

## 1968-69

### Officers:

President: Benjamin Shattuck

Treasurer: Allard Valentine

Clerk: Phyllis S. Butler

## May, 1969

Minutes of Annual Meeting 1969  
Tuesday, April 29, 1969, 8 P.M.  
Newton Highlands Workshop  
72 Columbus St., Newton Highlands

The annual meeting of the Newton Conservators, Inc. was called to order at 8:15 P.M. by President Benjamin Shattuck at the Newton Highlands Workshop on April 29th. It was suggested and voted that the minutes of the 1968 annual meeting be read, since all information may be found in the NEWS report of the year's events.

**Report by the Treasurer.** Allard Valentine showed current account balance of \$1,475.36, as against \$1,349.32 in 1968. Mr. Lorenz Muther reported his audit of the books, and both reports were voted approval.

The **By-Law revision**, changing number of directors from twelve to a flexible total of five to twenty-four, with five members considered a quorum at any meeting, was VOTED.

Chairman of the **Nominating Committee**, Melvin Darack, read the slate of new officers and directors (21) proposed. These were VOTED IN by unanimous support.

Mr. Shattuck expressed his appreciation of the cooperation and support from officers and members of the Conservators in his nine years of presidency, and then introduced the new president, Robert Capeless. Mr. Capeless acknowledged his appointment with humility and asked for guidance and assistance from all those currently carrying of the affairs of the Conservators.

Mrs. Helen Heyn was recognized and she then asked agreement of members for making a small recognition of Mr. Shattuck's years of able direction by voting a \$50 donation to the Newton High School Biology Club at this time, with the resolve that each year a future contribution be determined for presentation to them in his name. A standing VOTE OF APPROVAL was given.

A temporary suspension of the meeting allowed time for photographs to be taken of the past and future presidents, Mrs. Heyn and Mr. Drury, an advising teacher for the Biology Club, and a student member. Also a picture was taken for publicity of Mr. Franklin

Flaschner, head of MAPC and Mrs. Julia Broderick O'Brien, speaker of the evening and research head of MAPC [Metropolitan Area Planning Council].

Upon reconvening, Mr. Flaschner introduced Mrs. O'Brien who presented pictures with a commentary giving the scope and purposes of the MAPC grant for regional planning. This included the evaluation of open areas, proposals for protection and recreation developments, and some detailing of callous impositions needing correction or elimination. The conclusions of the study are to give well-advised plans for the best use of the metropolitan area, with some impetus for action by the local agencies of the cities and towns concerned.

President Capeless read a proposed recommendation for **requesting a flood plain charting in Newton** by the city. After some discussion it was VOTED to recommend to the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen that they cause to be prepared a flood plain and watershed protection zoning ordinance amendment, applying to all Newton's existing zoning districts and to all unzoned land of the City or of the Commonwealth.

President Capeless stated the next meeting of the Conservators would be held in September, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Phyllis R. Butler

### **1969-70**

#### **Officers:**

President: Robert Capless  
Treasurer: Allard Valentine  
Clerk: Phyllis Butler

### **September 1969**

The meeting of the membership of the Newton Conservators was held at the Newton Highland Woman's Club Workshop on September 18, 1969 at 8:00 P.M.

President Capeless read the call to meeting (notice attached herewith).

The nomination of two directors, A. Raymond Tye and James A. Miller, were APPROVED and the candidates unanimously elected.

The President reported two meetings held with the executive committee to work out the format of committees for the year. The organization of these committees was executed at a full board meeting or at least the chairmen appointed. Matters on which a position was stated during the summer were: **retention of river easements** overlooked by the NRA in the Lower Falls development plan; opposition to any sale of land by the city at the

**Goddard-Christina Streets location in the Upper Falls**; opposition to President Nixon's approval of expenditure for a **supersonic plane**; requests to state and city for steps to implement the **cessation of open burning**; and a concerted plan presented to the public, with due hearings, regarding **pollution control**.

The president described the committee structure, and APPROVAL was given by vote for the committee heads to act autonomously for the Conservators when prompt action is required. Committee chairmen were introduced and each reported their areas of concern.

Father James Skehan, chairman of the BC Geology and Geophysics, said he hoped the **Newton geological study** might be available in the summer of 1970 and hoped all could be published in 1973.

Treasurer reported balance of \$1330.

Chairmen asked for volunteers to join their committees.

Meeting adjourned for refreshments and discussion generally.

via Mrs. Rita Barron to P. Butler

### **May 1970**

1970 Annual Meeting of Newton Conservators, Inc.

May 21, 1970, 8:15 p.m.

Newton Highlands Workshop, Columbus St.

