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June 1980

Minutes of Meeting of Newton Conservators

June 24, 1980

At home of Ed and Joan Lerner

35 Amherst Rd., Waban

Present: Sally Barnett, Arnold Meltzer, Ed Lerner, Ruth Misch, Gene Blumenreich, Jean Thompson, John Bliss, Rodney Barker, Ruth Heespelink, Debby Howard, Joan Lerner, Fran Hintsa, Bart Hague.

Announcement: Fran Hintsa reported that Boston University, School of Public Communication, has a program that utilizes services of graduate students to develop public relation plans for non-profit organizations. Details to be reported at next meeting.

Secretary's Report: MOTION that the Secretary's report on May 24 meeting be accepted. ACTION: accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Attached to June 24 minutes is Treasurer's report on projected income for remainder of 1980 and commitments already made. Treasurer's report for June will be presented at July meeting. Because of the full agenda it was decided to DEFER ACCEPTANCE of the Treasurer's Annual Report and Audit Committee Report until the July meeting.

MOTION: that the "cup" or "trophy" donated by the Newton Conservators to the Commonwealth Country Club be called the "**Lisle Baker Award**" in recognition of Lisle Baker's efforts in acquisition of the golf course land for the City. ACTION: APPROVED. Joan Lerner and Arnold Meltzer will pursue the matter.

Open Space Plan Committee: Joan Lerner presented a draft statement (including specific changes) concerning the City's 1980 draft Open Space Plan. The statement was developed by the Conservators Open Space Plan Committee. There are two major deficiencies in the City's plan: (1) It does not deal with large parcels of land (the golf courses) in Newton. (2) No consideration is given to future recreation needs due to the energy crisis. It seems there are no statutory or regulatory requirements for public input into the Plan; but there are guidelines, e.g., the Conservators' statement can be appended to the Plan.

DISCUSSION: It is important that the City protect "spacious" lands. It is important that the City have criteria and a rating system for setting priorities for lands to be kept open. Since 1974 the conservators have had long range plans. They developed a rating system then, surveyed vacant parcels, and set priorities for acquisition and for lands to be kept open. The Conservators recommend that the golf courses should be kept open. There should be contingency plans in the City's Plan in case parcels become available. If there is no mention of a goal of keeping the golf courses open, state or federal funding is more difficult to obtain for such parcels.

Recommendations for additions to the Conservators draft statement: brief history of Conservators Open Space Plan, desirability of evaluating and prioritizing land when developing a Plan, pleasant and safe trails and linkages for pedestrians and bicyclists, accuracy of description in CJP land, inclusion of all of Temple Mishkan Tefila's woods for protection.

The statement should be presented with a cover letter to the Chairman of the Conservation Commission, with a copy to the Planning Director. Letter should specifically ask that points made in the statement be incorporated into the Plan. MOTION: to adopt intact statement prepared by the Conservators Open Space Plan Committee with additions recommended during Board discussion, to be presented at the June 26 Conservation Commission meeting. ACTION: passed unanimously.

Novitiate update: Rodney Barker, Peter Harrington, and Russ Halloran will arrange to go over Novitiate property to arrange for parking.

Commonwealth Country Club update: voted 22-0 by Board of Aldermen.

Field Trips: In early June very little space was left at Auburndale Playground for a Sunday picnic in late August. No reservations were made. A field trip to the Green Power Farm will be arranged for a mid-week evening in late July.

Next meeting: July 25, 7:45 PM at Rodney Barker's, 49 Woodcliffe Rd., Newton Highlands.

Respectfully submitted
By Fran Hints for Peter Harrington

July 1980

Minutes of Meeting of Newton Conservators
July 15, 1980
At home of Rodney Barker
49 Woodcliff Road, Newton Highlands

Present: Sally Barnett, Rodney Barker, John Steward, Fran Hints, Cay Morrison, John Lerner, Virginia Taplin, Lisle Baker, Ed Lerner, Ron Bocage, Ruth Misch, Deborah Howard, Bob Rickles, Bart Hague, Peter Harrington

Secretary's Report: MOTION: That the Secretary's report of the meeting of June 24, 1980 be accepted, subject to the following correction: the Board of Aldermen approved the proposition of the Chestnut Hill Country Club, 22-0 [not 19-1]. ACTION: ACCEPTED.

