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CAPITAL PROPERTIES, INC.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

APRIL 29, 2003

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the 2003 annual meeting of shareholders of Capital Properties, Inc. (the Company) will be held at the offices of Hinckley, Allen and Snyder LLP, 1500 Fleet Center in Providence, Rhode Island, on Tuesday, April 29, 2003 at 2:00 o'clock P.M., local time, for the following purposes:

- (1) To elect five directors to serve for a term of one year until their successors are duly elected and qualified;
- (2) To ratify the appointment of Lefkowitz, Garfinkel, Champi & DeRienzo P.C. as independent auditors of the accounts of the Company for 2003; and
- (3) To transact such other business, if any, as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment or adjournments thereof.

Holders of record of the common stock on the books of the Company as of the close of business on March 3, 2003 will be entitled to vote.

By Order of the Board of Directors

STEPHEN J. CARLOTTI
Secretary

East Providence, Rhode Island
March 11, 2003

Kindly fill in, date and sign the enclosed proxy and promptly return it in the enclosed addressed envelope, which requires no postage if mailed in the United States. If you are personally present at the meeting, the proxy will not be used without your consent.

CAPITAL PROPERTIES, INC.

PROXY STATEMENT

ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

APRIL 29, 2003

SOLICITATION AND REVOCATION OF PROXIES

The accompanying proxy is solicited by the Board of Directors of Capital Properties, Inc. (the Company), in connection with the annual meeting of shareholders to be held April 29, 2003. The Company will bear the cost of such solicitation. It is expected that the solicitation of proxies will be primarily by mail. Proxies may also be solicited personally by regular employees of the Company at nominal cost. The Company may reimburse brokerage houses and other custodians, nominees and fiduciaries holding stock for others in their names, or in those of their nominees, for their reasonable out-of-pocket expenses in

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sending proxy materials to their principals or beneficial owners and obtaining their proxies. Any shareholder giving a proxy has the power to revoke it at any time prior to its exercise, but the revocation of a proxy will not be effective until notice thereof has been given to the Secretary of the Company. Notice of revocation may be delivered in writing to the Secretary prior to the meeting or may be transmitted orally to the Secretary at the meeting. Every properly signed proxy will be voted in accordance with the specifications made thereon.

This proxy statement and the accompanying proxy are expected to be first sent to shareholders on or about March 25, 2003.

VOTING AT MEETING

Only shareholders of record at the close of business on March 3, 2003, will be entitled to vote at the meeting. Under the Company's articles of incorporation, as amended, each shareholder has one vote for every share of common stock owned. On the record date, there were 3,000,000 shares of Class A Common Stock and 299,956 shares of Class B Common Stock of the Company outstanding. There were no other outstanding securities of the Company entitled to vote.

The directors will be elected in each case by vote of the holders of a majority of the shares present or represented at the meeting.

Shares represented by proxies which are marked "withhold authority" with respect to the election of any particular nominee for director, "abstain" with respect to the approval of independent auditors, or to deny discretionary authority on any other matters will be counted as shares present and entitled to vote, and accordingly any such marking of a proxy will have the same effect as a vote against the proposal to which it relates. Brokers who hold shares in street name may lack

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authority to vote such shares on certain items, absent specific instructions from their customers. Shares subject to such "broker non-votes" will not be treated as shares entitled to vote on the matters to which they relate and therefore will be treated as not present at the meeting for those purposes, but otherwise will have no effect on the outcome of the voting on such matters. It is not presently anticipated that any matter which might be the subject of a "broker non-vote" will come before the annual meeting.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

At the annual meeting, five directors are to be elected to hold office until the next annual meeting and until their respective successors are elected and qualified. The proxies named in the accompanying proxy, who have been designated by the Board of Directors, intend to vote, unless otherwise instructed, for the election to the Board of Directors of the persons named below, all of whom are now directors of the Company. Certain information concerning such nominees is set forth below:

Name and Age -----	Principal Occupation During Past Five Years -----
Ronald P. Chrzanowski (60).....	President of the Company, January 1, 1998 to present; Vice President of the Company, November 12, 1997 to December 31, 1997;

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Vice President of Providence and Worcester Railroad Company, 1983-1997

Robert H. Eder (70)..... Chairman of the Company, June 30, 1995 to present; Chairman, Providence and Worcester Railroad Company, 1983 to present

Harold J. Harris (74)..... President, Wm. H. Harris, Inc. (Retailer)

Harris N. Rosen (69)..... Consultant and Mediator; Executive Director, Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, July to October 2000; President, E. Rosen Company, f/k/a School House Candy Company, 1956-1998 (E. Rosen Company was petitioned into receivership in the State of Rhode Island on July 31, 1998)

Henry S. Woodbridge, Jr. (74)..... Consultant

Mr. Eder is also a director of Providence and Worcester Railroad Company. Mr. Harris is also a director of The Fairchild Corporation.

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The Board of Directors has an Audit Committee and a Compensation Committee both currently comprised of Messrs. Harris, Rosen and Woodbridge. The Audit Committee is responsible for overseeing the establishment and maintenance of an effective financial control environment for the Company, for overseeing procedures for evaluating the system of internal accounting control and for evaluating audit performance. The Compensation Committee is responsible for recommending to the full Board of Directors appropriate compensation levels for all officers of the Company. The Board does not have a nominating committee or a committee performing a similar function.

During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2002, the Board of Directors held five meetings, the Audit Committee held four meetings and the Compensation Committee held one meeting.

Directors, other than directors who are employed by the Company, received a fee of \$750 for attendance at each meeting of the Board of Directors, together with related transportation and living expenses. Each member of the Audit Committee and Compensation Committee received \$250 for each attended meeting of that committee.

EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

The following table summarizes the compensation paid or accrued by the Company during the three-year period ended December 31, 2002, to each of its executive officers who earned more than \$100,000 in salary and bonus in 2002, for services rendered in all capacities to the Company during 2002.

SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE

ANNUAL COMPENSATION

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary	All Other Compensation
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Robert H. Eder, Chairman	2002	167,488	\$	—
	2001	164,789		—
	2000	159,185		—
Ronald P. Chrzanowski, President	2002	162,084		12,1
	2001	159,473		11,9
	2000	154,050		11,5
Barbara J. Dreyer, Treasurer	2002	128,587		9,6
	2001	126,515		9,4
	2000	122,213		9,1

(1) Amounts paid directly to the retirement accounts of employees under the Company's simplified employee pension plan.

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SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND
MANAGEMENT

On March 3, 2003, to the best of the Company's knowledge, no person (including any "group", as that term is used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) was the beneficial owner of more than five per cent of the Company's outstanding common stock, \$.01 par value, except as follows:

Name and Address -----	Class A		Class B	
	Number of shares held -----	Percent of Class -----	Number of shares held -----	Per of -----
Robert H. Eder and Linda Eder 2441 S.E. Bahia Way Stuart, Florida 34996	1,569,7382(1)	52.3%	156,972(1)	
Lance S. Gad 1250 Fence Row Drive Fairfield, Connecticut 06430	173,680	5.8%	17,368	

The following table reflects as of March 3, 2003, the beneficial ownership of shares of Class A Common Stock and Class B Common Stock of the Company by directors, nominees for director and officers of the Company, all shares being owned directly except as otherwise noted:

Name of Individual or Identification of Group -----	Class A		Class B	
	Number of shares held -----	Percent of Class -----	Number of shares held -----	Per of -----
Ronald P. Chrzanowski.....	3,000	*	300	
Barbara J. Dreyer.....	6,000	*	600	
Robert H. Eder.....	1,569,738(2)	52.3%	156,972(3)	5
Harold J. Harris.....	11,000(4)	*	1,100(5)	

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Harris N. Rosen.....	1,500	*	60
Henry S. Woodbridge, Jr.....	5,000	*	600
All seven directors and officers as a group.....	1,596,438	53.2%	159,642

