

## Board of Directors, 1986 - 1987

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## June 1986

### Minutes, Board Meeting

June 19, 1986, held at the home of Carol Morrison.

**Present:** Roger Feinstein, William Leitch, Lawrence Kaplan, Bart Hague, Susan Stone MacDonald, Peter Kastner, Lavina Tomb, John Bliss, Treas., Carol Morrison, Secy, Jean Husher, V.P. The meeting was chaired by Jean Husher, Vice President.

**Nahanton Woods.** Reported: Jean Husher reported she had been appointed by outgoing President, AnnaMarie Abernathy, [as] Newton Conservator representative of the Nahanton Woods Conservation Area Committee. After checking with several Conservator board members, she, as representative, voted for planting wild flowers on the section of this conservation area along Nahanton Street.

VOTED: It was voted unanimously to invite Nancy Schad to continue on the Board.

**Discussion of Springfest and Octoberfest:** More directors and members of the Conservators are needed to volunteer to man a both at these events. A livelier booth would engage more visitors' interest. Most directors agreed it was a worthwhile way of spreading information about Conservators and open space in Newton, and that we should continue to have a booth at these events. DECISION: A committee was formed to come up with plans for Conservator booths at Springfest and Octoberfest and to report back to the full board in July or August. Committee: Roger Feinstein, John Bliss, Bill Leitch, Susan Stone MacDonald, Linda Mackey.

**Fall Schedule, Walks and Outdoor Events** - discussion: Tentative schedule

DATE	TIME	LEADER	EVENT
Sept. 11, Thurs.	5:30	Morrison	Canoeing at Nahanton Park Bring your own canoe.
Sept 14, Sun.	?	?	Walk at Cold Spring Park
Sept. 20 or 21, Sat. or Sun.`		?Tony Wallace	Walk, Kennard Park. The Board hopes this can be Planned in conjunction with Brookline Cons. Com.
Sept. 28	?	?	Canoeing at Norumbega
Oct. 18 or 19	?	Giezentanner	Charles River Pathway Walk
Oct 26, Sunday	1:30?	Yannoni	Newton Aqueduct Walk

These plans will be finalized at the July Board Meeting. Peter Kastner will see that the schedule is put into the community Schools fall program listing.

**Treasury**: Resolutions: John Bliss, Treasurer, presented two resolutions: RESOLVED: The President, Vice-president, and Treasurer will have access to Safety Deposit Box. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE. RESOLVED: Any two officers of Newton Conservators, Inc., can open a bank account and pass checks. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE. Signature of any two officers are needed on each check.

**Ideas for coming year**: Brainstorming session:

Bart Hague suggested advance planning for influencing current Village Study; e.g. Village Study points out that in Newton Upper Falls [the] industrial area can extend right to the banks of the Charles. A review by Conservator Board Members of the **Charles River Pathway**, how much of it is complete, what still needs to be completed; possible publicizing information about the CR Pathway. Cay Morrison.

Members were asked to bring other issues or ideas for study, action or activities to the July Board Meeting.

**Auburndale Community Assoc. Meeting**: report by Peter Kastner. Peter gave a talk at their last meeting about the activities of the Conservators, open spaces in Auburndale, and the importance of the Open Space Zone. He showed beautiful pictures of Woodland and Braeburn Country Clubs taken by Board Member Linda Mackey.

**Novitiate Park Planning Committee**: report by Peter Kastner. Mayor Mann continued to press for CJP and Conservators to pledge the \$45,000 local funding needed to obtain the state grant of \$450,000. Neither CJP nor Conservators feel this is the correct process for a city park. The local funding should be provided by the city or by a wide group of supporters and friends of the park. It has been reported to the City Administration that the CJP and Conservators have already spent or pledged \$25,000 on initial development

of the park -- park planning -- which is over 50% of the needed amount. CJP and Conservators are ready to raise the remaining amount -- as soon as a formal understanding with the City Administration is reached regarding raising the remaining funds and the formation of a non-profit association to receive the donated funds. This non-profit corporation will turn the money over to the Parks and Recreation Department, which will supervise the development and management of the park.

Carol Morrison, also a member of this park planning committee, stated that Bob Weinberg, a member of this same committee (CJP) has been in touch with Joel Lerner of the state Conservation Services on several matters, and feels that Conservator money paid in earlier years to park planner Wm. Giezentanner, for initial planning and drawings of the park land, showing exciting features of the land, inventory of plant climates, specific slope percentages and other necessary background information, could be included in local share.

Report: Board members were pleased to hear of the invitation by Alderman Barker to former Board Member Zyg Plater to address the Board of Aldermen regarding open space policy.

**Newsletter Information:** The Newsletter will be written and distributed three times a year by Vinny Tomb and Peter Kastner, October, January and April. In late August a flyer will be mailed giving fall dates, times, of fall activities.

**Activity:** The **Charles River Swim** on June 28, sponsored by the Charles River Watershed Association and the Conservators was announced. Board members were reminded to come, enjoy the swim, and help lead walks around the parkland. Cay Morrison had copies of flyers about the swim made up. She and Virginia Taplin did the mailing and other distribution of the flyers. Octo and Sally Barnett produced and delivered the labels for the mailing.

**Press Releases:** Vinny Tomb will take charge of getting news releases to the Newton Graphic and Tab and the News Tribune in 1986-87.

Board Meetings: Location of future 1986 Board Meetings: at homes of

July 17	Nick Yannoni
August 14	Jean Husher (2nd Thursday of August)
Sept. 18	Lawrence Kaplan
October 16	Vinny Tomb
November 20	Jean Husher
December 11	Nick Yannoni (2nd Thursday of December)

Discussion: Preliminary ideas for Conservators part in **Newton's 300th anniversary celebration** in 1988: Walk the bounds of the city with citizens from neighboring cities/towns?? Commission the writing of a history of open space in Newton (P. Kastner). Perhaps: Changing concepts of Newton's open space (J. Husher).

Next Board Meeting: The July Board Meeting will be July 17th at Nick Yannoni's house at 7:45. Please be prompt.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Morrison, Secretary

### **July, 1986**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors  
held on Thursday, 17 July 1986  
at the home of Nick Yannoni.

