

**Board of Directors 1976-1977**

(May)

President: Ann Roesner  
V. President: Richard Staley  
Secretary: Paula Gross  
Treasurer: David A. Rust

Directors to 1977

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| Elizabeth Cushman | Ann Dwelley       |
| Deborah Howard    | Jane McKinnell    |
| Joan Lerner       | Ernest Lowenstein |
| Grace Taglienti   |                   |

Directors to 1978

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| Abe Bluestone    | Cathy Cobb    |
| Bart Hague       | David Jackson |
| Marcus Lieberman | Kay Morrison  |
| Nancy Pompian    |               |

Directors to 1979

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| Gerald H. Abrams | Rodney Barker  |
| Sally Barnett    | Phyllis Butler |
| Helen Heyn       | Scott Paradise |
| Andre Wilson     |                |

Retiring Officers:

Secretary: Hannah Morehouse

Retiring Directors

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| Robert Brandwein | Richard DeSanti |
| Ann Dinsmoreq    | Sharon Francis  |

(Jan. 1977)

President: Ann Roesner  
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Secretary: Paula Gross  
Treasurer: Marcus Lieberman

Directors to 1977

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| Elizabeth Cushman | Richard DeSanti |
| Ann Dwelley       | Jane McKinnell  |
| Joan Lerner       | Grace Taglienti |

Directors to 1978

Cathy Cobb  
David Jackson  
Robert Romero

Bart Hague  
Kay Morrison

Directors to 1979

Gerald H. Abrams  
Sally Barnett  
Harry Crosby  
Andre Wilson  
Ruth Rabinow

Rodney Barker  
Lisa Colb  
Scott Paradise  
John Bliss  
Tammy Bliss

**June 1976**

Newton Conservators  
Minutes of Board Meeting, June 9, 1976, 8 PM  
Ann Roesner's, 191 Allerton Rd.

**Present:** Officers Roesner, Staley, Gross, Hunt; Dirs. McKinnell, Hague, Pompian, Heyn, Cobb, Lerner, Morrison, Lieberman, Wilson, Barker; guests: Jean Thompson, Kay Khan (Newton Times), Scott Saroff (ESP).

**Treasurer's Report:**

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| Mutual Bank for Savings | Webster Vale Acct. | 2708.45      |
|                         | Arboretum Acct.    | 1518.36      |
|                         | Savings Acct.      | 753.72       |
| Newton Co-op Bank       | Ordway Acct.       | 21,904.67    |
| Newton Waltham Bank     | Checking Acct.     | <u>51.29</u> |
|                         | Total              | 26,936.49    |

**Noviatiate Land Bus Tour** has been tentatively rescheduled for September 12 at 2 p.m.

**Open Space Committee** is reactivated. The first meeting was set for June 21 at 8 p.m. Anyone interested was invited to come along to survey some south side land suitable for open space on June 22, 9:15 - 12: 15. Capital Improvement Lands to be included. The Open space Committee will draft a statement about Norumbega.

**Letter to Growth Policy Committee** (Newton): Joan Lerner raised the question of the propriety of chairman of Growth Policy committee being a developer (Oscar Wasserman) with a hearing pending concerning a petition for a zoning change for Nahanton St. land now on Conservation Commission's Land Acquisition Catalogue. She drafted a letter, which the Board amended and APPROVED. It will be sent to the membership of the Growth Policy committee and to the local newspapers.

It was MOVED, SECONDED and APPROVED that a statement from the Newton Conservators be presented at the June 29 hearing of the Conservation Commission. The Open Space Committee is to draft it.

**Environmental Space Program:** Scott Saroff reported that ESP has not met its quota of 36 students. Rather, 15 students have been enrolled, 12 of whom are fully paid. The staff has stripped the budget to bare essentials; cuts include small bus trips and the Boston Harbor trip. Two more scholarships are sought. The Conservators agreed to stand behind ESP in the event of a deficit. (A deficit of \$150 is a possibility.) Conservators are invited to come along on trips and attend staff workshops.

