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CLF's New Board Chair:
Continuing a Legacy of Leadership

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RIGHT LEADERSHIP, RIGHT TIME:

CLF's New Board Chair Ready For Challenges, Opportunities Ahead

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— John Kassel, CLF President

On the night of November 13, 2012, CLF celebrated its new board chair. In a ballroom in a downtown Boston hotel, filled with CLF staff and board members, Michael Moskow, who had served expertly as CLF’s Board Chair for 12 years, officially handed the reins over to Sara Molyneaux. John Kassel, CLF President, addressed the crowd by saying, “In order to succeed, CLF needs a strong movement behind it, and a strong board chair leading it. I am confident that we have that leader in Sara, and I know that our staff and board share that confidence.”

CLF has been immensely fortunate in this respect: we have always found the right board chair at the right time. This was certainly true in the beginning: our first chairmen – Hunnewell, Waldron, Ells, and Conors – were dedicated leaders with a vision, long before our movement became the movement it is today. They laid the strong roots from which CLF has flourished in the decades since.

Fourteen years after our first board chair came Frank Sargent, former Governor of Massachusetts, who opened many doors for CLF (see sidebar). Then came Francis W. Hatch, former MA State Representative and environmental advocate, after whom the Wetland Protections Act is named, and who served CLF passionately for a decade. He was followed by Charlie Cabot Jr., an



On November 13, 2012, Michael Moskow officially passed the torch to Sara Molyneaux, CLF’s new board chair. *Photo credit: Tim Morse*

immensely warm and dedicated board chair. Most recently, Michael Moskow put CLF on stable footing. In 1992, with the real estate market in decline, and with CLF’s old office space growing both worn and small, Michael located and recommended CLF purchase 62 Summer St and an adjoining property. The stability this has lent to CLF over the decades cannot be overstated. And yet he remains concerned about our environment, our region, and our globe. “My greatest concern for the future is global warming,” Michael says. As a gardener, he has seen the changes.

“Small changes when seen in my garden,” he says, “but changes nonetheless.”

Michael is right to be worried: the challenges we face as a region, and as a people, are immense. So too are the challenges that we face as a movement significant. “We need to think differently, to work with new partners, and to forge a creative, evidence-based path forward,” says CLF President John Kassel. “In CLF’s pick of Sara Molyneaux as our next board chair, we are confident that we have yet again found the right leader, at the right time.

LOOKING AHEAD: SARA MOLYNEAUX

Sara’s roots in New England, and in environmental issues, run deep. After graduating from Wesleyan, she went on to be a research chemist in biomass-to-energy projects converting agricultural wastes and seaweeds into bio-diesel, for industry and the Department of Energy. This is, in part, where her evidence-based approach comes from. “This is such a wonderful board,” she said, “in part because it’s such an intensive education. You have such accomplished, contemplative people – people from whom I’ve learned a great deal.”

Sara has also given back a great deal. She is active in land conservation and environmental issues, particularly in her hometown of Dover. She has aided the Town of Dover in achieving mandated recycling, an Integrated Pest Management mosquito control program, a regional Land Bank home rule petition, and the purchase of the Wylde Woods. “Sara is a passionate environmental steward who lives CLF’s mission daily,” said John Kassel. “Through her deep involvement in her local communities and her personal commitment

to living sustainably, Sara walks the talk. She is someone who knows where CLF has been and has a lot of energy for where we’re going.”

“I am honored to follow in the footsteps of such passionate, generous and dedicated leaders,” Molyneaux said. “Michael’s steady hand on the tiller through organizational changes and a crippling recession has kept CLF strong, effective and poised to take on the most pressing challenges of our times. I am looking forward to working with John, our trustees, advocates and members to keep CLF at the forefront of New England’s environmental movement.”

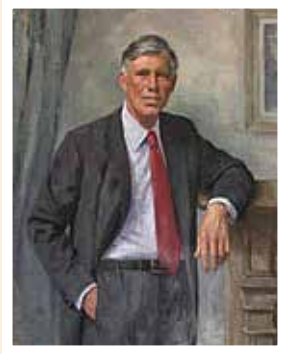
All of us at CLF are looking forward to Sara’s strong leadership as we grapple with the changing needs of our region, our country and our world in the face of climate change. There is no doubt she’s up for the task. “There is nothing more exciting than seeing environmental solutions in action,” Molyneaux said recently. “We at CLF always go for it. And we always will.”