**Present:** Sally Barnett, John Bliss, Bart Hague, Mary Herring, Fiora Houghteling, Peter Kastner, William Leitch, Rolce Payne, Virginia Taplin, Nick Yannoni (presiding)

1. **Minutes.** The minutes of the 19 June meeting were APPROVED and accepted.
2. Mr. Tom Barron from the Mass. Water Resources Authority has reported the loss of his pocket calculator on the occasion of the annual meeting at which he had been the featured speaker. Nick Yannoni reported that the missing calculator had been found subsequently by Mr. Barron at his residence.
3. John Bliss noted for the record that the procedure followed in concurring with the interest of **Nahanton Woods** in planting wildflowers along Nahanton Street could not represent a formal position of the Conservators since it had not been put to a vote at a regular meeting of the Board.
4. The **Treasurer** did not submit a formal report because of relative financial inactivity during this reporting period. It was reported that the annual dinner generated \$690.00 in receipts not all of which had been received by the time of this meeting.
5. Bill Leitch reviewed his thoughts on the transition of the **mailing list** from the DEC format used by the Barnetts to an IBM PC type format, which might be more universally available for future use. He will examine the utility of a mail-merge or list-processing program in order to facilitate sorting and handling our membership mailing requirements.
6. **Response to Andover Newton** - Sally Barnett presented for discussion a clear and detailed large-scale map which showed the Andover Newton Theological School (AN) property and its relationship to the abutting neighborhoods. She also presented the draft of a letter to President Peck of AN prepared by herself and AnnaMaria Abernathy. The letter was a summary of the important elements of the AN open space and carried thoughtful recommendations to AN for the long-term conservation of the open space owned by AN and an offer to work with the school in ensuring the stability of these important land parcels. The letter was reviewed by the Board and it was voted that Sally

Barnett and Nick Yannoni incorporate several suggested modifications and forward the letter by 21 July. Fiora Houghteling composed a letter to Rev. Howe, which conveyed to him a copy of the letter to Pres. Peck as well as a request that AN maintain coordination with the NC on the status of the AN open space and plans for its future.

7. **Environmental Lobby of Massachusetts** - Nick Yannoni reviewed the interest of the Environmental Lobby of Massachusetts (ELM) in having the NC cosponsor a workshop on the mechanics of lobbying with the State legislature in support of environmental issues. After discussion, it was voted that the NC should cosponsor such a workshop and that Nick should respond to ELM reflecting this position.

8. Some discussion was held on the contents of an "Information Package" about the NC which would be useful reference material for new and current Board members and for presentation to Aldermen and other interested parties.

9. **Ordway Park** - John Bliss suggested that we join the Land Trust Exchange in order to obtain favorable rates for insurance for Ordway Park. This will be a continuing effort.

10. Next Board Meeting: The next Board meeting will be at the home of Jean Husher at 1686 Beacon Street on 21 August at 7:45 PM. Please be prompt.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM

Reported by Mary Herring

### **August, 1986**

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors  
held on Thursday, 21 August, 1986  
at the home of Jean Husher

**Present:** John Bliss, Roger Feinstein, Mary Herring, Jean Husher, Peter Kastner, Carol Morrison, Nancy Schad, Virginia Taplin, Nick Yannoni (presiding).

1. The **minutes** of the July 17 meeting were APPROVED and accepted.
2. The **treasurer's report** was APPROVED and accepted. John Bliss was commented for the 1986 Budget Status Report.
3. There was further discussion of the means by which the membership address labels and membership information can be transferred to a new system.
4. **Membership** - Ginnie Taplin, Membership Chairperson, told board members of two letters she is sending out: a reminder letter to members who have not paid their '86 dues; a letter to recently lapsed members inviting them to rejoin. A discussion followed about membership and publicity. Nick suggested members might like to give gift memberships

to two or three friends interested in conservation or out-door activities. Other suggestions: 1) the Newsletter, giving the schedule of walks and activities, should be sent to each PTA president and vice-president advising them that their members might be interested in these activities; 2) names of all board members should be listed in each Newsletter; 3) the invitation of Cable TV, Newton Channel 3, for N. Conservator activities to be publicized by this station, should be accepted. Board members agreed these suggestions should be followed up. One further suggestion -- that either Mrs. Vogel or Dr. Vogel of B. C. (or both) would make a fine addition to the N.C. board when space is available.

5. **Andover Newton** - The letter to President Peck of Andover Newton Theological School suggesting thoughtful, long term conservation recommendations has been sent, with a copy to Rev. Howe. No response has been received as yet (Copies of this letter will be available to read at the next bd. meeting.)

6. **Nahanton Park report** - Peter Kastner reported that the mayor has agreed that the city will provide interim funding of \$45,000 for the local share of funds for the development of Nahanton Park. It is understood and agreed that private and corporate monies will be sought by the Nahanton Park Association to reimburse the city. \$25,000 has already been made available or pledged.

Discussion regarding the **Quint Fund**: the trustees have been kept informed regarding the use of Quint Fund donations. Nick Yannoni and Peter Kastner will request an appointment with the trustees to remind them of this successful project and ask for additional funds.

7. **Ordway Park** - Through the Land Trust Exchange, John Bliss, Treasurer, has been able to obtain reasonably priced liability insurance for Ordway Park. We are grateful to Bart Hague for the suggestion.

8. **Charles River Swim** - The Charles River Swim in June was very successful. The N.C. Board is delighted to sponsor this annual event with the CRWA. Peter Kastner commented that the MDC hoped to make swimming available in the Charles River, very soon.

9. **Newsletters** - Nick Yannoni reported that Vinny Tomb, Newsletter Editor, expects to publish four Newsletters this coming year: two mini-newsletters announcing scheduled activities and two longer newsletters.

10. **Newton land use issues** - Jean Husher reported that there are no major new issues. She accepted Helen Heyn's invitation to inspect the area around **Countryside School**. There is a need to build a small addition to the school for two classrooms. Since this addition would encroach on wetland, Jean suggested putting the addition on piers. The architect agreed this would be a good plan.

11. **Octoberfest Committee Meeting** - John Bliss reported a lively discussion of ideas to attract people to the N.C. booth. Peter Kastner also suggested helium balloons with the N.C. logo, and the use of the MDC Trailside Museum Travelling Zoo, which is made up of animals native to this area. He agreed to look into the cost and availability of each of these suggestions and report back to the Committee.

12. **Newton Tricentennial Committee**: Jean Husher plans to attend the next meeting of this committee of September 18, at the Arts Center.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Morrison, Secretary

### **September, 1986**

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors  
held on Thursday, Sept. 18, 1986  
at the home of Lawrence Kaplan

**Present:** Anna Maria Abernathy, Roger Feinstein, Ian Heespelink, Lawrence Kaplan, Peter Kastner, Bill Leitch, Carol Morrison, George Stephen, Virginia Taplin, Nick Yannoni (presiding)

1. **Minutes** of the August 21, 1986 meeting APPROVED and accepted.
2. **Treasurer's report** APPROVED. A question was raised about the origin of the Open Space Acquisition Fund and the Arboretum Fund. Members agreed they would like the Treasurer, John Bliss, to add a short description of each fund to his report. Treasurer's report accepted.
3. **Nahanton Park (formerly known as Novitiate Park)**. Peter Kastner reported that the Mayor has finally agreed to put into the city budget \$50,000 (or 10% of \$500,000) for the local share of the \$450,000 grant for the development of the park. It is understood that CJP and the Newton Conservators will make their best efforts to raise this money from private citizens and locally based businesses.
4. **Land Use Issues. Marcy estate**: This estate is on Chestnut Street, has river frontage and is next to the WHDH tower. It has been proposed that the Marcy house be put on the List of Historic Places. It was built in 1869 and has a tunnel going from the house to the barn.

