

**Newton Conservators, Inc.**  
**Minutes of the Board Meeting**  
**June 10, 2009 7:30 PM**  
**Newton City Hall, Room 202**

Present: Jane Sender (presiding), AnnaMaria Abernathy, Octo Barnett, Dan Brody, Larry Burdick, Bonnie Carter, Margaret Doris, Pete Gilmore, Dan Green, Bill Hagar, Frank Howard, Katherine Howard, Peter Kastner, Ted Kuklinski, Beth Schoeder, Larry Smith, Willis Wang.

The meeting began at 7:30.

**Approval of Minutes of April 22:** The minutes were approved as written.

**Land Trust Self Assessment** Larry Burdick recommended that the officers and committee members look at the assessment portions relevant to their interest and come to the board with their recommendations. It is unlikely that we will go through the process at this time, but we may some day need accreditation, either if criteria for 501(c)3 status become stricter or we receive another CR on or acquire a major property.

**Nahanton Woods Condo Association CR:** Larry Burdick explained that at the time the special permit was granted to build the Nahanton Woods Condos [1977], the city extracted a conservation agreement stipulating that a committee, of which a Newton Conservator was to be a member, should meet yearly to monitor and enforce the restrictions. It seems that the last time a Conservator was appointed was 1986. Jane said we need to make sure the restrictions are being followed, or whether they expire. (Octo remarked that, e.g. the Andover Newton conservation lapses after 30 years unless the City renews it.) Larry undertook to follow up on the matter.

**DCR Newton Lower Falls footbridge update:** Larry Smith reported the project is going forward. It will be presented as a park extending from Concord Street to Washington Street, to avoid the rail-trail controversy. Construction should begin in October. Wellesley has plans for a city park, completion of some final landscaping awaits development of the Grossman property. Newton Conservators' contribution to the planning document was greatly appreciated. Community meetings for design input will be scheduled with the Beals & Thomas design firm over the summer.

**Update on Warren Street/Webster Conservation area:** Octo reported that the owner is proposing a 14' paved strip down the middle of the street, with no parking at all on the street. He showed a map of the proposal. Octo thinks we should not want any restriction on parking, and space for 7 cars.

Regarding the sound barrier, Willis said a private taking of public property should not be permitted. Peter added that an 8' tall fence would be counter to the Open Space Plan's provision that scenic vistas be preserved, and would require a permit from the Design & Beautification Commission.

Octo drafted a statement to be read at the Parks & Rec meeting on June 15:

The Board of the Newton Conservators considered the proposed changes in Warren Street and unanimously voted that the modifications are not appropriate because these changes would decrease ease of access to Newton citizens, particularly those with any physical handicaps. We believe that there must not be changes that in any way hinder or change automobile passage and automobile parking at the 1000 feet at the end of Warren Street adjacent to the entrance to the Webster Conservation area.

The board unanimously approved the statement.

**Dog Parks:** Jane asked whether we should take a position on the controversy. Mike and Willis see no reason for us to take a position, and the other board members agreed.

**Wilson Property:** no news.

**NC Golf Course update:** Jane, Frank and Ted drove over the entire course with Fran Rice, the Chair of the Newton Commonwealth Golf Course Foundation Board, and made a video of which they will give the City a copy, with all points identified. Poison ivy is being painted blue, while the CR forbids use of certain chemicals. According to Rice, a wall was built on Golf Course property and is an encroachment. Rice is awaiting the survey to decide whether to take action against the homeowner. Jane reported that all the documents for the CR are ready to be executed.

**Annual Meeting:** The board clapped their appreciation and approval of a great annual meeting. The exhibits by recipients of our grants, the caterer and the pianist were all praised. Ted will undertake to reserve Post 440 again for the May 26, 2010, the fourth Wednesday of the month. Ted said we need a NC banner to put over the "Post 440" on the podium.

**New Business:**

•**Avery Woods:** Jane will discuss the issue with Margaret Albright.

•**Friends of Houghton Garden** – Jane observed that interpreting the wetland regulations about uprooting invasive plants is proving difficult, and Doug Dickson has been appointed to work out how Friends groups and citizens may help in the effort.

•**July 8 meeting:** potluck at Jane's house, and Larry Smith will again offer his pontoon boat for a twilight cruise. The meeting will begin at 6:00.

Jane asked whether we should change the time of regular meetings to 7:00 PM, but the majority voted to keep it 7:30 PM.

•**Helen Heyn:** We remembered her extraordinary role in the preservation of open space in Newton. Examples abound, e.g., AnnaMaria said there would have been no Norumbega Park conservation area without her, and Ted said the same about Dolan Pond. Her accomplishments are listed in her obituary (see attached.) A number of board members should attend the memorial service on June 20. AM will write a letter to the family.

•**Walden Diversity Day:** Peter Alden has invited referrals from the Newton Conservators for knowledgeable field biologists in various fields (birds, spiders, lichens, etc) to participate in a special biodiversity event in the Concord area on July 4. This will be a commemoration of Thoreau's work and will also help celebrate E.O. Wilson's birthday. They hope to identify 2009 species in 2009.

**Adjournment:** at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
AnnaMaria Abernathy, secretary

Newton TAB, June 10, 2009

Helen Alvina Heyn (formerly Pielemeier) died peacefully on June 5, 2009, in her home in Newton Highlands, in the tender care of her son, Evan. She was 89 years old.

Mrs. Heyn was born on January 3, 1920 in Freelandville, Knox County, Indiana in the same house in which her mother was born in 1888. She moved with her parents to Ann Arbor, Michigan in 1920, to Acala, Florida in 1923, and back to Ann Arbor in 1924.

Mrs. Heyn graduated from Ann Arbor High School in 1937 and from the University of Michigan in 1941, with a BA in History. She married the late Arno H.A. Heyn in 1942 and continued to work at the University of Michigan School of Public Health as a Technical Assistant in the Bureau of Public Health Economics. In 1945, Mrs. Heyn moved to Philadelphia, where her husband was working for the Sun Oil Company. In 1947, the Heyns moved to their last home in Newton Highlands, where their three children were born: Evan, Margaret and Robert. Dr. Arno Heyn was a Professor of Chemistry at Boston University until his retirement in 1986 as Professor Emeritus.

Mrs. Heyn joined the Newton Highlands Congregational Church in 1947, remaining an active member throughout her life. She served as a Sunday School Teacher and member of the Dorcas Guild. Mrs. Heyn was also a member of the League of Women Voters of Newton since 1961.