Treasurer's Report & Annual Audit: MOTION: To accept the annual audit and finance report. ACTION: ACCEPTED.

MOTION: That the annual audit be through December 30 of each year, that the audit and financial report be completed and delivered at the Conservators' Board meeting in April of each year and that the Board provide an annual audit and financial report for the members at the annual meeting in each year. ACTION: ACCEPTED.

MOTION: Accept the Treasurer's report from May 27, 1980 through July 10, 1980. ACTION: ACCEPTED.

Meeting time: MOTION: The meetings of the Board of Directors of the Newton Conservators, Inc. should be on the first Tuesday of each month, starting September 2, 1980. ACTION: ACCEPTED.

Report: Ruth Misch reported that the Crosby family recommended a **white dogwood** be placed on the grounds of the Grace Church, site designated by the Church. ACTION: Recommendation APPROVED and accepted.

Notice: The Conservators are invited to visit the **Green Power Farm** in Weston on Tuesday, July 20, 1980 at 7:00 p.m. (Off of Route 20 W, at Merriam Street).

Nahanton Woods Corporation. MOTION: The President of the Newton Conservators, by virtue of holding the said office, shall be the designated member of the Nahanton

Woods Corporation. The President is authorized to designate an alternate to attend such meetings and serve in her place when she is absent or unable to attend any meetings of the corporation. ACTION: ACCEPTED.

Report: The Newton Conservation Commission adopted a statement that an **open space plan for the City of Newton** was inadequate and did not address question of preserving large parcels of open space and that the Newton Conservation Commission recommended that the open space plan should establish a goal to preserve large parcels of open space (golf courses) in their entirety.

Report- Board vacancy: Article 10 provides that the Board of Directors of the Newton Conservators, Inc. shall consist of the officers, past president and twenty-one members. A review of the records discloses that there are only twenty members serving on the Board. MOTION: To waive requirements for notice for the purpose of filling the vacancy. ACTION: Accepted. MOTION: Nomination of Harry H. Crosby, 48 Ruthven Road, Newton, 02158, to fill the vacancy on the Board of Directors. ACTION: Elected.

Report - Novitiate Committee. On Sunday, September 7, 1980, at 4:30 p.m., the Conservators will host a thank you to Newton officials, including the Mayor, Board of Aldermen, Recreation Commission and Conservation Commission for their help and assistance, for their persistent and diligent cooperation and pursuit in the acquisition of the Novitiate property. MOTION: To authorize the Committee to expend up to \$250 in planning and preparation. ACTION: ACCEPTED.

Next meeting at the home of Ruth Misch, 274 Park Street, Newton,

Respectfully submitted,
Peter F. Harrington, Secretary

September 1980

Minutes of Meeting of Newton Conservators
September 2, 1980
At the home of Ruth Misch
274 Park St., Newton

Present: Sally Barnett, Bob Ricles, Harry Crosby, Rush Heespelink, Ed Lerner, Jean Thompson, John Bliss, Joan Lerner, Lisle Baker, Rodney Barker, Cay Morrison, Ann Roesner, Peter Harrington.

MOTION: that the **secretary's report** of the July 15, 1980 meeting be accepted subject to the following correction: that the motion regarding the annual audit and financial report read as follows:

That the annual audit be through December 30th each year; that the financial report be completed and delivered at the Conservators Board meeting in April of each year; and

that the Board provide an annual audit and financial report for the members at the annual meeting in each year.

And a clarification with regard to the election of Harry Crosby: that upon review of the by-laws of the Newton Conservators, Inc., no notice was required.

