

**Officers and Board Members of the Dudley Conservation Land Trust
2016-2017**

**Paul Wieloch, President and 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.

**David Harrigan, Vice-President and Board Member
39 Lakeview Ave, Dudley, MA 01571**

Dave was raised in Webster, but has lived in Dudley with his wife Cheryl since 1978. He retired from the Telecommunications industry, where he worked over 40 years for New England Telephone, IBM and Siemens.

His love of nature and the outdoors started early in life having spent many years in the Boy Scouts of America. During a high school summer Dave worked as a counselor at Treasure Valley Boy Scout Camp.

His fondness for Dudley, and the reason he and Cheryl settled there, is because of the small town feel, the people and open spaces the Town provides. He is an active hiker and has spent many family vacations hiking in New England and has passed on his interest to his four grandchildren, who accompany him on adventures as often as they can.

Dave is a member of the Appalachian Mountain Club, The Audubon Society, Trustees of Reservations and Tower Hill Botanical Gardens. He is currently a Board member with the Dudley Conservation Land Trust. He seeks to improve and expand the DCLT holdings to provide residents of Dudley and surrounding towns places to enjoy nature as he remembers it growing up in this community.

**Keith Kirkland, Treasurer
21 Healy Road, Dudley, MA 01571**

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 25 years, he has had the opportunity to serve Worcester area businesses via his role as a Vice-President Commercial Lending at Southbridge Savings Bank and most recently at Southbridge Savings Bank. He is also a trustee of Janet Malser Humanities Trust and is a member of the Investment Committee of the Health Foundation of Central Massachusetts. 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.

**Nancy Vajcovec, Clerk and Board Member
9 Cottage Road, Dudley, MA 01571**

Born in Webster in 1947, raised in Dudley, Nancy earned a BS in Mathematics in 1968 from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Employed for 32 years by The Hartford Financial Services Company, Hartford CT, in the Information Technology and Actuarial Departments, Nancy retired from The Hartford and that area back home to her roots in Dudley in 2000. Her life now is largely one of volunteerism. She has served the Town of Dudley on the Finance and Appropriations (FAA) committee, (5 years as Chair) and is currently serving on the Conservation Commission to help protect Dudley's wetlands! She is (and has been for the past 15 years) President of the Hayden Pond Trust Association, dedicated to pond safety and preserving the environmental water and recreational qualities of Hayden Pond. Nancy is an active member of The Black Tavern Historical Society, and volunteers her time in support of many activities for St. Andrew Bobola Church. She is a co-founder and active member of The Dudley Womans Club (DWC), serving on its board of directors as Publicity Director. She is a member of the French River Connection (FRC), a local group committed to the restoration of the river, and helped in the cleanup at the site of Webster's French River Park. Her commitment to land conservation is evidenced not only in her contributions to the DCLT fundraising efforts but also in her support of their local annual activities. Serving on Dudley's Conservation Commission and support of the FRC has also heightened her interest in maintaining clean, open, natural spaces. She is and has been committed to the preservation of Dudley's open spaces and natural habitats!

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

Ken, a retired businessman, raised his family in Dudley with his wife, Beverly a Dudley native. Ken's early career was working with missile and guidance systems before taking a 4 year hiatus with the USAF. Upon returning to private industry worked on the Moon Rover, Hubble Telescope, satellites and the Space Station before starting his own consulting firm. With a sense of community was a member of the Dudley Recycling Committee, Solid Waste Management Committee, Historical Committee, Planning Board and worked as a volunteer in a community soup kitchen in Webster. Presently a current member of the French River Steering Committee, French River Connection, The Black Tavern Historical Society of Dudley, Dudley Conservation Land Trust, Dudley Trails and Greenways, Dudley's Rail Trail Representative to State Senator Richard Moore's Committee and the Trustees of the Reservations. Ken is also working with The Last Green Valley and the National Park Services on a Paddle Guide for the Dudley section of the Quinebaug River, he is also the Team Leader of the Volunteer Water Quality Monitor program for Quinebaug River Water Shed – Dudley. Ken 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. In his spare time, Ken kayaks, canoes, fly fishes, gardens, and spends time with his grandchildren. "We are the stewards of our surroundings, trees produce oxygen not air pollution."

