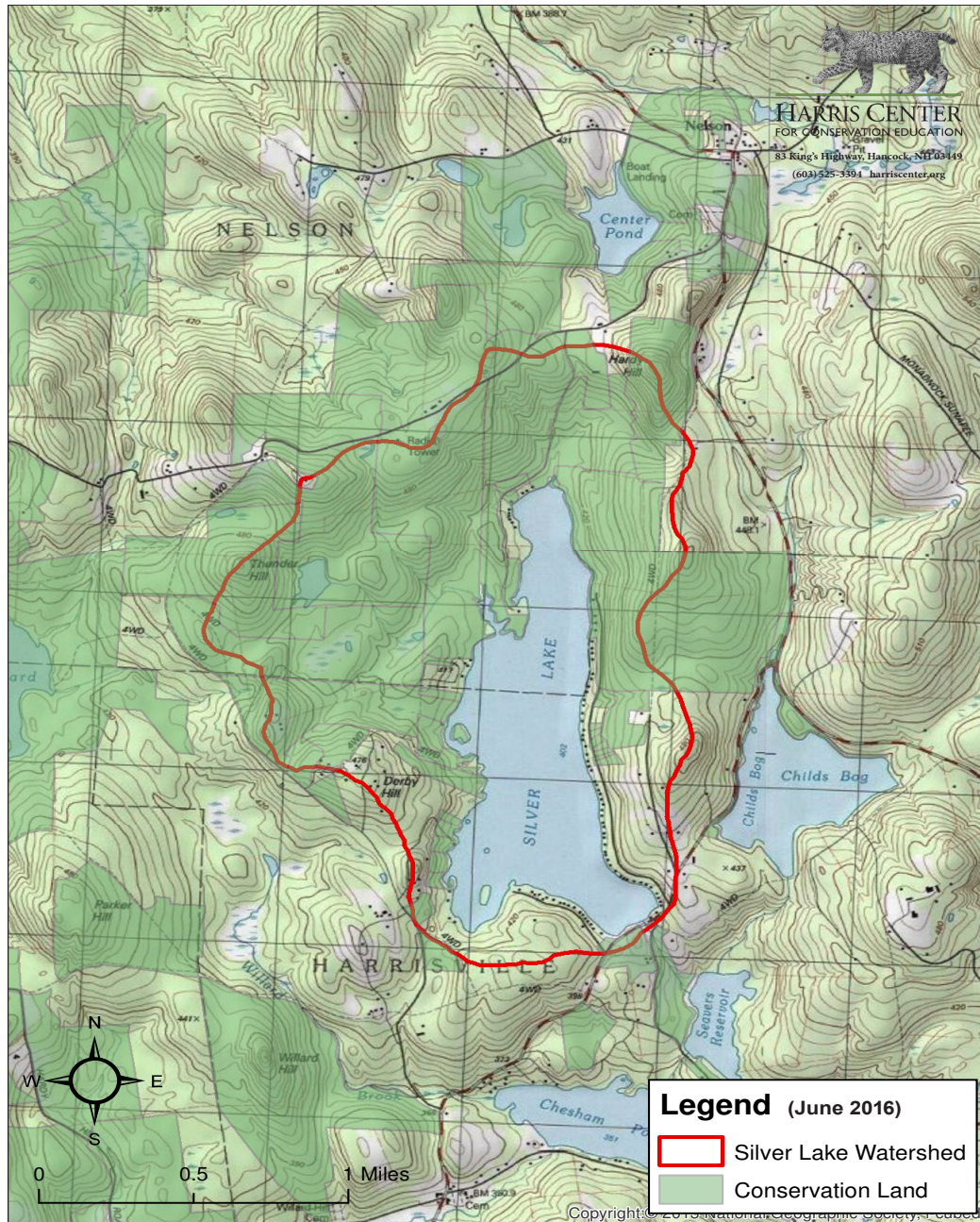


## Annual Report 2016

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## Conserved Lands Around SILVER LAKE



