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MaryAnna Foskett

Belmont Conservation Commission

c/o Ms. Mary Trudeau

Belmont Town Hall

Belmont, MA 02478

Dear Ms. Trudeau:

The Belmont Land Trust expresses its support for continuation of your efforts to ensure that state wetlands law is properly applied to the proposed O'Neill development of the Alewife Uplands.

We understand that the administrative procedure used in your recent appeal of the Department of Environmental Protection's superseding order had serious flaws, including failure of the presiding official to have four days of your hearing testimony properly transcribed and entered into the hearing record on which she could base her decision. We feel that this lapse is a serious and material breach of state law, justifies an appeal to Superior Court, and effectively requires the Court to stay the decision subject to further proceedings, or otherwise issue a reversal.

The Land Trust values the Alewife Uplands as an important natural resource and an ecological system which absorbs storm water and protects public safety. We therefore hope that you will continue your efforts to ensure that the Town's interests in the Uplands are treated in conformance with state law.

Yours truly,

Neal A. Winston

President, Belmont Land Trust, Inc.

cc: Miriam Weil, Chair, Belmont Conservation Commission, by email