

BIOSKETCHES OF VOLUNTEERS

Diane Schott, Chair (jrschott@earthlink.net)

A long-time resident of the Monadnock Region, Diane has always been active on in land conservation issues and interested in the intersection of conservation and land use planning: serving as a trustee for the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests and on her second tour of duty on the Monadnock Conservancy board. Previously, she served on the Fitzwilliam Planning Board; she was a member of the Jaffrey Planning Board for 15 years, 12 of those years as Chair. Prior board service includes serving on and chairing the NH Charitable Foundation Monadnock Region and the Sharon Arts Center. She and her husband John also own and manage a 350-acre tree farm in Francestown.

Elizabeth Story Wright (tomandstory@myfairpoint.net)

Story serves on the board of the Monadnock Conservancy with a strong array of service on other non-profit boards. She has served on the Monadnock Family Services Board for six years, two as chair. In 1975, she helped form and chaired The Harrisville School (now the Harrisville Children 's Center); served six years on the the ConVal School Board, two as chair; and chaired the Supervisory Union Board (ConVal and Jaffrey/Rindge). She has served on the boards of the Peterborough Players, Sharon Arts Center (eight years with six as treasurer), Cheshire Medical Center and Foundation (nine years, two years each as chair), and the Hospice Board prior to its merger with Home Health Care. She served eight years on the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation Board, was a founder and served four years on the Monadnock Community Foundation Board, served eight years on the Monadnock United Way Board (two years as chair and three years on the Allocation Committee), served on the New Hampshire Public Television Board (eight years), and was on the founding RiverMead Board. Story and her husband Tom live in Dublin, where her hobbies include horseback riding, gardening, and reading. Story was a leader, along with Betsey Harris and Cecily Bastedo in the work to purchase Beech Hill, demolish the buildings, and put the land in Conservation Easement. Story continues the work as Chair of the Beech Hill Dublin Lake Preservation Ass. A 501c3 which owns the land. The Beech Hill Dublin Lake Preservation Association wants to work with neighbors to establish a better trail system and encourage further land protection. Story has been a member of the Dublin Riding and Walking Club since 1973. The club maintains specific trails in Dublin and sends several Dublin Consolidated School children to camp in the summer. Story has been Secretary and is currently Vice President.

Betsey Harris (ebh03444@earthlink.net)

Betsey and her husband have owned a house in Dublin since 1961, and became permanent residents in 1981. Since then, Betsey has devoted her time largely to land planning and conservation. She has been Chairman of the Dublin Conservation Commission, and member of the NH Association of Conservation Commissions. She has been chairman of the Dublin Planning Board, a director of the Southwest Region Planning Commission, and was named NH Citizen Planner of the Year in 1995. From 1988-1992 she served as member of the Dublin committee for the NH Land Conservation Investment Program. For many years she was Dublin's representative on the NH Monadnock Advisory Commission. Betsey was a co-founder and Trustee of the Monadnock Conservancy, and later served as president. She and her husband have granted a conservation easement on over 400 acres of their land.

Jack Lewis (jackklewis@aol.com)

Jack is a retired businessman who has lived in Dublin for the last 8 years. He is an avid hiker and trail clearer, and also enjoys cross country skiing and snowshoeing. He is active in a number of conservation groups - he has served as chairman of the Dublin Conservation Commission since 2006 and is on the Dublin Open Space Planning Committee. He is also a director of the Beech Hill / Dublin Lake Watershed Association and is on the executive committee of the Dublin Riding and Walking Club. He shepherded the completion of the Dublin Natural Resources Inventory in 2006 and was one of the authors of the initial Open Space Plan for Dublin.

Sue Yarger (sue.yarger@gmail.com)

Sue first moved to the Monadnock area in 1986, to Jaffrey, and fell in love with the area's rural feel, the hiking trails and many ponds to canoe on. Sue moved to Dublin in 2005 and has been a member of the

Dublin Conservation Commission since 2006; she joined the Open Space in 2007. Sue's primary focus while on the Conservation Commission is on invasive species, both plant and animal, to the region and she has also been working with the NH Department of Agriculture and the UNH Cooperative Extension groups for ways to control Purple Loosestrife, Japanese Knotweed. Sue also writes articles for the Dublin Advocate on the aforementioned invasive species as well as the Asian Longhorned Beetle. Sue enjoys kayaking, hiking and cross country skiing and is a member of the Dublin Riding and Walking Club, assisting in trail clearing whenever possible. She is an easement monitor for the Monadnock Conservancy and the NH Conservation Land Stewardship Program.

Monadnock Community Conservation Partnership (MCCP)

The MCCP is a collaborative initiative of the Monadnock Conservancy, a regional land trust serving the 35 town Monadnock Region, (including the Town of Dublin). The MCCP collaboration includes:

- Southwest Region Planning Commission
- Antioch University
- The Harris Center for Conservation Education
- UNH Cooperative Extension
- Cheshire County Conservation District
- Society for Protection of New Hampshire Forests
- NH Fish and Game Department among its partners.

The MCCP was formed in 2007 to provide conservation training and planning assistance to communities in the Monadnock Region. The intent of the MCCP effort is to build local citizen leadership and capacity to identify and conserve a town's most important natural and cultural resources. The MCCP has assisted with planning and implementation projects in ten towns in the Monadnock Region and continues to provide support to these towns as needed. The MCCP's goal is to provide these training and assistance services to all towns in support of its strategy to increase the pace and quality of conservation in the Monadnock Region. Funding for MCCP efforts has been provided by:

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