The developers want to put in 56 units, move the house, and destroy the barn. There will be an open space easement along the river. Board members agreed the density was high but wondered if this is a Newton Conservator issue.

Through discussion, various points were made: The river should be protected from additional impact of high density use of its shore area. Thus the density should be reasonable. The historic integrity of the buildings should be maintained.

VOTED: AFFIRMATIVE, that a small committee made up of Jean Husher, Peter Kastner and Nick Yannoni prepare a statement reflecting the above ideas, to be read at the Aldermanic Land Use Committee hearing on October 8, 1986.

**Echo Bridge:** Several Board members expressed concern about the 7' high chain link fence that has been erected around the base of Echo Bridge. Since aqueducts and pumping stations are owned and controlled by the new Water Resources Authority, Nick Yannoni agreed to call Tom Baron, WRA engineer, to find out why the fence has been erected and how long it will be there.

**Ballot Question 4: Hazardous waste dumping site proposal:** This is written as binding legislation which will have the effect of law. Board members stated that Mass. legislators are also preparing a bill on this subject. Anna Maria Abernathy and John Bliss will summarize information of the Hazardous Waste Dump Siting Bill and report to board members in October.

5. **Andover Newton Theological School.** President George Peck has written to Nick Yannoni stating that two N.T.S. committees will soon review the proposal submitted by Rev. Dr. John Howe, "A Proposal for Making Andover Newton Theological School's Woodlands Into a Wildlife Sanctuary."
6. **Octoberfest!** No one volunteered to chair the committee or man the booth. N. C. will not be represented at Octoberfest. Members of the Board hoped Newton Conservators could organize and man a booth at Springfest.
7. Bill Leitch reported that his computer now has the Newton Conservators **mailing list** operational, and can produce our mailing labels. It will soon get update capability.
8. **Membership:** Virginia Taplin and Cay Morrison will prepare letter describing N.C., to send or give to newcomers in the community. Mary Herring has said she would get R.E. list giving names of new owners of houses in Newton.
9. **Short history of Newton Conservators.** The Board wondered if the 24th year "History of NC" could be an expanded version of the talk that Jean Husher has prepared. Nick agreed to speak to Jean about her thoughts on this.
10. **Ordway Park:** Nick Yannoni reminded the Board that Jean and Charles Thompson can no longer spend so much time on the upkeep of Ordway Park. Nick has arranged for Prof. Procopio, retired Professor of Horticulture and Landscape Gardening at U. Mass, Amherst, to review the landscaping at Ordway Park and suggest a plan for care of the park. During moist summers the Park becomes rapidly overgrown with young



trees. Some decisions must be made regarding care for the park, and budgeting for this.

11. On September 22, the matter of the **State pilot program on leaf composting** in Newton will be considered by the Aldermanic Public Facilities Committee. Board members agreed they would be in favor of a leaf composting program, but felt also that the concerns of homeowners and residents living near the Rumford St. site should be listened to and addressed. Roger Feinstein agreed to go to the Aldermanic Committee meeting and express these views.
12. **Walks** - Nick reminded the Board Members about the Charles River Walk on October 18 which will be led by Bill Grezentanner. People will meet at the MDC Skating Rink on Nahanton Road, or can join the group at various points along the route later in the day.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Morrison, Secretary.

### **October, 1986**

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors  
held on Thursday, October 16, 1986  
at the home of Nick Yannoni

**Present:** John Bliss, Rolce Payne, Carol Morrison, Mary Herring, Bart Hague, George Stephen, Nick Yannoni (presiding).

1. **Minutes** of the September 18, 1986 meeting were APPROVED and accepted.
2. **Treasurer's report** APPROVED. There was a discussion about the Arboretum Fund. John Bliss agreed to review recent history of the Fund, to determine procedures to follow so the money can be spent on trees or other means of beautifying the city.
3. **Nahanton Park:** The Novitiate Park Planning Committee accepted the Newton Conservators' suggestion, and agreed to name the park "Nanahton Park." A trust fund, Friends of Nahanton Park, Inc., is being created with the help of Bill Shaevel, Alderman, and Madeline Morris of the City Solicitor's Office. This organization will receive funds donated by citizens and corporations for the \$50,000 local share for the park development. This organization will turn funds received over to Newton Parks and Recreation Department to be used to develop and help maintain the park.
4. **Marcy Estate:** Board members were given background information about this 10 acre parcel of land on the Charles River. It was agreed that a site visit was needed, preferably with Brian Yates as guide, who can provide a great deal of detailed information and bring us up to date. Date for site visit: Saturday, November 1, 1986, 10:30 a.m.

5. **Environmental Science Program.** A letter has been received from Richard Staley, Director of ESP, reviewing the finances of this year's program. Only 13 youngsters attended, a low figure, and no scholarships were needed. Dick Staley hopes to get information and publicity on the program out much earlier in 1987. He is requesting "seed money" for making up the '87 brochures etc. MOTION: That the Newton Conservators advance \$300.00 to the Environmental Science Program as seed money for their 1987 program. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE.
6. **Ordway Park.** Nick Yannoni reported that Prof. Paul Procopio made a thorough visit of the park and will send a written report regarding his recommendation for the care and maintenance of the park. Nick plans to visit Ordway Park with Lawrence Kaplan, botanist, and Bart Hague, for further suggestions for care of the park.
7. **City Recycling and Leaf Composting Program.** Roger Feinstein attended the Aldermanic Public Facilities Committee hearing on these proposals. These are state pilot programs with state funding. Newton is one of the few cities chosen to participate in each of these programs.

The state is urgently concerned about the amount of solid waste being created and the increasing need for a decreasing number of available land fill sites. It is therefore trying to help communities devise practical and financially feasible ways of lessening amounts of solid waste and cost of solid waste disposal.

The leaf composting program would be only for leaves from city-owned land, initially. If the program were successful, it would later be expanded. It was proposed that the composting be done at City land on Rumford Avenue. Many neighbors of this area were present at the hearing and expressed extreme concern that the composting program would not be well run, and that, when expanded, trash as well as leaves would make their way to the site, resulting in multiple unpleasant problems for the neighborhood.

In the state-funded recycling pilot program, each dwelling unit would be given a large, brightly colored plastic container in which to place cans and bottles. These containers would be placed beside the trash cans on pick-up day. These recyclable materials would be picked by special trucks and immediately hauled out of the city to a transfer station, which will not be in Newton.