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The CLF video recounting the Board Chair Leadership throughout its history. View it on YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/clfnewengland>

FRANK SARGENT
Former CLF Chairman



In 1980, CLF was a small organization. We had a few impressive victories, but we had little national recognition, a small staff and a solidifying, but still uncertain future. And then came Frank Sargent. According to Doug Foy, president of CLF from 1977-2002 and current board member, Sargent was a staunch supporter of environmental issues and of CLF. When Sargent signed on to become chairman of CLF’s board, it opened many doors – literally. “When you walked somewhere in the city of Boston with Sarg, you had to allow three times as much time as usual to transit from point A to point B as any normal walk, as he literally stopped and talked to everyone. He knew most of them, but even if he didn’t he would talk to them,” Foy recalls. “It was a hugely valuable asset, as you could get into any door, and visit any potential supporter or donor.” According to many, Sargent’s leadership helped CLF transition from a fledgling environmental nonprofit to one that was taking on and winning the biggest cases. Under Sargent’s leadership, CLF took the hugely bold step of opposing oil drilling on George’s Bank – a case that went all the way to the Supreme Court. This is an example of what the right board chair, at the right time, can do.

THE FUTURE OF NEW ENGLAND'S GROUNDFISHERY:

A Recent Win, But Still Hanging in the Balance



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“The science and data-based approach to managing the fishery is the only way we will ever achieve our common goal of restoring this iconic industry and our fishing communities to health.” —Peter Shelley, November 29, 2012

BACKGROUND

New England's fisheries are in decline: cod, flounder and other groundfish populations are dangerously low as a result of mismanagement and decades of overfishing. Fishing companies that are dependent on these species for their revenues are going out of business. In a blog post to CLF Scoop, Peter Shelley wrote, “New England fishermen, government agencies and environmental organizations all understand that the future of the groundfish fishery is hanging in the balance.” In an important step forward, the U.S. First Circuit Court of Appeals recently dismissed the attempts of New Bedford and Gloucester to throw out a new approach that seeks better methods and increased fishing efficiencies.

DEVELOPMENTS

In 2010, a significant new management plan for harvesting cod, haddock, flounder and other groundfish was adopted by the Regional Fishery Management Council and approved by the National Marine Fisheries Service. Known as “Amendment 16,” this new plan accomplished two important goals:

1. In setting catch levels, the plan prioritized scientific opinion over the politics that had previously trivialized scientists' warnings about the risks of overharvesting. As a result, fishing limits became much more stringent starting on May 1, 2010;
2. It introduced economic efficiencies into the fishery business by expanding the ‘sector program,’ an approach pioneered by the Cape Cod Commercial Hook Fishermen's Association that allows fishermen to form voluntary organizations for pooling and redistributing catches. Guaranteed a set catch limit, fisherman are freed from a number of regulations and can choose

when to fish, allowing them to wait for high wholesale prices or good weather.

These overhauls were desperately needed – fishery stocks were on the brink of collapse after two decades of ineffective fishery management.

CLF IN ACTION

When New Bedford, Gloucester, and their Congressional allies, U.S. Representatives Frank and Tierney, attempted to throw this new plan out by calling for judicial review, CLF intervened on the side of federal agencies to defend the legality of Amendment 16 before the U.S. First Circuit Court of Appeals—a first for CLF which is more often bringing action against the agency. On November 28, 2012, the court upheld the district court's decision, calling New Bedford and Gloucester's views “misguided” and “inaccurate.”

PROGRESS!

This ruling affirmed CLF's stance that a scientific, data-based approach to managing fisheries is the only way the fishing communities and the fishing industry at large will ever be restored to health. While the desire for short-term fixes that address real hardship among coastal communities is understandable, we can't get to a better future by undermining the law Congress put in place to reduce fish mortality and fix the problem for the long term.