Helen Heyn was a tireless advocate of environmental preservation, and a determined conservationist. She volunteered as Secretary of the Oak Hill District Improvement Association and served as Secretary and founding member of the Newton Conservators Board of Directors in June 1961. She served as Vice-President of the Board from 1971-1973, and was elected Honorary Life Member of the Newton Conservators in 1979 for her long-standing contribution to Massachusetts and the City of Newton. She also served as Secretary of the Charles River Watershed Association when it was founded in 1965.

In 1967, the City of Newton Mayor Monte G. Basbas appointed Helen Heyn to the seven-member Conservation Commission on which she served as Secretary until 1979. In 1968 she helped acquire Houghton Garden for the City of Newton. For all of her efforts, she was awarded the “Most Valuable Contribution to Conservation through Volunteer Activity Award for 1979” by the Massachusetts Conservation Council. In the same year, she was appointed by Mayor Theodore D. Mann as Executive Secretary for the Conservation Commission until her retirement in 1991. On Mrs. Heyn’s watch, the City took title to fifteen critical Conservation Areas: Baldpate Meadow, Frank Barney Pond, Dolan Pond, Flowed Meadow, Goddard-Christina, Kennard, Martin, Charles River Pathway at William Street, Charles Cohen, Oakdale Woods, Saw Mill Brook, Varick Hill, Hunnewell Woods, Norumbega Park, and Wilson Conservation Areas. Mrs. Heyn played a significant role in preserving these green spaces for the City of Newton, some of which also provide a margin of safety against future disaster flooding. In 1984, Mrs. Heyn received the “Environmentalist of the Year Award” from the Newton Conservators. Her life-time devotion to conservation was also acknowledged by the City of Newton with naming the conservation area at Wells Avenue and Nahanton Street as the Helen Heyn Riverway.

At the time of her death, Mrs. Heyn was an Associate Member of the Conservation Commission, faithfully attending every meeting as her health allowed. Mrs. Heyn leaves her son Evan of Newton Highlands, daughter Margaret Heyn of Louisville, Kentucky, son Robert and wife Janice Meisenhelder-Heyn and granddaughter Jenna Meisenhelder of Wellesley. Mrs. Heyn is also survived by her brother John Pielemier and wife Mary of St. Joseph, Michigan.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, June 20, 2009, at 2 PM at the Newton Highlands Congregational Church, 54 Lincoln Street, Newton Highlands, MA 02461.

Memorial Contributions may be made to Newton Highlands Congregational Church (above), or to the Newton Conservators, Inc. P.O. Box 590011, Newton Centre, MA 02459.

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NEWTON CONSERVATORS, Inc.  
Minutes of the Board Meeting  
47 Kingswood Road  
July 8, 2009

**Attending: Jane Sender (presiding), Octo Barnett, Dan Brody, Larry Burdick, Bonnie Carter, Mike Clarke, Henry Finch, Bill Hagar, Frank Howard, Peter Kastner, Ted Kuklinski, Beth Schroeder, Larry Smith**

**The meeting began at 7:30pm**

**Approval of Minutes of June 10, 2009: The minutes were approved as written.**

**Conservation Commission Openings** The Conservation Commission ordinance was amended by the Board of Aldermen to call for an additional 4 alternate members. Doug Dixon would like the Conservators to recommend two members of the organization to join. Anne Phelps has indicated that she would like to spend more time on conservation and open space issues rather than just enforcement. It would be a good opportunity for the Conservators to work more closely with the C.C. Jane asked the board for volunteers and that anyone interested should contact her in the next month.

**New Membership Chairman** Jane indicated that we need new membership chairmen. AnnaMaria will take on the maintenance of our current membership list. Any board member that would like to take on this role please contact Jane.

**Website content** It has been proposed the board should have access to a password protected section of the website that would include important documents such as the financial statements, tax filings, meeting minutes and articles of incorporation. There was some discussion about whether or not the meeting minutes should be in the protected section or be accessible to the public on the website. It was agreed that they should be in the protected section.

**Fall Walks** Ted K. announced that a collaborative walk is being organized between the Conservators and the Newton Historical Society which is scheduled for October 11<sup>th</sup>. Also, there is a proposal for a Mushroom walk at Cutler Park that would be led by an expert from the Mycological Society. Alison has plans for the annual fall bird walk in early October at Nahanton Park; in addition she would like to plan a bird walk in the Cutler/Millennium Park area. Alison will coordinate the fall walks. Octo announced the possibility of getting Professor Richard Primack to lead a walk in Webster Woods on the evolution of an ecosystem. He will follow up on this.

**Fall Lecture** Possible names include Julie Macintosh Shapiro from the Arnold Arboretum, who takes beautiful photos of seeds. She is highly recommended by Beth.

Also Ted K. suggested an expert on invasives from a prof. at the University of Delaware. He will get back to us with the name.

**Status of Warren Street Property** There is a question of the status/ownership of the road. This remains unresolved. It may be something that the city lawyer will investigate. Octo wanted clarification on how he should represent the Conservators position on the Warren Street site. There was unanimous agreement on the following:

- 1) Guarantee clear public access which would include ample parking (5-7 parking spaces).
- 2) Access should be welcoming and appropriate signage should identify the conservation area and parking areas.
- 3) Whatever modifications that Mr. Goldman makes to the property, that there should be a clear public benefit.

There remains a concern on how “user friendly” Mr. Goldman’s plans were. The Conservators want a detailed agreement between the City and the private landowner so that nothing would be left to chance, or to the “good intentions” of the landowner.

There was a motion made , seconded and approved to preserve clear public access which would include a “Y” in the road and to mark parking for access to the conservation land, and that any modifications to the property preserve and protect public access and be a clear benefit to the park.

Octo also made a motion which was seconded and approved to express appreciation to Lisle Baker who has been instrumental in ensuring that the Conservators position is being adhered to in all the site planning and landscape architectural designs being proposed by the landowner.

In addition the board expressed its appreciation to Octo for all his hard work on the Warren Street site.

Mr. Goldman is proposing an 8 foot sound barrier on public land and this generated quite a bit of consternation among the board. There were concerns that the construction of a sound barrier would cause “havoc” in the park, including disruption to wildlife and people enjoying the park. There was doubt that there would be any public benefit to the sound barrier, and that a conservation land was no place for an invasive manmade structure. It was announced that Parks and Recreation has allowed the landowner to go through the approval process, which indicates that they have accepted the concept of a sound barrier. The board was clear that they opposed the sound barrier on public lands. It was agreed that this issue would be deferred till the September meeting, but that our position was to oppose the barrier on the grounds that there is no public benefit.