At the Newton Highlands Workshop, Columbus Street, the meeting was called to order at 8:15 p.m. on May 21, 1970. President Capeless reading of the meeting called and asked if there were any opposition. There was none. **Minutes** of the 1969 September membership meeting were read and APPROVED. **Treasurer's report** stated a present balance of \$654.30, and report was APPROVED.

Mrs. Howard's report as chairman of **Finance and Membership** was given by Mrs. Sears. At the start of the April campaign for membership we had paid members of 61, with 10 life members. Newspaper presentation brought 6, and 30 have been added later from a special letter sent to 100 prospects and bills to past members. We need at least 200 members to finance the Newsletter and other activities, and suggestions were requested. A current news column in the papers and front page reporting of committee activities and statements were proposed. Mrs. Dyer also suggested junior memberships for school children.

Mrs. Barron reported on **the Newsletter**, presently intended for quarterly issue, and kept as reasonable an expense as feasible. However, she emphasized present receipts would

not support continued issues. She and other Conservator Committee heads participated in the Earth Day teach-in at Newton Junior College.

Mrs. Heyn summarized the **Land Use Committee** stands during the year -- opposition to the taking of 30.9 acres of **the Webster estate** by the Mass. Art School; support of the acquisition of **Dolan Pond** property by the city (provided tree farm not approved); opposition to the Auburndale Realty petition for large apartment complex for **Staniford and Rumford Streets**; statement of guidelines for any further development at **Norumbega Park**; opposition to **drainage overflow** near the Boston line; support of **MDC development plan for the Charles River**. Present studies are the **landscaping at Newton # 128** and reporting to the city and Water Pollution Control, regarding the **pollution drain-off at the city dump area**. Motion was made and PASSED that this Committee be authorized to take whatever stand they feel necessary on behalf of the Conservators to effect results.

Mrs. Cadwell reported for the **Public Land Committee**, Mr. Marquis having resigned. They approved the application to HUD for acquisition of land at the Cold Spring playground, but Recreation Commission denied it. Opposition was registered to any development of the **Cold Spring area** by the city, and for NCDF proposals at Hunnewell.

For **Water Conservation**, Mr. Hendrick is proposing a network along the Charles River for observation and action, with the possibility of a call center to handle problems, developing.

For **Air Conservation**, Mrs. Kierstead reported opposition taken to open burning and active participation given to promoting the ban, with attendance at hearings and suggestions registered with the Governor and Mayor. On behalf of Noise Abatement opposition was made to the development of the SST both at Federal and State levels.

There was no report from the **Zoning Committee**.

President Capeless commended the chairmen of Committees for their diligence and effective action, which they had accomplished without much assistance from the membership. The concept of nearly autonomous committee performance is eminently satisfactory but needs more support from the members. We hope for more adequate staffing in the coming year.

The president reports the Board is presently dealing with two problems. **The Webster Estate taking** for the Mass Art School, to which the Conservators have registered opposition. Mr. Capeless is pressuring the Governor and the Legislative Council for withdrawal of the taking. On the **NCDF rezoning petition**, which requests acceptance of the entire 10 sites, the Conservators are definitely [?for] acceptance of the entire 10 sites; the Conservators are definitely opposed to some of the locations and trying to resolve the problem.

Mr. Darack submitted the slate of officers and directors proposed by the **Nominating Committee**, as recorded in the call to meeting. By motion made and APPROVED, the secretary cast one ballot for election of the names presented. Two vacancies now occur in the current directors by the resignation of Mr. Franklin Flaschner upon his appointment as judge, and Mr. William Marquis' resignation. Mrs. Heyn nominated Miss Elizabeth Cushman, and she was duly voted a director.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 P.M., and the members enjoyed an excellent film and lecture by Dr. and Mrs. E. Manning Sears on their study of birds in an expedition to the Galapagos Islands.

Respectfully submitted,  
Phyllis R. Butler  
Secretary

Following are the recommendations of the Nominating Committee of the Newton Conservators, Inc. for the year 1970-1971:

President: Mr. Robert T. Capeless, 19 Saxon Road 02161  
Treasurer: Mr. Allard M. Valentine, 307 Auburn St. 02166  
Clerk: Mr. Melvin I. Darack, 1672 Beacon St. 02168  
Corresponding Secretary: Mrs. Charles Butler, 81 Kingswood Road 02166

Directors to 1973:

Mrs. Ralph L. Alsmeyer, 15 Stratford Rd. 02165  
Mr. Lorenz F. Muther, Jr., 302 Walnut St. 02160  
Mrs. Solomon Fleishman, 14 Kenwood Ave. 02159  
Mr. John H. Hendrick, PO Box 625, 02162  
Mrs. Arno H.A. Heyn, 21 Alexander Rd. 01262  
Mrs. William L Kierstead, 43 Kenwood Ave., 20159  
Mr. James H. Lewis, 38 Brookdale Road, 02160  
Mr. Edward L Richmond, 44 Norton St., 02159

