

November 19, 2012

WHEREAS: Ellen Mass has worked consistently and diligently for the conservation of the greater Alewife Reservation ecosystem and for the enjoyment and preservation of the Silver Maple Forest; and

WHEREAS: Through her work as the President of the *Friends of the Alewife* organization, Ellen Mass has labored to provide elementary students, high school students, and adults a hands-on Environmental Educational experience within the Alewife Reservation; and

WHEREAS: Ellen Mass has used her considerable talents to lobby local, municipal and state stakeholders in an effort to coordinate, communicate, and broadcast the message of the fragility and uniqueness of this distinctive urban habitat; and

WHEREAS: *At the Massachusetts Forest and Park Friends Network 2012 Conference the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) and the Massachusetts Forest and Park Friends Network (MFPFN) has awarded Ellen Mass the unique honor of being named "2012 Volunteer of the Year." An award that is presented annually to individuals who have demonstrated exemplary volunteerism on behalf of a Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation forest, park, beach or trail; now therefore be it*

RESOLVED: That this Cambridge City Council go on record congratulating Ellen Mass on behalf of her award and to thank her for her tireless service to the greater Alewife Reservation; and be it further

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