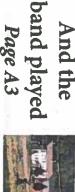
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New dairy owner in Cornwall

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## 420-acre forest protected, celebrated

By Cynthia Hochswender

along the East Coast. the Northwest Corner but all conservation efforts not just in July 13, for a celebration of land Route 7 late Friday afternoon, A large white tent popped up in the Kent Land Trust field on

and Environmental Protection. the state Department of Energy by Rob Klee, commissioner of the guest of honor and was joined Senator Chris Murphy was

and representatives of several Northwest Corner Land Trusts. Housatonic Valley Association; who is executive director of the Miner (R-20); Lynn Werner, Ohler (R-64) and state Sen. Craig of Salisbury; state Rep. Brian First Selectman Curtis Rand tion were selectmen from area Bruce Adams from Kent and towns, including First Selectman Murphy and Klee were in-On hand for the celebra-



and DEEP Commissioner Rob Klee came to Kent July 13 to talk about the Higlands Conservation Act. Sen. Chris Murphy, left, HVAExecutive Director Lynn Werner PHOTO BY CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

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space, farmland and forest in worked over the years to try and director and where he has Connecticut. Conservation and Greenprint where he is the Regional Land troduced by Tim Abbott of the link together and conserve open Housatonic Valley Association.

known as the Highlands region. sive forestland that runs through York and Connecticut and that is larger effort to protect the mas-Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New His efforts are part of the

support; about 1,000 acres are set to be conserved this summer. tected so far thanks to that federal than 1,630 acres have been protion and protection efforts. More than \$8 million to land conservahas, since then, provided more tion Act was created in 2004 and Murphy, the Highlands Conserva-Thanks in part to efforts by

place through 2021. Congress in 2017 and now is in The act was reauthorized by

420-acre Vagliano forest in Nordiscussed at Friday's event is the

One notable property that was

folk, which will be purchased by the DEEP with Highlands funds.

for the celebration. been completed was one reason Vagliano purchase has almost The announcement that the

Pledge Fund to help with that from an anonymous donor \$250,000 that HVA secured hrough its Greenprint Partners Another was a donation of

Hills Greenprint Collaborative. vision across the Housatonic funds, leveraging other private and public funds. The conof our partners in the Litchfield Watershed) and needed by any for the Litchfield Hills (which in 40,000-acre conservation vision servation deals are within our turn is part of our 75,000 acre conservation deals that need private philanthropists with pledge fund is set up to link "In this case, the state tapped Werner explained that "the

heart of our mapped conservavitally important property in the piece to conserve Vagliano — a Highlands and other public funds and still needed this last