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June 1981

Minutes of the Meeting
of June 9, 1981
at the home of Sally Barnett
34 Westminster Rd., Newton Centre, Mass.

Present: Sally Barnett, Joan Lerner, Bob Ricles, Lisle Baker, Bill Dain, John Bliss, David Jackson, Ruth Heespelink, Bart Hague, Frank Wright, Jean Thompson, Virginia Taplin, Peter Harrington.

MOTION: To grant the **treasurer's report** (with correction of Middlesex grant income from \$500.00 to \$450.00). **ACTION:** ACCEPTED.

MOTION: To merge the \$22.00 in the booklet fund with the general fund. **ACTION:** ACCEPTED.

MOTION: To accept the annual report and the **annual audit report**. **ACTION:** ACCEPTED.

MOTION: To contact former members of the Conservators and encourage them to rejoin. **ACTION:** ACCEPTED.

Report: Canoe trip is scheduled for the lakes region on June 16, 1981. At six-thirty p.m.

Report [change of meeting date]: New meetings will be held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

MOTION: To send a letter to the Mayor, the Newton Board of Aldermen, and the Newton School Committee, to encourage them to **preserve the playing fields around the Warren Junior High School** as open space for recreational purposes. Committee appointed: Virginia Taplin, Jeff Bernstein, Ruth Misch, Peter F. Harrington, Harry Crosby, William Dain, Frank Wright, John Bliss and David Jackson.

Report: Newton Board of Aldermen on June 1, voted **funds to acquire the Chestnut Hill Country Club** on June 1, 1981. MOTION: To send a letter to the Mayor and the members of the Newton Board of Aldermen thanking them for their farsightedness in making this acquisition. ACTION: ACCEPTED. MOTION: To acknowledge the great effort by Alderman Lisle Baker in his continuing and unflinching effort to establish a plan to preserve the Chestnut Hill Golf Course as public open space. ACTION: ACCEPTED.

Report: Newton Conservators will sponsor a **photo contest** in the fall, 1981. The Newton Library has indicated a willingness to allow winning photographs to be displayed in the library for a period of time. Paul Roberts, [of] Newtonville Camera, has agreed to join in sponsoring the event, in providing assistance in mounting of the winning photographs, and helping with the selection of judges.

The contest will provide prizes of first place, second place, third place, fourth place and honorable mention, in three separate categories, they being:

- Black and white photographs taken in Newton.
- Color photographs taken in Newton
- Color photographs of fall foliage taken in Newton.

Request: That the Newton Conservators conduct a contest. MOTION: The Newton Conservators conduct a photo contest as requested. ACTION: ACCEPTED.

MOTION: That the Newton Conservators support a proposal to declare the **Aqueduct land** as part of recreational open space in the City of Newton. ACTION: ACCEPTED.

Next meeting is Tuesday, July 21, 1981.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter F. Harrington
Secretary

July 1980

Minutes of the Meeting
of July 21, 1981
at the home of Virginia Taplin

15 Sewall St, West Newton, MA

Present: Sally Barnett, John Bliss, Joan Lerner, Debbie Howard, Ruth Misch, Ed Lerner, Frank Wright, Bob Ricles, Ted Tedesco, Jeff Bernstein, Arnold Meltzer, Virginia Taplin, Bart Hague.

MOTION: To accept **minutes** of the last meeting as mailed out. ACTION: ACCEPTED.

MOTION: To accept the **treasurer report**. ACTION: ACCEPTED.

MOTION: To have the tour of Newton residences with **solar installations** at the end of October, the date to be specified later. ACTION: One, nay. The rest, YES.

Jeff Bernstein will call Barbara Copans to explain the Conservators feeling about the timing of the Solar Tour and what the Conservators might do to help with Solar Week.

MOTION: To invite Gerald Krick to become a member of the Board of Directors of the Newton Conservators. ACTION: ACCEPTED.

There will be **Fall Walks** in cooperation with the Conservation Commission on the following Sundays: October 4, 11, 18, and 25.

The Library would like the Conservators to have a display in the fall. Sometime we will show the Jackson Homestead slide show on Victorian Recreation in Newton.

After discussion, the consensus was that the Conservators should not have a meeting on the consequences to nature of **nuclear war**, but the Conservators would publicize such meetings in the newsletter.