**Habitat for Humanity Project at Dolan Pond** Jane and Ted represented the Newton Conservators at the dedication ceremony where the new homeowners received the keys to their house. Jane also presented the homeowners with an honorary membership in the Conservators. This was the first Habitat project in Newton and has been approximately 6 years in the making. The Board recognized Ted’s outstanding work on this project.

**Nahanton Park Condo Association Conservation Restriction** This was the first conservation restriction that the city extracted from a developer back in the early 1970's. A nonprofit organization was created to hold the conservation restriction. The directors include a ward alderman and members of the conservation commission. Its mission is "thou shalt do nothing" to the 22 acres of restricted land. Larry Burdick is now the President of the board which holds the restriction. Octo is concerned about that some of the conservation restrictions, especially the older ones could "disappear", though all current C.R are perpetual. Octo among others propose that the city do an inventory of all C.R that it holds.

**New Business** There is an opportunity for potential land acquisition with regard to land that abuts the Burr School in the area of Pine Street, River Street and Albert Road in West Newton. A local architect, Tom McBride, has contacted the Conservators about the potential that this land presents as open space or mixed use/affordable housing. Most of it is city owned land, but there are also 3 smaller privately owned parcels involved. The total acreage is 17 ¼ acres. The area is currently gated and closed, and was likely an old dump. Alice Ingerson, the CPC Director has recommended a preliminary study that could be funded with CPC funds. The conservators showed an interest in seeing if the land could be purchased for public use. Henry will give Tom McBride a call. The deadline to apply for CPC is October. There was a motion to apply for CPC funds for a feasibility study which was seconded and approved. Deadline for CPC applications is Oct. 16.

**Cold Spring Park** The Conservators received an email from Ira Morgenstern concerned about contamination at this former dump, which is now a popular mixed use park. He is offering to do some water testing in the park (he does water testing for the CRWA as a volunteer). The board proposed that we encourage Ira to do the testing and report back with his findings. Ted will contact him about this. The Board wondered about how much testing the city did before the park was built? Signs of it being an old dump are apparent with visible rusty metal trash evident in many parts of the park, and the water in the stream runs orange.

Ted K. reported back on the status of Crystal Lake. There are currently two organizations involved with Crystal Lake, each with a different focus. The Crystal Lake Conservancy is raising money for new bathhouse. The Friends of Crystal Lake has more immediate goals including enforcement and maintenance, and is pro-boating.

**Water Chestnut Removal** Larry Smith announced that the Water Chestnut removal project is underway along the Charles River and flyers were handed out for more information.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and approved at 9:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Alison Leary, secretary pro tem

NEWTON CONSERVATORS, Inc.  
Minutes of the Board Meeting  
Newton City Hall War Memorial  
September 9, 2009

Attending: Jane Sender (presiding), AnnaMaria Abernathy, Octo Barnett, Larry Burdick, Henry Finch, Bill Hagar, Frank Howard, Katherine Howard, Ted Kuklinski, Alison Leary, Eric Reenstierna, Beth Schroeder, Larry Smith, Willis Wang

Also present was Modestino Criscitiello (principally for the almanac.)

The meeting began at 7:30pm

**Approval of Minutes** of July 8: The minutes were approved with Larry Burdick's rewording of the notes about the Nahanton Woods Condo Conservation Commission: "This was the first conservation restriction that the city extracted from a developer back in the early 1970's. A nonprofit organization was created to hold the conservation restriction and it has been administered by Oscar Wasserman, who originally represented the developer and who has continued as a resident of the condominium. The directors will now be the following: a Ward 8 Alderman (Cheryl Lappin), a Member of the Conservation Commission (Judy Hepburn), the City's Senior Environmental Planner (Anne Phelps), a representative of the Newton Conservators, and two representatives from the Condominium Association. Its mission is "thou shalt do nothing: to the 22 acres of restricted land. As the representative designated by the President of the Conservators, Larry Burdick will become the President of the board which holds the restriction." *The last two sentences are unchanged: "Octo..."*...

**Treasurer's Report:** Katherine referred to the June 30 report that she had distributed via email; donations are down as expected; 10 contributions have been made in memory of Helen Heyn. The tax reports have been filed.

Willis added that that IRS Form 990 now requests statements of policies re conflict of interest, record retention, and whistle blowers. We have the first, and the others will be added.

**Warren Street kudos to Octo:** Octo explained the good resolution of the question by the withdrawal of the petition to change the street and to build a sound barrier, so that we have enhanced and preserved public access to a recreation area. Several questions remain, such as the ownership of the paper



street. Octo MOVED that we express our appreciation to Lyle Baker for his help in reaching the solution; this was SECONDED and APPROVED.

**Pine Street CPA project:** Jane explained the proposal by Tom McBride, an architect residing on Albert Road, for CPA funding to acquire two or possibly three small parcels that would join the parts of 13 acres of unbuilt land owned by the city by the addition of some 2 acres. The area in question is next to the Burr School, off Pine Street, behind River St. and Albert Road. The aim is to preserve a green space, minimally improved with walking paths. The board discussed the plan and VOTED in favor of supporting Mr. McBride in putting forward the proposal.

**Almanac Update:** Beth showed the mock-up of the 77 page almanac, which will be identical in size and shape to a *Guide to Vernal Pools* put out by the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife.

The almanac committee had worked tirelessly over the summer to complete the project. They propose to sell it for \$21.95. That is what it would cost to print 100 copies; 500 copies cost \$11.70/each. Following discussion of the pricing and the number of copies, the board voted to approve \$6000 for 500 copies, with the hope of recouping the outlay.

**Fall Walks:** Alison listed the walks that are being scheduled: Nahanton Park Bird Walk, Preserving History and the Environment in West Newton, Aqueduct Bike Ride, Cutler/Millennium Park Hike, Kennard Parkv Walk. They will be published with the fall Newsletter.

**Newton Commonwealth Golf Course C.R. update:** Jane announced that the work is complete.

**Nahanton Woods Condo Association C.R.update:** Larry reported that the board, of which he is now president, has met and voted to do some clean-up.

**Membership and Marketing:** Roberta Clarke, associate professor at BU's School of Management, will cooperate with Jane to have some of her students work on a marketing plan for the Conservators.

