

acreage to the Association, with restrictions if they prefer, provided the restrictions carry out the objectives of the Association. Property owners will thus save considerable taxes and at the same time obtain the protection they desire. Other donors may wish to donate land to benefit the town by establishing "open spaces" in their natural state for generations to come. Incidentally, it can be established that the value of the land donated is an income tax deduction which can be taken in one year or over several years.

Q. How does one become a member?

A. Any Newtown resident can become a member by filling in the accompanying application and forwarding two dollars (\$2) annual dues for each name. He will be notified of his election. The following apply for membership in the Newtown Forest Association. Enclosed is two dollars (\$2) annual dues for each applicant.

Name

Address

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Forward to:

PAUL CULLEN, President
 Congregational Church House
 Newtown, Conn.

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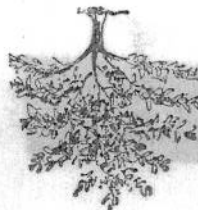
BRADLEY RANDALL, Secretary
 2 Topside Lane
 Newtown, Conn.

Its History - Its Objectives
 Its Accomplishments

Newtown, Connecticut

Association, Inc.

The Newtown Forest



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NEWTOWN FOREST ASSOCIATION,

INC.

History of the Association; its objectives,
its composition and its accomplishments
to date.

Q. What is the history of the Association?

A. It is one of the oldest civic organizations in Newtown. On August 28, 1923, Dr. Charles Howard Peck entertained a group of ninety guests at his home on Mt. Pleasant. The group voted to organize the present Association. A committee consisting of Dr. Peck, George F. Taylor and Wallace N. Mitchell offered a slate of officers which was subsequently elected. The first president was Philo T. Platt. The vice presidents were W. T. Cole, or C. H. Platt, or William C. Johnson, or Thomas F. Brew; secretary, Allison P. Smith; treasurer, Arthur J. Smith.

On April 25, 1924, a second meeting was held at W. T. Cole's home on Castle Hill. Sixty were present and Dr Peck announced his gift of six acres "in the Taunton District." A constitution was adopted and Newtown had the honor of having the second Forest Association formed in the state. The Association was incorporated in July, 1939, and the articles of incorporation were amended in their present form in 1959.

Q. What are the objectives of the Association?

A. Quoting from the articles of incorporation, the purposes of the Association are "... to secure for the residents of Newtown and for posterity generally the benefits

to be derived from the existence of land not occupied by dwellings in individual ownership, including but not limited to forest land, wild life preserves, parks and land not suitable for building purposes." In other words, land designated as nature preserves. It is a non-profit corporation without capital stock.

Q. What is the composition of the Association?

A. The present officers and directors include the following: President, the Rev. Mr. Paul Cullens; vice president, James Brunot; treasurer, George W. Northrop; secretary, Bradley Randall; directors, Thomas L. Cheney, John Treadwell, III, Paul S. Smith. The membership at present includes thirty conservation-minded Newtowneans and is expected to grow each year.

Q. What are its accomplishments to date?

A. The Association has had four parcels of land donated to it and has purchased one through the generosity of an individual. The five parcels total sixty-five acres. The largest is forty-three acres, the smallest five acres. All are wooded. One has several acres of "wet" land. One has had the undesirable growth cut out and numerous evergreen trees planted by the Horticulture Club of Newtown. All the parcels have been surveyed and monumented and are "posted" against hunting and trapping.

Q. How does the Association acquire property?

A. The Association lets it be known that its holdings are exempt from real estate taxes. Hence, property owners holding acreage primarily for their protection or holding marginal land unsuitable for building, such as swamps, rocky ledges, ridges and steep-graded property, can donate their