ACTION: Accepted.

MOTION: to accept the **treasurer's report** dated July, 1980. ACTION: ACCEPTED.

Report - Novitiate Celebration. Date set for September 7, 1980; rain date - September 9, 1980. One hundred and four invitations have been sent out. Volunteers were requested to help with cutting cheese, preparing grounds and setting up, grounds clean-up.

Report of open space map. The expected cost of mailing is as follows: labels printed and affixed - \$360.60, postage - \$887.62 (3.1¢ each), mailing to include 27,738 pieces. MOTION: to authorize the expenditure of up to \$1,500.00 for mailing, postage and labels. ACTION: ACCEPTED.

Report - Chestnut Hill Golf Course. Mayor Mann has decided to proceed with the acquisition. Suit has been brought by some opposing neighbors contesting the special permit issued by the Board of Aldermen, which may delay the construction of 42 housing units (25 on Algonquin Rd. and 17 on Kenrick Street). The seriousness of the delay has not yet been determined.

Report on visit to Greenpower Farm, Weston. It rained the day of the visit to Greenpower Farm so that the physical site visit was limited. The members talked with the farm manager, who is a retired farm owner. He has been managing the farm for the past 10 years. Newton High School students work at the farm during the summer for credits. The food raised at the farm is given away within the inner city. Visiting members were impressed with the scope and size of the project. The manager suggested that such a project could be conducted within the city of Newton. He suggested that a one or two acre farm would be sufficient and that it was not necessary to have large tracts of land.

During general discussion it was suggested that the members consider contacting Jerry Angino to see if he would have any general interest in discussing such a proposal at his farm site or somewhere within the city.

Report - Lacey Estate. Lisle Baker is to contact Mr. Lacey to determine his interest in discussing possible and/or probable methods of preserving some or all of his estate, which is located on the easterly side of Winchester Street, as open space.

DISCUSSION: It was discussed and determined by consensus that the agenda for the next board meeting should include a general discussion of **means and methods of**

protecting open space in the city of Newton, including proposals to establish various vehicles to protect the open space, such as proposals for establishment of new zones, means of establishing conservation easements, the impact of 100% valuation on open space, estimates of real value of large open space parcels, etc.

Next meeting at the home of Jean Thompson, 1141 Walnut Street, Newton Highlands - Tuesday, October 7, 1980 at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter F. Harrington
Secretary

October 1980

Minutes of the Meeting of Newton Conservators, Inc.
October 7, 1980
at the home of Jean Thompson
1142 Walnut St., Newton Highland

Present: Sally Barnett, Joan Lerner, Virginia Taplin, John Bliss, Cay Morrison, Harry Crosby, Lisle Baker, Deborah Howard, Rodney Barker, Gene Blumenreich, Ted Tedesco, Bart Hague, Fran Hints, Ruth Heespelink, Jean Thompson, Peter Harrington.

Secretary's Report. MOTION: That the secretary's report be accepted with correction that annual audit be through December 31 in each year. ACTION: ACCEPTED.

MOTION: **Treasurer's report** of October, 1980 be accepted. ACTION: ACCEPTED.
MOTION: To appoint a **committee to examine investments and reinvest available funds at most favorable rates** with authority to withdraw funds from the term deposit certificate No.75-20025, issued by the Newton Cooperative Bank, and to incur any required penalty. ACTION: APPROVED. Committee appointed to examine investments and reinvest funds at favorable rates: Gene Blumenreich, Ted Tedesco and Ruth Heespelink. REPORT: The treasurer requested that any person making expenditures on or in behalf of the Conservators notify the treasurer.

Report - Novitiate land celebration. The celebration on Novitiate land, and ribbon cutting on September 7, 1980 was a successful event. A photograph and article were carried in the Newton Graphic on Thursday, September 18, 1980.