**Annual Meeting:** Post 440 is reserved for May 26

**Speakers -Fall Lecture and Annual Meeting:** . Jane will ask whether Ian Bowles is available to speak at annual meeting. Ted said that the earliest available date for a lecture in Druker Auditorium is December 14, but he will investigate whether Sibley and the library are available sometime in January or February.

**New Business:**

- **Land Trust Alliance** requests that we support land and water conservation provisions in Energy Reform Bill HR 3534 .
- Jane has been nominated to be one of four new associate directors of the Conservation Commission.
- DVDs of 10 of our NewTV programs are now available in the library, Frank reported. The NewTV library collection will be celebrated on Sept. 29, 7:30 PM, in the Druker Auditorium.
- **Dog Parks:** Alison brought up the proposal for a dog park in the unmowed meadow at Nahanton Park, noting that this would destroy a rare bird habitat important to bird watchers. Ted argued the need for areas where dogs may run. After discussion, the vote was 12-2 in favor of having Jane write a letter to the Parks & Recreation and the TAB emphasizing the value of maintaining the unmowed habitat which a dog park would destroy.

**Adjournment:** at 9:20.

Respectfully submitted,

AnnaMaria Abernathy  
Secretary

NEWTON CONSERVATORS, Inc.  
Minutes of the Board Meeting  
Newton City Hall Room 202  
October 14, 2009

Attending: Jane Sender (presiding), AnnaMaria Abernathy, Mike Clarke, Henry Finch, Pete Gilmore, Bill Hagar, Frank Howard, Peter Kastner, Alison Leary, Eric Reenstierna, Beth Schroeder, Larry Smith, Willis Wang

Also present at the beginning of the meeting was Alderman Brian Yates

The meeting began at 7:30pm

**Braceland Park Dog Park proposal:** Alderman Yates described the proposal and asked the board to join him and the signers of a petition in opposing it. Jane explained that she, Alison, and AnnaMaria had visited the park and noted that the area in question is a mowed field involving no special wildlife or fauna. She explained that the board opposed siting a dog park at Nahanton Park because it would have involved the unmowed meadow or potentially other areas of the park which are important bird habitat rare in Newton. Unless there are habitat concerns, the Conservators have opted not to get involved with dog park proposals, of which there are currently four others. She thanked Alderman Yates for coming, and he left the meeting. A discussion followed, and a MOTION was made and SECONDED to vote on whether the Conservators should be involved in developing criteria for dog parks. The vote was 11 nos, 1 yes, and one abstention. The motion FAILED.

**Approval of Minutes** of 1) September 9: AnnaMaria noted several corrections by observant members: Beth wrote that Eric's last name was misspelled and that the board voted to spend \$5850, not \$6000. Larry Burdick noted the misspelling of Lisle Baker's first name and Jane noted she was appointed as an alternate not an associate member of the Conservation Commission. The minutes were unanimously adopted with these corrections.

2) Annual Meeting, May 27: these minutes were approved as written.

**Newton Commonwealth Golf Course CR:** A MOTION to authorize the Newton Conservators through their officers to execute the conservation restriction and escrow agreement for the Newton Commonwealth Golf Course was SECONDED and unanimously APPROVED.

A new fence is being built around the entire golf course. Jane will photograph the change as part of the baseline information. Alison volunteered to visit the golf course regularly.

**Treasurer's Report:** Katherine was unable to attend but sent the following message: - Sept 30 statements not ready - will be distributed in next couple weeks

- Corporation Annual Report to Sec of State - I will file it before November 1 due date (it is just a list of Officers and Directors)
- Crystal Lake Conservancy balance of \$15K was transferred out to that group in Sept
- Almanac is set up on 123 signup; NC website setup for it needs to be checked
- Harvest Fair was not particularly successful (though 10 Almanacs were sold) - we had a bad location until mid afternoon. Lessons learned for next year: do not try to combine Tree and NC table - need two separate people to handle set up. Fight for a good spot - and prearrange good spot with Newton Pride people. NC needs better sign, materials organized. PC display of videos not effective - too bright outside.
- Thanks to those who volunteered on Harvest Fair day! It was a big help to me to get some break time during the day.

**Almanac Status:** Beth reported that •80 have been sold. •Planning Department will sell them at City Hall. •They will also be available at the Farmers' Market and at the Angino Farm Harvest Fair. d

•The membership letter in December, as well as the letter to former members this week will feature it. •Beth has called the TAB and will call the GLOBE. Pete Gilmore suggested popularizing it with science teachers.

**Pine Street CPA project:** Jane had emailed the Beals and Thomas Landfill Reuse Feasibility Study proposal for testing and planning the site in the amount of \$14,850 to the board. Tom McBride is obtaining a second estimate from Camp Dresser & McKee. The next step is for Tom to talk to the neighbors. A representative of the City will need to be involved. The private parcels need to be appraised.

**Dexter Road dangerous branch:** Mr. Zeeb has reported a dangerous branch is overhanging his home. Jane will ask Marc Welch or *Kevin Newman to look at it.*

### **New Business**

• **Scenic Roads Commission:** Ted through an email informed the board that a new Scenic Roads Commission is being established and it would be helpful to have a member of the Conservators board on it. It was felt that Katherine, in view of her tree work, might be interested in this. If she is not, Mike Clarke volunteered to join.

• **Newsletter:** Eric inquired whether members had received the newsletter; several had. The Newtonville PO recommends asking that “Time Sensitive” be put on each tray. Frank reported that of 50 copies he had placed in the library, half have been taken, as well as half of the 40 at City Hall.

**Adjournment:** at 8:45 PM..

Respectfully submitted,  
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AnnaMaria Abernathy  
Secretary

NEWTON CONSERVATORS, Inc.  
Minutes of the Board Meeting  
Abernathys' – 45 Islington Road, Auburndale  
November 11, 2009

Attending: Jane Sender (presiding), AnnaMaria Abernathy, Mike Clarke, Margaret Doris, Henry Finch, Pete Gilmore, Bill Hagar, Katherine Howard, Ted Kuklinski, Alison Leary, Larry Smith.

Also present for a portion of the meeting was Eric Olson.

The meeting began at 7:40pm

**Approval of the Minutes of Oct 14:** The minutes were approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report:** Katherine commented on the statements she had sent out. Income is some \$5000 below budget, much of it hoped for in the next quarter. Expenses are in part below budget, in part as expected. The Almanac will appear in the last quarter, with sales expected to offset expenses. The unrealized gain in investments has recovered somewhat along with the stock market. She reported that she had filed the Secretary of State's annual report on November 1, on schedule.

