

# **Newton Conservators**

## **2025 Newton Candidate Questionnaire**

**Respondent:** Lisle Baker

**Office Sought:** Ward 7 Ward Councilor

### **Question 1:**

What are your top 2 or 3 goals and/or objectives from the Newton Open Space Plan:2020-2027 (see pages 147-150 for the Plan's Goals and Objectives) and what do you plan to do to promote them? (FYI, a priority of Newton Conservators, relating to Objective 6C on page 150, is to complete overdue and future Conservation Restrictions in a timely manner.) Are there items that you believe are missing from either the open space plan or conservation discussions in our community, and how would you address that? (400 words or less)

### **Response:**

Certainly support CRs as stated; also support the maintenance of existing open space such as the Reservoir Park at Heartbreak Hill

### **Question 2:**

The climate crisis is one of the biggest detrimental impacts on our open spaces. How would you accelerate or add to the actions recommended in both the Newton Climate Action Plan:A Living Plan for 2020-2025 (focused on reducing greenhouse gases) and the Newton Climate Vulnerability Assessment and Action Plan (focused on changes to protect natural resources and reduce effects of extreme weather events)? (400 words or less)

### **Response:**

As Chair of ZAP I helped BERDO get passed. Next term we will need to look at its application to some residential properties.

### **Question 3:**

Do you believe current funding levels in the City budget are sufficient to maintain high quality open space and address growing climate mitigation needs? If not, what would you do about it? (400 words or less)

### **Response:**

I have long been concerned about the limited funding for maintaining conservation land, co-authoring resolutions seeking more - with some success..I expect to continue to ask if we have enough funding to do the job.