Report - Chestnut Hill Country Club. Acquisition by the city is not yet complete. The city needs a survey of the land, which will cost approximately \$10,000.00 and is in the process of negotiating with various parties in an attempt to recover that sum.

Report - Lacey Estate. Letter received from Lacey that they are not available at this time to discuss the various methods of preserving open space at or near Winchester Street.

Committee appointed: John Bliss, Rodney Barker, Bart Hague, and Ed Lerner are appointed to a committee to establish a proposed plan **to institute and develop a program similar to that conducted by Greenpower Farm in Weston.** It is suggested that they contact Jerry Angino for ideas and advice concerning the parameters and implementation of such a program.

DISCUSSION: The **question of Proposition 2 1/2** (Referenda Question 2 on the November ballot, 1980) was discussed generally. Sally Barnett advised the members present that the League of Women Voters had contacted the Newton Conservators and asked that they publicly support opposition to Question 2, Proposition 2 1/2. After general discussion concerning the by-laws it was determined that it was within the scope of activities of the Newton Conservators to take a position on the question, since passage of the proposal would have a substantial impact on the acquisition and preservation of open space within the city of Newton. MOTION: "Whereas the proposal called Question 2 on the Massachusetts ballot on November 4, 1980, is destructive to the tax resources of Newton and damaging to local fiscal responsibility and control. Whereas the enactment of question 2 would seriously curtail acquisition and maintenance of open space in Newton, Therefore, be it resolved that the Board of the Newton Conservators, Inc. is opposed to Question 2 and urges citizens to vote "no" on Question 2 in November. ACTION: ACCEPTED.

MOTION: To support the efforts of Newton citizens **to maintain the lot on Washington Street and Lewis Terrace as permanent open space.** ACTION: ACCEPTED.

Committee appointed to plan a series of **spring walks** in conjunction with distribution of the map. Appointed: Cay Morrison, Virginia Taplin, Debby Howard, Bart Hague, Jean Thompson.

Committee appointed to explore **possibility of an annual Conservators' Award for "Newton Environmentalist of the Year"** (with accompanying potluck supper). Appointed: Joan Lerner, Harry Crosby, Rodney Barker.

DISCUSSION: by Lisle Baker concerning **vehicles available to Newton to take advantage of opportunity to preserve land now open.** The following vehicles were explained:

- 1) Private agreement between private individual and public authority.
- 2) Zoning ordinance.
- 3) Acquisition of a full or partial interest by the city.

MOTION: To adjourn and the next meeting to be held on November 13, 1980, 7:45 P.M. at the home of Sally Barnett, 34 Westminster Rd., whereupon the first item on the agenda would be a continuation of the discussion of preservation of open space, to be led by Lisle Baker. ACTION: ACCEPTED.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter F. Harrington
Secretary

Notice: For those who are interested: There will be a public hearing on the mandatory recycling of newspapers before the Public Works Committee at City Hall on Wednesday, November 5, 1980 at 7:45 P.M. For further information call Betsy Lewenberg at 332-3671 or Kay Jaffee at 332-5391. (The Conservators have not considered this issue and therefore have no official position.)

November 1980

Minutes of Special Meeting
November 13, 1980

Members of the Newton Conservators met at the home of Sally Barnett to discuss generally the various ways to preserve privately owned open space.

The subject will be taken up at the next regular meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter F. Harrington
Secretary

December 1980

Minutes of Meeting
December 2, 1980
at the home of Lisle Baker
137 Suffolk Road, Chestnut Hill

Present: Sally Barnett, Gene Blumenreich, John Bliss, Joan Lerner, Virginia Taplin, Ruth Misch, Fran Hints, Ruth Heespelink, Debbie Howard, Rodney Barker, Jean Thompson, Frank Howard, Cay Morrison, Bart Hague, Lisle Baker, Peter Harrington.

MOTION: to accept the **Secretary's reports** for the months of October and November.
ACTION: Motion APPROVED.

MOTION: to accept the **Treasurer's reports** for the months of October and November.
ACTION: Motion APPROVED.