* Less than 1%

- (1) Robert H. Eder and Linda Eder are husband and wife, and each holds 784,869 shares of Class A Common Stock directly and 78,486 shares of Class B Common Stock directly.
- (2) Includes 784,869 shares Class A Common Stock held by his wife, Linda Eder.
- (3) Includes 78,486 shares Class B Common Stock held by his wife, Linda Eder.
- (4) Includes 1,000 shares Class A Common Stock held by his wife in her name.
- (5) Includes 100 shares Class B Common Stock held by his wife in her name.

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AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

The Audit Committee is composed of three directors, all of whom are independent as defined by the American Stock Exchange listing standards. The Audit Committee operates under a written charter first adopted and approved by the Board of Directors on July 25, 1995.

Management is responsible for the Company's internal controls and financial reporting process. The independent auditors are responsible for performing an audit of the Company's consolidated financial statements in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and to issue a report thereon. The Audit Committee's responsibility is to monitor and oversee these processes.

The responsibilities of the Audit Committee include recommending to the Board an accounting firm to be engaged as the Company's independent auditors. Additionally, and as appropriate, the Audit Committee reviews and evaluates, and discusses and consults with the Company's management and independent auditors regarding the scope of the audit plan, the results of the audit, the Company's financial statement disclosure documents, the adequacy and effectiveness of the Company's accounting and financial controls and changes in accounting principles.

In connection with these responsibilities, the Audit Committee reviewed and discussed the audited consolidated financial statements with management and the Company's independent auditors, Lefkowitz, Garfinkel, Champi & DeRienzo P.C. The Audit Committee also discussed with such firm the matters required by Statement on Auditing Standards No. 61. The Audit Committee received from Lefkowitz, Garfinkel, Champi & DeRienzo P.C. written disclosures and the letter regarding its independence as required by Independence Standards Board Standard No. 1. The Audit Committee discussed this information with Lefkowitz, Garfinkel, Champi & DeRienzo P.C. and also considered the compatibility of non-audit services provided by such firm with its independence. Based on the review of the audited consolidated financial statements and these various discussions, the Audit Committee recommended to the Board of Directors that the audited consolidated financial statements be included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-KSB, to be filed with the SEC.

Audit Committee: Henry S. Woodbridge, Jr., Chairman, Harold J. Harris and Harris

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N. Rosen.

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors has recommended that Lefkowitz, Garfinkel, Champi & DeRienzo P.C., who acted as independent auditors of the accounts of the Company for 2002, be appointed as independent auditors of the accounts of the Company for the year 2003 subject to ratification by the shareholders. The Company has recently been advised by Lefkowitz, Garfinkel, Champi & DeRienzo P.C. that they have no direct financial interest or any material indirect financial interest in the Company, nor have they had any connection during the past three years with the Company in the capacity of promoter, underwriter, voting trustee, director, officer or employee.

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It is expected that a representative of Lefkowitz, Garfinkel, Champi & DeRienzo P.C. will be present at the annual meeting and will be provided the opportunity to make a statement if she so desires and that such representative will be available to respond to appropriate questions.

Audit Fees. The aggregate fees billed or to be billed by Lefkowitz, Garfinkel, Champi & DeRienzo P.C. for professional services rendered for the audit of the Company's annual financial statements and the reviews of interim financial statements included in the Company's Quarterly Reports on Form 10-QSB for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2002 total approximately \$74,000.

All Other Fees. The aggregate fees billed by Lefkowitz, Garfinkel, Champi & DeRienzo P.C. for non-audit services rendered during 2002 were \$24,000. These services were principally for tax return preparation, research and planning.

The Audit Committee has determined that the provision of such services is compatible with maintaining Lefkowitz, Garfinkel, Champi & DeRienzo P.C.'s independence.