**Agenda**  
**2016 Annual Meeting**  
August 20, 2016, 10:00 AM  
Brantwood Camp Beach  
Breed Pond Road, Nelson, NH

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| <b>1. Call to Order</b>                  | <b>Sal Mollica</b>   |
| <b>2. Minutes of 2015 Annual Meeting</b> | <b>Bob Gogolen</b>   |
| <b>3. Financial Report</b>               | <b>Bob Gogolen</b>   |
| <b>4. Membership Report</b>              | <b>Linda Braun</b>   |
| <b>5. Moment of Silence</b>              | <b>Sal Mollica</b>   |
| <b>6. Easement Status</b>                | <b>Eleanor Drury</b> |
| <b>7. Eastside Covenant</b>              | <b>Bob Gogolen</b>   |
| <b>8. Soak Up the Rain</b>               | <b>Sal Mollica</b>   |
| <b>9. Trustee Nomination/Elections</b>   | <b>Linda Braun</b>   |
| <b>10. Stewardship Award</b>             | <b>Sal Mollica</b>   |
| <b>11. Speaker</b>                       | <b>Steve Roberge</b> |

**Today's Topic: Conservationist Intervention**  
**Dire Disasters and Near-misses in New Hampshire**

Steve Roberge grew up in the North Country, surrounded by the Great North Woods and the White Mountains where he discovered his passion for the outdoors and the natural beauty of New Hampshire. He earned a B.S. in Forest Science from the University of New Hampshire and a Masters of Forest Science from Yale University. As the Cheshire County Extension Forester for the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension, it is his responsibility to educate forestland owners about their important role as stewards of the forest. He currently serves on the New Hampshire Forester Licensing Board, is the statewide specialist in maple syrup production for Extension, is one of the founding board members of the Glass Museum, a non-profit arts and music organization in Peterborough, and is Chair of the Harris Center Land Committee. Steve and his wife Rachelle Beaudoin live in Peterborough with their dog, Theo.

**Silver Lake Land Trust**  
**Minutes of 2015 Annual Meeting**

Saturday, August 15, 2015

Brantwood Camp, Nelson, NH

**Call to Order**

Silver Lake Land Trust Chair Sal Mollica called the meeting to order at 10:05 am, welcoming all who came to the 25th annual Silver Lake Land Trust annual meeting. Sal explained that the meeting would focus on two themes: An opportunity for all time; and the great fortune that the SLLT has through its many partnerships (with organizations like the Harris Center for Conservation Education and the Monadnock Conservancy; with NH Department of Environmental Services and Department of Transportation; the Silver Lake Association; the Seaver Silver Lake Farm Trust; and conservation easements grantors, our volunteers, members and donors.)

Sal also encouraged us to read the SLLT Mission Statement on page 8 of the 2015 Annual Report, and also to the list on page 9 of the signers of the SLLT Articles of Agreement on October 4, 1989.

**Secretary's Report**

Secretary Doug Miller submitted the minutes for the 2014 Annual Meeting, which were included in the Annual Report on page 3. There were no additions or corrections to the minutes. It was moved by Eleanor Drury and seconded by Peter Allen that the minutes be accepted as submitted. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Bob Gogolen invited all to review the Treasurer's Report located on pages 15 and 16 in the Annual Report. Income for the year totaled \$12,484.33, while expenses totaled \$12,331.28, for a net income of \$153.05. In addition to annual dues, there were a couple of donations made to the SLLT in the memory of Jeremiah Allen. Net assets of the trust total \$191,235.46. Bob also noted that the Monadnock Conservancy has a balance of \$48,855 of funds that the SLLT has the ability to direct, with approval of the board of the MC.

The SLLT will transfer all except about \$3,000 of its assets to the Harris Center for the Eastside Easement project in September. The exact amount will be determined in September. In addition, the SLLT has directed, and the MC board has approved, that all available funds at the MC be transferred to the Harris Center for the same purpose. Therefore, approximately \$241,000 will be transferred to support the purchase of the conservation easement by the HC from the Seaver Silver Lake Farm Trust.

