



# City of Cambridge

Agenda # 19  
IN CITY COUNCIL  
March 14, 1977

## PROPOSED MORATORIUM ON NEW CONSTRUCTION AT ALEWIFE

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WHEREAS, In the event that the Red Line extension is completed increased pressure for development is likely to result in Alewife and the North Cambridge neighborhood with potential impacts to residents and the city as a whole, and

WHEREAS, the City of Cambridge, in anticipation of increased development as a result of Red Line construction, is currently engaged in a comprehensive planning process for the Alewife area and North Cambridge, the Alewife Urban Design Study, aimed at evolving zoning recommendations compatible with neighborhood and business goals and with providing an expanded tax base for the City, and

WHEREAS, the Alewife Urban Design Study is not yet completed, and current zoning for the Alewife area allows land uses and densities which may conflict with those likely to be recommended by the Alewife Urban Design Study,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that a one-year moratorium on new development in the Alewife area that area bounded by Rindge Avenue, Clifton Street, Harvey Street and Cedar Street is hereby declared. During this period no building permits for such purposes shall be issued by the City of Cambridge except permits for the renovation of an existing facility or permits for an addition to an existing facility not to exceed 75,000 square feet. The Alewife area is hereby defined as the shaded portion shown in Figure # 1.

In City Council March 14, 1977.  
Adopted as amended by a yea and nay vote:-  
Yeas 7; Nays 0; Absent 2.  
Attest:- Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE  
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

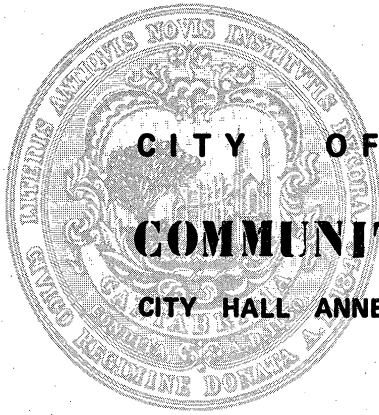
To David Vickery  
Assistant City Manager for Community Development Date April 7, 1977

From Paul E. Healy  
City Clerk Reference

Subject Zone Change Proposal for Alewife Area

Attached you will find a petition and a council order calling for a zone change in the Alewife area of Cambridge. Pursuant to the instructions of the Council, I am forwarding the petition to you for the purpose of having the Planning Board schedule a hearing on this matter.

Thank you for your cooperation in this regard.



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

CITY HALL ANNEX, 57 INMAN STREET, CAMBRIDGE 02139 876-6800, X355

March 11, 1977

The Honorable City Council:

Adopted by an affirmative vote of the entire City Council on February 28, 1977 were two orders calling for the rezoning of the Alewife Area of Cambridge. One of those orders asked that such rezoning be presented to Council in two weeks.

My recommendation to Council is not to propose a rezoning which has not been thoroughly tested as to its impact on the area. The Community Development Department has ongoing a study that will propose zone changes which will be compatible with neighborhood and business concerns. Until such study is complete and appropriate changes have been brought before the Planning Board and the City Council, I recommend a one year moratorium on new development in the Alewife Area. No land owner to my knowledge desires to proceed with new development within one year, most anticipate some modification of the zoning requirements. As stated in the attached order a moratorium would not effect a renovation of an existing facility or an addition to an existing facility not to exceed 75,000 sq. ft.

If the Council has any questions related to this proposal, I will be present Monday night to try and answer them.