Report. The **Ad Hoc Committee on Investments** reported that no action was taken on the question of reinvestment as it would be necessary to reinvest at a rate of 13% to break even. After discussion, the matter was referred back to the committee, as interest rates on certificates of deposit are presently in excess of 13%. The committee's authority to reinvest was also continued.

MOTION: That a copy of the Treasurer's report be mailed with the minutes. ACTION: APPROVED.

MOTION: **to appoint a standing committee to be named Finance Advisory Committee**, the purpose of which shall be to work with and advise the Treasurer on matters relating to finances. ACTION: APPROVED. Finance Advisory Committee members appointed: Ted Tedesco, Gene Blumenreich, Ruth Heespelink.

Special Committee to draft letter to H.U.D. for the purpose of requesting a copy of any impact statement with regard to any proposed development of Staniford Street was appointed. Committee members: Harry Crosby, Debbie Howard, John Bliss, Bart Hague.

MOTION: to authorize the expenditure of not more than \$500.00 for professional advice and review of statements proposed to be contained in a letter to **Newton golf courses**. Amount of expenditure to be determined by Lisle Baker. ACTION: APPROVED.

Special Committee to be appointed to prepare a proposal on the question of real estate taxes and their relationship to parcels of land that are preserved as open space.

Next Board Meeting to be on Tuesday, January 6, 1981.

Notice of Special Meeting: A Special Meeting of the Board of the Newton Conservators, Inc. will be held on January 20, 1981, to listen to a presentation concerning the proposed expansion of the Marriott at Commonwealth Avenue.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter F. Harrington
Secretary

January 1981

Minutes of Meeting
of January 6, 1981
at Cay Morrison's house
Beacon Street, Newton

Present: Sally Barnett, Rodney Barker, John Bliss, Debbie Howard, Bart Hague, Joan Lerner, David Jackson, Ruth Heespelink, Ed Lerner, Lisle Baker, Cay Morrison, Harry Crosby, Peter Harrington.

Secretary's Report: Correction - Letter to H.U.D. was for the purpose of making a comment with regard to the wetland flood plain aspects of Staniford Street, which comments were invited by H.U.D. by public notice. MOTION: to accept the report with the above correction. ACTION: ACCEPTED.

Report on Staniford Street: After H.U.D. received the comments from Newton Conservators and others, it is holding up the funding of Staniford Street until it makes a further determination concerning the use of the flood plain area and the proposed project as it related to the flood plain area.

Report on Marriott Proposal: The Marriott will present its proposal to construct additional units and parking facilities to the Conservators on January 20, 1981.

Report - March 1, 1981 is the **20th anniversary of the founding of the Newton Conservators.** The 20th anniversary dinner will be held 5 P.M. to 9 P.M. at the Grace Episcopal Church on Eldredge Street, Newton Corner. The bill of fare will include a potluck supper. Each person is asked to bring a dish to feed 8 people, main course, salad, or dessert. An award to the Newton **Environmentalist of the Year** will be presented at the dinner. Committee: Joan Lerner, Harry Crosby, Rodney Barker.

Report on proposed conservation restriction: A draft of guidelines was submitted by Lisle Baker. Committee appointed to review guidelines: Lisle Baker, Debbie Howard, Rodney Barker, John Bliss, Peter Harrington.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter F. Harrington
Secretary

late January, 1981

Newton Conservators'
Special Board Meeting
January 20, 1981

Attending were members of the Conservators' Board of Directors, a team sent by the Marriott Corporation, and a group of Auburndale residents living near the Marriott (some of whom are Conservators).

Presentation of the Marriott proposal was made by Dennis Rieske, the architect, and the Marriott's local attorneys, Jason Rosenberg and Eliot Cohen. They made the following points:

The hotel currently lacks adequate parking, but has been able to attract many more guests than its present rooms can accommodate. They want to expand their accommodations by building a new wing and parking garage, both buildings to be located on the site of the present parking lot. The garage would be a 4-level building, with only the top level above ground.

