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ANGINO FARM APPROVED BY CPC Proposal Now Goes to Board of Aldermen

At its regular monthly meeting on July 28th, the Community Preservation Committee voted to recommend the expenditure of \$2,560,000 to acquire Angino Farm, thereby endorsing the most recent proposal put forward by the Newton Conservators.

Following a public hearing earlier in the evening at which the new proposal was presented and comments from the community were solicited, the CPC went into a working session to discuss the project. The committee determined that the outstanding questions, of which there are a number, did not affect the essential viability of the project and that there was sufficient time before the matter is taken up by the Board of Aldermen to come up with answers to the remaining questions.

Because of its summer schedule, the earliest that the Board of Aldermen can begin its review of the proposal is late September. That provides a window of several weeks to address issues ranging from ownership of the land to ensuring the property is free of environmental contaminants. Various groups are hard at work on these issues, which are outlined on page 5. Excerpts from the proposal begin on page 3.

The purchase price for the property has been reduced to \$2.5 million, bringing it to a level that does not require us to consider other uses for the land, and therefore to maximize the area that can be devoted to farming. The additional \$60,000 in requested funds will pay for acquisition costs.

Doug Dickson

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Unintended Consequences

Everyone knows about unintended consequences.

Adopt an amendment to the Constitution that guarantees free speech, go away for two hundred years, and come back to find that the free speech you've guaranteed is not just political speech but the XXX-Rated First Amendment Video Store on the corner by the ice cream shop. Spray DDT on the vegetables to make them bug-free, and find that you've killed not only all the bugs but also all the birds. Invade Iraq, remove Saddam from power, and find that you've opened up not a new democracy that's friendly to all its neighbors but a big anarchy that's a Mecca for terrorists from everywhere. Each time, not the thing you intended when you began.

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SAVE THE DATE!

Fall 2004 Newton Conservators Lecture

Wednesday, September 22, 2004, 7 pm
Druker Auditorium, The Newton Free Library

Celebrating the Charles River

*A Slideshow and Interactive Evening with
Naturalist Carole Smith Berney*

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Nine times out of ten, it seems, an unintended consequence is on the negative side. But then there is that other one in ten. In Newton, we are lucky. We got an unintended consequence on the positive side.

The Community Preservation Act was adopted by Newton as a fairly dry proposition, to support “community preservation” by funding protection for open space, historic buildings, and housing affordability. These are all good things, even if they are things without much “sizzle.”

But with the proposal for Angino Farm, we got much more. We got not just community preservation—we got community creation. What we have is the birth of a community, built around farming. In a city where farming was once everyone’s livelihood and where it has now dwindled to one lone, all-but-closed-down farm, farming as a community activity can live again!

The Angino Farm at the corner of Nahanton and Winchester Streets has been a target property on the city’s open space acquisition list for decades. Because Duane Hillis of the Conservators was alert, when the farm came on the market, the Conservators were in a position to put it under agreement before it could be bought by a developer. Under our plan of action, we would get funding for the acquisition from the city’s Community Preservation Fund.

Our initial thinking was that this was about open space and historic preservation, that the financial cost was high, and that, to protect the farmhouse, barn, and fields at a price that would be palatable to the Community Preservation Committee (the CPC), it would be necessary to sacrifice part of the property to residential development, as was done at Kessler Woods. We took our proposal to the CPC. The CPC took one look at our proposal and said No. For one thing, they said, it was too much money. For another, they said, we don’t want to see this new housing you want to allow to crowd the landscape. And, most important, where was the farm? There was no “farm” in the farm.

That opened the door. A group of farmers, led by Jon Regosin of the Conservators, had been standing on the sideline with its own idea for this farm. Their vision was a place where people from Newton could buy shares, or memberships, could take part in the operation and the work of the farm, and could get a family-sized share of the organic produce that would come from the farm each year. Beyond that, the farm

could be used for education, to show school kids what a working farm looks like. We had people who, like the Angino family, had worked a farm and could tell us about its rich history: how and when to use the cold frames (which are still in storage) or the purpose of the flower beds (to keep bees around to pollinate the plants). The farm could be self-supporting. Farms like this operate from Weston to Framingham and beyond. Why couldn’t it work here? Newton could have a community farm of its own.