Melvin I. Darack, Chairman

**1970 - 1971**

**Board of Directors, 1970 - 1971**

Officers:

President: Robert Capeless  
Treasurer: Allard Valentine  
Clerk: Melvin Darack  
Secretary: Phyllis (Mrs. Charles) Butler

Directors to 1973

Mrs. Raphl Alsmeyer	Lorenz Muther Jr.
Thelma (Mrs. Solomon).Fleishman	John Hendrick
Helen (Mrs. Arno) Heyn	William Kierstead
James Lewis	Edward Richmond

Mrs. Leon Barron	Deborah (Mrs. Frank) Howard
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**May 1971**

Annual Meeting of Newton Conservators, Inc.  
May 19, 1971

President Capeless opened the meeting at 8:00 P.M. in the hall of the Auburndale Congregational Church with the reading of the call to meeting. About forty people attended. Minutes of previous annual meeting were omitted because of time limitation.

**By-Law revisions** by appointee Mr. Melvin Darack were read and explained, and individually voted. Formal change of annual meeting date from January to May, limitation of the number of directors to 25 including officers, institution of the office of Vice President, change of term of "Clerk" to "Secretary," extension of quorum of directors from five to seven were the major revisions. ALL WERE APPROVED.

Mrs. Leon Barron, Chairman of the **Nominating Committee**, read the proposals for officers and directors for 1971-72. There were no nominations from the floor and the secretary was requested to cast one ballot for those nominated. Included were two replacements for the term to 1972, and two for 1973. Complete list is attached.

President-elect Darack congratulated Mr. Capeless on his effective work as president. All officers and new directors were introduced.

**Treasurer's report** showed a balance of \$1,675.90, about \$1000 more than in May, 1970. Dues this year amounted to \$1,780 as against the previous year's \$374. Report was duly APPROVED.

Mrs. Frank Howard, head of **Membership and Finance**, reported the **institution of dues billing by calendar year**. Currently there are 175 paid members. An aggressive membership drive and good business procedure were commended, and she was congratulated for the results.

Mrs. Leon Barron, **Information and Education** head, reported 3 issues of **Newsletter** were sent in the past season, and more active news requires 5 for the coming one -- June, September, November, February, and April. 270 people attended 3 **open space walks**; more will be planned for the fall. Suggested school participation in conservation and

open space education has brought response, and may develop into Newton field trips for the children. Considerable advice has been given inquirers for reporting environment offenses; two talks were given Newton groups, participation in two forums on conservation. Several volunteer groups are collecting glass, tin and paper, and taking it to centers in nearby towns. Constant prodding of the city for collections of this kind have brought a request for recommendations. The Library is interested in an environmental resource center in the fall.

Mrs. Arno H. A. Heyn summarized **Land Management** activities. The proposed taking of **Webster land** for the Art School is being closely watched by Mr. Capeless. There being no funds available, there is no action pending now. Two years' work toward a **flood plain zoning ordinance** for Newton resulted in the current consideration of the aldermen and the hope for action. Development of improvements in making **Webster Park** for public use are delayed for lack of application for federal funding share. Seven year's work to effect improvement of the riverbank by Telmwood Realty has brought results acceptable to the MDC. The Leatherbee development at Chestnut Hill has some questions of drainage to be resolved to protect **Hammond Pond**. Conservators' opposition was expressed to the Auburndale Realty proposal near the **dump** and recreation area, the Fessenden School skating rink taking part of **Albemarle Golf Course**, riverbank changes at **Cordingly Dam**, flood plain hazards of **Newton 128**, and Riverside Associates' zoning changes.

Mr. John Hendrick spoke briefly about **Water Conservation**.

Mrs. Barron reported a commitment of \$41,000 by the MDC to clean up **Purgatory Cove** in the Charles.

Temporary suspension of the meeting allowed for the aldermanic panel to be introduced -  
- Mr. Alan Barkin, Chairman of Land Use, and Mr. David Jackson, Chairman of Planning. Each stated the nature of problems they face and their aims for the committees. Mr. Barkin stated we have a city of 90,000 private homeowners which he hoped could be kept reasonably protected, with the invasions threatened, and with the continued maintenance of open spaces. With the Master Plan constantly in view, Mr. Jackson hopes to slow the impetus of change and keep it gradual, adapting only as vital needs require. Continued population growth makes constant pressures. Mr. Magni was delayed by his duties and arrived in time to answer some questions.