Cay Morrison will look into the possibility of having the board meetings in a public place such as the Waban Library.

Emma Quint Fund - Sally Barnett and Debbie Howard visited Hale and Doerr, lawyers for the fund. Debbie will send a letter outlining various projects, which they might wish to fund.

Next meeting - September 15. If necessary a special meeting will be called before then.

Photography contest in October. Peter Harrington's project.

Discussion of the future of large parcels of land in Newton. Bart Hague, Frank Wright, Jeff Bernstein and Lisle Baker will look into this.

Adjourned at 10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Taplin for
Peter F. Harrington, Secretary

September 1981

Board of Directors
Minutes of the Meeting of September 15, 1981
At the home of Ruth Heespelink
45 Pleasant St., Newton Centre

Present: Anna Hayden, Cay Morrison, Deborah Howard, Gerry Krick, John Bliss, Arnold Meltzer, Rodney Barker, Bart Hague, AnnaMaria Abernathy, Frank Wright, Jeff Bernstein, Ruth Heespelink, Bill Dain, Ruth Misch, Virginia Taplin, Lisle Baker, Sally Barnett, Fran Hints, Joan Lerner, Ed Lerner.

MOTION: Correct **minutes** of July 21 meeting: Kapans to Copans, Town to tour.
ACTION: ACCEPTED.

MOTION: Accept **treasurer's report** of Sept. 4, 1981. ACTION: ACCEPTED.

The Thompsons have mowed the grass and watered the new plantings in **Ordway Park** during the summer.

Forty-four units of **housing at Staniford St.** have been proposed by the owner. One plan would utilize the upper and lower portions of the parcels, the other plan would utilize only the upper portion.

Suggestions for the **1982 Conservators' budget** should be forwarded to the Treasurer before the Oct. 20 board meeting, or presented at the meeting.

Geology booklets will be sent to board members before the Oct. meeting, when the price will be decided. Until then booklets will be available at special events, with a suggested donation of \$.50. (Maps are \$.50/copy.)

Suggestions were made for questions by Aldermen to nominees for the **Conservation Commission**.

A report was made by Virginia Taplin and John Bliss (co-chairmen) on the **plans for the tour of solar installation at Newton homes**, Oct. 17, 10 AM - 4 PM. A maximum of 200 tickets at \$3.00 per ticket will be sold. MOTION: Approve up to \$300 for expenses for the solar tour. ACTION: APPROVED.

The Conservators will have a **display in the Main Library**, Oct. 7-21. Mort Rabinow has offered some of his pictures for use in the display. Fran Hints will work on the display.

After discussion, consensus was expressed that, if possible, the **photo contest** be extended to Nov. 30, preferably next spring, that all camera stores be invited to participate, that a special effort be made to reach students and camera clubs, and that a "symbolic" prize be given, that pictures be of the out-of-doors or of people enjoying the out-of-doors (no buildings), that pictures be taken in Newton and by Newton residents, and that Conservators have future use of some of the pictures submitted.

Fall walks, co-sponsored with the Conservation Commission, are scheduled for Oct. 4, 18., and 25. The Sierra Club and AMC will be asked to include the notice in their newsletters.

No reply has yet been received from Hale and Dorr in response to the request for a grant from the **Emma Quint Foundation**; they will be called.

A copy of the **City's Open Space Plan** has been sent to the Division of Conservation services. The Conservators will pursue obtaining a copy.

The November board meeting will be on the subject of large parcels. Frank Wright will enlist members' help to obtain additional background information beforehand.

A traffic consultant has proposed elimination of the **median green space on Commonwealth Ave.**, near Rt. 128.

Ann Hayden will meet with Arnold Meltzer and Jean Thompson concerning a **membership drive**.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Misch and Fran Hints for
Peter F. Harrington, Secretary

Early October 1981 (Special Mtg.)

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, October 6, 1981
at the home of Sally Barnett
34 Westminster Rd., Newton Centre

Present: Barker, Hague, Morrison, Joan Lerner, Barnett, Dain, Bernstein, Taplin, Jackson, Bliss.

Exhibit: Plans for **Staniford St: site development plan**, and view of buildings, Scheme 1 and 2, Riverwood Trust.