**Walks:** Larry Burdick reported that 50 people had gone on the Kennard Park walk. Talking to such a crowd is difficult; Ted suggested looking into acquiring a portable device to amplify sound. Henry had 16 people on the Aqueduct bicycle ride.

**Update on tax status of easements:** Larry Burdick attended the Land Trust Alliance meeting and learned about the accreditation process. It takes years, and involves an enormous effort which is beyond our organization's means or need. Regarding tax status of fee-owned land: assessors are becoming aggressive about the tax-exemption of land not being used for the stated purpose; Jane will look into our Articles of Incorporation and whether a sign indicating access should be posted.

**Almanac Marketing:** Jane listed the places distributing the almanacs – Newton City Hall, the Jackson Homestead, Newtonville Books, and New England Mobile Book Fair. and the Conservator web site. Margaret Doris will try to get it in the TAB's Gift Guide and GLOBE West – for the latter, she asks us to send anecdotes for an article. Ted's suggestion of a presentation, like author talks at the library was enthusiastically received. The possibility of a spring lecture will be pursued by Ted.

**Commonwealth Golf Course Report:** Jane and Katherine have signed the escrow agreement and the conservation restriction, and need to follow up and make sure the \$30,000 funds are deposited.

**Planning re invasives:** Eric Olson joined this discussion. Jane wants to develop a strategy before spring. City officials prefer that we restrict ourselves to certain areas, to see how successful we are, since disturbance of the land may be worse if not successful.

Olson has mapped the garlic mustard in three areas: Lyons Playground/Auburndale Park, Heron Bridge area, and an area near the Hammond Pond Parkway. Katherine has mapped areas in Cold Spring Park. She will inquire about a State site where to dump the weeds. Alison suggested getting abutting businesses to work on areas – e.g., Cutler Park. Eric added that this is stewardship, with much teaching to passers-by. Decision: Alison will head an invasives subcommittee, with Pete, Katherine, Ted and Jane and Larry Smith.

**Pine Street:** no news.

**Scenic Roads Status:** Ted has agreed to join the commission and has attended its meeting. Newton has 17 designated scenic roads, but no enforcement. The committee aims to have an ordinance to implement the law, or to have the Planning Board issue rules that could be enforced; he expects the project to be completed quickly.

**DCR Bridge update:** Larry Smith reported that the project had gone to bid on Monday, but now it has been transferred to the Department of Transportation, so status is unknown. The Conservation Commission will discuss it this month.

**Dexter Road:** Dan Brody told us that Bob Zeeb had died the preceding night, of injuries from a bicycle accident. After the members took in this terrible news, he undertook to write the board's condolences to the family.

**Election post-mortem:** Ted commented that Setti Warren was on the CPC at the time of the Angino acquisition. He also told us that, having lost his seat as alderman, George Mansfield had expressed interest in rejoining our board. This led to a MOTION that he be invited to join the board; it was SECONDED and APPROVED.

**New Business:**

- **Holiday Board Meeting December 9:** Henry offered to host it again, pending approval by Pat. It will be pot-luck, with type of dish to be assigned in the agenda.
- **Single Stream Recycling:** Margaret Doris is disturbed by the single-stream recycling, and particularly about a \$2 fee for bags to use when trash bins are full, as it will lead to dumping of trash into the recycling bins.. She urged us to oppose the fee. Alison countered with other reports, and no action was taken.
- **Dog Parks:** Mike Clarke thinks the sunset provision will take effect and the Cold Spring experiment will end in December. The dog park commission will expire in June.
- **Eric Olson Advisor:** Ted suggested Eric be invited to become an advisor, as he indeed is advising us. Everyone agreed and Jane will do it.

**Adjournment:** at 9:25 PM..

Respectfully submitted,  
AnnaMaria Abernathy, Secretary

NEWTON CONSERVATORS, Inc.  
Minutes of the Board Meeting  
December 9, 2009, 6:30 PM  
Henry Finch and Pat Robertson's home  
153 Windsor Road, Waban

Attending: Jane Sender (presiding), AnnaMaria Abernathy, Octo Barnett, Dan Brody, Bonnie Carter, Mike Clarke, Henry Finch, Pete Gilmore, Bill Hagar, Katherine Howard, Frank Howard, Peter Kastner, Ted Kuklinski, Alison Leary, Eric Reenstierna, Beth Schroeder, Larry Smith.

Jane called the meeting to order towards the end of a delicious pot-luck dinner.

**Approval of the Minutes of Nov. 11** The minutes were unanimously approved, following a correction sent by Larry Burdick: In the paragraph **Update on tax status of easements**, "Land Trust Alliance meeting" should read, "September Mass. Land Trust Coalition meeting."

**Treasurer's Report:** Katherine had little to report, other than she is keeping up with the numerous renewals and requests for the Almanac.

**Marketing Study:** Jane has agreed with Roberta Clarke of BU that a group of 6 interns will do a project for us, beginning in January and completing in May. They will confer with us about our aims, then do a survey and hold focus groups with board members, selected active and inactive conservator members. Jane sees the need to attract younger members as one aim. Frank suggested the advisors also be included in the survey.

**Pine Street proposal update:** (Jane) Tom McBride has decided he is no longer interested in the project because it would look like a capped landfill, with no trees. Jane thinks we cannot go forward unless some in the neighborhood take the lead. Considerable discussion considered the pros and cons of addressing the problem with city or state authorities. Peter volunteered to raise the issue with the mayor, as a concerned citizen. Jane will ask Beals and Thomas, the environmental engineers who submitted a \$16,000 bid to examine the land, whether it is possible, without the full survey, to indicate whether remediation can be done without the bare look of a capped landfill.

**Planning re Invasives:** (Alison) The subcommittee has not met yet. The plan is 1) to focus on small areas and get more people to be active; 2) have the next Newsletter focus on the problem; 3) organize three pulls in May, involving also children and non-members. Jane polled members on areas they know so that they can participate in the planning process. She will work with Ann Phelps to get the City to work on invasives.

Eric Olson is committed to bringing his group back to Dolan Pond and Blue Heron Bridge. He maintains an Invasive Plant Task Force list of active volunteers that can be utilized for organized events. Some volunteers are interested in weed pulls in Auburndale Park..

**Solid Waste Commission:** Alison reported that it would meet again at 7:45 the following morning, and Frank volunteered to attend. Alison has been in touch with Angela Sottile, the solid waste manager for the city, to restore recycling programs at the schools; if the schools outsource the food service, it may be possible to set some new parameters.