8. **Membership.** It was proposed that a committee made up of Rolce Payne, Virginia Taplin, and Carol Morrison make up a letter to be given or sent to newcomers in Newton. This letter would describe some of the interests and accomplishments of the Conservators, and invite the recipients to become members. Mary Herring has obtained lists of real estate purchases in Newton in two months in early summer, and agreed to get later lists.

9. **Aqueduct Walk**. George Stephen agreed to lead this walk on October 25, since Nick Yannoni will be out of town.
10. **City-wide Forum**. Wednesday, November 19, 1986. The subject of this forum will be an update of the work of the **Village Study** and how this work meshes with the conclusions of the Newton Zoning Review Committee (ZRC), and the Economic Development Committee (EDC). The Conservator board members enthusiastically agreed to co-sponsor this event with the League of Women Voters.
11. **Miscellaneous**. Bart Hague brought up the subject of "**paper streets**". In times past when area plot plans for building lots and streets were made up, land for streets was designated. In some cases these streets were not put through. However, the land is city-owned land. Adjacent home owners sometimes want to assume ownership of this land. Bart Hague suggests these are often useful and pleasant public spaces -- providing footpaths between streets, or small local play areas for children. Neither the City Planning Dept. nor the Conservation Commission expressed concern or interest in keeping, maintaining, or marking these small parcels of city-owned land.

After a short discussion, Board members agreed that these parcels added a pleasant amenity to life in Newton and should be maintained as public areas and NOT sold to adjacent land owners. Bart agreed to further pursue the subject, and report back to the Board.

12. **Newsletter**. Vinny Tomb urgently needs your Newsletter articles. Please get them to her right away (Reports of # 3, 6,7, 11 in this agenda). We have all agreed an informative Newsletter is our TOP PRIORITY and is our most beneficial activity for our members and for Newton citizens!!

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Morrison, Secretary.

### **November, 1986**

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors  
held on Thursday, November 29, 1986  
at the home of Jean Husher.

**Present:** John Bliss, Bart Hague, Susan Stone MacDonald, Carol Morrison, Rolce Payne, Virginia Taplin, Jean Husher (presiding), Anna Maria Abernathy, Fiora Houghteling, William Leitch, Nicholas Yannoni.

1. **Minutes** of the October 16, 1986 meeting were amended, APPROVED, and accepted.
2. The **Treasurer's report** was omitted due to lack of time.

3. **Nahanton Park Report.** Friends of Nahanton Park, Inc., is being registered as a tax-exempt organization in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth. Peter Kastner was elected Treasurer, and Carol Morrison, Clerk, of this new organization at its first meeting held Wednesday evening, October 26, 1986, at City Hall.

Conservator board members discussed the amount of money Newton Conservators should donate to Friends of Nahanton Park, Inc., for the local share funds, and also for the needed Maintenance Fund for the park.

MOTION: that the balance of the **Quint Fund** money (\$2,215.00) be given to Friends of Nahanton Park, Inc. Also: that the Quint Fund trustees be asked for a 2 for 1 matching grant up to \$2,000.00 for the Newton Conservators' Nahanton Park fund-raising program: i.e. each dollar the Conservators can raise up to \$1,000 will be matched with \$2.00 from the Quint Fund. This makes a potential of \$3,000.00 additional funds we could donate. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE

4. **The Marcy estate situation.** Howard Levine, attorney, and Frank DeMilla, architect, presented initial revised plans and described the presently proposed project on the 4-5 acre site. Instead of 56 units, the present proposal is for 39 units. Six of these units would be in existing structures (the house and barn). The remaining 33 units would be in clustered townhouses: 16 units in the building near Chestnut Street on the east side of the property, 12 units in a building near the railroad tracks toward the back of the property, and 5 units near the driveway. Many of the tall old evergreen trees (hemlock) by Chestnut Street would be kept. Garage space (2 per dw. unit) would be partly below grade, under the dwelling units. The developer would grant a conservation restriction on the remaining open space on the parcel, thus giving future protection for all remaining trees and shrubs on the property. New buildings would be just a few feet lower in height (2 or 3) than the present structures on the property.

The property is presently in private residence zone, allowing 2 family houses and thus 34 dwelling units. The only portion of the land not buildable is that area under the guy wire supporting the adjacent WHDH radio tower. Messrs. Levine and DeMilla were thanked for coming, presenting the revised proposal and showing the building plans.

Shortly thereafter, Brian Yates, Newton Conservator member, arrived at the meeting. Brian is a member of the Newton Economic Development Council (EDC) and was a member of the Newton Zoning Review Committee (ZRC). He is a long time resident of Newton Upper Falls, in fact, grew up there. Brian stated his feeling that the history of the Marcy family -- early residents of the area -- was important in considering this property. In the late 1800's and early 1900's the Marcy's were very active in civic and community affairs, he said.

There followed a lengthy discussion of the present proposal for the use of the land. Concerns mentioned:

- the narrow street (Chestnut Street) which curves at the property.
- an additional 60-70 cars going out to city streets and coming back to this property each day. Many accidents in that area and already documented.
- Connery Associates, the Village Study consultants, have not yet had an opportunity to publish their recommendations. They may well come out against development here because of severe traffic impact.
- Newton residents at public meetings have indicated that they are extremely concerned about transition zones between commercial and residential areas, which this is. This presently heavily wooded parcel makes a wonderful transition property between the two zones.
- Why undercut the Village Study and allow a densely planned development, before the V.S. recommendations are published?

Further comments from N-C Directors: Can some compromise be struck; i.e. a less dense proposal and some sort of public use of part of the property -- perhaps a public way from the conservation area by the river behind the property, to Chestnut Street. Since there are already 4 low/moderate income units in the house, and 2 more could be put in the barn, the city would not gain low/moderate income dwelling units by this proposal. Perhaps public interest would be served if the city could buy building rights -- or a conservation easement on the present open area of the parcel.

After discussion, the sense of the meeting appeared to be that the proposed use of the property was much too dense, and would pre-empt the results of the Village Study. Jean Husher urged that the interested community group work up a preliminary plan to show how they would like the property used.

Brian Yates made one last comment. This area of the city has taken a huge amount of development. The Upper Falls Village would therefore like to see this piece of land treated sensitively.

5. -- [no entry]

6. -- [no entry]

7. William Leitch reported briefly on the **mailing list transition and development project**. He requested a day's help from someone in the next stage of the process.

Since it was 11 P.M. this report was brief; more time will be available for this at the December Meeting.

Due to the late hour, other items on the agenda were referred to the December meeting, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Morrison, Secretary

## December, 1986

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors  
held on Thursday, December 11, 1986  
at the home of Vinny Tomb.