Meeting concluded at 10:30 P.M. with a presentation of a clock to Mr. Allard Valentine in recognition of his ten years' service as Treasurer. Mr. Capeless expressed his appreciation of board and committee cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,  
Phyllis R. Butler  
Secretary

Officers and Directors as of May 19, 1971

President: Mr. Melvin I. Darick  
V. President: Mrs. Arno H.A. Heyn  
Treasurer: Mr. John H. Hendrick  
Secretary: Mrs. Charles Butler

Directors to 1972

Mrs. Leon Barron	Mrs. Cecil W. Cadwell
Mr. Dennis L. Ditelberg	Mrs. Ira Dyer
Mr. George Martins	Mrs. Gerard F. Murphy

Directors to 1973

Mrs. Ralph L. Alsmeyer	Mrs. Solomon Fleishman
Mrs. William L. Kierstead	Mr. James H. Lewis
Mr. Lorenz F. Muther, Jr.	Mrs. H. Garrison Wilkes
Mrs. Reed Whittle	

Directors to 1974

Miss Elizabeth Cushman	Mr. John Heywood
Mrs. Frank A. Howard	Miss Robena O'Malley
Mrs. William P. Ripley	Mrs. E. Manning Sears (added later: deceased
5/72)	

Advisory Board

Mr. Robert T. Capeless	Mr. James A. Miller
Mr. Edward L. Richmond	Richard Wilson (penciled in later)

**1971-72**

**Board of Directors, 1971-1972**

Officers

President: Melvin Darack  
V. President: Helen (Mrs. Arno) Heyn  
Treasurer: John Hendrick  
Secretary Phyllis (Mrs. Charles) Butler

Directors to 1972

Mrs. Leon Barron	Mrs. Cecil Cadwell
Dennis L Ditelberg	Mrs. Ira Dyer
George Martins	Mrs. Gerard Murphy
Philip Shapiro	

Directors to 1973



Mrs. Ralph Alsmeyer  
Mrs. William Kierstead  
Lorenz Muther Jr.  
Carolyn (Mrs. Reed) Whittin

Thelma (Mrs. Solomon) Fleishman  
James Lewis  
Mrs. H. Garrison Wilkes

Directors to 1974

Elizabeth Cushman  
Deborah (Mrs. Frank) Howard  
Mrs. William Ripley

John Heywood  
Robena O'Malley

Advisory Board

Robert Capeless  
Edward Richmond

James A. Miller  
Richard Wilson

**January 1972**

Newton Conservators, Inc.  
Minutes of Directors' Meeting, January 12, 1972

Meeting called to order at 8:30 P.M. at Barat Hall, Newton College of the Sacred Heart, 885 Centre Street, by V.P. Helen Heyn.

**Present** were Directors Barron, Butler, Cadwell, Fleishman, Hendrick, Howard, Kierstead, Murphy, O'Malley, Whittle and Wilkes, with Richard Wilson as invited observer

**Treasurer** reported total worth at Jan. 1 (savings \$1,004.19): \$1,616.61.

Mrs. Wilkes was congratulated upon being appointed to the Governor's Commission for Power Plant Siting.

**Clean Air** - Public hearing Jan. 14, 10 A.M., Gardner Auditorium for plan of State Implementation statutes for July 1, 1971. Review of Federal Clean Air Implementation statutes by Mrs. Wilkes, with study by Mrs. Kierstead and additions, has developed testimony for this hearing. Highlights summarized by her for directors. Mass. Standards better on some points than Federal; recommendations for changes will be states. Question of need for Newton's involvement in industrial city controls answered by air tests here showing dangerous pollution levels when east wind; and low sulphur fuels needed as much in quiet periods of year as in winter. Mr. Wilson proved most helpful in advice and information. Maine effecting secondary standards now instead of waiting 3 years. It was unanimously VOTED the report be presented at hearing on behalf of the Conservators.

**Solid Waste** - Mrs. Wilkes cannot pursue all phases. Incinerator, trash compacting, recycling, disposal areas, etc. need individual attention and pursuit.

**Land Conservation** - Mrs. Cadwell to secure copies of "LAND USE PLANNING" from S.F. Chronicle for committee as a most valuable help.

**Riverside Associates'** petition withdrawn temporarily; some uncertainty when renew. MDC will take only 30' shoreline; city should take land to eliminate developing thread.

**Auburndale Development (Staniford St.)** due for hearing Feb. 24. Mr. Shubow and Recreation Dept. working out details for land gift to extend Recreation holdings. Conservators commenting only on land aspects, not housing.

**Dump** - 1968 proposed limits should be made permanent. Need to watch handling of surrounding area.

**City Planning Dept.** - badly overloaded and many delays. Directors are urged to write city recommending more funds and facilities for office; should be emphasized at budget hearings.