Some kids are all about baseball. Some are about skateboarding. Some are about advanced math, and some are about dolls. Some kids just want to get their hands in the soil, to learn farming, as part of a real, working farm. Some of the kids who want to do that are thirty, forty, and fifty years old. Farming has an appeal to the kid in many of us, including some who are not kids at all. Kids are different. What engages one kid and helps him or her to grow is not necessarily the same thing that helps the next kid. A community that is diverse provides a richness of opportunities. A community with a farm is a richer place to raise our kids.

Maybe the Angino Farm won’t have cows or chickens or horses. (Some kids love animals and would love a chance at that.) But it can have rutabaga, turnips, and squash. If we from the Newton Conservators and all the others who want to join us can prove to the Aldermen that this farm can be self-supporting, the chances are, Newton will have this farm. And then we will have something no one much expected when Newton took on the Community Preservation Act. We will have formed a new kind of community—a community farm.

Farming is a lost part of Newton’s heritage. Part of that may be just as well lost. Who, after all, is volunteering to get up and milk the cows at four in the morning in the dead of winter, day after day? But to see the turnout the night that this proposal was brought to the CPC—thirty or forty farmers with dirt under their fingernails, overflowing one of the meeting rooms on the second floor of city hall—is to know that the spirit of farming lives here and is strong.

The proposal for the Angino Farm is community preservation in the biggest sense of the words. They say you make your own luck. However it happened, for this unintended consequence, we are lucky. We are lucky for the Angino Farm.

Eric Reenstierna

EDITED EXCERPTS FROM ANGINO FARM PROPOSAL

Objective

By funding the purchase of the last remaining farm in Newton, the city will preserve a scenic and historic landscape that is part of the Nahanton Street Scenic Corridor, provide community housing and sow the seeds of a community farming and education program that has the potential to impact the quality of life of Newton residents for years to come. Angino Farm is important to Newton as open space and as a historic link to Newton's agricultural roots. Just as important, this proposal envisions Angino as an active, community-operated working farm that will grow produce for Newton residents, run educational programs for children and adults, offer outstanding volunteer opportunities and provide food for those in need.

Proposal Outline

- City to provide \$2,560,000 from Community Preservation Funds for parcel acquisition.
- Newton Conservators and the newly formed Newton Community Farming Group to provide a minimum of \$40,000 towards building improvements and farm start-up costs.
- Land to be owned either by the City or the Newton Conservators, with open space and historic preservation restrictions to be held by the other party.
- Land to be leased to a non-profit organization that will operate an organic farm for production of fruits, vegetables, and cut flowers.
- The farm operation will include a break-even budget, a salaried farm manager, on-site housing for the farm manager (or one rental housing unit for a family interested in providing assistance to the farm as part of their lease obligation), educational programs using farmhouse first floor meeting space, barn, and fields, and modest upgrade and restoration of the house and barn.
- Oversight committee to assure that the farm is actively operated and that the buildings  maintained.
- Reversion of property to open space and other limited uses if farming is discontinued or if buildings are not adequately maintained.



This is what Angino Farm might look like if the property is purchased for community supported agriculture in Newton.

Community Farming Trend

The steady growth of community farms in the US is a direct response to the economically and socially devastating decline in family farms. As more of our food production falls into the hands of agribusinesses reliant on genetically altered, chemical-resistant crops, community farms push back. They are small, fitting into the niches of populous cities and towns, using organic practices and working with the lay of the land. They grow food for local customers and invite them to *participate* in the process of sustaining the land as part of a vibrant, healthy community.

In line with this trend, many community farms have grown up in the western suburbs over the last 10-20 years and now include the Natick Community Organic Farm, Waltham Fields Community Farm, Land's Sake Farm in Weston, Stearns Farm CSA in Framingham, and the Food Project in Lincoln.

Farming Models

There are three basic small-scale farming models that have enjoyed success in the northeast and would be appropriate for the Angino property:

1. **Community Supported Agriculture (CSA)**—The CSA movement was started in 1965 by a group of women in Japan who were concerned about pesticide use, the rise in processed and imported food, and decline in farm populations. The concept was first introduced to the US from Europe in 1984 at Indian Line Farm in So. Egremont, MA. Since then, it has grown rapidly, with about 60 active CSAs in Massachusetts alone. In a CSA, people

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Excerpts from Angino Proposal (continued from page 3)

pay a lump sum membership fee and receive a “share” of fresh veggies weekly for the entire growing season. Shareholders get to know the farm at their weekly pick-ups and often lend a hand in the harvest or other farm chores. We estimate that the Angino site could support 70-80 shares at about \$500 per share.