NEXT STEPS

Although the First Circuit decision is an important step forward, federal and local governments must make a commitment to a process that abandons slogans and propaganda and focuses on solutions. We must now move forward in working together to build and maintain a better management structure and restore the health of New England's

fisheries. This challenge has recently become all the more daunting with new scientific assessments that indicate that cod and other fish populations continue to collapse despite low catch levels. Unless these continued negative trends can be reversed, it may become necessary to close this once fabled fishery in order to save it.



Tim Morse

HERE AT CLF, WE LIKE A GOOD PARTY.

We also know that small, intimate gatherings of friends and neighbors sharing food, drinks and conversation are some of the best places to spread the word about our work across New England. You - our members and supporters - are the best voices we have for telling our story. Please help us grow by hosting a house party.

Hosting a houseparty or other events to benefit CLF is a huge way that you can show your support. Events can vary in size from 10 to 100 people and can be geared towards raising funds, raising friends, or raising awareness. Here are some sample event ideas:

- A cookout highlighting food from local farms to promote CLF's work on sustainable agriculture;
- A hike, kayak, or other outdoor tour in one of the places CLF is working to protect;
- A CLF benefit sponsored by your business (e.g., restaurant night, concert, sporting adventure);
- A lecture by one of CLF's expert advocates on a topic of interest to your workplace, association, or school;
- A cocktail party discussing CLF's work on climate change adaptation.

And we know you, too, have a HOST of good ideas! Contact Devon Parish in the Development Department at 617-850-1760 or dparish@clf.org.

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MARISA CARTER

Administrative Coordinator, Massachusetts CLF



Marisa, who has worked at CLF for over 20 years, reflects on her time here, on CLF's personalities and places, and on Sara's leadership.

to broaden the significant and inspiring efforts our former and current advocates so relentlessly embark on. In order to thrive, we of course had to change with the technical times. First, we added cc-mail and beepers, then word processing on a few computers, now computers and video conferencing for all!

3 Given your role, you've come to know many of the board chairs. How would you describe them?

Michael Moskow was enormously instrumental in the purchasing of our current office at 62 Summer Street. In addition to being our then chairman, Michael was our locator and negotiator. Michael's son created and reconstructed an amazing space for us. We were one of the first organizations to garnish a LEED Certificate thanks in large part to Keith's vision. Mike (as he insists I call him!) is one of the most intelligent, giving, talented, and humble people I know. He is compassionate, and tremendously dedicated to CLF. He is our champion and our dear, dear friend.

4 What do you think Sara Molyneaux will bring to the board?

Sara is an extremely generous person. She may not be aware of the impact she had on our former grant associate, the late Loni McGrath, a very close and dear friend of mine. Loni loved Bonnie Raitt. Sara, after a concert, orchestrated an introduction — a dream-come-true for

Loni. That moment created a lifetime of gratitude to Sara. As chair, Sara will, I'm sure, be both an unassuming and significant presence. Over her time, she has been a genuine and strong supporter of CLF. I don't think anyone was surprised that Sara shifted into this important role. During our last board meeting, Mike conveyed to me how pleased he was that Sara accepted the nomination. As usual, he articulated the sentiment of the entire room.

5 What portion of CLF's work do you find particularly compelling?

I am enormously enthusiastic, and I have tremendous affection for our Oceans Program. I am, if you will, an ocean fanatic. I care deeply about the ocean life, pollution, and erosion. One of the great perks working for CLF is that you come to embrace the fact that all of our programs intertwine with our daily and our future lives. Transportation is tremendously important, as is climate change — an issue that affects every portion of our lives. Fortunately, we have a dedicated staff that is persistent and tenacious in our work. Our advocates are specialized in their respective programs, allowing for precision and triumphant efforts.

1 When did you join CLF and what was it like back then?

When I joined CLF, we were a very small, 20-something-employee, organization in our old office on Joy Street. It was the summer of 1992, August 22. We did not have a sophisticated telephone system, nor did we have computers at the time. Once, I literally had to yell up the stairs to Doug Foy, our former President and current member of our board, to inform him that Governor Dukakis was on hold.