**Ordway Park:** It was MOVED, SECONDED and APPROVED to pay \$664 for the plaque at Ordway Park. Helen Heyn reported that the Collegiate Labor Force charges \$5/hr. They could pick up trash and do light pruning with supervision by Roesner and Heyn. Jim Pines is willing to begin work on the stone path in August at \$10/hr.

It was MOVED SECONDED and PASSED to spend \$40 for the Collegiate Labor Force for work during July and August at Ordway Park.

Discussion of **remuneration of Conservators for Conservators' projects.** The question was raised by Richard Staley, whose employment by ESP predates the Conservators involvement with ESP. He was interested in guidelines for the future.

A MOTION was made that the spirit of the bylaws be interpreted as meaning that no directors shall receive remuneration for any service rendered to Conservators. The motion was TABLED until the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paula Gross, Secretary

### **July 1976**

Newton Conservators  
Minutes of Board meeting  
July 14, 1976, 8 PM  
191 Allerton Rd., Newton Highlands

**Present:** Officers Roesner, Staley, Gross, Hunt; Dirs. Lerner, Barnett, Hague, Howard, Taglienti, Cobb; guests Lisa Colb, Howard Weiss, Jean Thompson, Scott Saroff.

### **Treasurer's Report**

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| Mutual Bank for Savings | Arbor Fund     | \$1,525.11        |
|                         | Webster Vale   | 2,720.49          |
|                         | Savings Acct.  | 757.07            |
| Newton Co-op            | Ordway Acct.   | \$22,332.68       |
| Newton Waltham Bank     | Checking Acct. | <u>\$ 1841.02</u> |
|                         | Total          | \$ 29,176.17      |

**Environmental Science Program report.** A calendar was distributed and corrections made. The scholarship appeal made through the newsletter has been successful. There was much praise for students in the program. There was discussion of the desirability of the Conservators' having insurance coverage for ESP next year, possibly as a rider on a possible policy (liability and property damage) for Ordway Park. Several people agreed to research the matter.

**Open Space Committee Report.** Joan Lerner and Cay Morrison are co-chairmen of the committee. A history of the committee was given, beginning with its inception in 1973. The desirability of the development of a city park on the **Novitiate land**, which would act as a terminus for a Charles River pathway, was discussed. The Conservation Commission should be asked to increase the amount of CIP land in the (presently 15 acres out of 60 for 1979) Novitiate area and to move up the acquisition date.

Since this piece of land is threatened and is #1 of its point list, it will be the focus of the committee's efforts. There followed a discussion of ways to maximize participation in the Sept. 19 tour. On July 28 at 6:30 the committee will walk the land with the Commission. The next Open Space Committee meeting is on the 20th of July at 35 Amherst Rd., Waban. At that time a presentation will be prepared for the Conservation Commission.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paula Gross, Secretary

### **August 1976**

Newton Conservators, Inc.  
Minutes of the August Board Meeting  
August 11, 1976

**Present:** Officer Roesner; Dirs. DeSanti, Barker, Crosby, Cushman, Paradise, Morrison, Colb, Hague, Cobb, Lieberman, Wilson, Dwelley, Lerner, Taglienti; guests Ed Lerner, Bill Giezentanner, Phyllis Butler, Ruth Rabinow, Jean Thompson, Howie Weiss, Scott Saroff (ESP)

The following are no longer on the Board: Helen Heyn, Richard Staley, Phyllis butler, Ernest Lowenstein, Nancy Pompian.

President Ann Roesner called the meeting to order and determined that an official quorum was present. She appointed Ed Lerner acting secretary.