After examination of the plans and discussion a motion was made:

MOTION: The Newton Conservators be recorded in favor of no development on the lower 8 acres of the Staniford St. parcel, and in favor of public access to the land because:

- the land alleviates flooding along the Charles
- the land may maintain a flow in the Charles
- the land may be a source of groundwater
- the land has significant recreational potential as it is part of the Lake District, and is in the middle of a green tract with heavily used Auburndale Park on one side and Flowed Meadow on the other

and also that if development should take place on the lower 8 acres that no floor elevations be below 50 ft. because of the risk of flooding; and also that, on the upper 2 acres, if an increase is granted in the number of units allowed under the current zoning and restrictions, that significant and long term benefits commensurate with the increase in density be required from the owner for the people of Newton; and that energy conservation measures and solar heat, particularly passive, be considered in construction.

ACTION: ACCEPTED.

Respectfully submitted
Joan Lerner, Secretary pro tem

October 1981

Board of Directors
Minutes of the Meeting
Oct. 20, 1981
at the home of AnnaMaria Abernathy
45 Islington Rd., Auburndale

Present: AnnaMaria Abernathy, Virginia Taplin, Fran Hints, Ted Tedesco, Ruth Heespeink, Joan Lerner, Arnold Meltzer, Jean Thompson, Rodney Barker (9 p.m.), John Bliss, Cay Morrison, Sally Barnett.

MOTION: To accept the **minutes** of the September 15 meeting. ACTION: ACCEPTED,

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

The League of Women Voters of Newton invites the Newton Conservators to attend the League meeting on "Siting of Hazardous Waste Dumps," with Secretary of the Environment John A. Bewick, on November 18, 7:45 p.m. The League is volunteering to mail invitations to our membership. MOTION: To accept the League offer, assuming there is not a Conservator mailing in the meanwhile in which the League announcement could be enclosed. ACTION: APPROVED.

Lisle Baker was reported to urge individual Conservators to urge the Mayor to speed the **Chestnut Hill Country Club acquisition**.

Solar Tour: Virginia Taplin reported that the tour was a great success with 150 paid tickets, and good coverage from the Newton Graphic. John Bliss is drafting a thank you letter to the homeowners who participated. It was agreed that the letter should include mention that the tour ticket price covered our expenses. It was agreed, too, to invite the 150 ticket purchasers to join the Conservators.

There was discussion of the Human Services Committee of the Board of Aldermen's interview of Peter Damon before he was approved as a **new Conservation Commissioner.** Rodney Barker asked excellent questions, according to those reporting on the meeting. It is hoped that a Conservator may be the next appointee.

Staniford Street hearing: Sally Barnett and A.M. Abernathy reported on the public hearing of October 13.

Autumn Walks: The October 4 walk led by Laurie Borden, for children with parents, was poorly attended. It conflicted with the Harvest Fair, among other things. The Oct. 18 walk led by Debbie Howard - and publicized by a newspaper photo with caption indicating it had occurred before publication - was attended by between 30 and 40 people. Margaret Thompson will lead a walk on October 25, 1:30 p.m. on the geology of the Webster Conservation area, west side.

Library display: The display, put up by Fran Hints, using photographs by Paul Mann, Betsy Fuchs, and Octo Barnett, has been up for two weeks.

Photo contest: has been postponed until someone will come forward who has time to organize it.

Norumbega Park: Helen Heyn will be clearing trails in the park on the coming four Saturdays, between 9:30 and 12:00 noon, and would be glad for some help.

Large Parcels: These will be the subject of the November meeting. Board members were urged to visit them in preparation, exercising due caution to avoid golf balls. Bart Hague suggested that the possible valuations and restrictions should be investigated before final property assessments are made, and that we encourage the Conservation Commission to be in touch with the assessors on this issue.

Geology booklets: It was agreed to add a page updating information (e.g., where copies may be obtained, location that used to be Stearns Parking lot now Bloomingdale's clothing store, etc.). MOTION: To continue to sell the booklets for \$.50, and to give them away as part of special events -- e.g., geology tours. ACTION: APPROVED.