**Almanac Sales Update:** Beth will send exact numbers; approximately 150 have been sold; many are “out” on consignment she still has some 90, and Lucy has 40. Jane complimented Beth on the pace of sales.

**DEP planned cuts:** Jane has mailed the letter of alarm to Secretary Bowles; no reply yet.

**New Business:**

- **Conservation Commission survey:** (Jane) The Conservation Commission will survey the land management of all the open spaces. Jane polled members on which areas they are willing in taking on.
- **Record Retention Policy and Whistleblower Policy:** Jane referred to the statements that Willis had emailed to the board. Our approval is needed to comply with new IRS 990 Tax form requirements. A MOTION to approve both policies was SECONDED and unanimously APPROVED.
- **Expiring conservation restrictions:** Octo expressed concern about conservation restrictions held by the City that may expire if not renewed. Katherine will ask Anne Pearson and Larry Burdick about the work they did to catalog the City’s restrictions. Octo is specifically interested in a restriction near Hebrew College.

**Adjournment:** at 8:55 PM..

Respectfully submitted,  
AnnaMaria Abernathy, Secretary



NEWTON CONSERVATORS, Inc.  
Minutes of the Board Meeting  
January 13, 2010, 7:30 PM  
Newton City Hall Room 202

Attending: Jane Sender (presiding), AnnaMaria Abernathy, Bonnie Carter, Mike Clarke, Margaret Doris, Henry Finch, Pete Gilmore, Dan Green, Bill Hagar, Katherine Howard, Ted Kuklinski, Alison Leary, George Mansfield, Eric Reenstierna, Beth Schroeder, Larry Smith.

Also present were Janice Bourke and Schuyler Larrabee of the Crystal Lake Conservancy.

**Approval of the Minutes of Dec. 9** The minutes were unanimously approved.

;;**Treasurer's Report:** Katherine

- is in process of preparing year end statements;
- she will go over a draft of the proposed budget with the executive committee;
- expenses are on budget;
- donations were \$3,000 or so less than budget but higher than 2008;
- The Chestnut Hill Garden club sent a gift of \$400, as has been their custom;
- Almanac status as of 12/31/09: of the 500 printed, 207 were sold/distributed, 93 were sent with memberships of \$50, and 200 were in inventory at bookstores or with directors; Almanac expense has been offset by revenue;
- Assets have increased by \$12,000 with the improving stock market.
- The ABC filing to the City is due on March 1.

**Annual Meeting speaker:** Jane has asked Ian Bowles to speak, and will have a reply on Friday. If it is negative, the possibility of inviting E.O. Wilson was raised. After considerable discussion of remuneration, Jane made a MOTION to allocate up to \$2000 to bring a special speaker for annual meeting this year or next. The motion was SECONDED and approved without opposition.

**Record Retention and Whistleblower Policy:** Board members had been asked to review the two statements that we approved without thorough examination in December; there were no comments.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

• **Crystal Lake Conservancy:** Janice Bourke and Schuyler Larrabee explained the group's mission and their plans and work so far; they showed poster sketches of the plans for the bathhouse and layout of the park. . (The Solomon Foundation had suggested preparing the pictures of the vision.) The aldermen have requested a study of the lake, and Schuyler presented the proposal of his friend Larry Beals of Beals Associates, Inc., for a year-long study of the lake for \$16,000 if volunteers participate, otherwise as high as \$31,000. Board members asked some questions, and George Mansfield gave praise and

thanks to the Conservancy for their work, whereupon Janice & Schuyler acknowledged the great help the Conservators had given toward acquiring the new parcels.

• **Angino Farm event:** Peter Barrer will come to the February meeting to propose a joint event with us at the farm, e.g., a workshop on backyard vegetable gardening.

• **Goddard Street Property:** Eric, Henry and Beth reported on the request of Lucille Hackim, 37 Goodard Sreet and on the Jan. 12 Land Use Committee hearing of a petition for a special permit for a rear lot subdivision to permit construction of two homes on land in a SR3 district on Goddard Street between 37 and 55. The rear of the lot abuts open land of several other deep lots; if they all gave conservation restrictions, they would abut the Goddard/Christina conservation area, greatly increasing the protected area. Beth had raised the possibility of purchasing the back part of the lot from the developer; he is eager to talk about this. George Mansfield explained in detail the standards to be met to secure a special permit which the developer needs to build two homes on this lot. The consensus was that it unlikely that Marcus Land Investments will succeed in getting the special permit, as 46 people testified at the hearing in opposition and no one testified in support. However, we will discuss this again after the Aldermen vote and in the meantime Eric will talk with the developer about the CPC process and the option of the neighbors entering into CRs for the abutting properties.

• **Winter Moth lecture:** Prof Elkinton will speak at the Library on March 15. Conservators will co-sponsor the event with the Green Decade, and help pay the honorarium.

• **Snow Removal Ordinance update:** The aldermanic snow committee and others, mostly members of the LWVN have worked hard, but the PS&T committee on Jan. 11 tabled the motion to enact an enforceable ordinance, requesting more information.

• **Hammond Pond walkway:** Ruth Balsler has talked to Alison about the request of a family to build a walkway around the pond in memory of their son. Jane and Alison are meeting with Ruth and members of DCR to discuss this Jan. 21.

• **Caterpillar project.** Pete Gilmore called our attention to a project on caterpillar photos by Samuel P. Jaffe, found at [www.pbase.com/spjaffe](http://www.pbase.com/spjaffe).

**Adjournment:** at 9:05 PM..

Respectfully submitted,  
AnnaMaria Abernathy, Secretary

NEWTON CONSERVATORS, Inc.  
Minutes of the Board Meeting  
February 17 2010, 7:30 PM  
Newton City Hall War Memorial

Attending: Jane Sender (presiding), AnnaMaria Abernathy, Octo Barnett, Dan Brody, Bonnie Carter, Mike Clarke, Henry Finch, Pete Gilmore, Dan Green, Bill Hagar, Frank Howard, Katherine Howard, Peter Kastner, Ted Kuklinski, Alison Leary, George Mansfield, Eric Reenstierna, Beth Schroeder, Larry Smith.

Also present were Janet Springfield and Janik Perrette from Angino Farm and Sunwoo Kahng from the Green Decade Coalition.