**Present:** AnnaMaria Abernathy, John Bliss, William Leitch, Linda Mackey, Rolce Payne, Nancy Schad, Nick Yannoni (presiding)

1. The **minutes** of the Board Meeting held on November 20, 1986, were APPROVED and accepted.
2. The **Treasurer's report** was reviewed and ACCEPTED. Board Members were reminded that all bills to the Newton Conservators for copying, or any other expenses, should be turned over to John Bliss, Treasurer, immediately.
3. **Membership mailing list:** Bill Leitch reported that the mailing list is on his computer and is up-to-date. Member names are marked as paid-up to '86 or to '87. Mary Herring and Betsy Leitch will go over the list once again to check for corrections. There is now P.C. software available to sort the mailing list by zips.

Bill mentioned that he is not receiving notices of Board Meetings! This must be checked.

4. **Marcy Estate:** AnnaMaria Abernathy read the statement that she and Jean Husher have prepared for the December 17 Aldermanic Land Use Committee Hearing on the request for a zone change and cluster development for the Marcy estate. The developers have requested that his parcel of about four (4) acres, which is now in Zone Residence D, be changed to Zone E, and that a somewhat larger number of dwelling units than is presently allowed, be built.

The Board approved the substance of the statement presented. Nick and AnnaMaria were asked to refine the wording of the agreement -- possibly getting some additional input from Brian Yates (Newton Upper Falls resident, village activist, and EDC member). It was felt the NC statement should be brief and to the point, and that we should be on the list of speakers to read our statement at the hearing.

It was noted by a Board Member that the City Administration no longer anticipates purchasing the three (3) acres of Charles River frontage behind the Marcy property. Instead it is expected that the City will ask for a public pathway easement across the land along the river. This three (3) acre parcel is now owned by WHDH. It is our understanding that WHDH management is not expecting to build on it, but rather to keep this parcel as conservation land.

5. **Bullough's Pond**: Report on pond sampling: There are more algae and a lower pH in the pond than in past years. The broken sewer on Homer Street has contributed to the problem. The consulting firm will map the pond this winter by drilling into the sediment and getting core samples through the ice.
6. Spring 1987 meeting calendar.

January 15	Virginia Taplin
February 19	Nick Yannoni
March 19	Fiora Houghteling
April 16	Rolce Payne
May 21 tentative	Bill Leitch

**Annual Meeting, 1987**: Nick suggested that we invite Prof. Charles E. Beveridge (American University) to speak to the Conservators about the Olmstead Legacy -- "Landscape Design as Fine Art and Public Art." Nick has heard this talk and recommends it highly.

A second suggestion for a speaker for the annual meeting is Dr. Cynthia Zaitzevsky, whose talk is entitled "Historic Design of the Emerald Necklace."

Board Members were enthusiastic about having Prof. Beveridge speak to us. Nick agreed to call Prof. Beveridge and line up a date if possible. Board Members agreed that May 12, 13, or 14 are all possible dates for this meeting. It was suggested that we also find out the May dates for the Conservation Commission meetings.

7. **Springfest**: Planned by the City for May 3??? Directors should think of an interesting booth display. John Bliss spoke of the lack of volunteers and the need to set aside the date on the calendar.
8. **Spring Walks**: These must be planned at the next meeting. We should decide on dates first, then leaders can be found. Conservation Commission Secretary, Helen Heyn, received calls asking about our scheduled walks.
9. **Membership Committee**: Membership Chairperson, Ginnie Taplin, requested money for NC decals, and other membership service and promotion needs.

MOTION: That \$600.000 be budgeted for membership promotion and service needs.  
VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE

10. **Telephone Alert Pyramid**: Nick gave Board members copies of the Telephone Alert Pyramid which he prepared. This is to be used when there is a need to contact Board Members quickly by phone.

N.B. Rolce Payne's telephone number of the T.A. Pyramid is correct. Please correct her number on your latest list of Board Members, which you received last month.

11. The meeting was adjourned. Members went out into a snowy, slippery, magical night.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Morrison, Secretary.

### January, 1987

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors  
held on Thursday, January 15, 1987  
at the home of Virginia Taplin.

**Present:** AnnaMaria Abernathy, John Bliss, Roger Feinstein, Jan Heespelink, Mary Herring, Fiora Houghteling, Lawrence Kaplan, Peter Kastner, William Leitch, Susan Stone MacDonald, Carol Morrison, Rolce Payne, Virginia Taplin, Nick Yannoni (presiding).

1. The **minutes** of the Board Meeting held on Dec. 11, 1986, were amended and APPROVED.
2. The **Treasurer's Report** was APPROVED. John Bliss, Treasurer, stated he had not yet sent to Richard Staley the \$300 voted in October for the Environmental Science Program. He was asked to call Dick Staley and find out about the planning for the 1987 E.S.P. Program and, if appropriate, send along the \$300.

**Membership Committee** chairperson Ginny Taplin gave a breakdown of the Appropriation for the membership committee as follows: \$26 for 1000 membership cards; \$22 for 1000 cards telling the purpose and work of Newton Conservators, to be sent along with the Map to new residents of the City; ± \$100 for postage; \$400 for 1500 decals (for car or doorway). Board members agreed these were worthwhile and reasonable expenses.

3. **The Marcy Estate:** There was a review of the hearing on the petitions of the M.E. T. Realty Trust before the Land Use Committee of the Board of Aldermen on 17 Dec 1986. AnnaMaria Abernathy, Carol Morrison, and Nick Yannoni were present. After Howard Levine and Frank diMella of M.E.T. presented arguments in favor of the petitions, several Newton Upper Falls residents of Chestnut Street made strong statements in opposition to the petition. Nick Yannoni had a prepared statement and an abstract of that statement based largely on the draft prepared by AnnaMaria and Jean Husher. The statement was modified to reflect last minute information obtained by phone from Brian Yates and information derived from the draft of the Village Study and the recommendations of the Planning Department. The gist of it was that ideally, the City should acquire the land for conservation. If there was no possibility of preserving the estate, then the City could approve a scaled-down development of 34 units rather than the 39 requested by M.E. T. (As currently zoned, 34 two-family



units could be built; the rezoning to Residence D and special permit requested by M.E. T. would preserve the existing buildings and permit townhouse clusters.)

4. **Access to Newton Cable TV.** Roger Feinstein has talked with Marise Nazzaro of Channel 3 Cable TV. She would like to publicize the schedule of Conservator walks. Ms. Nazzaro wished to attend and film some of the spring walks.

Susan Stone suggested that Cable TV might like to do a documentary on Newton Conservator activities. We could then get a copy of the film. It was further suggested that Newton Cable TV might like to film the Marcy land and the Aldermanic Land Use Committee for Newton viewers.

Members agreed that Newton Cable TV and WNTN should be on our mailing list.