Membership meeting: Sally Barnett, Jean Thompson, Arnold Meltzer, and Fran Hints had met with Anne Hayden, who has volunteered to help us. She is professionally interested in helping organizations define their goals and achieve them. Should we decide that we wish to expand membership, she would be willing to help with a membership drive. The need to get to know our existing membership better, both to retain the

members and to identify potential new board members, was noted. Ted Tedesco suggested that the annual meeting might be better utilized. For example, one might have a picnic and especially invite new members, of whom we currently have 75. It was agreed to invite Anne Hayden to a meeting when we are ready to discuss program -- sometime after the coming two meetings, which are already full.

By-Laws: John Bliss suggested there is need of updating. It was agreed that the current version will be sent to the board in preparation for discussion at a later meeting.

1982 Budget: Sally reported Joan's suggestion that an item be included as follows: that the **Environmentalist of the Year award** be presented with a program, and coffee or wine and cheese, with a budget of \$250.00.

Emma and John Quint Memorial Foundation Grant: The grant of \$7,500.00 was received in September "for general conservation purposes," and the first installment of the two-year grant was received at that time. Possible uses were mentioned: develop the Novitiate Park; develop a Large Parcels Plan (suggestion to discuss this with Sharon Francis); further development of the Charles River Pathway and/or Aqueduct Pathway.

Aldermanic Committee on Revaluation: has met only once. When it meets again, Rodney Barker will attend and inquire how the golf courses will be assessed.

The meeting adjourned after 10 P.M. to a discussion, for those remaining, on composting by Ted Tedesco.

Respectfully submitted,
AnnaMaria Abernathy for
Peter F. Harrington, Secretary

November 1981

Minutes of the meeting of
November 17, 1981
at the home of Cay Morrison
1801 Beacon Street, Waban, Mass.

Present: Jinny Taplin, Arnold Meltzer, Rodney Barker (until 8:15 p.m.), Lisle Baker, John Bliss, AnnaMaria Abernathy, Bart Hague, Frank Wright, David Jackson (from 8:35 p.m.), Fran Hints, Bill Dain, Bob Ricles (from 9:30 p.m.), Carol Morrison, Sally Barnett, Lois Morog (guest).

The meeting opened at 7:45 with a **report** from Sally Barnett about **Staniford Street**. Following a discussion, there was the following: **MOTION:** That the Conservators urge that the lower 8 acres of the Staniford Street site be conveyed to the city in fee, for park

and conservation purposes, in return for any rezoning and density bonus. ACTION: Unanimously APPROVED.

The Board engaged in extended discussion of methods for preserving Newton's remaining **large parcels of open space.**

A motion was MOVED, seconded, and unanimously PASSED to elect to membership all those who had paid dues since last election.

The **minutes** of Oct. 6 and 20 were APPROVED. Bart Hague was present at the Oct. 20 meeting and asked to be so recorded.

Respectfully submitted,

AnnaMaria Abernathy and John Bliss
for Peter Harrington

December 1981

Meeting of Board
December 29, 1981
49 Woodcliff Rd.
Newton Highlands

[Meeting was originally scheduled for December 15, 1981 and apparently was changed.]

Present: AnnaMaria Abernathy, John Bliss, Ed Lerner, Sally Barnett, Debbie Howard, Cay Morrison, Rodney Barker, Gerry Krick, Ted Tedesco.

Secretary's Report and **Treasurer's Report** were read and ACCEPTED.

The proposed **1982 Budget** (distributed for the Dec. 15 meeting) was discussed and unanimously APPROVED, with a change in expenses to \$2360. The change represents payments of our \$1000 contribution for the Chestnut Hill Country Club in the 1981 fiscal year after the 1982 budget had been prepared. The Board was also informed that the Certificate of Deposit for the Ordway Fund matures this spring, and a special committee is evaluating alternative investment plans.

We discussed **Article II, "Purposes," of our By-Laws**, and the Board VOTED to propose new wording to allow us to lobby at other levels as well as locally (our currently stated restriction) on issues affecting our program. We also want to add "the environment" to the stated list of things to be preserved. The Board VOTED to authorize spending up to \$75 for a legal opinion on whether such changes would affect our tax status. Rodney Barker will contact a tax attorney for this purpose. If the changes are compatible with our tax status, they will be submitted for approval at the next general meeting.