**Angino Farm joint program:** Janet Springfield spoke of ideas for possible joint projects.

- mixing herbs and vegetables in with flowers
- backyard gardens
- square foot gardening
- veggies in pots

The Farm is already holding classes for small groups about the above subjects, but these are not suited for larger gatherings. Rather, evening talks at the Farm would be desirable, being easier to organize. Thus they've done a program on planting seedlings for Mt. Ida College. Others suggested other possibilities:

- edible wild plants (Russ Cohen speaker)
- bees (Maslow speaker)
- local and sustainable foods
- permaculture.

Janet suggested a series of three lectures. Jane will circulate a list of possibilities for members to evaluate and add to.

Bonnie suggested a farm supper, with music.

Meanwhile, the Conservator Newsletter will publicize Farm events, as Ted already does in his e-Newsletter.

Green Decade Coalition programs: Sunwoo listed some of the GD's topics:

- workshops on how to use rain barrels
- Ritza Adelstein, landscape designer, with Ted Chapman & Henrietta Light, furnish ideas
- Rain barrel demos

Everyone agreed that the three organizations should coordinate to produce one calendar showing all their programs.

**Approval of the minutes of the January 13, 2010 meeting.** The minutes were approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report:** Katherine explained the 2009 results and the 2010 budget. In brief, • in 2009 an operating loss of \$2000 was more than offset by increase in investments, and the \$10,000 budgeted for special projects was not spent. Thus net assets increased from \$148,000 to \$160,000.

• For 2010, if the board approves the proposal, the Audubon Society's monitoring of our conservation restrictions (\$4800 the first year, \$2000/yr. for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>) will come from the \$10,000/yr. allocation for "special projects," since it will not be an ongoing expense.

• 2010 Operating expenses are as before, with \$5,000 for grants, and the Almanac expenses/revenue a new item. Assuming that special projects are spent, net assets will decrease from 160,000 to 151,000.

**Mass Audubon CR Monitoring Proposal:** Jane said that the obligation to monitor all aspects of the CRs we hold are beyond us. Mass Audubon developed the program for its own sites, and has made it available to holders of CRs. We have agreed that Audubon would monitor for three years, and then would determine whether we are ready to have it turned over to us, providing binders detailing the work, including GIS mapping compatible for the City's program. Frank vouched for the quality of this work.

Peter suggested that we take appropriate portions of the cost from funds we hold for specific properties, and only the balance from our "special projects" budget. Katherine agreed that this is a good idea, and made the following two MOTIONS:

1) that the board authorize two officers to sign the agreement with Audubon.

The motion was SECONDED and unanimously approved.

2) that the board approve the proposed budget. This, too, was unanimously approved.

**Annual Meeting planning:**

• **Speaker:** Mayor Setti Warren has agreed to speak at the annual meeting on May 26.

• **Awards:** various projects and individuals were suggested. The decision will be made next month.

**Moth Program March 15:** UMASS Amherst Professor Elkinton will speak.

**Update on Goddard Street:** Eric drafted a letter suggesting Louise Hackim send it to neighbors, and had not yet received a response. He will follow up with her, as action, to be useful, needs to come before the special permit petition for the lot is approved.

**Nominating Committee:** Mike Clarke has agreed to head the nominating committee; he will choose the other members in consultation with the executive committee.

**Spring Walks Schedule:** Alison has begun work on scheduling six walks/activities. Katherine suggested the walks be tied in with the Almanac, an excellent plan.

**New Business:**

- **Sue Avery** has resigned from the board, since she now lives in New York (Stonybrook).
- **Caterer:** Beth asked who will cater the annual dinner. It will be Maria, who did it before last year.
- **Plastic bags:** Alison listed bills that are currently before the Legislature – banning their use in store, adding a surcharge on their use, requiring biodegradable bags, and requiring that paper bags contain 40% or more reused material. She will draft a proposal for NC support.
- **Merger of Parks & Recreation and Public Works Departments:** Peter raised concern about the treatment of parks in the merging of the two departments. The Programs and Services Committee will discuss this on March 3. Peter said he would attend and give us a report.

**Adjournment:** at 9:00.

Respectfully submitted,  
AnnaMaria Abernathy, secretary

NEWTON CONSERVATORS, Inc.  
Minutes of the Board Meeting  
March 10, 2010, 7:30 PM  
Newton City Hall Room 202

Attending: Jane Sender (presiding), AnnaMaria Abernathy, Margaret Albright, Dan Brody, Larry Burdick, Mike Clarke, Margaret Doris, Pete Gilmore, Bill Hagar, Frank Howard, Katherine Howard, Alison Leary, George Mansfield, Beth Schroeder, Larry Smith, Willis Wang

**Approval of the Minutes of February 10:** After correction adding Octo Barnett and Frank Howard to the list of attendees, the minutes were approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report:** Katherine had filed the ABC forms due on March 1, and will get an extension to August for filing the IRS Form 990.

**Membership:** Via [www.123signup.com](http://www.123signup.com), Jane had sent a notice to members with email who had not paid 2010 dues. Approximately 10 additional people renewed.

**Awards:** The board heard MOTIONS and SECONDS and voted unanimously to award the following:  
Environmentalist of the Year: The Almanac Committee  
Charles Johnson Maynard Award: Elaine Gentile  
Directors Awards: Pat Rand and Penny Caponigro

**Schedule of Spring Walks and Invasives Pulls:** Alison read the list, which will appear in the April Newsletter.

**Hammond Pond Walkway:** (see January 2010 minutes) Jane and Alison met with Ruth Balsler, DCR representatives, Candance Havens and Anne Phelps, the donor family and the interested floating dock salesman. DCR, working with the donor family is putting together a "scope of work" description of what might be done. The ongoing environmental problems of the pond were discussed and Anne Phelps is preparing a memo on that. All (the City, DCR and Conservators) agreed that remediation of the problems should be a part of the project.

**Riverside Project:** Jane announced that a public meeting was to be held on March 11. (*Note: this was a Planning Dept. exercise ask residents what they would like or not, and to explain the process going forward. On March 31, at the Williams School, the developer will present their current proposal.*)

**Audit Committee:** Larry Burdick will again head it and report at the annual meeting.

**Angino Farm Proposals:** Among possible topics for a lecture the Conservators will co-sponsor, board members agreed on

- talk on bees and beehives
- local and sustainable food movement
- John Regosin on vernal pools

**Interns' Marketing project focus groups:** On March 25, eight board members will be interviewed at 6:30, and eight non-board Conservators at 7:30, in the City Hall Cafeteria. If you are able to participate, please let If you are able to come, please let Amanda Nanan know at [mandy0296@yahoo.com](mailto:mandy0296@yahoo.com). She is one of the interns.

