



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

November 25, 1991

COUNCILLOR WALSH

WHEREAS: Information has been received regarding an application for a permit to operate a landfill in Clinton, Massachusetts which, if granted, could result in potential risk to the quality of Cambridge's water supply. Briefly, the specifics which warrant the City of Cambridge's immediate concern are:

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The concern expressed by the MDC about potential pollution and catastrophic occurrence to Wachusett Reservoir resulting from the landfill's presence should be echoed by the City of Cambridge. As to pollution, we are talking about rodents, gulls and gull waste in the water supply, traffic in terms of emissions and spillage. As to potential catastrophic occurrence, an opinion deserving of respect suggests that if the dam or an aqueduct were to be damaged for any reason and the water level were to drop 20 feet, toxins would immediately leach into Wachusett Reservoir and pollute it.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- John E. Flynn, Deputy City Clerk.

A true copy;

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John E. Flynn".

ATTEST:-

John E. Flynn, Deputy City Clerk



CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

CITY HALL, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02139

(617) 498-9094

William H. Walsh
City Councillor

November 15, 1991

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Joseph E. Connarton
City Clerk

FROM: David Noonan, for *W*
Councillor Walsh

RE: Council Order (CONSENT AGENDA) for November 25, 1991

Councillor Walsh requests that the enclosed Council Order regarding the potential risk to Cambridge's water supply as a result of a proposed landfill in Clinton, MA. be included in the **CONSENT AGENDA** for the Council Session of Monday, November 25, 1991.

As usual, your courtesy and cooperation are much appreciated.

(ENCLOSURE)

CC: Councillor Walsh



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Deputy City Clerk

Consent Order # 1 S-1235

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Order adopted