



WALTHAM LAND TRUST

2022 Annual Meeting

Our 23rd Anniversary



Annual Meeting Agenda

Welcome & Opening Comments **Dr. Nadene Stein, WLT President**

Inge Uhlir Environmentalist of the Year **Sonja Wadman**
Ann Clifford

Frederick Law Olmstead: Life & Legacy **Sophia Bass Werner & Isabel Schulman**

Update on MCRT **Laurel Carpenter**

Financial Status of the WLT **Brian McCormick**

Business Meeting: Vote on Returning Directors **Nadene Stein**

Master Plan Meetings & Q&A **Sonja & Board Members**

Closing



Welcome!

DR. NADENE STEIN, PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD



Inge Uhler Environmentalist of the Year

SONJA WADMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

History of this Award

- ▶ Named for Inge Uhlir, a founding director, in 2011 to recognize her retirement from the Board.
- ▶ Not necessarily 'Volunteer of the Year' or a WLT member
- ▶ Recent previous recipients include:
 - ▶ Stewards: Betty MacKenzie, Bob Primak, Jarek Reihner
 - ▶ Advocates: Dee Kricker
 - ▶ Civil servants: Ward 3 Councillor George Darcy

And this year's Environmentalist is...

Ann Clifford



About Ann



- ▶ Started **consulting for City in 1998** when predecessor and mentor passed away.
- ▶ Hired in 2000—**expanded site offerings** from private events to school field trips, programs, community events and other public-oriented enhancements.
- ▶ **Restored Olmsted landscape**—cleared vistas, re-established fields, preserved ancient trees. Worked closely with both Historical and Conservation Commissions to **re-establish the intended harmony among people, shelter and landscape.**
- ▶ **Stonehurst chosen for historic signing** of the Community Preservation Act into law in September 2000. Photos on left from Community Preservation Coalition website.

More about Ann

- ▶ Established and fulfilled long-term goals for Stonehurst
- ▶ Helped oversee the preservation, restoration, maintenance, and interpretation of the house, landscape, collections and archives
- ▶ Managed daily operations, projects and grants
- ▶ Built and maintained strong community partnerships
- ▶ Developed and ran school programs and public programs that reached thousands of children and families each year
- ▶ Advocated to protect ALL of the Paine Estate Woods--Storer Conservation Land and Chester Brook Woods--from development
- ▶ Currently Senior Planner for Town of Concord (Historical Commission, Historic Districts, Community Preservation Committee)



Frederic Law Olmstead: Life & Legacy

SOPHIA BASS WERNER, LEAD PARK RANGER

ISABEL W. SCHULMAN, COMMUNITY & YOUTH ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR



MCRT Update

LAUREL CARPENTER, WLT LEAD STEWARD AND RAIL TRAIL ADVISORY
COMMITTEE MEMBER

Project Site



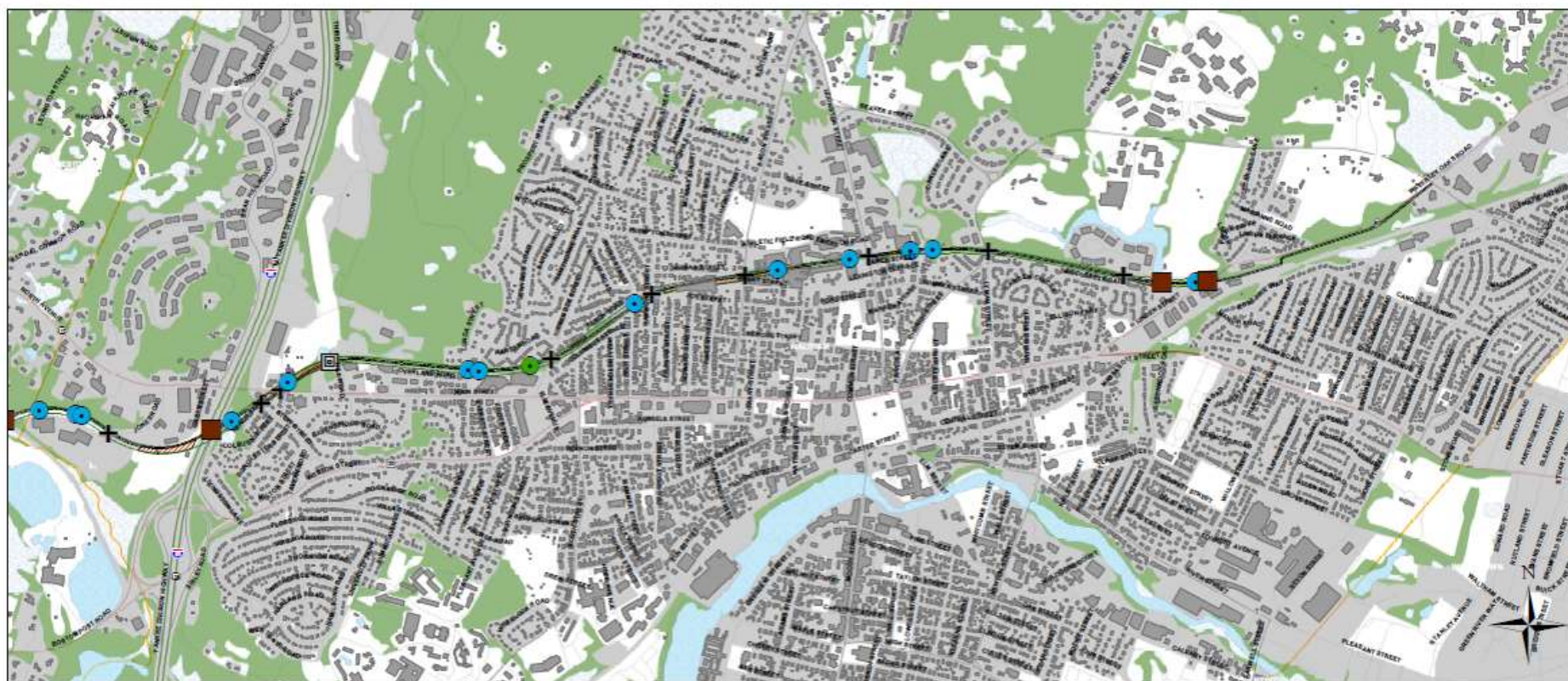
Mass Central Rail Trail - Wayside Waltham Section

Legend

- MBTA ROW - DCR Lease
- MCRT Construction Limit
- Archaeologically Sensitive Areas
- Archaeological Sites
- MCRT Encroachments

MCRT Infrastructure Land Use (2005)

- At-Grade Crossing
- Underpass
- Underpass - Filled
- Bridge
- Bridge - Missing
- Culvert
- Cattle Pass
- Forest
- Water
- Developed
- MA Towns..Solid Outline
- DEP Wetlands (1:12,000)



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For planning purposes only.
Data from MassGIS, DCR, EOT Val Maps.

Now, for a commercial break...

Please remember the Waltham Land Trust
on Giving Tuesday, November 29.

We also appreciate your contributions
on any other day of the year, too!





FY 22 Financial Results

BRIAN MCCORMICK, WLT BOARD MEMBER

Waltham Land Trust FY22 Financials

FY22 REVENUE

Contributions	\$33,944
Special Events	\$15,938
Membership Dues	\$22,215
Other	\$25,556
Released from Restrictions	\$8,600
Total Revenue	\$106,253

