Board of Directors – Dudley Conservation Land Trust 2010 to 2011

Sandra Peterson, DCLT President and Board Member 29 Healy Road, Dudley, MA 01571

Born in Boston in 1947, raised in the suburbs, I earned a BA in English in 1972 from Northeastern University and became an RN in 1978. My professional background is in psychiatric nursing, with most of my clinical experience at McLean Hospital, Belmont, MA. I currently have my own business as a legal nurse consultant. Presently, I am the President and a board member of the Dudley Conservation Land Trust. I am also a member of the Massachusetts Audubon Society and the Trustees of the Reservations. Most recently I have become part of the French River Connection, a group committed to the restoration of a section of this waterway. My love of gardening and the outdoors has inspired me to do rare plant surveys as a volunteer with the New England Wild Flower Society. I am committed to the preservation of open spaces and natural habitats. In 2010, collaborating with the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, my three sisters and I protected 130 acres of a wildlife corridor between the Ossipee and White Mountain Ranges in New Hampshire.

Ed Bazinet, DCLT Clerk and Board Member 154 Pierpont Road, Dudley, MA 01571

Born in Dudley, Ed decided to return to his hometown after college, to raise his family with his wife, Linda, another Dudley native. His background is primarily college administration, and at present he is an adjunct professor at Nichols College, in Dudley. His other interests include acting in, directing and producing local theatrical productions, and early American and British history. Ed is a member of the Black Tavern Society, the Dudley Conservation Land Trust, the French River Connection, and the Pierpont Pond Association. He believes the Town of Dudley still retains a particular rural charm that must be preserved, and advocates for conservation issues at meetings with various town boards.

Keith Kirkland, DCLT Treasurer and Board Member 169 Old Webster Road, Oxford, MA 01540

Keith was born in Concord, Massachusetts in 1963, and spent the first 18 years of his life in the Greater Boston area. He then obtained a BS degree in Environmental Design at UMASS/Amherst in 1985, latter supplemented by an MBA in Finance from Bentley College in 1988. For the past 17 years, he has had the opportunity to serve Worcester area businesses via his role as a Vice-President at Flagship Bank to include his 2005 appointment as the Bank's Community Reinvestment Officer. At the same time, he has not forgotten his life-long interest in gardening, nature and open spaces. He is a member of the Massachusetts Audubon Society, the Dudley Conservation Land Trust and French River Connection. In 2003, he also purchased 24 acres of forest and river front land in western Massachusetts that he intends to manage in an environmentally sustainable manner.

Mark Smith, DCLT Board Member 29 Healy Road, Dudley, MA 01571

Mark Smith, a DCLT board member, is a native of North Carolina, where he earned his Bachelors degree in music education at UNC Greensboro. Mr. Smith came to New England in 1982 to study flute at Boston University. After earning a Masters degree in performance, he began teaching in the public schools. He is currently in his seventeenth year in the Sutton Public Schools where he serves as the chairman of the music department.

Mr. Smith is a member of the Massachusetts Audubon Society and the Trustees of the Reservations. Mr. Smith is an avid gardener, a casual fisherman and a passionate defender and observer of wildlife

Ken Butkiewicz, DCLT Board Member 20 Brentwood Drive, Dudley, MA 01571

Ken, a retired businessman, is dedicated to the preservation of our rural and scenic character of Dudley. He also has a very strong belief we only have one earth to live on and we must preserve the past, as well as looking at the present, so our children and future generations have a place to live and play. Trees produce oxygen not air pollution.

Paul Wieloch, DCLT Board Member 28 Center Road, Dudley, MA 01571

Paul was born in Webster, Massachusetts but has lived most of his life in Dudley. He received his college degree at the Stockbridge School of Agriculture and is employed in the landscape construction industry. Paul has always had a strong interest in the land. As a child, Paul would walk the family's woods and fields, and he was involved in the family's dairy and produce farms. There has always been a strong tradition of conservation in the Wieloch family as evidenced by the donation of some family land to the Wyndham County Land Trust (in nearby Connecticut) in 2002. Paul has been a member of the Dudley Conservation Committee since 2005 and is also a member of the Worcester County Horticultural Society, American Hosta Society, Woodturners of America and Trout Unlimited.

Elaine Martin, DCLT Board Member 415 West Main Street, Dudley, MA 01571

Elaine Martin grew up in Oxford, Massachusetts, but has been a longtime resident of Dudley. She graduated from Nichols College and recently retired after working in the Credit Union industry for over twenty-five years.

Elaine has always had a love of nature and is committed to preserving and protecting the community for future generations to enjoy. She is currently a member of the Dudley Historical Commission and is the Vice President of the Friends of the Pearle L Crawford Memorial Library. Her favorite pastimes are reading, bird watching, and gardening.

George Martin, DCLT Board Member 415 West Main Street, Dudley, MA 01571

I am a Massachusetts native, born in Ludlow, raised in Monson where I first learned to love nature. Attended Oxford High School where I met my wife. I worked for 40 years at Pratt Whitney Aircraft during which time we raised two children. We lived in Webster for four years and moved to Dudley where we currently reside. We are both graduates of Nichols College. We love the out of doors where we have gardens and watch birds. In the past, I belonged to the Nature Conservancy and the New England Wildflower Society. Presently, we still grow vegetables, feed birds and love nature. I am a genealogist, member and editor of MSOG. I enjoy the study of early New England history and that of the Dutch and Swedes of which I have ancestors.

Marcia Wagner, DCLT Board Member 27 Hickory Drive, Dudley, MA 01571

Except for the Emery Business School in Boston and three years in Montgomery, Alabama during the sixties, I've been a life-long resident of Dudley, MA where my childhood time was Spent playing in the woods between Fairview Ave and New Boston Road, long before there was an Eagle Drive, instilling in me the love of out-of-doors.

My career of many years as an auditory keeps me on my toes but the required travel also allows the opportunity of being on the road to drink in mirror reflections on ponds in the early morning and driving west on the Mass Pike or the Mohawk Trail during foliage season. At home, I'm usually found in the yard or walking to take in the views of Route 31, especially overlooking the valley to Nichols College. On can imagine my thrill to learn the DCLT was able to preserve that acreage. When I must be inside there is the pottery wheel to keep my hands dirty. As a member of the Dudley Conservation Land Trust and the French River Connection, it has been my privilege to help clear trails and do what I can to preserve the natural treasures of this special little town.

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