Report of the **Nominating Committee:** The following slate was presented and unanimously APPROVED:

Vice President - Abe Bluestone  
Directors to 1977 - Richard De Santi

to 1979 - Lisa Colb  
to 1970 - Harry Crosby

**Report of the Open Space Committee's progress.**

- a) Presentation on Novitiate land made to Conservation Commission.
- b) Tour of Novitiate land given to Julia O'Brien of MDC and Gene Larson, Newton DPW. They had many specific questions and wanted a full, structured proposal, leading the committee to think that creation of a formal proposal was necessary. The committee suggests hiring Bill Giezentanner to work up such a plan.
- c) The Committee wants to withdraw from joint sponsorship with the Newton Conservation Commission of the Sept. 19 Novitiate land tour because the Commission is, at this time, taking a position in opposition to purchase of the land prior to 1979 and is asking for only 15 acres.
- d) Many presentations to other groups - local gov't, Oak Hill Park Ass'n, etc. - are planned.

The Board VOTED to withdraw from co-sponsoring the Sept. 19 tour.

**Presentation by Bill Giezentanner:** Unlike Norumbega, the choice at the Novitiate land will not be developer's proposal vs. local resistance. The proposal will have various alternatives, according to the amount of land purchased. Copies of his proposal circulated to the Board.

It was MOVED, SECONDED and unanimously PASSED by the Board that up to \$750 be authorized for Phases 1 and 2 of the 3 Phase proposal.

It was MOVED, SECONDED and unanimously PASSED by the Board that a fund be established to cover expenses for pursuing and acquisition of the Novitiate land. Source of funding is to be worked out.

**Report of the Environmental Science Program for the Summer of 1976** (by Scott Saroff): All of the 16 participants were of much higher quality than in years past. The program had a new surplus of \$150, which will be set aside to print and distribute flyers next summer. Printed copies of the activity report were distributed. Scott Saroff will probably not return next summer; he'd like to recruit a replacement from the Newton Junior High faculty.

The Environmental Science wants to run a monthly lecture series in Newton on environmental topics. For Sept. 20 they have lined up an expert on environmental medicine and public health. Ann Roesner agreed to find a liaison person who will contact them early in September.

**Report of the Ad Hoc Finance Committee** - Marcus Lieberman, Andree Wilson, Rodney Barker: The by-laws have called for such a committee as a regular function. With major expenses now, an ad hoc committee was set up. The committee presented a

set of guidelines for handling funds that was worked up for the committee by Abe Bluestone.

It was MOVED, SECONDED and unanimously PASSED that these guidelines be accepted to be effective immediately. The board further VOTED to transmit this to our banks.

Ann Roesner announced that our accounts are being temporarily held frozen until banks received the new guidelines.

It was MOVED, SECONDED and PASSED that an Auditing committee be appointed (as per Article VIII of bylaws). A committee composed of Marcus Lieberman, Andree Wilson, and Rodney Barker was appointed.

The Ad Hoc committee then suggested that the present treasurer, David Hunt, be asked to resign. It was pointed out that his move to New Hampshire after his election has made easy access to funds and records a problem. The Board went into Executive Session and VOTED. It was decided that we need to have a treasurer living within the city of Newton.

**Report of the Membership Committee** (Grace Taglienti, chairman, Abe Bluestone, Ann Dwelley, Sally Barnett): The Board discussed membership problems. The following suggestions were made:

- a) Publicize family memberships - \$10/couple
- b) Active newsletter
- c) Recruiting at Conservator functions (Ann Dwelley reported that the best source of new members in recent years has been the guided walks.)
- d) All new members to be phoned by an officer to recruit them for an active committee.

**The Newsletter**: Harry Crosby agreed to serve with others on the Newsletter. An editor is still to be determined.

These minutes were taken by Ed Lerner.

**Financial Policies** passed by the Board of Directors of the Newton Conservators, Inc. on August 11, 1976.

- A. All Conservator expenditures must be made by check, except for those less than \$10.00 made from designated Petty Cash Funds.
- B, A Petty Cash Fund may be set up under the control of an Officer or Committee Chairman (for example the Secretary or Membership Chairman) to permit small disbursements to made readily. These funds shall operate as follows:
  - (1) Each account must be authorized by the Board for a period not to exceed one year (and thus either lapses or is recreated annually.)

