

Thursday, November 4, 2021

## from the Chair



Welcome to the 130th Annual Meeting of The Trustees. Once again, we are gathering from across the state on a digital platform—I wish we could be together in person! I think you'll still find this to be a night to remember as we introduce some exciting new elements and guests to our presentation. We have a lot of news to share, and we are happy that the digital format allows us to also invite special guests and staff to join us as we celebrate new members, our many accomplishments, and those who have contributed so much to The Trustees.

The pandemic remains an ongoing challenge to our usual ways of operating, but The Trustees never slows down—we have brought some wonderful new and very special places under our protection, revitalized two of our most beloved garden properties, taken a statewide leadership role in response to the challenges of climate change and sea level rise, begun an important community design phase to our work to establish waterfront parks in Boston,

and introduced several new programs to expand access to our reservations and increase engagement with our mission. You will see that, when the world responded to Covid by getting outside like never before, we were there to welcome them—not only to our reservations, but to our mission as well.

The Trustees is a vibrant and thriving organization. Our mission is just as important today as it was when Charles Eliot founded the organization 130 years ago. We are grateful for your unwavering support as we continue to provide more opportunities for our visitors to explore the wonders of our Commonwealth's natural and cultural worlds. It is because of you that we can and will accomplish so much as the conservation leader in Massachusetts.

John B Afrin

Peter B. Coffin
Chair, Board of Directors

# from the President



I am pleased to be with you and to have this time to share and reflect on the past year. Our mission is being embraced by more people and in more ways than ever before, and is reaching new audiences in all corners of the state. On behalf of the staff, I want to express our gratitude to you for all you do for The Trustees—your passion, generosity, and commitment sustain this great organization and drive our success.

You will hear tonight about many accomplishments and successes as we strive to fulfill all of the goals of our ambitious 5-year strategic plan. True to its name, Momentum, we are on a roll and we have a lot to be proud of. We have responded to the pandemic with spirit and creativity, and our members, volunteers, and visitors have, in turn, responded by engaging in our programs, seeking out our special places, and amplifying our message.

One aspect of our work of which I am most excited and energized is our effort to create more welcoming, accessible, and inclusive spaces across our reservations and throughout our organization. We have done a lot of work in this area in the past and have more recently created a pathway to weave these efforts through everything that we do. We have a lot to learn and a lot to do, but it is a journey we look forward to taking and to sharing it with you. Thank you so much for your support.

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Jocelyn Forbush
Acting President & CEO

# ANNUAL MEETING

#### **ONLINE PRESENTATION**

Thursday, November 4, 2021 | 6:30PM

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## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS RE-NOMINATED FOR AN ADDITIONAL THREE-YEAR TERM

Laura DeBonis, Washington DC
Philip J. Edmundson, Hingham MA
Thomas D. French, Dover MA
Martin Lempres, Boston MA
Phyllis R. Yale, Lexington MA

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATED FOR ONE THREE-YEAR TERM

Edward G. Garmey Concord MA

Edward Garmey has been a member of The Trustees since 2011 and has been a corporate trustee since 2017. He has served The Trustees as co-chair of the Advisory Board, as a member of both the Nominating and Cultural Resources Committees, and on several



task forces. A cancer physician, Edward is founder of CMO Consulting and serves as a consulting Chief Medical Officer for leading private and public biopharmaceutical companies. Prior to his transition into consulting, Edward served as Chief Medical Officer and SVP of Cerulean Pharma and helped lead that company's successful IPO. Prior to working in industry, he served as a pediatric hematologist-oncologist at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center (MSKCC) in New York. Edward is an alumnus of Harvard and New York Universities and completed his medical training at New York's Mount Sinai Medical Center, the Children's Hospital of Los Angeles, and MSKCC. Residing in Concord with his wife, Sophia, and their children, Nathaniel and Eleanor, Edward additionally serves as a member of the Board of Overseers at the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston.

Upon election of the individuals nominated, the individuals listed below will comprise the entire Board of Directors for 2021-2022:

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## **ADVISORY BOARD**

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## Alexandra C. Hastings, Boston MA

Alex Hastings has been a member of The Trustees since 2018. She is a digital marketing consultant who previously served as the Associate Director of Marketing at Racepoint Global, a global communications agency that specializes in technology, healthcare, and innovation. Alex earned her B.S. from Emerson College. She currently serves on the boards of the Friends of the Public Garden, the Museum of Fine Arts, and Revolutionary Spaces.