**Farlow Park** endangered by Underwood School exploration to extend facilities. Particularly valuable open space in densely developed area. Mrs. Cadwell authorized to emphasize its value and history in letter to city authorities.

**Hatch Act** briefing Jan. 19 at Memorial School in South Natick in evening. All directors and interested people invited. Need for police being informed to implement enforcement.

**Wellesley Office Park case** now in Atty. General's office. If no action results, civil suit may be brought in Suffolk Superior Court. Whether fill will ever be ordered out in question, even so.

**Field Trip** - Jan. 16, Sunday, 10-11, at **128 Industrial Park** to view proposed extensions. In spite of allowance of 300' fill into flood plain by original permit, Needham and Newton Conservation Commission opposed to further fill to increase area.

**Membership** - presently 260. Bills presently going out and also letters of solicitation to Audubon members not now Conservators.

**Salt Use** - Original application intent to be ordinance determination by aldermen. Ended in resolution only, and that delayed. Allowance of 1-3 mix in Newton not measured, only approximate. All sand used has some salt; clear salt used in December. Mayor will not oppose until sufficient public expression, so directors are asked to further calls to Mr. Pratt or Mayor requesting restrictions of salt use.

Directors invited to meeting at Mrs. Whittle's, Monday, January 17, 7:30 to draft support for state bill.

**Education** - Mrs. Barron asking to restrict her work to **Newsletter**, which means resources must be found for news notices, speeches and Open Space Walk plans.

Deadline Jan. 31 for February Newsletter--chairmen note.

Need is apparent for Conservators' auditing all aldermanic and committee meetings pertinent to our concerns. Mrs. Fleishman willing to check aldermanic meetings. Secretary will try to obtain committee subject dates from Mr. English. Individual concerns need pursuit through various departments' handling, and Conservators' stand expressed. Extended coverage must be developed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 P.M. Next meeting to be February 9th.

Phyllis R. Butler  
Secretary

### **February 1972**

Newton Conservators, Inc.  
12 Page Road  
Newtonville, Mass. 02160

Minutes of board meeting of Directors, February 9, 1972

Meeting was called to order at 8:15 P.M. by President Darack at Barat Hall, Newton College of the Sacred Heart.

**Attending** were Directors Barron, Butler, Fleishman, Heyn, Heywood, Howard, Kendrick and Lewis, with Mrs. Alexander as invited observer.

**Minutes** of the previous meeting were read and corrected.

Invited to present his **views for Newton's future**, Rev. Scott Paradise recommended halting building of high-cost single residences on remaining open lots and pursuing instead means for obtaining more diversified residents, financially and racially, with more emphasis on developing public land space. He quoted Boulder, Colorado as an instance of halting city development. Directors discussed the means for presenting controls over city planning and support of purchase of public lands -- which might involve only 12 1/2 % of cost to city with new proposed bill. An Ad Hoc committee was appointed to review best approach to public education. Tentative members are Mrs. Heyn and Mrs. Fleishman, with Mr. Paradise as leader, and additional members appointed at their discretion.

**Treasurer** Hendrick has received copy of Priscilla Ordway's will, giving acre or so of land to Conservators for "**Ordway Park**," with \$20,000 cash. He will consult Mr. Muther for legal procedures for acceptance and proper publicity. All directors APPROVED acceptance.

**Membership**: 60 new members acquired from letter to 1,000 Newton Audubon membership, with some generous contributions. Mrs. Howard and Mrs. Whittle were commended on this achievement.

**Salt**: Mrs. Whittle asked she be sent any news items members found. Aldermen's resolution has been tabled, but have been assured all Newton's salt mix now 1 to 3 only. Student testing of water areas has begun and first reports show high proportion of salt.

**Alaska Pipeline**: Nixon's public statement he would give go-ahead to this without public hearings, upon receipt of "Environment Impact Statement on Alaska Pipeline" most alarming. Please write President your opposition and demand public hearings.

**Clean Air**: Two state bills now threaten approval some open burning. Committee authorized to present our opposition. Newton has proposals for garbage burning and use of bottled gas on city trucks, which will be our concern and pursued. Proposed Solid Waste Committee appointment by aldermen heartily approved, and subcommittee meeting on February 23rd will consider solid waste disposal.

**Nominating Committee** appointed by President Darack: Mrs. Howard Chairman, with Directors Ditelberg, Fleishman, Lewis and Whittle.

Mrs. Heyn reported on **BC Geology study of Newton**, now ready for layout plan, and we need a good source for that help.