The **Environmentalist of the Year Award Committee** was selected: G. Krick, H. Crosby, J. Lerner, E. Lerner, R. Barker, S. Barnett. The group will meet at the Lerner's on January 9.

The **Emma Quint Fund** Committee reported discussions with Russ Halloran, Bill Giezentanner, Jim Hickey, and others. Next meeting: Jan. 7, Morrison's.

Sally Barnett reported on talks with new Conservator Ann Hayden on her expertise in improving volunteer groups. She'll be asked to our next meeting.

Directors were alerted to the Jan. 28 meeting of the Newton Conservation Commission, at which the new Newton Open Space Plan will be presented.

Next Board Meeting: January 19 at the Lerner's, 35 Amherst Rd., Waban.

Respectfully submitted
Edward Lerner, for the Secretary

January 1982

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors
held on January 19, 1982
at 35 Amherst Road, Waban, MA

Present: Sally Barnett, Fran Hints, AnnaMaria Abernathy, Ruth Heespelink, Bart Hague, Deborah Howard, Gerry Krick, Ann Hayden, William Dain, Rodney Barker, Bob Rickles, Virginia Taplin, Frank Wright, Joan Lerner, John Bliss, Harry Crosby, Ed Lerner, Peter Harrington.

MOTION: To accept **Treasurer's Report** titled "Year End" and dated January 1982.
ACTION: ACCEPTED.

MOTION: To ACCEPT **Secretary's Report** of meeting of December 29, 1981.

MOTION: To appoint a **Nominating Committee** to nominate members for the Board of Directors, to be elected at the annual meeting to be held in May, 1982. ACTION: ACCEPTED. Appointed: AnnaMaria Abernathy, Cay Morrison, Fran Hints, Harry Crosby, Virginia Taplin and Peter Harrington.

MOTION: The Nominating Committee be empowered to communicate with the members to solicit names of possible Board Members. Such communication may be by letter, newsletter or otherwise. ACTION: ACCEPTED.

Report: Emma Quint Grant Committee; no specific recommendation at present. The committee will meet on February 4, 1982, for further discussion of the matter.

Report: Environmentalist of the Year Award Committee recommends that the Award be jointly given to the Newton Commonwealth Improvement Corporation and R. Lisle Baker. MOTION: To accept the report and make the award as recommended. ACTION: ACCEPTED.

MOTION: To authorize a budget of \$450.00 for **award presentation and award dinner** to be held on March 7, 1982, at the hall at the Grace Episcopal Church, Newton Corner, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. ACTION: ACCEPTED.

MOTION: To authorize the **acquisition of a corporate seal** and the expenditure of up to \$75.00 for same, if logo is included on the seal. If logo cost is over \$75.00, plain seal to be obtained. ACTION: ACCEPTED.

Next meeting to be held on February 23, 1982, at the home of Deborah Howard, 34 Fairfax Street, West Newton, at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter F. Harrington,
Secretary

February 1982

Minutes of the Board of Directors
February 23, 1982
at the home of D. Howard

Present: Dain, Howard, Hintsa, Wright, Bernstein, Hague, Heespelink, Krick, Barker, Bliss, Jackson, Abernathy, Thompson, Barnett, Meltzer, Baker, Morrison, Tedesco, Richard Cortes

MOTION: To accept the **minutes** of the meeting of 1/19/82 with the addition that the Board voted to charge members \$3 and no-members \$4 for the Environmentalist of the Year Dinner, March 7. ACTION: ACCEPTED.

MOTION: To accept the **Treasurer's Report** dated 2/13/82 with the changes that the categories on lines 20 and 30 be interchanged (dollar amounts on lines 29 and 30 remain unchanged) and that the budget for the Environmentalist of the Year Dinner (line 9) be listed as \$450, not \$250. ACTION: ACCEPTED.

Ted Tedesco, Gene Blumenreich and Ruth Heespelink are to present recommendations at the March meeting for the **reinvestment of the Ordway principle**, and are to present - in plain English- what the **Conservator's insurance** currently covers.

John Bliss, Ted Tedesco and Frank Wright were appointed by the Board to the **audit committee** for the annual audit.

Frank Wright and John Bliss volunteered to work with the Charles River Watershed Association in organizing yearly (if not more often) clean-ups, etc., on Newton's segment of the Charles River.