- (2) Such authorization must include the maximum sum transferable to the account (\$50.00 suggested) and the name and position of the person controlling the account.
  - (3) Each expenditure must be made on a Petty Cash Withdrawal Form showing date, amount, purpose, recipient, and signature. Wherever possible, receipts should be attached to these voucher forms.
  - (4) Requests for replenishment of Petty Cash Funds should be accompanied by records of expenditures (vouchers plus receipts) and should be for the exact amount expended.
  - (5) Checks to replenish Petty Cash Funds must be cosigned as described below.
- C All checks or withdrawals from any Conservator account must be cosigned by two of the four Officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer. All signature cards on file at the banks shall lapse after one year.
- D All checks, withdrawals, or transfer of funds from any fiduciary account (Webster, Arboretum, Ordway, etc.) must require, in addition to cosignature, a resolution of the Board signed by the President or Vice-President and the Secretary.
- E A Treasurer's report shall be made, in writing, to the Board at each monthly meeting. Such reports shall be signed and dated and shall include:
- (1) A statement of balances in all accounts as of the date of the report.
  - (2) A statement of activity in each account during the month showing amount, purpose, and recipient or source.
- F An annual budget shall be established. This shall be drawn up by the President or Vice-President and the Treasurer, plus such other Directors and Members as may be appropriate, be approved by the Board, and be submitted to the Membership for approval at the Annual Meeting.
- G Any expenditures of more than \$100.00 not covered by the budget must be approved by the Board by resolution as described in Par. D. above.

### **September 1976**

Newton Conservators  
Minutes of September 8, 1976 Board Meeting  
8 PM. - at 191 Allerton Rd.

**Present:** Officers Roesner, Bluestone, Gross, Lieberman (acting treas.); Dirs. Lerner, Morrison, Barnett, Wilson, Cobb, McKinnell, Taglienti

**Treasurer's Report**

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|----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Mutual Bank for Savings          | Webster Vale Acct | \$2720.49   |
|                                  | Arboretum Acct.   | 1527.11     |
|                                  | Savings Acct.     | 757.07      |
| Newton Co-op Bank                | Ordway Acct.      | 22,332.69   |
| Newton Waltham Bank<br>(Baybank) | Checking Acct.    | <u>1.63</u> |
|                                  | TOTAL             | 27,336.98   |

\$200 is due from Paid Scholarships for ESP. \$300 is owed to Fed. Withholding Taxes and Social Security.

A MOTION to include in the next minutes a statement of the Financial policies of the Newton Conservators as adopted at the Aug. 11 mtg. was SECONDED and PASSED. It is herein enclosed [see Aug.1976 minutes -- it is enclosed there].

A letter from David Hunt concerning his resignation was received by Secretary Paula Gross and read to the Board, as requested by David Hunt.

A MOTION made to appoint Marcus Lieberman Acting Treasurer and directing him to be in communication with David Hunt was SECONDED and PASSES. He will ask Hunt to go over the books with him and will contact banks for statements.

President Roesner reported that on Aug. 9 a temporary hold was placed on Conservator accounts, resulting in the return of six checks (improper signature), which are now valid if resubmitted.

Members of the board indicated that they would like the treasurer to keep a ledger acct. of funds.

**Membership Committee.** Chairman Grace Taglienti is resigning. A new chairman is needed (as are people to work on the newsletter). The work of the committee is:

- Notification for membership renewal
- Keeping track of dues payment
- Welcoming new members
- Keeping the membership roster up-to-date
- Formulating ideas for increasing the membership.

A letter will be formulated by Abe bluestone for the nearly 200 1975 members who never paid 1976 dues.

**Procedures for Receiving Money.** Money is to be sent to the Treasurer with indication made of its purpose: the treasurer deposits it and notified pertinent people.



**Open Space Committee.** A presentation concerning the **Novitiate land** was made to the Aldermanic City Planning Committee and also to the 8th ward Democrats, who were enthusiastic.

A conversation with Charles Thomas, city planner, revealed the efficacy of petitions. When getting signatures on petitions it is useful to know that 75% of the cost of the land could be paid for by matching federal and state funds. McGrath has never given a figure for the selling price of the land. This is NOT high cost land like Norumbega.