Susan Stone told us that Sybil Tonkonogy of WNTN would probably be glad to interview a Conservator board member on her radio talk show. The important work done for Newton by the Conservators could be emphasized at this interview. Roger agreed to get in touch with WNTN.

Other publicity suggestions: that the schedule of seasonal walks be posted at village centers where possible; that more publicity be gotten into the Tab and the Graphic, which are widely read.

5. **Ordway Park.** Nick reported that Lawrence Kaplan has agreed to be the administrator of maintenance, landscaping, and care of Ordway Park. Jan Heespeink agreed to work with Lawrence. They will receive from Nick copies of the Procopio report, as well as the November 1985 report from Peter Fleming of Lowden, Inc.

Prof. Paul Procopio, U. Mass, visited the park last fall. Highlights from his interesting and thoughtful recommendation were read to the Board, and a copy of his report will be filed with these minutes.

6. **Springfest.** Nancy Schad has agreed to organize the committee and planning for Springfest (May 17, 1987). She will need substantial help, and volunteers to be present at the NC booth throughout the day. Bill Leitch hopes to borrow for the occasion a walk-through booth on which displays can be mounted. Linda Mackey has indicated interest in working up a photographic display.
7. **Spring Walks.** The Conservators had hoped to publicize the schedule of walks through the Community Schools Calendar as we did last year. Community Schools is in a financial crisis, so it was agreed to offer to pay up to \$50 to print the schedule as a paid ad. Nick agreed to follow up on this right away.
8. **Nahanton Park.** Cay Morrison reported that Madelyn Morris, Assistant City Solicitor, is in process of obtaining tax-exempt status for Friends of Nahanton Park, Inc. (FNP). Nick reported that Jean Husher had spoken with John Roche, a trustee of

the Quint Fund. Mr. Roche was not interested in a matching grant but said the Quint Fund would commit \$1000 to FNP in June 1987, and another \$500 in January 1988. This would, he said, be the last grant of the Quint Fund to the Conservators. The Quint Fund is a small fund and the trustees wish to make contributions to various worthwhile projects in the City.

The Board briefly discussed ways to raise additional moneys for Nahanton Park. There was general agreement that some request for individual donations should be made to the general membership. Peter Kastner suggested that at the appropriate time, board members might want to speak to friends or contacts who are high ranking members of Newton corporations. Susan Stone suggested investigating foundations to find those interested in this kind of project. An annual publication that lists foundations in Massachusetts is available for \$25. Susan also felt that the Nahanton Park project could well be publicized on Newton Cable TV.

9. **Annual Meeting**. Various possible speakers were mentioned: Prof. Beveridge, national authority on Olmstead Parks; Dr. Cynthia Zaitzevsky, ("The Design and Development of the Emerald Necklace"), George Stephens, NC board member, who is also an excellent speaker. Nick agreed to check alternatives further, including possible date when Prof. Beveridge would be in Boston on other business.
10. **City Composting Program**. Roger Feinstein has agreed to represent the Conservators on the Mayor's Composting committee.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Morrison, Secretary

### **February, 1987**

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors  
held on Thursday, February 19, 1987  
at the home of Nick Yannoni.

**Present:** John Bliss, Roger Feinstein, Jean Husher, Lawrence Kaplan, Peter Kastner, William Leitch, George Mansfield, Carol Morrison, Nick Yannoni (presiding).

1. The **minutes** of the board meeting held on Jan. 15, 1987, were amended and APPROVED. Correction: Lawrence Kaplan will also be on the City's Composting Committee.
2. The **Treasurer's Report** was accepted and APPROVED. The Newton Conservators owes the League of Women Voters \$65.50. This is our share of expenses for publicity and use of the Baptist Church hall for the last forum. John will send this check along to NLWV.

The treasurer has not yet contacted Dick Staley about the 1987 Environmental Science Program. He will do so and send the check, if appropriate.

The Newton Copy Shop charge of \$144.14 had not been identified. John will call to get information on the job that was done. Perhaps the Copy Shop is in error.

There was a discussion regarding the best way to invest Newton Conservator funds. One suggestion: that a \$5000 2-year Certificate of Deposit be bought each year for two years. At maturity, each could be rolled over into another CD. John will call the bank and find out the best way to maximize interest.

3. **Marcy Estate**: The Board of Aldermen of Feb. 17 approved the recommendation of the Land Use Committee that 35 dwelling units be permitted in the Marcy development, rather than the 39 that M.E.T. Realty requested. (Since 34 units are possible under current zoning, 35 units was necessary to bring into effect the 10% Ordinance for 4 units of low housing),
4. **Road Salt in Newton**. Alderman McGrath asked if the Newton Conservators would like to look into the amount of salt used in Newton streets. He suggested if the road crews started plowing and clearing streets earlier during a storm, a lower ratio of salt to sand could be used. The immediate cost for the extra road crew work time was estimated at \$2000 per storm. The savings due to lower pollution of the environment could be considerable.

George Mansfield, who is presently chairperson of the Public Facilities Committee (hereafter PFC) of the Board of Aldermen, told us that some years ago Newton decided to use a 3:1 ratio of sand to salt. It was not known whether this was by weight or volume, but assumed to be by volume. On local streets, the Street Department tries to keep to this ratio. On throughways or connector streets, a higher concentration of salt is used (1.8 part sand to 1 part salt.) The Parks and Recreation Dept. plows parking areas of the public schools.

NC board members indicated they were interested in this issue. It was suggested that the following information is needed: a) data about concentration of road salt used in other cities; b) if other towns are using less road salt, find out what changes were made in their plowing schedules and costs.

George reminded us that the City budget is discussed in April. As Chairperson of the PFC, he would be glad to receive any recommendations from us. Peter Kastner agreed to make some calls and report back.

5. **Springfest** - May 17. Committee: Nancy Schad, Chairperson, and members Bill Leitch, Rolce Payne, Linda Mackey, and Susan Dutt (an interested new NC member). Bill Leitch reported that he may have to build the structure for the display of pictures. Other suggestions: helium balloons, animals, or an exhibit from the M.D.C.

6. **Environmentalism of the Year**. Do Board members have any suggestions for this award this year?
7. **Annual Meeting**. It was agreed that Nick should call Cynthia Zaitzevsky, invite her to speak to us in May, and offer her an honorarium of up to \$100. It was agreed that we would like to use the Greek Church again.
8. **Recent Activities**: No report of **Andover-Newton** conservation land.

**Nahanton Park**: There will be a meeting of Friends of Nahanton Park, Inc., on March 3 in City Hall. George Mansfield said he would like to keep the PFC up to date on landscape design progress. The PFC has just approved the bond issue for \$450,000 for the park. The bond issue has still to be approved by the Finance Committee and the full Board of Aldermen.

