



City of Cambridge

O-15.

IN CITY COUNCIL

October 4, 1999

COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
MAYOR DUEHAY
VICE MAYOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

WHEREAS: The City Council was dismayed to learn that the MDC has decided to extend permission for Arthur D. Little and/or new owners of ADL property to use parkland/wetland for a parking lot; and

WHEREAS: This decision will have devastating consequences for the wetlands, which are so essential to the environmental health of this area; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record expressing its dissatisfaction of the MDC's actions and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to send a copy of this resolution to the MDC; and be it further

ORDERED: That a meeting of the Environment Committee be convened to discuss this issue to which representatives of MDC will be asked to attend.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "D. Margaret Drury".

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

REFERRED TO ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.



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Kathleen Leahy Born
City Councillor

September 14, 1999

Commissioner David B. Balfour, Jr.
Metropolitan District Commission
20 Somerset Street
Boston, MA 02108

Dear Commissioner Balfour:

It has come to my attention that new ownership of the property formerly owned by Arthur D. Little Company wishes to renew permits to continue use of an "on-grade" parking lot at the eastern end of the property adjacent to the wetlands of the Alewife reservation. I know the area well, having walked, on a number of occasions, the bordering creek and wetland.

I understand that the current use of this land is based on a lease arrangement dating back several decades to a time when such wetlands were not recognized for the ecological and environmental significance they are accorded today.

I hope you would agree that the MDC would never today, in 1999, grant a permit for turning a natural area abutting a wetland into an asphalt parking lot.

With a change in ownership, a change in use, and substantial improvements planned for the property in the near future, this seems a good time to right a past wrong. There are other areas on the property closer to the highway and further from the reservation, including those containing blighted buildings which could be put to better use for parking, thus freeing this particularly significant piece of land for a return to its historically natural use.

Sincerely,

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Councillor Born re: express dissatisfaction
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11/16/99 - meeting scheduled.

In City Council October 4, 1999

ORDER ADOPTED

And referred to
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10-6-99
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