The largest expense for the year was the second of three annual \$10,000 contributions to the Meade Cadot Fund at the Harris Center for Conservation Education. The purpose of the fund is to provide education to the Harris Center's executive director, Jeremy Wilson.

Bob was asked if he is confident that we will have enough cash after the donation is made. Bob answered that he is. Our only known large expense planned for 2016 is the third annual \$10,000 donation to the HC, and the HC has agreed to receive the donation in smaller increments through the year rather than a lump sum. With a \$3000 reserve and our expected annual donations, we will have enough cash to get through the year.

Bob was asked if the \$12,175 figure for donations also includes donations made to the HC for the Eastside Easement. Bob answered that it does not - these are annual dues as well as memorial donations made directly to the SLLT.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted. There was no further discussion. The motion passed.

### **Membership Report**

On behalf of Linda Braun, who was unable to attend the meeting, Bob Gogolen reported that the SLLT has 102 members, up from 96 in 2014. There are a few people who have not submitted dues for the year, but the board decided not to pester them in lieu of the Eastside Easement fundraising effort. Membership donations totaled \$9,965.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Membership Report as submitted. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed.

### **Eastside Easement**

Vice chair Eleanor Drury reported on the effort to secure \$350,000 in funds for the purchase by the Harris Center of a conservation easement from the SSLFT. She began by thanking Andrea Loeb, who designed the fundraising brochure as a gift to the SLLT.

Eleanor showed the location of the easement on a map of the area prepared for the SLLT by the MC, showing that the easement will protect an area including steep slopes down to the lake. Protecting this from development will prevent the loss of vegetation that helps reduce stormwater erosion. A total of 187 additional acres will be protected in this easement; 77 acres are in the Silver Lake watershed and 110 acres are in the Child's Bog watershed.

Of the \$350,000 fundraising goal, so far about \$202,000 has been received from 45 contributors and about \$100,000 additionally has been pledged, so we have about \$50,000 still to go. The HC has received funds or pledges not just from SLLT members or Silver Lake residents, but from local residents and other organizations as well. We are especially hoping to reach and receive funds from the “next generation”; members of that generation organized a Silver Lake swim fundraiser on August 8.

This is also a great opportunity to talk to our family members and children. The closing date is September 30, so we are hoping that all donations are received well before then.

Chair Sal Mollica thanked Eleanor and trustee Doz Delori for their great efforts towards this cause.

### **Eastside Covenants**

Bob Gogolen reported on the progress of adding deed restriction covenants on the small parcels of land on the east side (non-Lake side) of Eastside Road between Toad Hall and the Miller-MacKinnon property.

We’ve been working with these nine owners with lots that are too small for conservation easements but for which we are eager to protect from development. Seven of the nine owners have successfully added deed restriction covenants, with the eighth almost finished. The last lot is very narrow lot and it may take some time to complete the covenant but we continue to work to get it completed. There also exists a similar opportunity for three adjacent small lots on the southern end (i.e., closer to Breed Road) of Eastside Road.

Ted Braun asked if deed restriction covenants allow septic fields? Bob answered that they do allow septic fields, as well as cutting of trees for firewood, but they prohibit building of structures, with some small exceptions. The lot of Jeff Miller and Carol MacKinnon is large (2.5 acres) so it has fewer restrictions but all of the other owners agreed to the exceptions. There are also similar exceptions on one lot to allow a small parking area for no more than two vehicles.

### **Stormwater Runoff Mitigation**

Sal Mollica reported and referred to material on page 10 of the annual report. The project to divert water on Breed Road away from the Lake as it runs down from Cricket Hill has been completed. The SLLT paid for engineering design and had put aside funds to pay for construction materials, but the work was done for no charge by NH DOT and the Town of Harrisville.

## **Soak Up the Rain**

Eleanor Drury updated the status of this project. In 2014, the SLLT received a grant of \$10,350 from the NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) to encourage private property owners in the watershed to reduce stormwater runoff with small, easy to install projects, with the program running for a three-year period. These projects will be designed at no cost by DES, can be installed with hand tools, optionally with volunteer labor, and there is a cost share 50% reimbursement for materials used for the projects.