9. **Spring Activities in Community Schools Catalog**. Publication of the spring walks schedule and details in the Newton Community Schools Catalog did not appear as requested, but rather as a small ad with incomplete information. This was extremely disappointing. Jean Husher suggested that we get out a colorful flyer and post copies around the city to publicize the NC spring walks schedule.
10. Other items - **Lacy Estate and Nahanton Park** [sic] **Conservation Area** [should be "Nahanton Woods"]. George Mansfield reported that a new plan to connect the sewer for the Ledgewood Corp. condominiums at the former Lacy Estate has been approved. This means cutting a swath 50 feet wide through the conservation area of **Nahanton Woods** next to Nahanton Street. NC board members were shocked, especially Jean Husher, the NC representative to the Trustees of the Nahanton Woods, Inc. conservation land. Jean agreed to find out more about this plan and question why a meeting of the trustees was not called.
11. **Charles River Swim**. The Charles River Watershed Association has announced July 18 as the date for the 1987 annual sponsored swim in the Charles.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Morrison

### **March Information (in part of agenda)**

1. Virginia Taplin has successfully closed the loop (via Angela) with the Greek Church in Newton Centre, and we are scheduled for the evening of 7 May for the **Annual Meeting**.
2. I have received a firm commitment from Dr. Cynthia Zaitzevsky from Brookline who will be our dinner speaker (agreed-upon honorarium: \$150.00). She is an authority on the works of Frederick Law Olmsted and has written an excellent definitive volume about him, his firm and its work. I understand that in the later part

of the 19th century, his company was probably the largest landscape architecture firm in the world.

3. Here is public acknowledgement of Betsy Leitch's excellent support in providing very timely updates and printouts on new members etc.

### **March, 1987**

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors  
held on Thursday, March 19, 1987  
at the home of Fiora Houghteling.

**Present:** AnnaMaria Abernathy, John Bliss, Roger Feinstein, Jan Heespelink, Mary Herring, Fiora Houghteling, Lawrence Kaplan, Peter Kastner, William Leitch, George Mansfield, Carol Morrison, Rolce Payne, Lavina Tomb, Nancy Schad, Jean Husher (presiding).

1. The **minutes** of the Board meeting held on Feb. 19 were ACCEPTED.
2. The **Treasurer's report** was ACCEPTED. The **1987 Budget** was presented by John Bliss, Treasurer. It was discussed and APPROVED.
3. **Springfest, May 17, 1987.** Nancy Schad reported that plans are progressing. Bill Leitch will fix up or build a display booth for photos and other displays. Vinny Tomb and Jean Husher will make a large NC felt banner for the booth. It was decided not to have helium balloons because of the expense and lack of numbers of volunteers. Bill Leitch agreed to set up the booth on Sunday, May 17, then help run the booth for an hour or two. Others who have volunteered to help people the booth are John Bliss, Roger Feinstein, and Jean Husher. More members are needed to help that day.
4. **Environmentalist of the Year.** Peter Kastner nominated Bill Giezentanner as Environmentalist-of-the-year. Bill has demonstrated great interest in saving open space for enjoyment by the citizens of Newton. He has volunteered a good deal of time and his park planning ability hear. For many years he has led the annual 12 mile Charles River Walk. Bill played a key role in bringing together and forming a pleasant working relationship among the Newton Conservators, the Combined Jewish Philanthropies, and the Newton Park and Recreation Department, which together made Nahanton Park a possibility.

MOTION: That William Giezentanner receive the 1987 Newton-Conservator-Environmentalist-of-the-Year award. ACTION: AFFIRMATIVE.

5. **Annual Meeting, May 7.** Virginia Taplin is chairperson of this committee. The dinner will be at the Greek Evangelical Orthodox Church on Center and Homer Streets. Cynthia Zaitzevsky, an authority on and writer of Frederick Law Olmsted's work, has agreed to be our speaker. Jean Husher will talk with Ginnie Taplin about

publicity for this event. With a speaker as well known as Ms. Zaitzovsky, the event should be well publicized.

The Board felt \$12 was a reasonable price to charge for dinner and the evening (depending on the price charged us for the dinner). Perhaps there might be room for an additional 20 or 25 people, coming in late, just to hear the speaker. This must be checked with the church. \$5 sounds like a possible price for these seats.

6. **Nominating Committee**. This committee was formed: Fiora Houghteling, chairperson; members: AnnaMaria Abernathy, Mary Herring, Lawrence Kaplan, and Nancy Schad. Susan Stone MacDonald will be asked to join the committee.

Board members continuing: all Board members present agreed to serve on the Board another year except Rolce Payne, who said she would have to resign at the end of the present term.

7. **Nahanton Park**. Carol Morrison and Peter Kastner reported that Nahanton Park planning is proceeding. William Pressley Associates have been chosen by the City to design the park. WPA is meeting with the Newton Design Review Committee this very evening. Within the next two weeks, WPA expects to meet with representatives of the Dirt Bikers Program and the Newton Garden Plots gardeners to hear their views. Both groups have used the former Winchester St. Recreation Area on a regular basis for many years.

The overall goal for the park continues to be to provide a quiet place by the river, and in all surrounding upland fields and woods, for passive recreation. Active recreation will take place on the soccer field, and the supervised dirt bike program (Saturday mornings). Planned improvements for the park include a canoe dock, comfort station, 20 to 30 picnic tables, some play equipment for small children, shrubs providing screening for the dirt bike area, water access and a fence around the garden plots, and if possible a pathway around the perimeter of the park (over 1 mile). Parking spaces at the Winchester St. entrance will be kept to 75 cars.

Alderman George Mansfield reminded us that the ordinance requiring the City Design Review Committee review the plans for new facilities, also requires that two local citizens are present at the meeting.

8. **Ordway Park**. More on this item at a later meeting.
9. **Tax base reduction issue**. **MOTION**: The Board of the Newton Conservators are opposed to the tax base reduction proposition. **ACTION**: AFFIRMATIVE.

Board members agreed it is important to have a Conservator member attend each meeting of a citywide group whose aim is to distribute accurate information regarding Newton's revenue capacity and the Undercut Proposition. A copy of a statement on this issue prepared by the LWVN is enclosed with these minutes.

10. **Road Salt in Newton.** Peter Kastner summarized a 20 page detailed report by Mass Audubon on this subject. Some items Peter brought to our attention: Along with careful monitoring of the ratio of salt to sand the amounts needed varied on different roadways and in different areas. If roads are plowed and sand/salted by contracted help, it is important drivers know what areas they are working on. The flow of sand/salt from the machines should be carefully calibrated. The material should be mixed before it is delivered to the city. A copy of Mass Audubon Road Salt Report was given to George Mansfield. Board members agreed road salt is an important issue in the city. Higher priority must be given to ground water and trees. Less salt should be used and more money spent on plowing if necessary.

MOTION: That Peter Kastner and AnnaMaria Abernathy write a statement summarizing Conservator views regarding the road salt policy of the City and deliver it to the Public Facilities Committee before their budget review of this item.