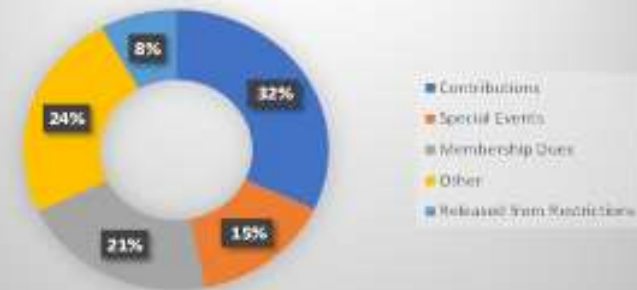
FY22 EXPENSES

Payroll	\$61,369
Program	\$22,146
Office	\$9,495
Administrative	\$3,784
Fundraising	\$1,202
Total Expenses	\$97,996

FINANCIAL POSITION

Net Assets, Beginning of Year	\$195,127
Change in Net Assets	(\$3,374)
Net Assets, End of Year	\$191,753

FY22 Revenue



FY22 Expenses





Business Meeting

DR. NADENE STEIN, WLT PRESIDENT

And the Nominees are...

- Three Returning Trustees

- **John Dieckmann:** John has been involved in land conservation, walking trail and bike trail development for the past 20 years. He is the vice-president of the Belmont Citizens Forum and in this capacity was one of the founding members of the Friends of the Western Greenway and has represented Belmont in the Mass Central Rail Trail Coalition. John has devoted considerable time to planning and building the Western Greenway Trail and continues to help with maintenance. Several years ago, he was the vice-chair of the Belmont Community Path Advisory Committee, which has evolved to a project committee overseeing the detailed design of the Community Path in Belmont (i.e., the Belmont section of the MCRT). John is a retired mechanical engineer, a background that sometimes is relevant to trail projects. He has served as the "Belmont member" of the WLT board and looks forward to serving another 3-year term.

Nominees continued

- **Barbara Jacobs:** Barbara is completing her first term on the WLT Board of Directors. She is currently the Board Vice President and is the Chair of the Development Committee where she helps to write grants for local initiatives. As a resident of North Waltham for over 27 years she enjoys leading hikes in the Western Greenway for WLT and other groups. Barbara's other interests include cycling in the area around Waltham and coordinating a weekly bike series for the Charles River Wheelers.
- **Anna Richardson:** Anna is an attorney and the Co-Executive Director of Veterans Legal Services. She has served as WLT's Clerk for several years. Anna grew up in Ithaca, New York, where enjoying the glacial waterfalls and hiking trails helped form her commitment to conservation and green space. Anna enjoys gardening and cooking, especially incorporating the herbs and vegetables from her garden into her dishes. She and her husband, Clarence, live on Bright Street where they frequently enjoy the Grove Street Green Space.

Now to Vote...

- ▶ If you are a MEMBER of the Land Trust, please vote:

If you are on Zoom, please raise your hand to record if you accept the slate of John Dieckmann, Barbara Jacobs and Anna Richardson for another three years. If you object, put a comment in the Q&A.



Update on Issues

SONJA WADMAN AND BOARD MEMBERS



City Master Plan Public Meetings

SONJA WADMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Master Plan Special Committee

- ▶ Purpose: "...to meet with the public in order to reconcile the many differences outlined in the two Master Plans previously submitted..."
- ▶ Held meetings in nine wards
- ▶ WLT provided statements re: properties in wards 1 – 6, plus:

The Waltham Land Trust is pleased the City of Waltham is seeking community input as it updates and combines its current Master Plans. Our Board of Directors and 360 dues-paying members, along with hundreds of supporters, **demand that the new City of Waltham Master Plan recognize the reality of climate change by preserving all open space in the City, regardless of size, and making permanent conservation of open space a priority** by placing conservation restrictions on land acquired by the City for open space, and legally required when Community Preservation Act funds have been used.

- ▶ Citywide meeting Tuesday, November 29, 7-9 pm, Government Center

Current Key Projects

Other Questions?

Join us for some special treats

Toscanini's Ice cream

Complements of Sally Wetzler and Marc Rudnick



Thanks for coming!