**Nominating Committee:** Mike Clarke, nominating com. chairman, has left messages with advisors to ascertain that they wish to continue, and is searching for a new member to chair the membership committee. Two people are willing to do work, but not lead. All current officers are continuing; Beth will continue to be “past president” but not on board. All board members present at the meeting will stay on.

**Grants Committee:** Bill Hagar reported for the committee on three requests:

- The Environmental Science Program: \$2000 for scholarships. A MOTION to approve was SECONDED and unanimously approved without long discussion, as the detailed application shows that the program is in excellent shape.
- Zita Polgàr, NNHS senior: \$1000 to make an environmental awareness themed website to combat “nature deficit disorder.” \$900 was for a computer. The board agreed not to fund this, but to contact the faculty advisor about possible help for the project.
- Sam Shames, NNHS senior: \$500 for an Appleseed Biodiesel processor, which upon completion he will leave to the school. A MOTION to approve was SECONDED and unanimously approved.

A second announcement about grant availability will be sent in September, for the second half of our sum budgeted for grants. Bill Hagar will have the grant recipients prepare displays for the Annual Meeting.

**Newsletter:** The deadline for the next newsletter is April 2.

Respectfully submitted,

AnnaMaria Abernathy, secretary



NEWTON CONSERVATORS, Inc.  
Minutes of the Board Meeting  
April 14, 2010, 7:30 PM  
Newton City Hall Room 202

Attending: Jane Sender (presiding), Mike Clarke, Pete Gilmore, Bill Hagar, Frank Howard, Katherine Howard, Alison Leary, George Mansfield, Eric Reeinsterna. Beth Schroeder, Larry Smith, Dan Green

**Power Point Presentation by BU MBA Students:** An impressive and helpful critique of the structure of our organization, with helpful suggestions for improvement, was presented by a team of six Boston University MBA students. A question and answer period followed the presentation. A written report was submitted by the students.

**Approval of the Minutes of March 10:** The minutes were approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report:** Katherine has scheduled an audit committee meeting. There was water in her basement during the recent flooding and she had to move the old records of the Newton Conservators. She has rented space at a reasonable rental fee.

**Winter Moth Program:** Katherine reported that the meeting on winter moth problems and solutions was held and was a success,

**Membership:** Jane reported that Pat Robinson has agreed to assume the role of Membership Committee Chair and Board member.

**Riverside Project:** Jane announced that the public meeting was suddenly cancelled by the developer on the day before the meeting was to be held. The reason for this was not understood.

**Angino Farm Proposal for Nahanton Park:** Jane reported that there will be a meeting this Sunday about expanding the lower gardens in Nahanton Park, and to allow the Angino Farm to cultivate in the area known as the meadow. Areas suggested for gardening are the brushy area to the south of the current gardens, as well as utilizing the untilled area of the current lower gardens. A compromise suggestion by Beth Schroeder after some discussion was to allow the farm into the lower part of the meadow, informing them

that the City dumps snow there during the winter. The Angino Farm would be asked to maintain a natural meadow on the upper slopes of the current meadow.

**Annual Meeting:** The preparations and organization of the Annual Meeting are in good shape.

**Nominating Committee:** Mike Clarke, Nominating Committee Chairman, reported that Pat Robinson will chair the Membership Committee, that four of the advisors are retiring from service, and that there is space for three additional Board members.

**Grants Committee:** Bill Hagar reported for the committee on one request: The Crystal Lake Conservancy has requested \$3,000 to help with an over \$16,000 study of the water quality in the lake, pursuant to organizing steps to improve that situation. The Committee turned that request down.

The Board judged that this request was better addressed to the Special Projects Fund. After discussion a motion was passed unanimously to award the Crystal Lake Conservancy \$1,000 for the study with the proviso that the Newton Conservators be recognized as sponsors of this study.

**Bike Newton Rally:** Ted reported that the Bike Newton folks would like a donation from us to help defray their costs. The Board decided to award a sum of \$100 and to allow the Rally Organization to use our logo.

**Newton Conservator flyers:** There was some discussion of the availability of our flyers, and the need to print flyers with our new logo on them.

Respectfully submitted,

Pete Gilmore, Acting Secretary

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Newton Conservators  
at the American Legion Post 440  
295 California Street, Nonantum  
Wednesday, May 26, 2010

The business meeting opened shortly after 7 PM, after a social hour that began at 6:15 PM.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Katherine Howard.  
The Audit Committee Report was read by Eric Reenstierna on behalf of Larry Burdick.  
The President's Report by Jane Sender is summarized in the June/July/August 2010 issue of the Newton Conservators' Newsletter attached to the file copy of these minutes.  
The Nominating Committee Report given by the chairman, Michael Clarke was approved with the unanimous election of the following slate:

**President:** Jane Sender  
**Vice-President:** Alison Leary  
**Treasurer:** Katherine Howard  
**Secretary:** AnnaMaria Abernathy  
**Past President:** Beth Schroeder

**Board Members**

Margaret Albright	Dan Green
Octo Barnett	Bill Hagar
Dan Brody	Frank Howard
Larry Burdick	Peter Kastner
Bonnie Carter	Ted Kuklinski
Michael Clarke	George Mansfield
Margaret Doris	Pat Robinson
Robert Fizek	Eric Reenstierna
Henry Finch	Larry Smith
Maurice (Pete) Gilmore	Willis Wang

**Advisors**

Lisle Baker	Burton Elliott	Anne Pearson
Rodney Barker	Bart Hague	Richard Primack
John Bliss	Judith Hepburn	Jon Regosin
Lee Breckenridge	Duane Hillis	Frances Seasholes
Lucy Caldwell-Stair	Deborah Howard	Bill Shaevel
Michael Collora	William Leitch	Verne Vance
Modestino Criscitiello	Don Lubin	Brian Yates
Douglas Dickson	Eric Olson	

Following the election, the following awards (described in the June/July/August 2010 issue of the Newton Conservators' Newsletter attached to the file copy of these minutes) were given:

Environmentalist of the Year: The Newton Almanac Committee: Sue Avery, Cris Criscitiello, Laura Eisener, Pat Robinson, and Beth Schroeder.

Directors' Awards: Pat Rand and Penny Caponigro

Charles Johnson Maynard Award: Elaine Gentile

After the meeting, Mayor Setti Warren spoke about the importance of citizen involvement in local affairs and the contribution made by the Conservators' work..

Respectfully submitted,

AnnaMaria Abernathy, secretary

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