ACTION: AFFIRMATIVE.

11, **Other Items: Lacy Estate and Nahanton Woods Conservation Area.** George Mansfield told the Board that the new plan for the Ledgewood Corp. Condominium sewer (crossing the Nahanton Woods conservation land) was a docketed item for the Newton Board of Alderman last summer and was passed by them. Jean Husher agreed to write to Oscar Wasserman, developer/owner of Nahanton Woods Condominiums and Chairperson of the Trustees of Nahanton Woods Conservation Land, asking why the NWCL trustees were not notified of this new plan for the sewer, and why the Trustees were not given an opportunity to discuss the matter. Jean said she would attend the short public hearing of the Public Facilities Committee on this matter on April 6, 7 p.m. The Board asked her to react appropriately. She should oppose the plan if it appeared to be detrimental to the long term interest of conservation land in Newton.

Item 2. **Land Day,** Tuesday, April 28. Newton Conservators have been asked to be co-sponsors of this State event. "The purpose of this event is to demonstrate public support for open space protection."

MOTION: That Newton Conservators be co-sponsors of this event. ACTION: AFFIRMATIVE.

Item 3. **Proposed plan to widen Route 128** from Route 9 to Canton with possible effects to the pond at the junction of Route 9 and 128. The Board agreed NOT to take any action on this item at this time.

Item 4. That a letter of welcome and NC membership be sent to Anthony Mandile, recently and newly elected State representative, 10th Middlesex District.

Respectively submitted,  
Carol Morrison

**April Information (as part of Apr. agenda)**

Bill Giezentanner of the Audubon Society has graciously accepted the award of the Environmentalist of the Year and will be able to attend our 7 May meeting to receive it.

**April, 1987**

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors  
held on Thursday, April 16, 1987  
at the home of Rolce Payne.

**Present:** AnnaMaria Abernathy, Roger Feinstein, Jean Husher, Linda Mackey, Carol Morrison, Rolce Payne, Virginia Taplin, Nicholas Yannoni (presiding).

Announcements: Reminder:

April 28 -- Land Day: Activities at State House.

April 28 -- Special Election Day: Candidates for Alderman at Large: Barbara Johnson, Paul Snyder

May 14 -- Thursday, 7:45 p.m. Report of the Newton Zoning Committee to the full Aldermanic Board at City Hall

1. **Minutes** of the Board meeting of March 19, 1987, were APPROVED.
2. **Treasurer's report** was ACCEPTED.

MOTION: To pay \$50 to the community Schools Calendar since they are in financial distress, although the notice of the Conservator Spring Walks was small, incomplete and most unsatisfactory. ACTION: AFFIRMATIVE.

Since the Treasurer is away, a check for \$1000 was made out to the US Postal Service to pay for future bulk mailings. Ginnie Taplin, past Treasurer, will send it to the correct person at the Post Office.

3. **Tax Undercut Proposition:** This is an important issue in Newton for its success means services will have to be cut in the city. AnnaMaria Abernathy will attend the next meeting of the Undercut Network Association. She agreed to find a replacement for herself for the following meeting, when she will be away. We will spend more time on this issue at later meetings.
4. **Springfest:** More volunteers agreed to help set-up and run the booth, 9-4:30.
5. **Annual Meeting:** Small details were discussed and plans made. Board members said they were interested to see the large model of the Nahanton parkland made by Pressley Assoc. two or three years ago. Cay Morrison agreed to make arrangements for it to be delivered to the church for annual meeting. She also suggested we have



the latest drawing of the design for Nahanton Park on display, and that Peter Kastner say a few words about the park and the fund drive.

6. **Nahanton Park**: Friends of Nahanton Park have been invited to the second meeting and presentation of the park design by Pressley Assoc. to the City of Newton Design Review Committee on April 23, 1987. Cay Morrison and AnnaMaria Abernathy plan to attend. If the plan is passed by the Committee, precise contract work descriptions, ready for bidding, will be written up by Pressley Assoc.
7. **Nominating Committee Report** - 1987-88 Slate to be presented at Annual Meeting: President: Nicholas Yannoni; Vice-President: Jean Husher; Secretary: Carol Morrison; Treasurer: Roger Feinstein; Past-President: AnnaMaria Abernathy.

New members nominated to serve on the Board:

Richard Primack, 16 Stiles Terrace, Newton Centre 02159 332-1684  
Frances Seasholes, 63 Cypress Street, Newton Centre 92159 969-5927  
Ethel Sheehan, 6 Crescent Ave., Newton Centre 02159 244-1317

8. **Land Day**: The agenda for the day at the State House was read. Members were encouraged to attend. (Copy of Land Day Agenda included with this report.)
9. Location of next few Board meetings:

May 21	Bill Leitch
June 18	Jean Husher
July 16	Roger Feinstein
August 29	AnnaMaria Abernathy
Sept. 17	?
October 15	Cay Morrison

10. Other items:

A. **City Tricentennial**: Report from Jean Husher. There will be a photo contest. (There are few public photos of life in this city in past times.). The context will have several categories with prizes for winners (\$100) and runners up (\$50) -- amateurs and students.

MOTION: That Newton Conservators be a co-sponsor of prizes for the category, Pictures of the Environment, and that Newton Conservators supply \$150 for the student prizes in this category.

ACTION: Affirmative.

B. **Road Salt**: Peter Kastner represented the Newton Conservators at the Aldermanic Public Facilities Committee Meeting. He spoke about our concerns regarding the amount of road salt being used on Newton streets. Please refer to his letter, which is included in the Secretary's file. His statement was well received. The Aldermanic Committee plans to review the matter before the next snow season.

C, **Nahanton Woods Conservation Area** report by Jean Husher: Jean represented N.C. at the Public Facilities Committee hearing on the use of the right-of-way across this conservation area for the purpose of connecting the sewer line from the condominium development of the former Lacey estate to the city sewer. Decision on a recommendation on the matter was put off by the PFC. They agreed to have a site visit at the Nahanton Wood Conservation Area at 8:30 A.M., Wednesday, April 22. Jean Husher plans to go.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Morrison

**Annual Meeting**

for members and guests  
Thursday, May 7, 1987  
The Greek Evangelical Church  
1115 Centre Street  
Newton Centre, MA 02159

6:30 p.m.: Refreshments  
7:00 p.m.: Greek dinner  
8:00 p.m.: Presentation of the Environmentalist-of-the-Year Award  
8:15 p.m.: Business meeting  
8:30 p.m.: Speaker: Cynthia Zatzevsky, "Residential Designs by the Olmstead Firm"

**Agenda for the Business Meeting:**

Treasurer's Annual Report and Audit Committee Report  
President's Report  
Election of officers and Board of Directors for 1987-88