Stephanie Covino, Board Member
Dudley, MA

Stefanie grew up in rural Eastern Connecticut on ten acres and has always had an interest in the outdoors, including hiking and kayaking. She obtained a BA in Anthropology from Goucher College in Maryland in 2009 followed by a MS in Environmental Science and Policy from Clark University in Worcester in 2015. After graduation, Stefanie made Dudley her home and began working at Mass Audubon as the Project Coordinator for their Shaping the Future of Your Community program, which helps the fastest developing communities in MA make smart land use decisions about sustainable development and targeted natural resource protection. Stefanie is also the caretaker of Mass Audubon's Pierpont Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary in Dudley as well as a board member of the Massachusetts Watershed Coalition.

Liza Moran, DCLT Board Member
5 Partridge Hill Rd
Dudley

Liza is a relative newcomer to Dudley, having relocated here from Natick in 2012. Born in New York City and raised in a tiny farm town in western Connecticut, Liza came to Massachusetts by way of Wellesley College where she received her BA in classical studies. After a 35+ year career in health insurance, both in senior leadership and program leadership roles, she recently retired to pursue her passions of gardening and cooking, play with her dogs, and is learning how to play golf.

Liza believes in giving back to the community. She served on the non-profit Boards of the Extended Day Care program in Natick and the Amazing Things Arts Center in Framingham, a community art center founded by her husband, Michael, where she most recently served as its president and led their fundraising effort. She became a Certified Massachusetts Master Gardener in 2015 and is an active volunteer on MMGA projects as well as at Tower Hill Botanical Garden. She is a member of the Massachusetts Audubon Society, the Sierra Club, and the Appalachian Mountain Club.

Liza believes passionately in promoting love of the outdoors and preserving open spaces for future generations to cherish and enjoy. She participated on the organizing committee of the first Dudley Garden Tour and looks forward to seeing how she can broaden her support of the DCLT mission as a member of its Board.

Sandra Peterson, Board Member
29 Healy Road, Dudley, MA 01571

Born in Boston in 1947, raised in the suburbs, Sandra earned a BA in English in 1972 from Northeastern University and became an RN in 1978. Her professional background is in psychiatric nursing, with most of her clinical experience at McLean Hospital, Belmont, MA. She currently has her own business as a legal nurse consultant. For the past ten years, she has served as the President and board member of the Dudley Conservation Land Trust (DCLT). She also serves on the steering committee of the Massachusetts Land Trust Coalition, and is a member of the Massachusetts Audubon Society and the Trustees of the Reservations. Her commitment to land conservation is evidenced not only in her work with the DCLT but also in her personal life, as she and her family have protected over 500 acres of their family lands. She has been an avid supporter of the French River Connection, a local group committed to the restoration of the French River. She has spent time volunteering to do rare plant surveys for the New England Wild Flower Society. For the past ten years, she has been a board member and chairperson of the program committee for the Black Tavern Historical Society. In the past couple of years, she has participated in the local farmers' market, sponsored by the DCLT. She continues to be committed to the preservation of open spaces and natural habitats, especially at the local level.

Louise Wieloch, DCLT Board Member
28 Center Rd, Dudley, MA 01571

Louise was born in Salem Massachusetts, raised in Peabody. Has been a Dudley resident since 1997. She graduated from Melrose-Wakefield School of Nursing, receiving her RN and earned a BS in Education from Worcester State University. She also completed the Massachusetts Master Gardener Program and now is a Certified Master Gardener. Besides gardening, her other interests include photography, quilting, needlework, local history and travel. "I have always been in awe with the land in its natural state and the connection that all living things have to the land."

She is a member of the Dudley Historical Commission, Black Tavern Society, Quinebaug Valley Council for the Arts and Humanities, the Click Club, the French River Connection, Mass Audubon, NOFA and Massachusetts Horticultural Society. She has co-coordinated the DCLT Annual Plant Sale (a major fund raiser) and the Dudley Farmers' Market.