The Conservation Commission meets Sept. 22 to discuss whether to increase acreage recommendations.

The City Planning Dept. will review all CIP purchases to determine which are to be activated and what the priorities are.

On the 19th and the 26th the Conservation Commission is to run bus trips that will include the Novitiate land. The board was urged to attend the Novitiate Park Public Meeting of Sept. 21 at Meadowbrook Jr. High. Our tours will be on the 11th and the 18th at 10 a.m. Paula Gross volunteered to make photographs of the land for the Open Space Committee.

There is to be fundraising at the supermarkets.

Novitiate buttons are being sold for \$1.00. Other fundraising suggestions were made. Members were asked to write letters-to-the-editor.

An announcement was made of a meeting for the Returnable Bottle Campaign.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paula Gross, secretary

### **October 1976**

Newton Conservators  
Minutes of October Meeting  
October 14, 1976 - 8 PM  
191 Allerton Rd.

**Present:** Officers Roesner, Gross, Lieberman; Directors Barker, Barnett, Morrison, McKinnell, Lerner, Cobb.

**Treasurer's Report:** A copy of the treasurer's report was given to the board members. Acting Treasurer Marcus Lieberman read a registered letter sent to but not received by David Hunt. It pertained to the difficulty in accounting for \$1100 spent in the first nine months of the year, but not accounted for by proper vouchers and receipts. Lieberman will send a registered letter to Hunt asking an explanation.

The Board decided against opening a charge account at Crowley's. Barker said that our fiscal year needs to conform to the calendar year. A MOTION was SECONDED and PASSED to appoint Marcus Lieberman treasurer until the next annual meeting: this pursuant to Article IX Subsection 3 of the Bylaws.

A MOTION to appoint Robert Romero, co-chairman in Open Space, a director until 1978 was SECONDED and PASSED.

A MOTION was PASSED to pay \$10 membership dues to the Conservation Law Foundation (3 Joy St., Boston).

**Open Space Committee Report** given by Joan Lerner: The Conservation Commission apparently will increase its acreage recommendation for **Novitiate land acquisition**.

Upon the advice of people active in the **Norumbega acquisition**, the committee has subdivided. It now includes a steering committee, committees for Public Relations, Finance, Public Policy, an 8th ward coordinating committee and an executive secretary.

A dinner to promote fundraising and support for acquisition of the Novitiate land is projected for November 11. It will concentrate on the 8th ward. Wm. Giezantner will give a preview of the plan for the park.

A suggestion was forwarded to have some Conservator meetings in public places.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paula Gross, secretary

### **November 1976**

Newton Conservators  
Minutes of the November Board Meeting  
November 10, 1976 - 8 PM  
191 Allerton Rd., Newton Highlands

**Present:** Officers Roesner, Gross, Lieberman; Dirs. Barnett, Wilson, Morrison, Lerner, McKinnell, Cobb.

The meeting began with a discussion of the previous **minutes**. Correction of Membership List - Gerald Abrams' phone is 965-1697.

**Treasurer's Report:** Distributed. Our treasurer pointed out that as a result of Sally Barnett's letter asking people to renew membership, we have collected \$745 in membership renewal dues for October and November alone.

It was MOVED, SECONDED and PASSED that the treasurer pay \$30 to the Conservation Law Foundation, thus making the Conservators members.

Some legal advice concerning lobbying given to Sally Barnett by Sandra Dawson, a lawyer with the Conservation Law Commission: according to our by-laws we can lobby at the local but not the state level. Other advice concerned the Tax Reform Act, which may affect us locally.

In Jan. we want to form a committee to examine by-laws and to look into the desirability of revisions, particularly in respect to state lobbying limitations. We must also look into a change in the fiscal year.

**Membership**: a letter to solicit new members will be sent to Audubon members, probably mailed by Audubon. Other possibilities: friends and neighbors, AMC members.