Official letters were read opposing Wellesley Office Park encroachment and Riverside Associates' **development along Charles**. Wellesley now in court litigation. Support urged for Mofenson's bill for **MDC acquisition** of Gilligan land and RR piece in state legislature. Conservators' approval will be presented.

Meeting adjourned 10:20 P.M. Next meeting Wednesday, March 8th.

Phyllis Butler,  
Secretary

### **March 1972**

Newton Conservators, Inc.  
12 Page Road  
Newtonville, Mass. 02160  
Minutes of Directors' Meeting, March 8, 1972

Meeting was led by Helen Heyn at Barat Hall, Newton College of the Sacred Heart.

**Present** were Directors Alemeyer, Butler, Cushman, Heywood, Lewis and Whittle.

**Minutes** of previous meeting were read and PASSED.

**Ordway Park**: No difficulty seen in accepting this conveyance to Conservators, but probating of will likely to take a year. Already plans in progress for minimum care required.

**Land Use**: Hatch Act has caused stop order sent to Mr. Cohen's activity at **Newton Mall**. DNR has asked filing of drainage plan for Temple's parking, formerly an MDC area, along Hammond Parkway. **BC geology study** now requires layout and retyping for printing, estimated cost \$200. Directors APPROVED expenditure.

**Salt**: Hearing on 3 bills before State Public Transportation Committee on March 21 in Room 443. Directors asked to attend if possible; at least write in support, and Conservators will officially state approval. Little chance of passage this year, but most effective to have public expression. Bills: H3466, H2412, S185. Newton 1973 proposal for \$70,000 expenditure for salt instead of \$180,000. Student analysis of local drainage areas is in progress. A.D. Little Co. studying chloride content in area waters and opposing salt use. Audubon Habitat School report on de-icing excellent. Mayor asking evaluation by April from city departments on limited salt use. Very limited since experience only since February first. Conservators adding their judgment, and individual letters can be helpful to Mayor -- such as questions why plows cannot serve as sanders also, as in past?

**Membership**: 25 additional members from Audubon letter. Please Note -- ALL dues start as of 1/1/72 for present members, also.

**Pesticides**: Aldermanic Public Works Committee working on elimination of Sevin use; test areas likely without any spraying. Evident need in city for more educated workers in Forestry Division and better understanding of tree needs.

**Solid Waste**: Public Works Committee meeting March 9 reviewing dump and disposal operations. We oppose garbage inclusion proposal for incinerator until demonstrated effective handling present needs. Dump not operated as sanitary landfill; steady drainage problem to river needs thorough filtration system. March 23 aldermanic subcommittee hearing on garbage and dump. Susan Wilkes following for Conservators; hope to attend City Planner's regional meetings, also.

**Clean Air**: Richmond proposal Newton power only study to review possible purchase of power and local distribution, as Wellesley, for possible saving. Watching incinerator proposals as these occur.

**Land Use:** March 13 Land Use committee considering Newton Sec 124 fostered for Chas. River Plan, proposed increase of floor area from 500 sq. ft. to 1, 200,000 sq. ft. Conservation Comm. Gave rough draft of ours, sent to both MDC and DNR.

Meeting adjourned 10:45 P.M. Next meeting April 12.

Phyllis Butler, Secretary

### **April 1972**

Newton Conservators, Inc.  
12 Page Road  
Newtonville, Mass. 02160  
Minutes of Directors' meeting  
April 12, 1972

A **bare quorum** of directors met at Barat Hall, Newton College of the Sacred Heart, at 8:15 P.M.-- Alemeyer, Barron, Butler, Cushman, Darack, Heyn and Whittle.

**Correction of minutes** of March 8 meeting: under 1st LAND USE, 2nd sentence, change to read "DNR requested drainage plans for parking areas of MDC and New Mall along Hammond Pkwy." Then under 2d LAND USE, 2nd sentence should read "Sec'y Foster has asked MDC and DNR to submit proposals for Chas. River Plan, and suggestions have been supplied them by Newton Conservation Commission."

**Best News:** letter from Treasurer Hendricks reports his auditors will contribute their **accounting services** to Newton Conservators because of their philanthropic interests. A welcome notice and due thanks will be sent. Also, we have legal advice on the **Ordway bequest** that sees no impediment to its acceptance by the Conservators. Final delivery may take up to two years.

**Land Use:** A Hatch Act hearing has been called on April 14th re the **Wellesley Office Park shore treatment**. Conservator representatives will attend. The Newton residents living along opposite shore are petitioning time to view the plans before a decision is given.