2 What changes have you observed over the years? How is CLF different now than it was then?

Our staff has doubled in size, and our advocacy initiatives have expanded. We have grown in numbers and in our ability



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AROUND CLF

MAINE

- Maine's Public Utility Commission (PUC) approved the terms of a long-term contract for the first floating turbine offshore windfarm in Maine which, if built, would be the first of its kind in the country. After a few months of negotiation, this is good news for the state, and for renewable energy.

MASSACHUSETTS

- CLF, Clean Water Action and Toxics Action Center notified Dominion Energy New England that they intend to file a federal Clean Air Act citizen suit against the company for significant and ongoing violations of the Clean Air Act at Brayton Point Station in Somerset, Massachusetts.
- CLF released a new report documenting the enormous environmental and economic consequences of aging, leaky natural gas pipes across Massachusetts. The report also recommends a number of policy options to be pursued to increase public safety while cost-effectively and expeditiously reducing greenhouse gas emissions. To download a copy, visit: clf.org/intothinair

- CLF MA welcomes its new staff: Tiffany Williams, Staff Paralegal; Elizabeth Gohringer, Development Services & Special Events Assistant; Sean Larrow, Bookkeeper; and Kate Saunders, VP of Development.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

- In a move that will further hinder progress cleaning up the Great Bay estuary, the Cities of Rochester and Dover have appealed a critical permit recently issued by the EPA in Newmarket to address the problem of nitrogen pollution. The Great Bay-Piscataqua Waterkeeper is working to raise awareness and call upon city officials to withdraw their appeal of Newmarket's permit and allow Newmarket and other communities to protect the Great Bay estuary.

RHODE ISLAND

- In a first of its kind collaboration, offshore wind developers, CLF and other leading environmental organizations have agreed to a series of voluntary measures that will protect critically endangered North Atlantic right whales, while helping to ex-

pedite responsible offshore wind development in the Mid-Atlantic.

- CLF RI welcomes Max Greene as a Staff Attorney.

VERMONT

- CLF is proud to be among a growing coalition of 32 key Vermont businesses, anglers' associations, and environmental organizations who have signed a resolution calling on elected leaders to acknowledge the value of clean water to Vermont's public and economic health.

VENTURES

- Jo Anne Shatkin, Ph.D., CEO of CLF Ventures, released a book, [Nanotechnology Health and Environmental Risks Second Edition](#). In it, she expertly explores the possibilities of sustainable nanotechnology and how to manage the risks while gaining the benefits of this exciting technology. Her analysis has far-reaching implications for the improvement of sustainable technology, industry and society as a whole.

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Change is our only constant. But with change comes growth and opportunity. CLF has just seen one big change that is the focus of this issue: the election of our new board chair, Sara Molyneux.

Sara takes over from Michael Moskow who led CLF's board for over 15 years with a steady, reassuring hand. Sara, who has been involved in CLF for almost 20 years, knows where CLF has been and has the vision to get us to where we're going. Marisa Carter, a CLF employee of over 20 years, describes her in this issue (pg. 6) as unassuming and significant, genuine and strong. All of these are true. As I am quoted as saying in the story on pg. 2, in order for CLF to succeed, we need a strong movement behind us, and a strong board chair in front of us. I am confident that we have that leader in Sara, as are all of us at CLF.

Sara combines all the attributes I believe we need to effect change. We need to tap the heads and hearts of the populace and our leaders. Where reason, passion and opportunity align, solutions are possible – solutions that result in transformative change. These are the sweets spots.

At our best, CLF occupies those sweet spots. With compelling evidence, instinct and good storytelling, we invite others to join us there. Working together with others, we produce solutions that solve New England's toughest environmental problems, for the benefit of all people. It takes being right, but also being effective. It's a combination I think we're quite good at, and something that Sara will help us with. She has a sharp mind, a good heart, and her eye firmly on the future of both this organization and this region. We will achieve great things with her, of that I am sure.

And so here's to change, to leadership, and to transforming challenges into action.

Sincerely,


John Kassel

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