#### Bradley C. Irwin, Lexington MA

Brad Irwin retired as President and Chief Executive Officer of Welch's in 2018. Brad was also President of Cadbury North America. Prior to these roles, he served in various capacities for The Procter & Gamble Company, both here and abroad (Holland and Korea). He is currently Lead Director on the board of Church & Dwight (CHD NYSE), where he has served as director since 2007. Brad has been on the board of a global humanitarian organization, Save the Children, since 2003. He was appointed Chairman of the Board in 2018. Brad has been on the board of Save the Children International, the service delivery arm of the \$2.2 B organization, since 2017. Brad and his wife of 40 years, Cathy, live in Lexington and Naples FL. They met in neighboring MA colleges (Amherst and Mount Holyoke). Brad and Cathy have two daughters, Emily and Jennifer, and four grandchildren.

## Ann W. Lambertus, Lexington MA

Ann's involvement with The Trustees dates back to the 1990s when she helped out with membership projects at Long Hill. Her parents were tour guides at Crane Estate for many years. Ann is founder as well as President and Treasurer of the board of Northeast Coonhound Rescue, an all-volunteer, non-profit organization dedicated to the welfare and rescue of coonhounds hound mixes, and beagles. She also serves on the board of the Peter and Ann Lambertus Family Foundation.

#### Peter K. Lambertus, Lexington MA

Peter has been a member of The Trustees since 1990. He is the Founder of Charles River Systems, Inc., an investment data and analytics software provider that he established in 1984. It was purchased by State Street Corporation in 2018. Upon its sale, Charles River Systems supported over 300 clients in more than 40 countries and managed over \$25 trillion in assets. He currently serves on the board of the Northeast Coonhound Rescue (NECR) as well as the Peter and Ann Lambertus Family Foundation.

#### Adam J. Margolin, Boston MA

Adam has been a member of The Trustees since 2009. He is a frequent visitor to Trustees' beaches and farm properties, and he maintains a Boston Community Gardens plot. Adam is interested in raising Boston residents/families' awareness of all that Trustees membership offers, and he has been active in helping with events for the Boston Waterfront Initiative and the Boston Community Gardens. He is a Managing Director at Spectrum Equity, a private equity investment firm providing growth capital and support to innovative technology companies. Prior to joining Spectrum, Adam worked in investment banking at Citigroup. Adam received his undergraduate degree from Harvard University. He lives in Boston with his wife Meghan and six-year-old son.

### Kirsten Poler, Medfield MA

Kirsten Poler is a trusts and estates lawyer who practiced at Palmer and Dodge and Wellesley College. She left that work to move with her family to London, planning to stay for just two years, but ended up staying for twenty. They recently returned to the US, settling in Medfield on a piece of property surrounded by conservation land which is partly administered by The Trustees. Kirsten is now pursuing a broader interest in land management and conservation. She serves on Medfield's Conservation and Historic Commissions, on the board of the Cultural Alliance of Medfield, and is President of the Medfield Community Foundation. Kirsten lives with her husband and youngest daughter and many assorted animals on their farm.

#### Caroline Tall, Sherborn MA

Caroline Tall became a Corporate Trustee in 2020 and currently serves on the Finance and Audit Committee. She is a Portfolio Manager and Equity Research Analyst at Fidelity Investments, focusing on the technology sector.

## ADVISORY BOARD RE-NOMINATED FOR AN ADDITIONAL THREE-YEAR TERM

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## **CHAIRMAN'S COUNCIL**

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Walter C. Donovan, Boston MA

Walter has been a member of The Trustees since 2012. He served on the Advisory Board for nine years and continues to serve on the Investment Committee. Walter served as Putnam Investment's Chief Investment Officer. Prior to Putnam, he was a President at Fidelity Investments, as well as several other key positions. He also worked as a Director at Merrill Lynch Capital Markets and began his career at Salomon Brothers. Walter is a Trustee of Boston's Cathedral High School and at Phillips Exeter Academy. He co-founded the Mehr Scholarship Fund at Amherst and founded the Richard M. Morante Scholarship Fund at Exeter, in addition to supporting several financial aid funds for inner-city high school students. He is a graduate of Phillips Exeter and Amherst College.

## CHAIRMAN'S COUNCIL RE-NOMINATED FOR AN ADDITIONAL THREE-YEAR TERM

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Nancy C. Woolford, Topsfield MA

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#### **EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR**

## **Christine Boynton**

Born on an island, with a father in the Coast Guard and a Gloucester fisherman uncle, Christine Boynton's innate connection to sea and shore is undeniable. And with family in marine science, conservation, and resilience, it's no wonder she was drawn to a career involving the coast. Long a fan of The Trustees—Christine was married at the Crane Estate—this former local TV news producer, aviation journalist, and sustainability marketer was a perfect fit for the newly established position of Manager of Coastal Communications two and a half years ago. In her role, Christine handles communications content development for all aspects of the organization's work to respond to our changing coast, including microsites devoted to the overall coastal effort and to the Boston Waterfront Initiative. She also creates regular blog posts, writes quarterly articles and news briefs for *Special Places*, and manages production and all editorial for the publication of the annual *State of the Coast* reports. She



produced the unique 360-degree drone videos of Crane Estate and Nantucket, some of which were created through support from the Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management.

