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RE: 2022 CR monitoring reports for Crystal Lake, Rogers St., Waban Hill Reservoir, and the Newton Community Golf Course

CC: rmclaughlin@newtonma.gov

Dear Commissioner Banks,

As you are aware the Newton Conservators hold Conservation Restrictions (CR's) on several properties owned by the City of Newton. One of our duties in holding these is for us to monitor the properties to ensure that the conditions of the CR are being upheld. Last fall members of the Conservators Board visited the properties and I am sending you the monitoring reports on those that, I believe, are under the jurisdiction of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Department. If these reports should be sent to anyone else, please let me know or feel free to forward them. Since they are large, I am sending them as Dropbox files that you can download and print.

In general, we found that the properties under the jurisdiction of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Department met reasonable expectations and were in general compliance with the terms of the CR's. However, the monitoring teams did find some items that should be addressed or could be improved. Please see the individual reports for these. In addition to the items covered in the CR's we did note almost universally the presence of invasive plants on the properties. While we recognize that this is a citywide problem, it is something that needs to be addressed, as I am sure you are aware.

If you have any questions or comments on the CR's or the monitoring process please do not hesitate to let me know and I will convey them to the Conservators Board.

We look forward to working with you in 2023.

Sincerely,

Chris Hepburn

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Sent separately in Dropbox files: CR reports for Crystal Lake, Rogers St., Waban Hill Reservoir, and The Newton Commonwealth Golf Course