2. **Market Garden**—On small sites, many farmers maximize efficiency by focusing on a limited number of crops (e.g. berries, specialty herbs or flowers). Crops may be marketed directly from the farm, sold to restaurants and/or to farmers markets. In Newton, the farm could grow a variety of crops that could be sold at the popular Cold Spring Park and other local farmers markets.
3. **Farm Partnerships**—A newer farming concept is that of small farms partnering to grow for a common market. This allows farmers to use their land optimally and ecologically, and also to grow for customers they might not otherwise have access to. Angino Farm could be an ideal partner with a larger farm that would grow crops that take up a lot of space, such as pumpkins or corn.

Social Mission

Learning Opportunities—Inherent in the definition of community farming is its role in addressing social issues. Community farms in eastern Massachusetts have a rich history of engaging youth and adults in the landscape, providing an opportunity for hands-on lessons about health, environment and stewardship by literally getting their hands in the dirt. Many local schools, from elementary schools to universities, use community farms as a resource for outdoor learning. Some create opportunities for at-risk youth. The Newton farm will explore and adopt educational programs such as these as part of its primary mission.

Feeding the Hungry—Community farms are capable of producing an abundance of food on small acreage, and there is a strong tradition of community farms helping to feed the hungry. In addition to donating surplus, the Newton farm could allow individuals to purchase CSA shares (or share portions) and donate them to a local food bank.

Historic Preservation

We strongly advocate conservation of the entire Angino property, including the house and barn, for

use by the Newton community farm. A barn provides a sheltered work space as well as storage for tools, supplies and crops. It could also be used for creative, farm-based crafts and educational programs. Using the house to provide housing for a farmer is optimal for the success of the operation. Housing presents a constant challenge for farmers in this area, and the year-round, on-site presence of the farmer allows him/her to more easily meet the constant demands of the farm. Portions of the house could also be used as office and programming space. The house and barn are historically significant because of their context, not their architectural features. Nonetheless, we expect to place a preservation restriction on changes to their exteriors and to invest the money needed to upgrade the structures. An estimated \$50,000 in repairs and improvements will be required before the buildings can be used for these purposes.

Operations

Revenue from sale of shares, other sales of produce, rental income, donations and income from programming is estimated to be slightly above \$70,000. Costs, including labor, equipment, supplies, utilities and insurance, will come very close to that number, with any surplus reinvested in the farm. One-time start-up costs include structural repairs as indicated above, and equipment and tools, such as a tractor, a small greenhouse, irrigation supplies, etc.

In a little over one month, more than \$40,000 in pledges towards farm start-up costs and building maintenance have been received. In addition, more than 20 Newton residents have pledged to purchase CSA shares. A member of the Newton Conservators board has committed \$5000 as a challenge grant, which if met, would raise an additional \$10,000. This level of support seems to indicate a strong base of support for this project in the community and offers a sense of confidence in the viability of this effort.

Vision

The vision for the first three to five years of the farm is to install a farm manager, establish a farm operation, make modest upgrades to the facility, and achieve break-even income from farm produce such that outside financial support is not required. The longer-term goal is to develop educational programs through schools and summer camps, make more extensive upgrades to the facility, and expand the farming operation to other locations in Newton.

Angino Farm Issues to be Resolved

The Community Preservation Committee, the Newton Conservators and the Farm Planning Committee are working with the Mayor and members of his staff to address a range of issues that need to be resolved before a final decision can be made by the Board of Aldermen to purchase Angino Farm for use as a community farm. We anticipate that these open issues will be resolved before the end of September and are listed here in no particular order:

Ownership—The land could be owned either by the city or a non-profit organization like the Newton Conservators. The preference is for the city to take ownership, with a conservation restriction on the open space held by the Conservators. A separate preservation restriction on the house and barn would be held by the Conservators or another organization. This arrangement would address concerns about liability and how the land might be used if the farm should fail at some point in the future. It raises questions about how best to convey the land for use by a non-profit farm organization and the extent to which the farm would be bound by purchasing and bidding laws that apply to cities and towns.

Zoning—The question here is whether a farm is permitted at this site under the existing zoning ordinance and, if not, what changes would be required to allow the farm to operate. The Angino Farm was grandfathered under the existing ordinance, which limits this site to single family housing. Since the property has not been continuously farmed in recent years, its grandfather status is unclear. Options are to re-zone the land or to take advantage of exceptions that are permitted under state law (e.g. the Dover amendment allows educational uses in areas that are zoned for other purposes and the farm's educational programs might qualify it under this exception).

