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AMENDMENT AND ASSIGNMENT OF CONSERVATION RESTRICTION

This Amendment and Assignment of Conservation Restriction is made as of the 20th day of December, 2004 between the City of Newton, Massachusetts, a municipal corporation, acting by and through the Newton Conservation Commission, City Hall, 1000 Commonwealth Avenue, Newton, Massachusetts 02459 ("City"), the Newton Conservators, Incorporated, a Massachusetts nonprofit corporation with an address of P.O. Box 590011, Newton, MA 02459 ("Conservators"), and Alexander Wilmerding, 180 Elgin Street, Newton, MA 02459 ("Original Grantor").

WHEREAS, City is the holder of a certain Conservation Restriction granted by Alexander Wilmerding on November 13, 2001, which was accepted by the Mayor of City on December 7, 2001, following approval and acceptance of the Conservation Commission and the Board of Aldermen of City, and which was recorded at Book 34362, Page 68 in the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds on December 19, 2001 ("Conservation Restriction");

WHEREAS, the Conservation Restriction encumbers a certain portion of property more fully described as Lot B on a plan entitled "Subdivision of Land in Newton, Belonging to Stephen A. Stone", dated September, 1971, Avis Airmap Project #619, Scale 1" = 50 ft., recorded with the Middlesex South Registry of Deeds as Plan 1445 of 1971, a copy of which appears at Book 12129, Page 192 of said Registry (all of the land shown as Lot B to be defined herein as the "Property");

WHEREAS, Newton Conservators, Incorporated, acting jointly with the Newton Conservation Commission, proposed the expenditure of the City's Community Preservation Funds for the City's purchase of the fee interest in the Property, together with certain rights and legal interests reserved by the Original Grantor in the Conservation Restriction; and

WHEREAS, the City approved the appropriation of Community Preservation funds for open space conservation purposes as described in the following documents: 1) Memorandum from Community Preservation Committee to Board of Aldermen dated February 19, 2003; 2) Ad Hoc Community Preservation Committee Report dated March 13, 2003; 3) Memorandum from Jeffrey Sacks, Chair, Community Preservation Committee to Board of Aldermen re: "Amendments to CPC Recommendations" dated April 7, 2003 and 4) Order #126-03 of the Board of Aldermen (collectively, "Appropriation Requirements"); and

WHEREAS, the Appropriation Requirements and the Community Preservation Act, M.G.L. c. 44C, §12 require that the City grant a conservation restriction in any lands acquired by Community Preservation funds for open space purposes to a non-profit corporation recognized in accordance with Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the regulations thereunder (hereinafter, the "Code"); and

WHEREAS, Newton Conservators, Incorporated is a Massachusetts non-profit corporation, a publicly supported charitable organization in accordance with Sections 501(c)(3) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) of the Code, a "qualified organization" under Section 170(h) of the Code

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and a qualified holder of conservation restrictions in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 184, Sections 31-33; and

WHEREAS, Original Grantor has entered into an agreement with City to convey certain of Grantor's reserved rights and legal interests in the Conservation Restriction and the underlying Property to City as a bargain sale, so-called, in accordance with Section 1011(b) of the Code and Treas. Reg. Section 1.170A-7(a)(2)(ii), subject to (1) an adjustment to the boundary of the Property between Lot B and the adjacent Lot A; and (2) a correction of a miscalculation of the total square footage of the Property; and

Now, therefore, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, and pursuant to and intended to benefit from the provisions of Sections 1011(b), 170(c) and 170(h) of the Code, Sections 31 – 33 of Chapter 184 of the General Laws of Massachusetts, and Article 97 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Original Grantor and City hereby amend the Conservation Restriction as follows and the City assigns the Conservation Restriction as follows.

A. AMENDMENTS

Original Grantor and City hereby amend the Conservation Restriction in accordance with the following terms:

- 1. Boundary Adjustment. The attached plan entitled "Approval Not Required Subdivision Plan, Elgin Street, Newton, Massachusetts (Middlesex County) Prepared for Alexander Wilmerding" prepared by Welsh Associates Land Surveyors, Inc., dated February 6, 2004 reflects the boundary adjustment between the Property and adjacent property of Original Grantor identified as "Lot A" in the Conservation Restriction. Such boundary adjustment was necessary in order to exclude Original Grantor's lawn area from that portion of the Property which, as a consequence of these amendments to the Conservation Restriction, is to remain in its natural wooded state.
- 2. Lot Area Adjustment. The area of Lot B (being the Property) prior to boundary adjustment is adjusted to reflect an area of 30,704 square feet, thereby correcting an earlier surveying miscalculation which set the area at 31,514.50 square feet.
- 3. **Limited Building Site**. Original Grantor hereby revokes any and all reserved rights under Paragraph 2.C. of the Conservation Restriction regarding Uses and Activities within the Limited Building Site.
- 4. **Vista Pruning.** Original Grantor hereby revokes any and all rights under Paragraph 2.B.(2) of the Conservation Restriction regarding Woods Management, including all reserved vista pruning rights.

All other provisions of the Conservation Restriction, as amended herein, are hereby ratified, confirmed and incorporated herein by reference, and shall continue in perpetuity in full force and effect in accordance with such Conservation Restriction.

B. ASSIGNMENT

The City hereby assigns all its rights, title, interest and obligations as Grantee under the Conservation Restriction to Newton Conservators, Incorporated, a Massachusetts non-profit corporation, in accordance with the requirements of such Conservation Restriction and the provisions of M. G. L. c. 44B, §12, M.G. L. c. 184, §32 and Section 170(h) of the Code, subject to the adjustments and amendments contained herein. By its acceptance of this Assignment, Conservators agrees and acknowledges that it will continue to carry out the conservation Purpose and protect the conservation values which the original Conservation Restriction intended to advance, and that it will abide by the obligations of Grantee as set out in the original Conservation Restriction, including especially but not limited to those set out at paragraphs 5 and 5.1 thereof.

