



City of Cambridge

R-20.

IN CITY COUNCIL

January 24, 2000

COUNCILLOR MAHER
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COUNCILLOR BRAUDE
COUNCILLOR DECKER
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR REEVES
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COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of this City Council that Claire Rodley is retiring from her position as Secretary of the School Committee in February, 2000; and

WHEREAS: Mrs. Rodley was born and raised in Cambridge; she graduated from St. Mary's School first in her class with an award for perfect attendance and went on to secretarial training at the Aviation Training School in Boston; and

WHEREAS: On November 7, 1953 Claire Conner married James J. Rodley, also of Cambridge, at St. Mary's Church; their marriage was blessed with five children, Carol, Susan, James, John and Edward, all born between 1954 and 1964, and as they grew up and formed their own families, with eleven grandchildren; and

WHEREAS: When all of her children were in school, Mrs. Rodley worked for the Cambridge Camping Association and then for the Cambridge School Department, where she served as assistant to Secretary John McCarthy for nine years before being appointed Secretary of the School Committee on October 1, 1985; and

WHEREAS: Over the years Mr. and Mrs. Rodley shared a lively interest in travel and foreign cultures; their travels have taken them throughout the United States and Canada, to Ireland, South Africa, the Dominican Republic and Germany; and they have hosted six foreign exchange students from France, Mexico, Japan and Switzerland; and

WHEREAS: After seeing her husband and all of her children through college, Mrs. Rodley completed her own Bachelor's Degree through the College of Public and Community Service at University of Massachusetts Boston in June 1991; and

WHEREAS: As Secretary of the School Committee, Mrs. Rodley has done a truly remarkable job of coordinating and supporting the work of the seven busy elected officials in their supervision of a large and complex school system; and

WHEREAS: Mrs. Rodley's hard work, her high ethical standards, her fairness and impartiality, her kindness and compassion, and of course, her frugality will be long remembered and much missed; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record expressing its appreciation to Claire Rodley for her invaluable service to the citizens of Cambridge; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record congratulating Claire Rodley and wishing her and her family a happy, healthy retirement; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Claire Rodley on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council January 24, 2000.

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

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Bio for Claire Evelyn Rodley

Claire was born in Cambridge to Edmund and Evelyn Connor on October 4, 1932.

She attended St. Mary's School in Cambridge, graduating in 1950 first in her class with an award for perfect attendance.

Throughout high school she volunteered at Cambridge City Hospital.

After graduation, Claire studied secretarial subjects at the Aviation Training School in Boston.

She lived at One Hampshire Court and later 1298 Cambridge Street, both in Inman Square, until her marriage to James J. Rodley, also of Cambridge, at St. Mary's Church on November 7, 1953.

The newlyweds lived briefly in Somerville before buying the home in which they still reside in Inman Square.

Claire worked for the American Express Travel Agency until the birth of her first child. This experience may have sparked her life-long interest in travel which has taken her throughout the US and Canada, to Ireland, South Africa, the Dominican Republic and Germany.

Between 1954 and 1964 Claire and Joe were blessed with five children, Carol, Susan, James, John and Edward.

When all of the children were in school, Claire worked for Cambridge Camping Association and then for the Cambridge School Department. She served as assistant to Secretary John McCarthy for years before taking over the position when he retired in

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Her family has grown to include son-in-law David Newhall and daughters-in-law Jennifer Hogue and Heather Clark. She boasts eleven grandchildren: Adrienne Jorgensen, Aeneas Rodley, Lily Rodley, Alice Newhall, Emilene Rodley, Niles Lashway, Steven Newhall, Joseph Rodley, and Phoebe, Rhys and Connor Hogue-Rodley, ranging in age from 22 to 2 1/2.

Claire is able to combine her interests in travel and birding at her second home in Florida where she hopes to spend more time after her retirement.

*Claire's mother
lived in
Somerville for
many years.
Still lives in
Somerville.*

After years of exceptional service to the Cambridge community, Claire will retire on January 31, 2000 after successfully seeing the Cambridge School Committee into a new millennium.

Ms. Claire Rodley

Appointed 1/21/74

Clerk & Typist
School Committee Office

Secretary to The Secretary
School Committee 9/1/76

Secretary of The School
Committee 10/1/85

Address:

366 Prospect Street
Cambridge -

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Resolution #20

Resolution on the retirement of
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Secretary of the School Committee.
**Councillors Maher, Davis and
entire membership**

In City Council January 24, 2000.

ORDER ADOPTED