Thus far we have not spent any funds. We have hosted two workshops, and arranged for fifteen assessments by DES. Right now we have two mitigation projects being designed, a few more are being analyzed, and we will look at a few more once again.

On August 7 there was a volunteer cleanup of the rain garden at the boat launch that was very successful.

We are looking at a mitigation project also at the boat launch area in the steep slopes where people climb down to the Lake along the shoreline. There were a few methods tried to deter people from climbing in this area but they didn't work. This has led to erosion. One of the projects in the Soak Up the Rain project will be to install some infiltration steps.

We are looking for other areas where people access the Lake, and also locations where the shoreline is undermined by boat wakes.

Fred Putnam added that he was able to quickly redesign landscaping plans for his property to better manage stormwater runoff after learning about these techniques and invited anybody to stop by for a tour. Other members (Colonys, Gogolens) mentioned similar work that was done at their properties.

## **Trustee Nominations/Elections**

Laurie Appel offered thanks to all members of the Class of 2015. Terry Mednick decided against staying on for another term, but the rest of the class of 2015 have agreed to be nominated for another three-year term. John Croteau has also agreed to be nominated.

Laurie Appel moved that the following members be nominated to serve on the Board of Trustees as the Class of 2018: John Croteau, Bob Gogolen, Bill Gurney, and Nicholas Putnam. The motion was seconded. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed.

## **Stewardship Award**

Betsy Perry-White announced that the SLLT Stewardship Award for 2015 is going to her Father, Richard Hardy. Richard accepted the award with some very brief words, thanking the SLLT for the award and special thanks to all who have strived so hard to preserve the beautiful Lake that he has enjoyed for so long.

## **Program**

Sal Mollica introduced the guest speaker, Jeremy Wilson, Executive Director of the Harris Center for Conservation Education. The HC has existed since 1970, providing educational programs and conservation research, collaborating with 30 regional schools. The HC began land trust activity in 1981 when they saw “for sale” signs while on an outing at Spoonwood Pond. Since then, there are now 22,000 acres in an 8 town focus area under conservation protection.

On Silver Lake, with the latest easements,  $\frac{2}{3}$  of a mile of the northeast shoreline will be protected by easement, and 75% of the watershed is under conservation protection after nearly 4 decades of conservation efforts. The land recently coming under easement once had 30 structures and docks as recently as 2009.

The HC has always focused on protecting large blocks of contiguous land to help protect the habitat of “umbrella species”. The HC recently added two large land purchases in West Peterborough and Antrim that is contiguous with almost 27,000 acres of conserved land.

The 187 acres of land on Silver Lake going under easement is contiguous with 6000 acres of protected land.

Jeremy took some questions. Sal Mollica asked, “How does the HC work with owners interested in conservation?” Jeremy answered that sometimes the HC reaches out in what they deem to be critical areas, sometimes people call them. The HC talks the owner through choices. They are very fortunate to have Stephen Froling working with them on these efforts.

Ted Braun asked, “Once you undertake stewardship, what does that entail?” Jeremy said that easements must be monitored once per year. They speak with owners and concentrate specifically on areas where there may have been activity. They report findings to the owner. Also, if the parcel goes up for sale, they work with realtors and owners.

Eleanor Drury asked, “Are discussions done with no charge?” Jeremy answered that they are. If an easement follows many conversations, the result is carefully constructed.

Fred Putnam asked, "How does climate change affect your work?" Jeremy answered that the HC are actively thinking about climate change, getting education, particularly about how forests can best be managed through climate change.

Eleanor Drury asked, "Do you think that climate change is affecting strong storms? Microbursts, etc.?" Jeremy answered with facts - if you chart significant rain events, they've grown from a one to a few per decade in the 1950s to a half dozen or more per decade now.

Sal thanked Jeremy for taking the time to speak with us and for years of great partnership and mentoring with the SLLT.

