

## Rattlesnake Gutter Trust, Annual Monitoring Report

Portia Weiskel Conservation Restriction, Putney Road  
June 26, 2007

Present: Annette Gibavic and Mary Alice Wilson (Rattlesnake Gutter Trust). Portia Weiskel (owner) was not able to join us.

Weather always seems to be a factor in this annual trip, after 2 years of rain, it was hot and sunny last two years. Fortunately we waited for the hottest day so far this year to conduct the visit.

We parked opposite the house and walked north along the road and then down to Leverett Pond.

The pasture across from the house (north part of the pasture) does not seem to have been either mowed or grazed during this growing season.

There is a garden in the lower area of the most northerly part.

We came back to the car and then, given the heat, drove to the other end and walked back to the major part of the pasture which has either been mowed or grazed more recently (grass shorter).

In reviewing our notes before our visit, we realized that we had never spent time locating the stone post just before the curve in the road and the iron post that marks the boundary with the church property. (Something that we try to do for all Conservation Restrictions.) Obviously June is the wrong time to look for stakes in the high grass, so we plan to come back in the fall to just locate them.

As we stood at the corner looking at this lovely area, with the new memorial garden on the other side of the road, we were thankful, once again, that this property area is protected for us - and for future generations.

Mary Alice Wilson and Annette Gibavic, June 26, 2007