C. WARRANTIES AND REPRESENTATIONS

The parties represent and warrant that each has all the necessary power and authority to enter into this Amendment and Assignment. All actions required to be taken to approve or authorize the execution of this Amendment and Assignment and consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby have been taken and the execution of this Amendment and Assignment and the consummation of the transaction contemplated hereby constitute the valid and binding obligation of the parties. The parties acknowledge that they have not been influenced to enter into this transaction nor relied upon any warranties of representations about tax or legal consequences of the transactions entered into herein which are not set forth or incorporated in this Amendment and Assignment or previously made in writing.

D. CONSTRUCTION OF THIS INSTRUMENT

This Amendment and Assignment, which may be executed in multiple counterparts, each counterpart to be deemed an original, is to be construed as a Massachusetts instrument, sets forth the entire agreement between the parties, is binding upon and inures in perpetuity to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective heirs, devisees, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, and may be modified or amended only by a written instrument executed by both parties and in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (particularly MGL Chap. 184, Sections 31 – 33 and Article 97 of the Constitution) and the requirements of Section 170(h) of the Code. The captions are used only as a matter of convenience and are not to be considered a part of this Amendment and Assignment or to be used in determining the intent of the parties to it.

E. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE

If any provision of this Amendment and Assignment or portion of such provision or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the

Amendment and Assignment (or the remainder of such provision) and the application thereof to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

F. REMEDIES

In addition to any other remedies specifically set forth in this Amendment and Assignment, Grantor and Grantee have the right to enforce the provisions of this Amendment and Assignment through such actions for specific performance, injunctive relief, damages, contribution or any other available proceedings in law or equity contemplated and provided under the Conservation Restriction. The election of any one remedy shall not constitute a waiver of other remedies.

Executed as an instrument under seal on the day and date first written above. The Grantor and Grantee intend that the amendments and assignment arising hereunder take effect on the day and year that this Amendment and Assignment is recorded in the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds, Massachusetts, after all signatures required by Section 32, Chapter 184 of the General Laws of Massachusetts have been affixed hereto.

CITY OF NEWTON

David B. Cohen, Mayor

Approved as to legal form:

Assistant City Solicitor

NEWTON CONSERVATORS, INCORPORATED

By: Eni Reanstressa

ORIGINAL GRANTOR:

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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On this \mathcal{M} , day of \mathcal{M} and \mathcal{M} and \mathcal{M} appeared Alexander Wilmerding, proved to me through satisfactory evidence of identification, which was/were [type of evidence] \mathcal{M} to be the person whose name is signed on the preceding of attached document, and acknowledged to me that he signed it voluntarily, in such capacity, for its stated purpose.								
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Middlesex County, ss	November 19, 2004							
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APPROVAL BY NEWTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

We, the undersigned, being a majority of the Conservation Commission of the City of Newton, Massachusetts, hereby certify that at a meeting duly held on Angest 11, 2004, the Conservation Commission voted to approve the foregoing Amendment and Assignment of Conservation Restriction pursuant to M. G. L. Chapter 40, Section 8C and M.G.L., Chapter 184, Section 32.
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX ss. August 31, 2004 On this 31, day of August 2004, before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared the above named Douglas Dickson, Packel Freed, Sugar Junio, Packel Freed, Packel Freed, Sugar Junio, Packel Freed, P
Commissioners of the Newton Conservation Commission,
proved to me through satisfactory evidence of identification, which was/were [type of evidence] the book to be the persons whose names are signed on the preceding or attached document, and acknowledged to me that they signed it voluntarily, in such capacity, for its stated purpose.
NOTARY PUBLIC My Commission Expires: 6 5 09
MARTHA J. AHERIN HORN Notary Public Commonwealth of Massachusetts

APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE BY BOARD OF ALDERMEN CITY OF NEWTON (GRANTEE)

I, the undersigned Clerk of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Newton, Massachusetts, hereby attest and certify that at a meeting duly held on **SEPTEURED** 7, 2004, the Board of Aldermen voted to approve and accept the foregoing Amendment and Assignment of Conservation Restriction pursuant to M. G. L. Chapter 40, Section 8C and M.G.L. Chapter 184, Section 32.

Attest: Clerk of the Board of Aldermen, City of Newton, Massachusetts:

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX ss.

September 30, 2004

On this of, day of of 2004, before me, the undersigned Clerk of the Board of Aldermen, City of Newton, proved to me through satisfactory evidence of identification, which was/were [type of evidence] MA. DRIVERS LICENSE to be the person whose name is signed on the preceding or attached document, and acknowledged to me that he signed it voluntarily, in such capacity, for its stated purpose.

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: 5-29-09

APPROVAL BY SECRETARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

The undersigned, Secretary of the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, hereby certifies that the foregoing Amendment and Assignment of Conservation Restriction has been approved in the public interest pursuant to M.G.L., Chapter 184, Section 32.

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Secretary of Environmental Affairs

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
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On this h, day of <u>lacounter</u> 2004, before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared Ellen Roy Herzfelder, acting for the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, proved to me through satisfactory evidence of identification, which was/were [type of evidence] <u>how the knowledge of the lacounter</u>, to be the person whose name is signed on the preceding or attached document, and acknowledged to me that she signed it voluntarily, in such capacity, for its stated purpose.

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My Commission Expires December 31, 2004

