hope you'll take some time today and renew.

Look for your renewal reminder in the mail, or visit us at www.laclt.org to renew your membership and make your payment online. If you have any questions about membership or giving to LACLT, please contact Resource Development Director Caitlin Meaney at cmeaney@laclt.org or 603.524.0747 ext. 108.

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Green Tip

Re-charge It!

Every year more than 15 billion batteries are produced and sold worldwide, and many are alkaline batteries that are thrown out after just one use because they aren't recyclable. Replace your alkaline batteries with rechargeable ones. Newer models can charge in as little as 15 minutes! It saves you money and helps the environment at the same time.

Our mission:
 To assist low and moderate income households achieve economic self-sufficiency through the development of permanently affordable housing opportunities and associated support programs.



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