**Newsletter**: discussion of its contents and mention of A&P purchase cards.

**Open Space Committee**: Giezentanner attended meeting of Steering Committee at Andree Wilson's house. His fact sheet has been looked over and will be placed at local libraries and banks. Crosby thought 4,000 a good figure for (Novitiate) petition signatures. (We have 2,000). To this end Joan Lerner suggested including a petition sheet with newsletter. A discussion of Bob Romero's suggestion to have a stenographer at City Planning Committee hearings was suspended. Slide shows for PTAs were suggested, and letters to the mayor were urged.

**Merley Farm** - Sally Barnett read a statement she drafted for hearing, a restatement of position taken for Growth Policy Committee. (Petitioners want a zoning change for 196 units.) The statement was approved in principle - Sally and Joan will write a final statement, to be read on the 16th.

**Executive Session**: No response from David Hunt to Marcus Lieberman's letter. Another letter drafted by Marcus read to Conservators. Marcus also asked auditor what procedures were.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paula Gross, secretary

### **December 1976**

Newton Conservators  
Minutes of Board meeting  
December 8, 1976 - 8 PM  
191 Allerton Rd.

Important Meeting Jan. 10 at City Hall (7:45) - Land Use Committee: PUD and cluster zoning (Major Parcel Zoning Ordinance).

**Present:** Officers Roesner, Gross; Dirs. Lerner, Wilson, Crosby; guest Layton Reynolds.

**Treasurer's Report:** read by Pres. Roesner. The Nov. dinner made about \$300. Dues and contributions continue to come in.

**Environmental Science Program:** Layton Reynolds, the new director, is a public health specialist and will add this dimension to the program this summer. Suggestions made to Reynolds included the possibility of a city farm. A MOTION was made to endorse the ESP program and welcome the new director; it was SECONDED and PASSED.

**Webster Vale Money:** Officer Roesner related the history of the Friends of Webster Vale. Money was raised for the purchase of the entire Vale. Since the city only acquired part of the Webster land, there was a public meeting to decide what to do with the money. It was decided to hold onto the money to put into a fund for land purchase, the most logical of which would be remaining Vale land.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paula Gross, secretary

### **January 1977**

Newton Conservators  
Minutes of Board meeting  
January 12, 1977 - 8 PM  
191 Allerton Rd.

**Next meeting:** In lieu of the regular board meeting there will be a discussion with Elizabeth Klein, a planning consultant for the planning board on the town of Wayland, on cluster and planned development ordinances. (A public hearing on this subject will be held in Newton on February 14.)

**Present:** Officers Roesner, Lieberman, Gross; Dirs. McKinnell, Morrison, Barnett, Wilson, Bluestone.

**Correction to Last Meeting's Minutes:** The last two sentences should be revised as follows. "Since the city only acquired part of the Webster land, there was a meeting of those people throughout the city who contributed money to decide what to do with the money. It was decided by the contributors to hold on to the money to put into a fund through the aegis of the Newton Conservators for land purchase, the most logical of which would be remaining Vale land."

**Treasurer's Report:** Contributions and dues continue to come in. Our obligations to ESP are completed. The money committed to Bill Giezentanner has not been used up yet. Hunt has not received any of the registered letters sent to him.

A MOTION was made to purchase 25 copies of Sarah Peskin's book, "Guiding Growth and Change in Massachusetts," to distribute to the Board of Aldermen and for other purposes. The motion was SECONDED and PASSED. The cost of the book in numbers over 10 is \$3/book.

A MOTION was made, SECONDED and PASSED that Tammy Bliss, John Bliss and Ruth Rabinow be invited to be members of the board, filling vacancies for terms expiring in /78, '78 and '77, respectively.

A MOTION to appoint Rodney Barker chairman of the **By-Law Committee** was also SECONDED and PASSED.

President Roesner reported on a meeting of the Open Space Committee with Mayor Mann.

A motion was made, SECONDED and PASSED to appoint a committee to explore options **for use of the Webster Vale funds**. Sally Barnett, Joan Lerner, Abe Bluestone and Ann Roesner were appointed to the committee.