The **Chestnut Hill Mall drain plans** sent to DNR covered only the Twin Towers, not the parking area, which apparently now appears to run down into swampy area at the back. The **Staniford Street development** is still in the hands of the Land Use aldermanic committee. NC has been asked by Ald. Magni to lend support to request to return balance of **Victory Field** not used by Post 440 to the Newton Parks & Recreation, as badly needed open space in Nonantum. VOTED: to APPROVE this request to declare surplus by Newton Housing. VOTED NOT TO SUPPORT Richmond's wish to take land at Albermarle to replace land loss.

**Clean-Up:** Conservation Commission scheduling April 22, Saturday, for Webster Reservation clean-up, and seeking workers to meet at 9:30 at junction of Warren St. and Suffolk Road.

Charles River, under MDC, as part of general state project, on Saturday, May 6. George Mead in charge of the Newton area, tel: 244-1605, with John Galla assisting. Looking for help. Organizing meeting 4/20 6:30, MDC Auburndale.

**Salt:** Active support or bills controlling use shown at state hearing; now being considered by Chloride Commission, with report due in 2 weeks. High School students still testing salt deposits in Newton water areas; will compile results. BC has offered continuing help if needed. VOTED: reimburse Mrs. Whittle for mailing expenses.

**Nominations:** no report at this meeting.

**Newsletter:** Committee heads send material to Rita Barron for printer on May 1. Mailing due May 8 if sufficient items.

Meeting adjourned 10:10 P.M. Next date May 10

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### **May 1972**

Newton Conservators, Inc.  
Box 28, 319 Auburn Street  
Auburndale, Mass. 02166

Newton Conservators, Inc. Directors' Meeting, May 10, 1972

**Present** at Barat Hall were Directors Alsmeyer, Barron, Butler, Cadwell, Darack, Fleishman, Heyn, Howard, Kierstead, Lewis, Ripley and Whittle.

**Minutes** of previous meeting with changes were read and approved.

Announcement of Mrs. Betty Sears' death received with great sadness, and recognition given her able service to Conservators and community. Pres. Darack will express our sympathy to Dr. Sears, and we are honored to be included with Audubon for memorial contributions. Later we will judge best form of memorial representation, with help of Dr. Sears. Treasurer Hendricks is asked to be sure family receives notice of all contributions received.

VOTED: In commendation and support of their work, CRWS and Audubon be sent an annual contribution of \$25.00. Membership unnecessary as mailings received by several directors. Treasurer advised to make these payments, stating our position.

Treasurer asked to send \$25.00 to December speaker with apology for delay.

**Land Use** - VOTED to formally advise Ald. Richmond the conservators do not wish to support any request for taking of compensatory land for school land taking at **Albemarle**.

**Wellesley Office Park** proposal consideration postponed 2 weeks to allow Quinobequin group to study plans. Pres. Darack restated our position to Wellesley Cons. Com'n that any variance be denied Office Park in view of Chas. River watershed needs.

VOTED support of Recreation Commission application to reacquire **River St. playground** area for tot lot development.

**Underwood School** - 4 site plans submitted by aldermen, none infringing upon Farlow Park. Believe we should watch architect plans carefully when this stage is reached, to observe playground needs.

**Hunnewell Playground**, approved by NC, finally approved and installations are proceeding.

Riverside Gilligan land ordered to remove fill within 30 days.

**Membership** - Last appeal to delinquents now being mailed. 121 new members in 1972. Technical total members 373, 276 paid up. Commendation given Carolyn Whittle and Debbie Howard for progress made.

**Solid Waste**: Mayor's committee recommend upgrading present installation, if possible, to meet emission standards. Question still to be resolved of including Waltham, other communities' burning. Grant recently given A.D. Little to determine gaseous production of incineration may help Newton in setting criteria. Cannot meet October deadline. Work bound to take 2-3 years. Informational meeting scheduled soon to be attended by several board members in aldermanic chambers.

**Salt**: Copy filed of Carolyn Whittle's summary report to Mayor May 2, giving judgment of year's attempts and specific recommendations for future. Aim to get salt usage down to 6 tons @ road mile from present 20 tons. State Chloride Comm. report likely to be similar to ours.

**Centennial**: Approval given for inclusion of **Newton's conservation history** as Conservator's contribution to centennial city history, to be covered by Thelma Fleischman.

**Publicity**: Flyer ready for mailing for annual meeting, together with recycling report from League, and proposed slate of nominations.



**Newsletter:** Rita Barron recommends change in printing procedure. Suggests applying for League approval, use of their mimeograph and plate style to limit expense.

**Nominations:** Debbie Howard reported committee's selections for officers and directors, along with recommendations for new divisions and heads. It was agreed the **Advisory Board** inclusion not to be continued.

**Address:** Replacement necessary of 12 Page Road, Newtonville, as Council moving. Subsequent approval from Newton-Waltham Bank -- please note address given in letter heading for future use.