This would increase their guest rooms from present 433 to a total of 660. (The new wing would only contain guest rooms; they are not planning any new function rooms or exhibit areas.) Parking would increase from 672 cars to 1164 cars. 190 parking spaces are on

the above ground level, but the entrance ramp brings cars in at the bottom level, and they are assuming that most cars will be in the protected underground spaces. The new guest wing would match the existing building architecturally.

Their engineering studies indicate no drainage problems. Construction would all be at levels above aquifers, and the area's geology creates a self-contained basin that would retain all runoff during construction. The garage's own drain system would capture the first 1/2" of rainwater, keeping contaminants from hillside runoff.

During the 4 month (June-September) construction period, the Marriott would need an overflow parking capability of 200 cars. They want to use Norumbega Park's open field for this. It would be valet parking, without hardtop. They would pay \$20,000 a month rent to the city and, after use, would make considerable improvements to the landscaping of the Park. (They spoke of a budget of up to \$250,000 for improvements.) All trees and shrubs removed for construction would be replanted in the Park or elsewhere at the City's choice. The core of their plan for Park development is the plan the Bill Giezentanner drew up for the Conservators.

As part of the total project, a pathway would be created at the river's edge connecting the Marriott property with the Charles River Pathway (which presently goes around the Marriott via Commonwealth Avenue). They are also proposing a boathouse for public use on the river. The river path might be natural, enhanced by wildflower plantings, or a boardwalk along the river. Impact and maintenance issues would have to be negotiated with the MDC

Criticisms of the proposal were offered as running comments by Conservators and in an informal presentation by the neighbors' group. Specific items focused upon the issue of visual effect. They asserted that the new building and garage would noticeably detract from the appearance of the area to people on the river and its banks. Neighbors also rejected the claim that there would be minimal change in existing traffic patterns, and their own visual analysis of increased traffic density in the area, and cited the example of a child struck on a nearby street by a speeding taxi evading the traffic on Commonwealth Ave.

General criticisms of the proposal focused on three topics: (1) the dangerous precedent of agreeing to private use of public land; (2) a long history of broken public promises associated with the arrival and growth of the Marriott (documented in a history prepared by the neighbors); (3) issues related to the impact on the adjoining park and its neighbors by what would have become one of the largest hotels in the Boston area. Critics felt that the area would be seen as a hotel, with a park in its shadow. This image would suggest that Newton does not value its park lands.

Board members present: Barker, Barnett, Bliss, Hague, Ed Lerner, Joan Lerner, Taplin.

Summary prepared by
Edward Lerner

Acting secretary

February 1981

Minutes of Meeting of Newton Conservators
February 3, 1981
at the home of Rodney Barker
49 Woodcliff Rd., Newton

Present: Sally Barnett, Ruth Heespelink, John Bliss, Cay Morrison, Joan Lerner, Ed Lerner, Fran Hintsa, Rodney Barker, Peter Harrington.

MOTION: To accept the **minutes** of the meeting of the Board of Directors held January 6, 1981. ACTION: ACCEPTED.

MOTION: To accept the **Treasurer's report** dated December, 1980. ACTION: ACCEPTED.

MOTION: The Newton Conservators be recorded in **opposition to the use of Norumbega Park for non-conservation purposes** and specifically opposed to the use of the park for parking during the proposed construction at the Marriott Motel. ACTION: APPROVED.

MOTION: Because of enduring concern for the preservation of the environmental quality of the Charles River corridor, the Newton Conservators **oppose the Marriott Corporation's proposal for expansion** presented to the Board of Directors of the Newton Conservators on January 20, 1981. ACTION: APPROVED.

MOTION: The minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Newton Conservators of January 20, 1981 be forwarded to the Board of Directors for review, with the minutes of this meeting. ACTION: APPROVED.