**Open Space Committee**: Donation Day at the A & P (for Newton Conservators) will be Jan. 27. Sally Barnett put forth for the board her understanding of Planned Unit Development and Cluster Zoning. A draft of the Conservators' statement of position on the proposed zoning ordinance was read to board. Board members commended the work of John Bliss in drafting the statement and MOVED to approve the draft, with any small revisions necessary. The motion was SECONDED and PASSED.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paula Gross, Secretary

### **February 1977**

Newton Conservators  
Minutes of the meeting held February 9, 1977 - 8 p.m.  
Home of Harry Crosby, 48 Ruthven Road, Newton Corner

In lieu of the regular board meeting, there was a **discussion of PUD and cluster zoning** with Betsy Klein, planning consultant for Wayland as well as Audubon Society Wetlands Program co-director and member of Cambridge Conservation Commission , and Alexandra Dawson of the Weston Conservation Commission and Conservation Law Foundation.

**Present**: Officers Roesner, Bluestone, Gross, Lieberman; Dirs. Crosby, Barnett, Wilson, Morrison, McKinnell, Cobb, Barker, Hague; members T. Bliss and J. Bliss; guests: aldermen Bullwinkle, Jackson, Richmond, Sheehan, Cohen, Stiller, Dietz; state rep. Peter Harrington; Newton director of planning and development C. Thomas; Betsy Klein and Alexandra Dawson.

Betsey Klein spoke about her experience in helping the town of Wayland formulate its ordinance. The zoning applies to 5 parcels of land over 125 acres. There was much public interest and effort in the community's consideration of how it would like to see itself grow.

Wayland's objectives

- 1 - Preservation of open space
- 2 - Ability to conserve certain special areas (environmental, historic, etc.)
- 3 - Variety of housing types
- 4 - Avoidance of a drain on the tax rate (least important)

Tools to these ends

- 1 - Acquisitions
- 2 - Revision of cluster provision to render it usable.
- 3 - Lincoln's form of cluster development - increased density if can add land to town.

Flexibility was stressed and made part of the bylaw. Topography and access to the site need to be allowed for.

Open space - In Wayland one third of the land (in the cluster zoning reg.) is deeded outright to the town. Another third can be held by the developer or owner but the building rights are deeded to the town. There are regulations about access to this land and participation by local officials in planning its use. The Newton bylaw - by contrast - does not have enough provision for similar involvement. Also absent is a provision (present in the Wayland regulation) for the developer to pay a fee to be used by the town for consultation.

Alexandra Dawson offered some points of application of Section 9 (cluster ring) Chapter 808 of the new (1975) state zoning act. She spoke of its legal implications and specifications for the control of open space involved.

Some issues raised: A lively question and discussion session ensued. Alderman Sheehan expressed concerns about provision for low-income housing. Alderman Jackson introduced the possibility of PUD making it attractive for golf course owners to sell their land. The current lack of incentive for developers to build single family houses was mentioned. Representative Harrington suggested that Newton needs to consider preservation of open space as opposed to development. He sees development as implicit in the proposed cluster zoning ordinance. Thomas expressed his view that PUD and land acquisition by Newton can proceed side by side.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paula Gross, secretary

**late February 1977**

[This is likely in lieu of a March meeting]

Newton Conservators  
Minutes of February Meeting  
February 23, 1977 - 8 PM  
191 Allerton Rd.

**Correction of last minutes:** David Jackson is a former alderman.

**Present:** Officers Roesner, Gross, Lieberman; Dirs. Barker, Bliss, Cobb, McKinnell, Crosby.

**Treasurer's Report:** a general financial summary was present along with the monthly report. It was suggested that the income from Ordway Park could pay for its upkeep. An estimate will be solicited from Ross Bronson, recommended by Pres. Roesner. David Hunt has a new address. It was suggested that we hire a professional for an audit.  
**MOTION:** It was moved, seconded and PASSED that up to \$300 in addition to the previous \$700 can be paid Bill Giezentanner under terms of the contract.

