

## STEERING COMMITTEE – fall 2010

Director: Cathy Ries Neal a trained Landscape Architect has over 25 years experience in Food, Community and Land Stewardship issues. A passionate gardener and advocate for community sustainability, she has contributed to community planning, non-profit management and design education with youth and adults. She has farmed, started and run food co-ops and participated on non-profit boards.

Patrick Gabridge is a playwright, author and urban gardener who created and maintains the 200' commuter garden in Brookline. He has grown food for years, has been a community gardener and garden coordinator and presently garden shares with 3 neighbors.

Ryan Evey participated in the Peace Corp in Africa where is helped create sustenance farming programs. Upon returning to Brookline he has been pursuing urban farming and foraging as well as exploring beer and spirits production.

Jane Gilman is an active supporter of the transition town movement and other sustainable community initiatives. She is a town meeting member, teacher, Friend of Lawrence Park committee member.

Jenny Lavigne grew up on a dairy farm in VT and has never lost her passion for the land and its gifts to us. Her primary careers were as operations manager of the now-defunct New England Food Coop Warehouse and as an urban educator. In her retirement, she continues to seek venues to explore her interests in urban agriculture, food justice, and urban youth.

Paul Mason, Is a sustainable communities advocate and has spent a career as a Marketing and PR specialist.

Michael Rafferty has held positions in the fundraising and development arena serving in healthcare, non-profit and community development industries. He is a new home gardener having been one of the recipients of the spring garden installation day. He is still searching for his amber waves of grain.

## ADVISORS

Abe Faber, Co-Owner, Clear Flour Bakery, a family owned and run artisan bakery. As a small local business Abe has extensive in community and local food initiatives.

John Lee is the General Manager of Allandale Farm, the last working farm in Boston this 30 acre plus farm continues to expand its participation in developing local food sources from the farm.

Heidi Krantz, After her very active role on the Bountiful Brookline Steering Committee Heidi is now the co-chair of the Lincoln Elementary School PTO. A native Californian, she is raising bees and caring for her edible landscape at home as well as expanding the edible garden @ the school.