Sincerely,

David R. Vickery,  
Assistant City Manager for  
Community Development

DRV/jfa  
Enclosure

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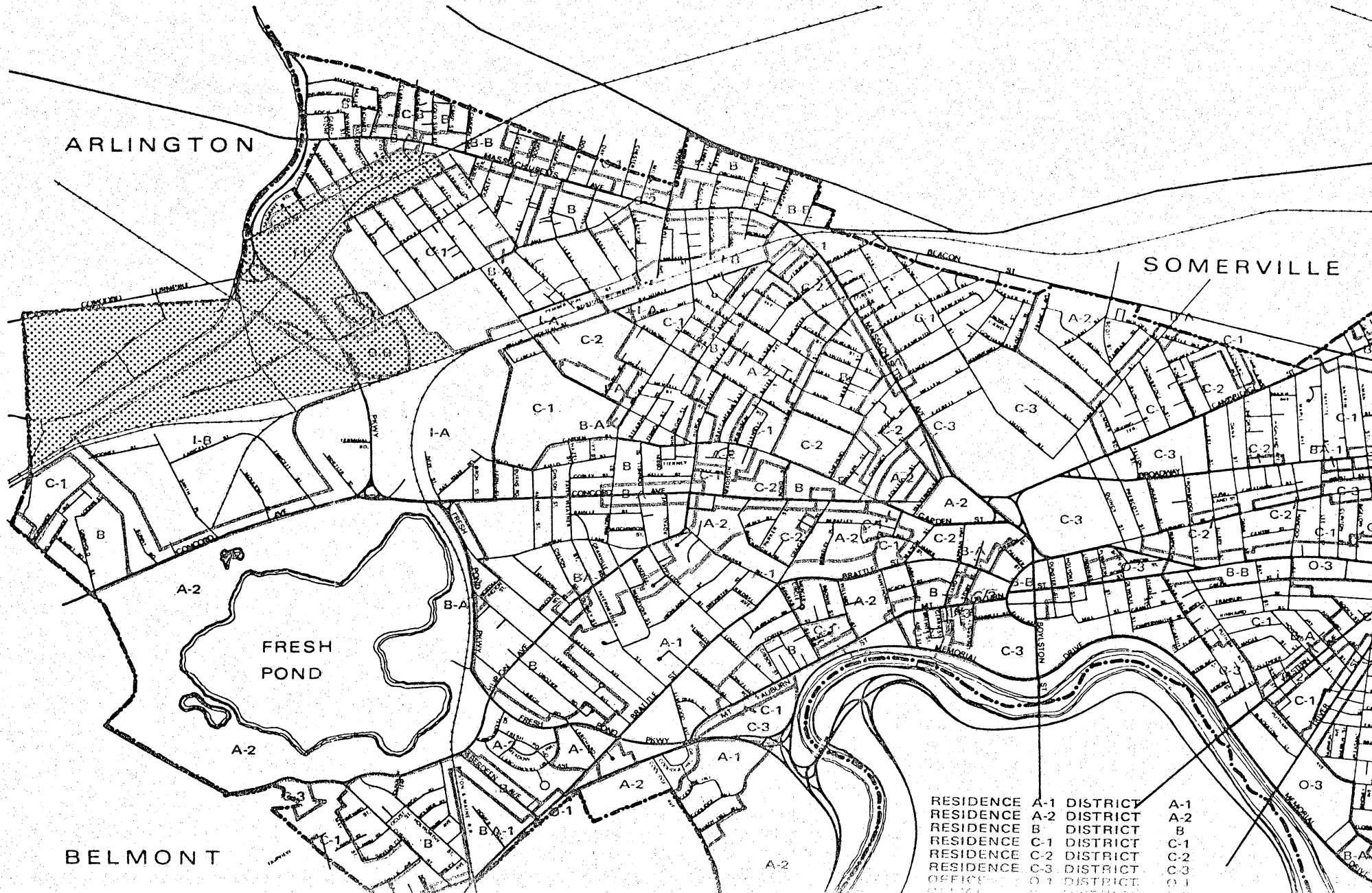
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FIGURE 1 - ALEWIFE  
MORATORIUM AREA

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RESIDENCE A-1 DISTRICT	A-1
RESIDENCE A-2 DISTRICT	A-2
RESIDENCE B DISTRICT	B
RESIDENCE C-1 DISTRICT	C-1
RESIDENCE C-2 DISTRICT	C-2
RESIDENCE C-3 DISTRICT	C-3
OFFICE O-1 DISTRICT	O-1
OFFICE O-3 DISTRICT	O-3

MOTION OF E. Ackermann -  
City of Cambridge

Amended by E. Danahy  
MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council March 14 1978

Agenda # 19 Adopted as amended

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

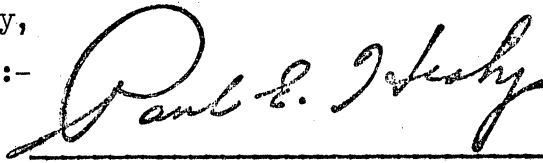
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# City of Cambridge

A true copy,

ATTEST:-



A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Paul E. Healy", is written over a solid horizontal line.

Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.



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# CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

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Tel. 876-6800

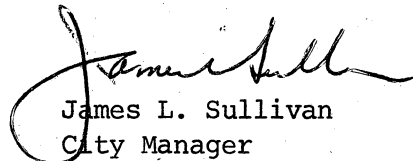
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
JAMES L. SULLIVAN  
City Manager

March 14, 1977

To the Honorable, the City Council:

I transmit herewith a communication from David R. Vickery, Assistant City Manager for Community Development, pertaining to City Council Orders, No. 17 of February 28, 1977 pertaining to preparation of a down-zone petition covering all Grace Company properties, and No. 18 of February 28, 1977 pertaining to the preparation of an appropriate zoning plan for the land adjacent to Route 2.

Very truly yours,

  
James L. Sullivan  
City Manager

JLS/b

0-14

Re: rezoning of the Alewife Area of Cambridge

In City Council,  
March 14, 1977

3/14/77

Adopted

As amended

7-0-2-

to include area

Bounded by Harvey  
Aipron, Pindge Ave  
AND Cedar St