"Christine passionately translates what are often complex scientific concepts in ways that are engaging and that help everyone understand the environmental realities that we are all facing," says Matt Montgomery, Chief of Marketing & Audience Development. "Her energy, intelligence, and drive have gone a long way in helping position The Trustees as a leader in coastal advocacy in the state." For Christine, it's all in a day's work. "It's a privilege to work alongside so many talented and passionate people," she says. "I am so honored to be a part of projects that are working to make a difference in Massachusetts, and in communities up and down the coast."





#### **VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**

## **Renee Burgess**

Within our ranks of volunteers exists a special, incredibly dedicated subset: the garden coordinators for each of the Trustees' 56 Boston community gardens. These individuals are not only volunteers, they also coordinate many other volunteers to ensure these vital, verdant oases continue to thrive.

Renee Burgess has been the volunteer coordinator of the Greenwood Community Garden in Dorchester for only the last two seasons—but even in such a short time, her efforts and commitment have turned this small neighborhood green space around. Gardened for more than 40 years, Greenwood was in need of some love and special care, after its longtime coordinator developed some health issues. Renee had become familiar with The Trustees through her work at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts—the organization maintains a garden for employees at the company's Quincy headquarters, and she had learned a lot about gardening while there.



Seeing her local neighborhood garden in trouble, she signed up for several classes offered by the Trustees' Boston Community Gardens team and then asked how she could help on Greenwood Street. "Renee has done an amazing job engaging diverse community members in the garden," says Michelle de Lima, Engagement Manager for the Boston Community Gardens. "She talked with neighbors, hung flyers, and became an incredible advocate for the garden."

Renee's efforts have drawn considerable neighborhood interest. As Greenwood is small, with just twelve plots, there are already five more potential gardeners on the waiting list—and that's just by her second season. She has an abundance of energy and ideas, and a vision for how the garden can grow to be an even more important part of the community. "I'm most proud about the transformation of this garden into a beautiful space that people can enjoy," says Renee. "I love to see the smiles on neighbors' faces when they see a beautiful flower or when they can take a piece of fruit or a vegetable home with them from our 'Abundance Basket.'"

For her dedication to improving her neighborhood by bringing gardeners together and making Greenwood Community Garden a vital place once more, The Trustees is pleased to name Renee Burgess as its 2021 Volunteer of the Year.





#### **CONSERVATIONISTS OF THE YEAR**

## **Cape Cod Horticultural Society**

If you breeze through the entrance of Armstrong-Kelley Park in Osterville, you might mistake the horticultural splendor across the park's 8.5 acres as the handiwork of a high-priced landscaping crew. But in reality, Cape Cod's largest, oldest privately-owned park open to the public represents 91 years of effort from a small group of volunteers—numbering just eight at last count—operating on a shoestring budget. "All we have are rickety sheds, broken-down lawnmowers, and a fierce group of people," chuckles Deirdre Dow-Chase, the fifty-third president of the Cape Cod Horticultural Society.





Every Thursday morning, the CCHS volunteers—mostly septuagenarians and older—convene for rigorous work on site, carrying out virtually every task: mowing the lawn; weeding massive plantings of annuals, perennials, shrubs, and trees; feeding fish; maintaining the boardwalk's 1,500 planks; and overseeing the four and a half acres of trails that depart from the park's famous Franklin tree. When they pack up, most CCHS members take on all administrative duties, organizing children's activities, fundraising events, fixing equipment, and other tasks. "Everybody has their niche and does it well, and collectively we've become fast friends," Dow-Chase says.

Perennially concerned over the future of Armstrong-Kelley Park, in 2020 the CCHS approved a plan to integrate the property into the Trustees portfolio, with the CCHS assisting during the transition and a series of coming improvements to the park. Meantime, while reflecting on the gratitude she feels for the Conservationists of the Year honor, Dow-Chase often thinks on the past generations who sustained the CCHS and Armstrong-Kelley Park to this point. "It's not just the eight of us: it's all the people who came before us," Dow-Chase says. "It's a legacy, and it's a legacy we can be very proud of."







## **OUR MISSION**

To protect, for public use and enjoyment, places of exceptional scenic, historic, and ecological value.

## **Thank You!**

Without your support, The Trustees would not be able to protect and share our 123 inspiring places statewide, from the Berkshires to Boston and beyond, from beaches, farms, and woodlands, to historic homes, urban gardens, museums, and more.