The Audit Committee and the Board of Directors recommend the shareholders vote "FOR" such ratification.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

A copy of the Company's annual report to the Securities and Exchange Commission on Form 10-KSB for the year ended December 31, 2002 is enclosed. Such report is not part of this proxy statement.

PROPOSALS FOR 2004 ANNUAL MEETING

The 2004 annual meeting of the shareholders of the Company is scheduled to be held April 27, 2004. If a shareholder intending to present a proposal at that meeting wishes to have a proper proposal included in the Company's proxy statement and form of proxy relating to the meeting, the shareholder must submit the proposal to the Company not later than November 20, 2003.

OTHER MATTERS

No business other than that set forth in the attached Notice of Meeting is expected to come before the annual meeting, but should any other matters requiring a vote of shareholders arise, including a question of adjourning the meeting, the persons named in the accompanying proxy will vote thereon according to their best judgment in the interests of the Company. In the event any of the nominees for the office of director should withdraw or otherwise become

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THE PROXY REPRESENTED BY THIS PROXY CARD, WHEN PROPERLY EXECUTED WILL BE VOTED IN THE MANNER DIRECTED HEREIN BY THE UNDERSIGNED SHAREHOLDER. IF NO DIRECTION IS MADE, THIS PROXY WILL BE VOTED FOR EACH OF THE NOMINEES LISTED AND FOR EACH OF THE PROPOSALS.

IF BOTH THE PROXIES SHALL BE PRESENT IN PERSON OR BY SUBSTITUTE, EITHER OF THE PROXIES SO PRESENT AND VOTING SHALL HAVE AND MAY EXERCISE ALL THE POWERS HEREBY GRANTED.

Please check here if you plan to attend the meeting | |

To change the address on your account, please check the box at right and indicate your new address in the address space above. Please note that | | changes to the registered name(s) on the account may not be submitted via this method.

Signature of Shareholder_____ Signature of Shareholder_____

Date:_____ Date:_____

NOTE: This proxy must be signed exactly as the name appears hereon. When shares are held jointly, each holder should sign. When signing as executor, administrator, attorney, trustee or guardian, please give full title as such. If the signer is a corporation, please sign full corporate name by duly authorized officer, giving full title as such. If signer is a partnership, please sign in partnership name by authorized person.

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CAPITAL PROPERTIES, INC.
CLASS B COMMON STOCK PROXY
THIS PROXY IS SOLICITED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The undersigned, a shareholder of Capital Properties, Inc., a Rhode Island corporation, hereby appoints ROBERT H. EDER and STEPHEN J. CARLOTTI, or either of them, the proxies of the undersigned, each with the power to appoint his substitute, and hereby authorizes them to represent and to vote for the undersigned all the Capital Properties, Inc. Class B Common Shares held of record on March 3, 2003, by the undersigned at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held on April 29, 2003 or any adjournment thereof as follows on the reverse side of this proxy card:

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE "FOR" THE ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AND "FOR" PROPOSAL 2.
PLEASE SIGN, DATE AND RETURN PROMPTLY IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE. PLEASE MARK YOUR VOTE IN BLUE OR BLACK INK AS SHOWN HERE |X|

1. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS:

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FOR ALL NOMINEES		Ronald P. Chrzanowski
		Robert H. Eder
WITHHOLD AUTHORITY		Harold J. Harris
FOR ALL NOMINEES		Harris N. Rosen
		Henry S. Woodbridge, Jr.
FOR ALL EXCEPT		
(See instructions below)		

INSTRUCTION: To withhold authority to vote for any individual nominee(s), mark "FOR ALL EXCEPT" and fill in the circle next to each nominee you wish to withhold, as shown here: |X|

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| 2. RATIFICATION of the appointment of Lefkowitz, Garfinkel, Champi & DeRienzo P.C. as the Company's Independent accountants of the current fiscal year. | | | |
| 3. In their discretion, the Proxies are authorized to vote upon such other business as may proper before the Meeting. | | | |

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Signature of Shareholder_____ Signature of Shareholder_____

Date:_____ Date:_____

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