



City of Cambridge

69.

IN CITY COUNCIL

July 27, 1998

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

WHEREAS: Recent testing of soils at the W. R. Grace site found amosite and chrysotile asbestos in nearly half of all samples tested in concentrations ranging from less than 1% to 20%; and

WHEREAS: Preliminary results of subsurface sampling at adjacent Russell Field have revealed the presence of chrysotile asbestos at levels of 3, 4 and 11%; and

WHEREAS: No testing has been done or has been provided for at Russell Field with respect to soil depths between 6 inches and 2 feet; and

WHEREAS: Further results of Russell Field testing will be available soon, including additional asbestos tests, and tests for organic compounds and heavy metals in soil, and organic compounds in ground water; and

WHEREAS: The terms of restoration of Russell Field in 1985 included a requirement of "toxicity tests" to substantiate that the reconstructed field was in the same condition that it had been previous to construction; and

WHEREAS: Many construction workers involved in the Red Line construction project may have been unknowingly exposed to harmful soils; and

WHEREAS: Underground T workers may currently be exposed to contamination from ground water leaking into the tunnel; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to render a status report to the City Council at the first meeting in September on such asbestos testing at both the W. R. Grace site and adjacent Russell Field and MDC properties, including the ramifications of the presence of asbestos to the health and safety of residents and users of the area, the legal issues presented, copies of the results of any previous testing, and the desirability of extending the moratorium in the IC/PUD-IC zoning district that includes the W. R. Grace site, and any other steps the City is taking to deal with this new finding; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager pursue a formal investigation as to how Russell Field became the site for the apparent dumping of hazardous waste, and to provide to the City Council all pertinent documentation, including but not limited to copies of the original MBTA contract regarding the reconstruction of Russell Field, with any and all change orders to such contract, and any and all City of Cambridge documents regarding the disposition of soils at Russell Field between 1979 and 1987.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;



ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk



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~~that~~ *whereas, no testing has been done or has been provided for at Russell Field with respect to soil depths between 6" + 2 feet*

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Councilor Triantafillou

Resolution Regarding the Status of Asbestos Testing at Alewife

Whereas, recent testing of soils at Alewife reveal that Chrysotile Asbestos has been found at Alewife in levels of 3%, 4% and 11%;

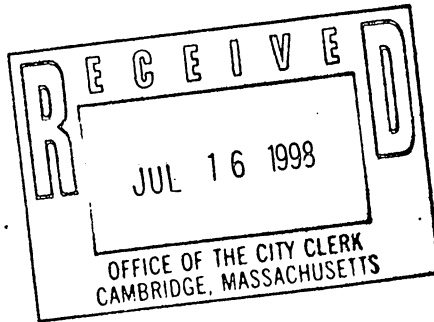
Whereas, additional soil testing is being conducted due to the potential risk posed by such asbestos contamination, particularly on Russell Field;

of Russell Field

Whereas, the terms of restoration in 1985 included "toxicity tests of all materials used by the materials to raise the field elevation" ;now therefore be it

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Resolved, that the City Manager pursue a formal investigation as to how city property became the site for the apparent dumping of toxic waste.



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Consent Order #69 361CM

**Councillors Triantafillou and Toomey re:
status report on asbestos testing at the
W.R. Grace site and Russell Field and
MDC properties.**

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ORDER ADOPTED