Alternative uses—Should the farm cease operation at any point in the future, how would the land, the house and the barn be used? There is agreement that the bulk of the property, a large field used for growing crops, has continued value as open space. This complements the surrounding properties, which include a golf course, Nahanton Park, the JCC, Wells Office Park and several private developments with significant restricted acreage along Nahanton Street, designated by the state as a scenic corridor. The house and barn, on the other hand, would probably not have similar public value and are not

likely to be of use to the city. Deciding now on the types of preferred uses could be important in defining the nature of the restrictions placed on the house and barn and the improvements that are made to them.

Environmental assessment—Studies are being conducted to assure that the property is free of contaminants or hazardous materials. This is an essential step in any purchase transaction, but additionally important, given the farming intent. The fact that organic food products will be grown by the farm makes this as critical step as well.

Financial analyses—While the preferred farming model is the CSA described on page 3, other approaches could be used on this site, as described on page 4. Understanding the differences in how these models generate revenue versus their underlying costs is helpful in getting a sense of the long-term viability of the farming operation. Knowing that there are strong fallback positions, should one model fail, is best known before long-term commitments are made.

Fundraising—Identifying sources of revenue from foundation grants, events, programs, donors, etc., is another important determinant of long-term viability. In addition to start-up costs and immediate improvements to the house and barn, funds will be needed to maintain the property, make continued improvements and to cover revenue shortfalls in down years, caused by poor weather or other uncontrollable factors.

Oversight committee—A city board made up of qualified individuals to oversee the operation of the farm has been recommended. The make-up of such a board, how members would be selected and approved, the range of its mission, obligations and authority, and to whom it would report all need to be sorted out.

HOW YOU CAN BE INVOLVED

A Friends of Angino Farm group is working on start-up issues. Committees have been formed for:

- Farm operations and planning
- Building maintenance and improvement
- Communications and outreach
- Fundraising and board development
- Educational programs
- Legal and organizational structure

If you would like to add your time, expertise, financial contribution or other support to this work, contact Conservators board member Jon Regosin at jon.regosin@highstream.net or 617-244-0736.

Newton Conservators
FALL 2004 LECTURE

Celebrating the Charles River
A Slideshow and Interactive Evening with
Naturalist Carole Smith Berney

The Newton Conservators Fall Lecture will feature a “virtual walk” along the Charles River Upper Greenway Path in Newton and Watertown. In a slideshow of her photography, Watertown naturalist Carole Smith Berney will focus on the surprising diversity of the urban landscape along the river.

This event will take place at the Druker Auditorium of the Newton Free Library on Wednesday, September 22, at 7 pm.



Ms. Berney’s colorful and entertaining slideshow features images of birds, waterfowl, cormorants, cottontail rabbits, great blue herons (left), wood ducks, turtles, seasonal river-scapes and sunsets, as well as the people who

walk, run, skate, bike, fish and birdwatch along the path. She will discuss efforts over the last decade to restore the river banks as viable habitat for wildlife and to create a path that enables human enjoyment with minimal impact on the flora and fauna there.

Carole Smith Berney, MA, is a Watertown naturalist, wildlife photographer, nature educator and member of the Newton Camera Club. Inspired by her many walks on the Charles River Upper Greenway Path in Watertown and Newton, she has documented life along the river in all seasons and weather conditions over several years. Her “portraits” of animals help to enhance the community’s appreciation of the biodiversity and natural beauty found close to urban settings. She exhibits her work locally and presents slideshows for diverse audiences: libraries, community groups, assisted living facilities, senior centers, and public and private schools.

Her publications include “Clever Critters,” featuring photographs of animal behavior in a forthcoming issue of *Highlights for Children*, and *Wildflowers Along the Upper Greenway Path*, partially funded by the Watertown Cultural Council and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (formerly the MDC). The Massachusetts Cultural Council has designated the latter publication as an exemplary “gold star” project for its significance in wedding the arts with community involvement. Her image, “Glowing Mallards,” was chosen by the Massachusetts Audubon Society for inclusion in its *Important Bird Areas* exhibit. And her slideshows and exhibits have entertained and enlightened many a nature lover, birder, and wildflower enthusiast.