Pres. Darack thanked Board for cooperation and extensive work during his administration.

Meeting adjourned 10:30 P.M.

Phyllis R. Butler, Secretary

Slate for Newton Conservators Officers and Directors  
1973-73

Officers: 1 year terms

President: Mr. H. Garrison Wilkes

Vice President: Mrs. Helen Heyn

Secretary: Mrs. Phyllis Butler

Treasurer: Mr. John H. Hendrick

Directors - 3 year terms

Mrs. Rochelle Alexander

Mrs. Jan Cadwell

Mr. Melvin I. Darack

Mrs. Betty Dyer

Mr. Ernest Loewenstein

Mrs. Marilyn Murphy

Mr. Milton Rubin

Mr. Tom Torchia,

Mr. Richard Wilson

Respectfully submitted

Deborah V. Howard, Chairman

Thelma Fleishman

Carolyn Whittle

James Lewis

Dennis Ditelburg

(Nominating Committee)

## May 1972 - Annual Meeting

Report of Annual Meeting of Newton Conservators, Inc.

May 25, 1972

Parish Hall, Auburndale Congregational Church

Woodland Rd., Auburndale, MA

The annual meeting of Newton Conservators, Inc. was held on May 25, 1972 in the Parish Hall of the Auburndale Congregational Church on Woodland Road in Auburndale, Massachusetts. After a social half-hour, with punch and cookies nicely provided by our Director Mrs. Poppy Ripley, President Darack called the meeting to order at 8:30 P.M.

It was VOTED to omit the reading of the 1971 meeting's minutes. Treasurer Hendrick reported receipts for the year of \$2,132, expenses of \$984, and present balance of \$2,774. As this report was developed by a CPA accountant, it was agreed to consider it audited.

In summary remarks of the year, President Darack noted the strong direction of Conservators' activities toward various pollution problems, with some effective results obtained. Mrs. Carolyn Whittle's thorough report of the **misuse of salt** in Newton street deicing was exceptional, and the Conservators regret her move from the city. The **Newton geological survey** by BC, sponsored by the Conservators, should be in print in the fall. A **bequest by Priscilla Ordway** of a small park area and \$20,000 unencumbered was gratefully acknowledged. The Conservators greatly regret the passing of our Board member, Mrs. Betty Sears, and contributions made to the Conservators in her memory will be expended for some special project close to her interest. Mrs. Rita Barron has given most stimulating reports in the **Newsletter** and other concerns. We are sorry the many demands of her state activities for the League cause her retirement from the Board.

Any interested people are welcomed at the monthly Board meetings, and there is constant need for more active participation. Volunteers are sought to attend meetings at City Hall and the State House to post the Board on matters of concern.

Meeting was officially adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Mrs. Deborah Howard, Chairman of **Nominating**, read the selection of officers and directors for the 1972-73 year, with mention of the particular interests of new directors:

Rochelle Alexander - publicity and Newsletter  
Ernest Loewenstein - transportation, Sierra Club  
Milton Rubin - open space  
Tom Torchia - land use  
Richard Wilson - air pollution

With no nominations from the floor, the secretary was asked to cast one ballot for the slate, and nominees were elected.

H. Garrison Wilkes was welcomed as new president and gave his view of the Conservators' job as the "judicious use of resources" together with protection of Newton's present areas of space.

Mrs. Julia Broderick O'Brien, planner for the MDC, was introduced by Mrs. Helen Heyn. She showed large maps of the Charles River area, commenting on points of concern from its mouth to the headwaters. These included development of recreation areas on the north side of the new dam at the Science Museum, new means of sewage disposal, new trees along the shores, a bicycle path, restoration of Magazine Beach, promoting aims of open space for Watertown's Arsenal area, advance of parkway along Waltham-Newton shore, the need for a "space envelope" around the Charles, the continued promotion of Cordingly Dam area, preservation of the Sawmill Brook wetlands, and the use of the Silk Mill dam as a means of maintaining a reservoir for Upper River needs.

Commissioner Sears arrived at 9:30 and commented on general MDC problems. He noted the difficulty of obtaining a pollution agreement with the NDR to resolve two present traps -- Bolyston Bridge and Lower Basin stagnation collecting urban runoff. The MDC hopes to develop more citizens' associations to watchdog the length of the river. Quabbin water supply has many problems. Its reservoir must be supplemented; water usage is continually increased by cities' and towns' demands; water expense of \$150,000 must be covered by increased rates or other means, as \$120,000 from present rates is insufficient. Commissioner Sears was most gracious in answering many questions, and those attending found the evening rewarding.

Respectfully submitted,  
Phyllis Butler  
Secretary.