Next meeting set for March 3, 1981 at the home of Sally Barnett, 34 Westminster Rd., Newton Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter F. Harrington
Secretary

March 1981

Minutes of Meeting
of March 3, 1981
at home of Sally Barnett
34 Westminster Rd., Newton

Present: Sally Barnett, Joan Lerner, Ed Lerner, Cay Morrison, Virginia Taplin, John Bliss, Bart Hague, Jean Thompson, Ted Tedesco, Lisle Baker, Nancy Wolfe, Peter Harrington.

MOTION: To accept the **treasurer's report** dated January 24, 1980. ACTION: ACCEPTED.

MOTION: To accept the secretary's report of January 20, 1981, subject to the following corrections: Changed date at heading from January 21 to January 20. At end of first paragraph, change "some" to "most."

MOTION: The **dinner committee** be authorized to spend an additional amount up to \$55.00. ACTION: ACCEPTED.

MOTION: To accept the **secretary's report** of February 3, 1981. ACTION: ACCEPTED.

MOTION: Virginia Taplin be appointed a committee of one to investigate the potential for a **tour of solar homes** and other facilities in the Newton area in the fall of 1981. ACTION: ACCEPTED.

MOTION: A vote of appreciation to the Dinner Committee for a successful evening at the Conservator's **Twentieth Anniversary Dinner**. ACTION: ACCEPTED.

MOTION: To authorize the expenditure of up to \$3,620.00 for the **printing of the Conservator's map of open spaces**. ACTION: ACCEPTED.

MOTION: To appoint a **nominating committee** to nominate members for the Board of Directors to be elected at the annual meeting to be held on May 19, 1981. ACTION: ACCEPTED. Appointed: John Bliss, Chairman, Tammy Bliss, Jean Thompson, Cay Morrison, Peter Harrington, Rodney Barker.

MOTION: To appoint an **audit committee** to report at the annual meeting to be held in May, 1981. ACTION: ACCEPTED. Appointed: Ted Tedesco, Chairman, Ron Bocage, Gene Blumenreich.

MOTION: To appoint a committee to prepare for the **annual meeting**. ACTION: ACCEPTED. Appointed: Joan Lerner, Ed Lerner, Bart Hague, Virginia Taplin, Cay Morrison.

MOTION: Newton Conservators, through the president, present their **opposition to the Marriott proposal** at the public hearing held by the Board of Aldermen on March 19, 1981. ACTION: ACCEPTED.

Next meeting at the home of Virginia Taplin, 15 Sewall Street, West Newton, MA - on Tuesday, April 7, 1981 at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter F. Harrington
Secretary

April 1981

Minutes of meeting of
April 7, 1981
at the home of Virginia Taplin
15 Sewall Street, West Newton, Mass.

Present: Sally Barnett, Debbie Howard, Joan Lerner, Cay Morrison, Harry Crosby, Andree Wilson, Ed Lerner, Ruth Misch, Ted Tedesco, John Bliss, Jean Thompson, David Jackson, Virginia Taplin, Fran Hints, Lisle Baker, Peter Harrington.

Secretary's Report: Motion to correct the minutes of the meeting of March 3, 1981 to delete "May 19" as the date of the annual meeting. ACTION: ACCEPTED. MOTION: to accept the Secretary's Report as amended. ACTION: ACCEPTED.

MOTION: To accept the **Treasurer's Report.** ACTION: ACCEPTED.

Dick Staley described the **Environmental Science Program** to begin just after spring vacation in April. Tuition is \$190.00.

The President put on the agenda for a future decision of **raising dues** to \$10.00 per year; Ruth Misch and Harry Crosby to prepare a suggested schedule of dues.

MOTION: For the total payment of legal fees to Hill and Barlow and the account to be closed. ACTION: ACCEPTED.

Report - Marriott. The Board of Aldermen postponed vote on the Marriott due to the lack of a written report. (On April 9, 1981, the Board of Aldermen voted to reject the Marriott by a vote of 19-1.)