This lecture is co-sponsored by the Newton Free Library (617-796-1360). Carole Smith Berney’s lecture is the eighth in the twice yearly Newton Conservators Lecture Series, which features renowned experts in areas related to the open space mission of the Conservators. As part of our educational outreach, the programs are free and open to the public. Some of Carole’s photo prints and cards will be available for purchase along with the Conservators publication *Walking Trails in Newton's Parks and Conservation Lands*. For further information, contact the coordinator for this event, Ted Kuklinski (617-969-6222).

Ted Kuklinski



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We welcome material related to our mission from any source. Send proposed articles by email in MS Word or rich text format to dgdickson@rcn.com. Digitized photographs, maps and diagrams are also welcome.

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New Environmental Show Set to Begin on NewTV in September

The Environmental Show, a series of monthly looks at key issues affecting Newton residents, kicks off right after Labor Day on NewTV (Blue Channel). The first program raises crucial concerns about building an environmentally sound Newton North High School. Entitled "High Performance Building Technology," it is sponsored by the Green Decade Coalition and will feature host Beverly Droz, GDC President, and guest David DelPorto, an expert in "green" building techniques.

"Saving Newton's Last Farm" arrives in October, just as the Board of Alderman prepares to vote on appropriating Community Preservation Act funds to buy and preserve the historic Angino Farm on Nahanton Street. The Newton Conservators, sponsor of this show, are also the proponents of the community farm and have worked with the Community Preservation Committee to develop the proposal that will receive the attention of the Board of Aldermen.

In a partnership between the two environmental organizations, each will run five editions of The Environmental Show in alternating months for a total of ten programs. Next on the docket for the Green Decade Coalition is "Energy Audits for Homeowners", showing how we can be more environmentally responsible as we approach the winter season.

The Newton Conservators plan visual tours of the biodiverse Cold Spring Park, the newly acquired Kessler Woods, Dolan Pond, and the unique aqueduct system that runs through Newton and serves as a very special public hiking and biking trail.

There will be repeated opportunities for viewing these programs, which will each run five times a week for a whole month on Tuesdays (10:30 am), Wednesdays (10:00 pm), Thursdays (4:00 pm and 7:30 pm) and Saturdays (10:00 am).

Both organizations are dedicated to highlighting issues important to Newton residents. If successful this year, the show will be continued in future years. Tune in to learn more about your parks with the Conservators, and to learn to think globally and act locally with the Green Decade Coalition.

Patty Goldman

ORDWAY PARK GETS NEW CURB AND WATER ACCESS

As part of the reconstruction of Grant Avenue, new granite curbing was installed along the Grant Avenue side of Ordway Park this summer. This improvement will solve the erosion problem created by cars parking on the berm along Ordway Park combined with the action of storm water. A curb-cut at the corner of Grant Avenue and Everett Street was created at the same time to provide easier access for wheelchairs, strollers, bikes and walkers.

A water connection was also installed before the street was paved that will provide water supply for irrigation of new plants as they are installed in line with the long-term plan for renovation of the park.



New curbing installed along Grant Avenue at Ordway Park.

Get "Walking Trails" Guide

The map guide put out by the Newton Conservators is a great resource for those who would like to explore Newton's open spaces. It is available by Web, mail and also at Newtonville Books and New England Mobile Book Fair. "Walking Trails in Newton's Parks and Conservation Lands" may be purchased for \$7.95 online at www.newtonconservators.org or by mailing a check payable to Newton Conservators, Inc. to Newton Conservators, P.O. Box 590011, Newton Centre, MA 02459. Sales benefit the Newton Conservators, a nonprofit citizen advocacy organization which actively promotes the acquisition, creation, and preservation of natural open spaces for the people of Newton.

Update on 76 Webster Park

This summer was a busy one relative to the CPA acquisition at 76 Webster Park, adjacent to Dolan Pond, with a number of hearings and meetings on the agenda to keep the project moving forward.

The aldermanic board order for the project specified that at least 2/3 of the property be open space and that up to 1/3 be devoted to community housing. The original 1925 Forte house was to be used by the Newton Housing Authority and an additional two units would be built by Habitat for Humanity. The original plan and board order envisioned the additional units attached to the original house.

This past spring, the Conservators, working in conjunction with Habitat, NHA, the Planning Department, Conservation Commission, and others, developed a new plan that makes much better use of the space. Rather than attached units, it divides the property into three lots: an open space parcel, a front lot where the original house is located, and a rear lot for the new Habitat units. Through conservation restrictions on the outer portions of these lots, the 2/3 open space objective is achieved while still meeting required lot sizes for zoning purposes. This plan was presented at a neighborhood meeting in the spring to favorable reviews. The revised plan has since been approved by the Conservation Commission and CPC and is currently before the Board of Aldermen.

