



# City of Cambridge

IN CITY COUNCIL

March 28, 1977

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In City Council March 28, 1977.

Adopted by a yeas and nays vote:-

Yeas 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

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A true copy,

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MASSACHUSETTS

Agenda #2 Authorization to purchase 4.2 acres of land in Lincoln to protect our water shed, as recommended by the Water Board and the Conservation Commission. In City Council --- March 28 --- 1977

|                | YEA | NAY | ABSENT | PRESENT |
|----------------|-----|-----|--------|---------|
| Mrs. Ackermann | ✓   |     |        |         |
| Mr. Clem       | ✓   |     |        |         |
| Mr. Clinton    | ✓   |     |        |         |
| Mr. Danehy     | ✓   |     |        |         |
| Mr. Duehay     | ✓   |     |        |         |
| Mrs. Graham    | ✓   |     |        |         |
| Mr. Russell    | ✓   |     |        |         |
| Mr. Sullivan   | ✓   |     |        |         |
| Mayor Vellucci | ✓   |     |        |         |

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Legal AUTH to check - Purpose of this order  
 No COMMITMENT with APPROPRIATION IS MADE

*[Handwritten signature]*  
 2/28/77



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE  
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

*Proffly  
What process  
needed to buy  
land in another  
municipality*

To Mr. James L. Sullivan  
City Manager

From Mr. Conrad Fagone  
Acting Supt. of Water

Subject

Date February 16, 1977

Reference

As a result of a vote taken by the Cambridge Water Board on February 15, 1977 at its regular meeting, I have been directed to bring the following matter to your attention so that you may direct it to the City Council. There was a motion to recommend to the City Council the purchase of 4.2 acres of land in Lincoln to protect our water shed to be done in conjunction with the purchase of adjacent lands by the towns of Lexington and Lincoln. The whole making a package of approximately 40 acres. It is understood that 50% federal financing will be available for this purchase. The Board would appreciate this action taking place at Monday night's City Council meeting. A copy of the Conservation Commission's letter supporting this purchase is enclosed.

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# CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

CITY HALL, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02139 • (617) 876-6800

## LAW DEPARTMENT

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LEGISLATIVE AGENT

March 25, 1977

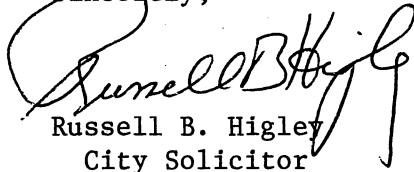
Mr. James L. Sullivan  
City Manager  
City Hall  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

On February 15, 1977 the Water Board recommended the City Council to purchase 4.2 acres of land in Lincoln to protect our water shed. This project is to be taken in conjunction with the purchase of land by the Towns of Lexington and Lincoln.

Under Chapter 256 of the Acts of 1884, the City of Cambridge is authorized to enter into a purchase and sales agreement for the purchase of land to protect our water shed.

Sincerely,

  
Russell B. Higley  
City Solicitor

RBH:cas



# CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

57 INMAN STREET, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02139 • TEL. 876-6800

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

February 14, 1977

Cambridge Water Board  
250 Fresh Pond Parkway  
Cambridge, MA 02138

Dear Water Board Members:


In response to Mr. Thomas Begley's letter of February 10, 1977, the Cambridge Conservation Commission would like to report that we have reviewed the Water Board's proposal to purchase land on Mill Street, Lincoln, in the Hobbs Brook watershed. At our February 8, 1977 meeting, the Commission voted unanimously to recommend that the City Manager proceed to acquire the proposed 4.2 acres of Foley property as part of a tri-municipal acquisition project.

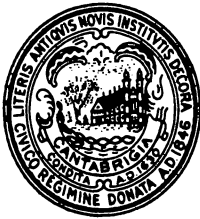
We commend the City's cooperation with Lincoln and Lexington whereby, with a minimal investment of City monies, almost 40 acres of the Hobbs Brook watershed can be protected. One house and septic system exist on the land now. We believe that this status quo should remain; increased development would increase the septic and street runoff, thus threatening Cambridge's water supply.

In addition to the protection of the watershed, this cooperative acquisition would increase the City's holdings of conservation lands. Although the City would purchase only 4.2 acres, our involvement enables Lexington and Lincoln to purchase the remaining acreage for conservation use.

In conclusion, since Lincoln and Lexington are willing to assist Cambridge protect its drinking water by purchasing adjacent watershed lands, this purchase is good public relations for Cambridge. We strongly recommend that the City take responsibility for the long term protection of its watershed and acquire the proposed parcel.

Very truly yours,

  
Stuart Lesser  
Chairman



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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
JAMES L. SULLIVAN  
City Manager

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To the Honorable, The City Council:

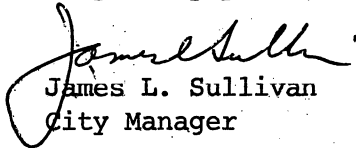
In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 256 of the Acts of 1884, I am requesting City Council authorization to purchase 4.2 acres of land in Lincoln to protect our water shed. The purchase is recommended by the Water Board and Conservation Commission.

The appraisal as done by the City Assessors is for \$500. per acre funded by the water fund.

The towns of Lincoln and Lexington are interested in purchasing adjacent parcels. The City of Cambridge's purchase is contingent upon Lincoln and Lexington also participating.

I am enclosing the appropriate recommendations.

Very truly yours,

  
James L. Sullivan  
City Manager

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Authorization to purchase 4.2 acres of land in Lincoln to protect out water shed, as recommended by the Water Board and the Conservation Commission.

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In City Council,  
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Order

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