MOTION: To urge the Aldermen to vote funds (\$500,000 -5-% or \$250,000 will be reimbursed by the federal HCRS if the project begins in 1982, so that it can be completed in 1983) for the development of Stage I of Cold Spring Park. ACTION: ACCEPTED.

Dr. Harrison Kennard has willed to Newton property abutting the Kennard Conservation Area.

The City has not yet published the assessments for the large parcels.

Board orders and deeds concerning the Novitiate have been requested by the Conservators, so that final agreements can be known.

MOTION: To spend, if necessary, up to \$100 for the calligraphy for the plaques for Environmentalist of the Year. ACTION: ACCEPTED.

An effort will be made to docket Commonwealth Ave. on the Aldermanic docket so that changes proposed by traffic consultants and City staff can be reviewed and discussed.

[By-law change]. MOTION: To propose to the Annual Meeting that the \$10 contributing membership be changed to \$10 family membership. ACTION: ACCEPTED.

Jean Thompson et al. will lead a bird walk in May Bill Giezentanner will be asked if he would be willing to lead a Charles River walk in June.

Currently we have over 300 paid memberships and 18 new memberships, so far in 1982.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Dain,
Acting Secretary for Peter Harrington

March, 1982

[There is nothing on file to suggest there was a March, 1982 Board business meeting, i.e., no agenda, minutes, etc. on file. However, the Environmentalist of the Year Dinner was held on March 7, 1983, and likely it substituted for the usual business meeting.]

Award Recipients: Newton Commonwealth Improvement Corporation and Lisle Baker.

Speaker: Deborah Howard, Director of Public Affairs, Massachusetts Audubon Society, "The Bottle Bill Vistory -- the Inside Story."

Date and Time: Sunday, March 7, 1982, 5:30 PM wine and cheese, 6:00 P.M. Chinese buffet (non-MSG).

Place: Grace Episcopal Church Parish Hall, 76 Eldredge St., Newton Corner

Admission: \$3.00 contribution for Conservator members, \$4.00 for non-members, to help defray costs.

April 1982

Minutes of the Meeting of Newton Conservators, Inc.
at the home of Virginia Taplin
15 Sewall St., W. Newton
April 27, 1982

Present: Bart Hague, Ruth Heespelink, Sally Barnett, Fran Hints, Ruth Misch, Jeff Bernstein, AnnaMaria Abernathy, Joan Lerner, John Bliss, Virginia Taplin, Rodney Barker, Cay Morrison.

MOTION: To accept the **Secretary's report** as mailed out. ACTION: ACCEPTED.

MOTION: To accept the **Treasurer's report**. ACTION: APPROVED.

Report: Fran Hints will join the audit committee of Frank Wright, John Bliss and Ted Tedesco, which will meet soon.

MOTION: To invest \$20,000 of the Ordway Fund principal in some government obligation or savings certificate (whichever has the highest yield). To invest the remaining \$5000 in a money market fund. To invest the Emma Quint Fund and the Arboretum Fund in separate accounts in a money market fund. ACTION: Motion APPROVED.

MOTION: To receive and accept the letter from Ira Korff concerning the **by-laws**. ACTION: Motion APPROVED. [The letter is not on file, however, so there is no record of its contents].

MOTION: To vote in all members who have paid their dues. ACTION: Motion APPROVED

Report: Rodney Barker reported on the negotiations between the city and the CJP concerning work done on the **Novitiate land**. MOTION: To authorize the president to confirm that all work required of the CJP on the Novitiate be completed before they are given an occupancy permit. ACTION: Motion APPROVED.

The **annual meeting** will be a pot luck supper on May 18th at 6:30 P.M. at the home of AnnaMaria Abernathy. The speaker will be Zygmunt Plater, Professor of Environmental

Law at Boston College. Those members who answered the questionnaire will be given a special invitation to the meeting. MOTION: To authorize the Committee to spend up to \$75 for the annual meeting. ACTION: APPROVED.

The Conservators have been invited to the **Mayor's Annual Prayer Breakfast**, May 27 at 7:45 A.M. at Boston College. Price \$7.00 each. MOTION: That two board members attend the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast at the expense of the Conservators. ACTION: Motion APPROVED.