**Newsletter:** It was the sense of the meeting the Jane McKinnell can spend \$15 - \$20 more to enhance and amplify the newsletter. The next deadline is April 15.

\$10 has been spent on a plant for Helen Heyn (wholesale). She was hospitalized.

A MOTION to authorize two members of the Conservators to attend the State of the Environment meeting on March 9 was seconded and PASSED.

**Bylaws Committee:** Rodney Barker went through those parts of the bylaws he thinks need to be considered for revision and solicited the views of the directors. It was suggested that the treasurer be bonded.

Harry Crosby reported on Judy Barron's term paper on **alternatives for the Novitiate** and suggested that it would be useful to listen to her.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paula Gross, secretary

**April 1977**

Newton Conservators  
Minutes of the Board Meeting  
held April 20, 1977

**Present:** Officers Roesner, Bluestone, Gross, Lieberman; Dirs. Cobb, Wilson, Barker, Rabinow, Barnett, Morrison, Lerner, Romero, McKinnell, T. Bliss, J. Bliss, Paradise.

**Treasurer's Report:** The report was accepted as submitted. A letter has been received from the Attorney General's Office in relation to David Hunt. A meeting is scheduled for April 29 at 3 PM.

**Ordway Park:** Peter Paradise would like the job of cleaning up the park. Ross Bronson's hourly rate is \$10 for tree work and \$7 for work such as raking. A MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED that up to \$250 be paid to Ross Bronson for Ordway Park maintenance. A MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED that Peter Paradise be paid \$3/hr. for up to 2 hours' work per week for park upkeep. This expense will remain in effect until such time as the board may see fit to reconsider it.

An Ordway Park subcommittee was created and will be headed by Andrée Wilson.

**Open Space Committee:** The date for the **annual meeting/springfest** is May 22 from 1-4 PM. The annual meeting will be held at 1. Some of the activities planned are kite flying, soccer, square dancing, a tour, and food. The committee will attend to the job of making toilets available. In case of rain the gym is available. There was a discussion of whether and how to charge for food. The proposed invitation was read. A MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED to send the invitations. It will have a request that one indicate whether one is bringing food or wants subs (money to be sent).

**Discussion of Possible Policy Decisions:**

The suggestion that the Conservators work on the ordinance pertaining to **sidewalk shoveling** was put off for later consideration.

In relation to **Staniford St.**, it was suggested that the Conservators need to look at the issue of housing in relation to open space. Decisions do not have to be made now, however.

On April 27 Conservators and others are invited to consider criteria for conservation land acquisition review - by Conservation Commission.

**By-Law Revision:** Dirs. Barker and Romero read the revisions and explained them. Substantive changes affect scope of lobbying and length of board terms.

A MOTION was forwarded, seconded and PASSED to retain the policy of not giving out our membership list (mailing list).

The Open Space Committee will ask Bob LeMere what he would charge to be financial advisor on land acquisition in Newton.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paula Gross, secretary



## May 1977

### Minutes of the 1977 Annual Meeting

The meeting was held at noon on May 21, 1977 at the entrance to the Novitiate.

**Present** were: Abernathy, Barker, Bliss, Bluestone, Cobb, Codington, Colb, Fogel, Heyn, Lerner, Lieberman, Morrison, Rabinow, Ricles, Roesner, Rubin.

Ann Roesner opened the meeting.

Marcus Lieberman distributed the **Treasurer's Annual Report**. A MOTION to accept the report was made, SECONDED and PASSED.

A MOTION was made, SECONDED and PASSED to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting.

A MOTION was made, SECONDED and PASSED to accept the revised **by-laws** of the Newton Conservators. Following the revised by-laws, all new directors will have one-year terms.

The slate of officers for 1977-78 was presented by Cay Morrison. A MOTION was made, SECONDED, and PASSED to accept the slate as presented. The list, herewith appended, will be included in the next Newsletter.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Submitted by Lisa Colb