### **Adjournment**

With no further business, Sal thanked all of those who attended. There was a motion to adjourn which was seconded and approved without discussion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Doug Miller  
Secretary, Silver Lake Land Trust



## **Stormwater Runoff Mitigation**

### **Soak Up the Rain Project Status**

#### **Project Purpose:**

1. Educate private landowners on the effects of storm water runoff on the lake and steps that can be taken to mitigate those effects,
2. Assist private landowners in designing, installing and maintaining storm water runoff best management practices on their own land,
3. Maintain or improve the water quality of Silver Lake

NH DES and the US EPA awarded SLLT \$10,350 to help cover the cost of educating private landowners and installing Best Management Practices (BMPs) on private lands in the watershed. Additionally, the Monadnock Conservancy will use \$7,500 of grant funds to pay for its staff to work on the project. We continue to work closely with Lisa Loosigian of the NH DES and Rick Brackett of the Monadnock Conservancy to utilize these resources.

#### **Current Status and Initiatives:**

1. Since the two workshops held last year, eight private sites have been evaluated. Two were disqualified as being too destabilizing due to steep slopes and thin soil. In addition, many erosion issues found on the lake appear to be the result of wave action.
2. One site has been worked on and another five have been evaluated as good potential for work this Fall and next Spring.
3. The rain garden at the boat launch has had additional plantings and another annual cleaning.
4. Lisa, Rick, Nathan Karol and other DES resources are working on developing a plan for the boat launch area to mitigate continuing erosion at the shoreline. We hope to have suggestions ready for presentation and discussion at the Silver Lake Association Annual Meeting next July.
5. Based upon progress already made and a dearth of good sites for the types of issues the program is designed to address, we are requesting an extension of the grant into 2017.
6. We are seeking additions to our pool of volunteers to help with the private sites and rain garden maintenance. If you are willing and able, please email Nathan Karol ([natekarol@gmail.com](mailto:natekarol@gmail.com)) and or Sal Mollica ([smollica2@gmail.com](mailto:smollica2@gmail.com)).

## **Land Conservation**

### **Eastside Easement Effort a Success**

Last September, The Harris Center for Conservation Education successfully purchased the conservation easement on 187 acres of lake waterfront in Harrisville. The purchase was assisted by a direct donation of the Land Trust of \$188,000, plus \$48,000 held at the Harris Center under our direction and donations of our members made directly to the Harris Center for the purchase of the easement. As we said in our solicitations of help, this was an opportunity for all time and a major multigenerational dream come true.

**Thanks to all who gave their support!**

### **Eastside Covenant Near Completion**

One additional landowner is in the process of completing documentation. This covenant process may be the template for easements on additional smaller parcels in that area.

### **Additional Easement**

Thanks to Julie Rowse who donated an easement on 18.5 acres of land between Eastside Road and Cricket Hill.

### **Future Projects**

The Land Trust is keeping close tabs on additional undeveloped and unprotected land that is in the watershed. There are projects underway that are likely to need our assistance.

## **Special Donation**

Special thanks to the Seaver Silver Lake Farm Trust for their donation of \$185,000 to replenish our treasury for future projects.

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Accrual Basis

**Silver Lake Land Trust**  
**Profit & Loss**  
 July 2015 through June 2016

	Jul '15 - Jun 16
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Direct Public Support	
Individ, Business Contributions	221,885.78
Total Direct Public Support	221,885.78
Investments	
Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	218.52
Total Investments	218.52
Total Income	222,104.30
Gross Profit	222,104.30
Expense	
Projects	
Easment Expenses	188,146.29
Total Projects	188,146.29
Business Expenses	
Business Registration Fees	150.00
Total Business Expenses	150.00
Contract Services	
Accounting Fees	575.00
Total Contract Services	575.00
Operations	
Memberships, Subs, Ref.	250.00
Postage, Mailing Service	50.00
Printing and Copying	933.92
Supplies	59.00
Total Operations	1,292.92
Other Types of Expenses	
Donations	10,000.00
Insurance - Liability, D and O	611.00
Other Costs	96.20
Total Other Types of Expenses	10,707.20
Travel and Meetings	
Meeting expenses	118.80
Total Travel and Meetings	118.80
Total Expense	200,990.21
Net Ordinary Income	21,114.09
Net Income	<b>21,114.09</b>