NOTICE: **Walks** with Bill Giezantner. Saturday, May 9, 1981 - 18 miles along Charles River (9 A.M. to 5 P.M.).

NOTICE: **Tours through Newton parks** on Sunday, May 10, 1981

Edmands Park - 7:30 A.M. with Lois Tarlow

Norumbega - 10:00 A.M. with Priscilla Leith

Novitiate - 12:00 noon with Cay Morrison

Cold Springs - 2 P.M. with Recreation Department

Webster Conservation land - 4 P.M. with Debbie Howard

NOTICE: **Bus tour** on May 10, 1981 from 1 P.M. to 3:30 P.M. to leave from City Hall. The bus tour is designed to give a quick overview of Newton's open spaces. Charge - \$1.00. Reservations required.

Report on **Nominating Committee** - Recommendation that the Board members be increased from 21 to 31.

Report - E. S. P.: MOTION that the Newton Conservators fund \$110.00 for three scholarships. ACTION: APPROVED.

NOTICE of **Annual Meeting**: Annual meeting to be held at 6:30 P.M. on May 28, 1981 at 35 Amherst Road, Waban. Notice will include invitations to bring food and join in potluck supper.

Ordway Park. Andree Wilson reported a plan to reconstruct pathways within Ordway Park (corner of Grant Ave. and Everett Street, Newton Centre) and add new plantings at a cost of less than \$850.00. MOTION: To authorize the expenditure of up to \$850.00 for improvements in new plantings for Ordway Park, in accordance with the plan recommended by the Ordway Park Committee. ACTION: APPROVED.

Next meeting to be held on May 5, 1981 at the home of Harry Crosby.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter F. Harrington
Secretary

May 1981

Minutes of Meeting of
May 5, 1981
at the home of Harry Crosby
48 Ruthven Rd., Newton, Mass.

Present: Sally Barnett, Harry Crosby, John Bliss, Gene Blumenreich, Virginia Taplin, Debbie Howard, Ruth Misch, Bart Hague, Fran Hints, Jean Thompson, Ed Lerner, Joan Lerner, Ruth Heespelink, Peter Harrington.

MOTION: To correct the **minutes** of the meeting of April 7, 1981 to delete from the list of those present, Lisle Baker. ACTION: ACCEPTED.

MOTION: **Treasurer's report** be accepted with corrections as shown on revised annual report dated May 5, 1981. ACTION: ACCEPTED.

Committee appointed to conduct **a tour of energy efficient homes**: Virginia Taplin, Ruth Misch, Harry Crosby.

Report: Open Space map distributed, by Fran Hints. MOTION: to compliment Fran Hints and all those who worked on the preparation of the open space map for an outstanding job. ACTION: ACCEPTED.

Report: **Audit Committee** will meet next week.

MOTION: To propose an **amendment to the by-laws** to increase the members of the Board of Directors by three. ACTION: ACCEPTED. MOTION: to fix dues as follows:

Member	- \$5.00
Sustaining member	- \$10.00
Contributing member	- \$25.00
Patron	- \$100.00

ACTION: ACCEPTED.

MOTION: That the Conservators prepare an **Open Space Zoning District proposal** to present to the Newton Board of Aldermen. ACTION: ACCEPTED. Committee to prepare a proposed open space zoning district: Peter Harrington, Debbie Howard, Bart Hague, Gene Blumenreich.

REPORT: Secretary of the Interior, James E. Watt, proposes a dramatic reduction of the land and water conservation fund, urban parks and recreation recovery fund, and national historic preservation fund monies, which will eliminate **federal funds for acquisition of open land**. It is recommended that the Conservators contact federal officials to oppose this plan, as it may have a direct impact on Newton and the proposed acquisition of the Chestnut Hill Country Club.

MOTION: To elect as members of Conservators all who have paid dues. ACTION: ACCEPTED.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter F. Harrington
Secretary