

## City of Waltham

Jeannette A. McCarthy Mayor CITY OF WALTHAM CITY CLERK'S OFFICE 2017 NOV 22 A 10: 30 KECORDED

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TO: Waltham City Council

RE: Coleman-Stanton Property/City Council Resolution/Request 10/23/2017

Dear Councillors:

More information is required before a determination can be made either way on whether the above is Article 97 land.

Sincerely,

Jeannette A. McCarthy

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JAM/ccb Enclosure

## City of Waltham Councillor at Large Paul Brasco

## Official Resolution

Whereas; In 2001, the 25.50 acre Coleman-Stanton property was acquired by the City through a friendly eminent domain taking "for all public purposes and municipal purposes allowed by Massachusetts law" including educational use. Over an extended period, the City has been trying to find a suitable location for the new high school and these 25.505 acres may provide a solution and,

Whereas; The Mayor, and SMMA, Architects have stated the need for at least 25 acres to construct the new high school. This land could then be combined with the existing School Department owned land of 30.69 acres at the High School and the 43.8 acres at the Kennedy, giving the School Department Care, Custody and Control of 99.995 acres of land. An area that would hopefully be adequate to accommodate current school needs and,

Whereas; The benefits of the 25.50 acre site include its location adjacent to Jack's Way, south of the existing school site, minimizing school disruption, in a known and tested central part of the city. Traffic and busing patterns would not need to change and,

Whereas; The biggest benefit is that the City already owns the land. As quickly as the City Council and Mayor could act to transfer the property to the School Department and change the zoning to permit school use, the site could be advanced for submission to the Mass. School Building Authority

Now Therefore Be It Resolved; The Waltham City Council request of the Mayor and Conservation Commission to explore and examine the possibility of development on the Coleman-Stanton property, as well as a study of the wetlands and physical constraints of the property.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul J. Brasco

Counicllor At Large

Diane P. LeBlanc

Councillor At Large

Joseph Gordans

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