



RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCILOR STEPHEN J. MURPHY

- WHEREAS:** Mr. Elliott Laffer is taking on a new role after serving as the first Executive Director of the Boston Groundwater Trust (BGWT) since 2004; and
- WHEREAS:** Elliott grew up in Bayonne, NJ and graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1970; and
- WHEREAS:** Mr. Laffer met his wife (Gail) who just retired after forty years as an elementary school teacher in Holbrook at the Brookline Brighton Newton Jewish Community Center in Cleveland Circle in 1972 and were married one year later; and
- WHEREAS:** Elliott spent over thirty years in sales and sales management of engineered equipment for air filtration, dust control and air conditioning; and
- WHEREAS:** Mr. Laffer has been a director of the Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay since 1977 and has served that organization at different times as treasurer, vice president, and chairman; and
- WHEREAS:** The citizens of Boston were well-represented by Elliott as a citizen member of steering committee for the civic review of the construction of Copley Place, a member of the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) for the construction of 500 Boylston Street, and the vice-chair of the PruPAC which wrote the guidelines and has advised the Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA) on the rebuilding of the Prudential Center since 1986; and
- WHEREAS:** It was his membership on the CAC for 500 Boylston Street that provided Elliott's first knowledge about the groundwater issue; and
- WHEREAS:** The CAC, for the first time, set guidelines which required a major project to monitor groundwater levels and to stop construction if the levels dropped below an agreed level (which did not happen); and
- WHEREAS:** Mr. Elliott Laffer contends that all of the experiences that he has had in NABB and project review have helped to shape the successes that they have had on groundwater issues at the Boston Groundwater Trust; and
- WHEREAS:** Mr. Elliot Laffer stepped down in October of 2014 as the Executive Director of the Boston Groundwater Trust to assume the role of Chief Strategy Officer (from which he will retire on March 13, 2015); and **THEREFORE BE IT**
- RESOLVED:** That the members of the Boston City Council offer their gratitude, congratulations and best wishes for many productive and happy years to Mr. Elliott Laffer and his family.



By: _____

Attest: _____

Offered by: _____

Date: _____

Bill Lueban

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Stephen J. Murphy

December 3, 2014