The project was then brought before the Historic Commission, which approved the demolition of the existing garage and hen house which was required for placement of a driveway to the rear lot. They also approved plans for renovation of the original house and the design of the new units, a single building which nicely echoes the look of the original house. The Habitat duplex was designed by volunteer architect Norberto Leon and, with slight modifications, may become the prototype for other Habitat projects.

The driveway plan was also approved by the Newton Fire Department. Mark Welch, Director of Urban Forestry for Newton, visited the site and determined the number of trees can be removed and how many replacement trees would be required according to the Tree Preservation Ordinance. The landscape plan was modified to suit these requirements.

The new plan will require a special permit from the Board of Aldermen which was filed in June, and a public hearing was scheduled in July before the Land Use Committee of the Board of Aldermen. The Newton Conservators entered into Purchase and Sale Agreements with both the NHA and Habitat for Humanity for their respective lots prior to the special permit hearing. Thanks to Bill Shaevel, of the law firm of Shaevel and Krems, for his continuing pro bono work on this project. This would need to occur before the Land Use Committee could make a final ruling on the special permit.

If the special permit is approved, then the property can be subdivided and considered by Land Court. Habitat was hoping to break ground this fall but it appears with all the approvals required that it may be sometime over the winter. This will be a significant Habitat for Humanity project in that it is a pioneering effort in the western suburbs of Boston. Volunteers will be solicited when we get closer to a build date.

Ted Kuklinski



MISSION

Newton Conservators, Inc.

The Newton Conservators promotes the protection and preservation of natural areas, including parks, playgrounds, forests and streams, which are open or may be converted to open space for the enjoyment and benefit of the people of Newton. It further aims to disseminate information about these and other environmental matters.

A primary goal is to foster the acquisition of land, buildings and other facilities to be used for the encouragement of scientific, educational, recreational, literary and other public pursuits that will promote good citizenship and the general welfare of the people of our community.

The Newton Conservators was formed as a not-for-profit organization 43 years ago in June 1961.

Update on Kessler Woods

The Brookline Avenue subdivision proposed by Cornerstone Corporation was approved this summer by the Newton Planning Board (acting as the Board of Survey) and the Conservation Commission. The approvals came after the developer made a number of last-minute changes to its plan to meet concerns raised by the city. An order of conditions has been issued by each board that will guide the work done under the jurisdiction of each.

The permitting process can now begin for tree removal and construction of a cul-de-sac and installation of utilities and storm water drainage systems. Homes will not be constructed by Cornerstone; instead, they plan to construct the lots and sell them to other developers or homeowners who will build on each house lot in turn. This means that each of the lots will require a second round of permits before home construction can begin.

It is unclear at this point how soon tree clearing and other work can begin. Proposals for the next development phase along LaGrange Street have not yet been filed with the city and were always expected to follow the Brookline Street project.

Doug Dickson

Calendar of Events

Newton Conservators Fall Lecture

“Celebrating the Charles River” with Naturalist *Carole Smith Berney*; Wednesday, 9/22 at 7:00 PM in Druker Auditorium at Newton Free Library.

Newton Conservators Board meets the third Wednesday of every month at 7:30 PM, usually in a City Hall meeting room or the City Hall cafeteria.

Conservation Commission meets the fourth Thursday at 7:30 PM in City Hall Room 209.

Parks and Recreation Commission meets the third Monday at 7:30 PM in City Hall Room 209.

Community Preservation Committee meets the last Wednesday at 7:00 PM in City Hall Room 209.

Aldermanic Committee on Community

Preservation meets the last Tuesday at 7:45 PM in City Hall Room 222.

**If you haven't paid your membership dues for 2004, it's not too late. Please renew today!
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of open space advocacy
in Newton*

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YES, I'd like to start/renew my one-year membership with the Newton Conservators to help preserve open space in Newton. I'll receive informative newsletters and emails and be invited to participate in guided tours of local conservation areas, lectures, and other programs and activities.

I'd like to make an additional tax-deductible contribution to support the work of the Newton Conservators: \$ _____

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EXPLORE: Join one or more of our Fall Walks in local parks (flyer enclosed)



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