MOTION: That the Conservators give \$435 to the **Environmental Science Program** for three full scholarships. ACTION: Motion APPROVED.

Report on **Charles River Cleanup Day**, May 8. MOTION: To spend \$50 for trash bags for the clean up. ACTION: Motion APPROVED.

MOTION: That the president find out if there is a time limit on acceptance of the **Kennard land bequest** and write to the mayor urging acceptance of the gift. ACTION: Motion APPROVED.

Report on **Nahanton Woods**: There is a need to look over the by-laws of the Conservation Restriction Committee of the Nahanton Woods.

Report of the **Nominating Committee** by Chairman Cay Morrison:

Bart Hague, President
Frank Wright, Vice President
Ruth Heespelink, Treasurer
Arnold Meltzer, Secretary

Emma Quint Fund Report. If the Novitiate land is improved by the CJP, money may not be needed there. Therefore, the use of the fund is still unresolved.

Respectfully submitted,
Virginia Taplin
For Peter Harrington, Secretary

May 1982

Minutes of the Annual Meeting
of the Newton Conservators
May 18, 1982
at the home of AnnaMaria and Fred Abernathy

Present: AnnaMaria Abernathy, Fred Abernathy, Rodney Barker, Octo Barnett, Sally Barnett, Benno Benima, Mrs. Benima, John Bliss, Bill Dain, Betsy Fuchs, Ruth Heespelink, Mr. Heespelink, Mary Herring, Fran Hints, Oiva Hints, Giles Kelleher,

Justine Kelleher, Gerry Krick, Ed Lerner, Joan Lerner, Arnold Meltzer, Helen Meltzer, Cay Morrison, Linda Morrison, Zygmunt Plater, Gabrielle Sullivan, Jean Thompson, Verne Vance, Frank Wright, and others.

Sally Barnett, President, mentioned that the Mayor has recommended to the Board of Aldermen the abolishment of the Parks Commission and the **creation via legislation of a Parks and Recreation Commission**. Sally volunteered to find out what is involved in this change.

The Mayor is recommending **acceptance by the City of the 16 acres offered to it by the late Dr. Kennard**. The land abuts Kennard Conservation Area. The Conservators will send a letter to the Aldermen supporting this action.

MOTION: To send a **letter of support to the Brookline Selectmen** for the conveyance of jurisdiction - as proposed by the Brookline Conservation Commission and the Friends of Lost Pond, and supported by the Newton Conservation Commission -- of approximately 30 acres of wooded land abutting the Kennard Conservation Area and the MDC Lost Pond Reservation from the Brookline D.P.W. to the Brookline Conservation Commission.

ACTION: ACCEPTED.

Submitted: **Annual Report from the Treasurer** and **Report from the Audit Committee**.

MOTION: To **change the By-Laws regarding membership** so that the "contributing" member would henceforth be called "family" member. The \$10.00 dues for that category would remain the same. ACTION: ACCEPTED.

Elected: Officers and Board of Directors for 1982-1983.

President: Bart Hague
Vice President: Frank Wright
Treasurer: Ruth Heespelink
Secretary: Arnold Meltzer

Directors:

Lisle Baker	Peter Harrington	Ed Lerner
Rodney Barker	Mary Herring	Joan Lerner
Jeffrey Bernstein	Fran Hintsa	Ruth Misch
John Bliss	Debby Howard	Cay Morrison
Gene Blumenreich	David Jackson	Nancy Schad
Bill Dain	Gerry Krick	Gabrielle Sullivan
	Virginia Taplin	Jean Thompson

Past President Sally Barnett, ex-officio

Elected under the By-Law provision for up to 3 additional Board members a year: Verne Vance.

AnnaMaria Abernathy and Joan Lerner presented a gift to Sally Barnett on behalf of the Newton Conservators. "To say that Sally is richly deserving of this token of our appreciation would be an understatement. We will miss her calm guidance and leadership, but we are grateful that she will continue with us on the Board."

Our Guest Speaker was Zygmunt Plater, who is teaching Environmental Law at Boston College. He made all of us more deeply aware of the importance of citizen participation in the decision-making process of government at all levels. He was interesting, informative, even inspiring and made us feel good about being "active" conservators.

Submitted by Arnold Meltzer.