**Silver Lake Land Trust**  
**Balance Sheet**  
As of June 30, 2016

	<u>Jun 30, 16</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Silver Lake Land Trust MM 7438	212,349.55
Total Checking/Savings	<u>212,349.55</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>212,349.55</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>212,349.55</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Equity	
Unrestricted Net Assets	191,235.46
Net Income	<u>21,114.09</u>
Total Equity	<u>212,349.55</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b><u>212,349.55</u></b>

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## **SILVER LAKE LAND TRUST MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

### **Conservator**

Salvatore & Mary Beth Mollica  
Lewis Cable - Fund  
Lauren Mollica & John Courtney  
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Fred & Susan Putnam  
Francois & Rosamond Delori  
Jeff Miller & Carol MacKinnon +  
Jim & Judy Putnam  
Julia Pakradooni

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Jon, Maddie & Maura Allen  
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Astrid & Todd Warden  
Doug & Terri Miller  
Bill Walker & Jennie Norman  
Max & Kristina Chretien  
Hugh & Maureen Mason  
Peter Allen & Susan Allen  
Walter Rohr  
B. Sheppard & D. Holmstrom  
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Paul & Barbara Nearpass  
Ken & Dorothy Bacon  
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R.L. & Pamela Elliott  
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Howard Land Trust  
Barbara Ross  
The Yont Family  
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Roger & Sandy Williams  
Bob Gogolen & Beth Caldwell  
Albert & Barbara Gogolen  
Barbara Watkins  
Ted & Linda Braun  
Eleanor Drury  
Harvey O'Connor  
Tom & Sue Johnston  
Judith Putzel  
BB&N School

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James Gurney  
William & Margaret Gurney  
Tillson Family Trust  
Barbara Gendron  
John Riley & Evelyne Delori  
Terry Mednick  
Paul Bemis - Jane Bemis  
John T. Newcombe  
John Croteau, Jr.  
Brenda & Bruce Ellis  
Edie Clark

Sally Heath Rives  
Barrie M. White Trust 2  
Inn at East Hill Farm  
Parliman Silver Lake Family Trust  
Linda Singer & Greg Rothman  
Vaughn A. Johnston  
Alan & Beverley Wiggin  
Tom & Izola Porter  
John Rowse & Edith Fallon  
Gordon Snyder  
Henry Dawes

Claudine Bing  
Dennis & Elaine Fallon  
Ellen & Barrie Levy  
Bruce B. White  
Ruth Jacobson-Hardy  
Polly Croteau  
Irene Pipes  
Howard Ross  
Charlotte Stanley  
Emily Drury & Mark Drury  
Winston & Sherry Sims  
John & Joann Croteau

Jane Shuffelton  
Barry & Karen Tolman  
Sam & Merilee Eaton  
Jane Kristal & Don Towsley  
Laura Miles  
Mark Mollica  
Bill Glazier  
Colin Kennard  
Andrea & Jason Loeb  
Kevin Fallon  
Rebecca Watkins Kelly

**Board of Trustees**  
As of August 1, 2016

	<b>Class of</b>		
	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>
<b>Sal Mollica, Chair</b>			X
<b>Eleanor Drury, Vice Chair</b>	X		
<b>Bob Gogolen, Treasurer</b>		X	
<b>Doug Miller, Secretary</b>			X
<b>Peter Allen</b>	X		
<b>Laurie Appel</b>	X		
<b>Ken Bacon</b>			X
<b>Linda Braun</b>	X		
<b>Ann Colony</b>	X		
<b>Doz Delori</b>			X
<b>Dennis Fallon</b>	X		
<b>Bill Gurney</b>		X	
<b>Ruth Jacobson-Hardy</b>			X
<b>Colin Kennard</b>	X		
<b>Bryan Kingsbury</b>	X		
<b>Carol MacKinnon (retiring 2016)</b>			
<b>Julia Pakradooni</b>	X		
<b>Nicholas Putnam</b>		X	
<b>Barbara Ross</b>	X		