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Sam Seidel  
City Councillor

To: Members of the City Council

From: Sam Seidel, Chair of the Ordinance Committee

Re: Motion to Discharge the Ordinance Committee of the Re-filed Chestnut Hill Zoning Amendment Petition

Date: April 27, 2011

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The Ordinance Committee held a public hearing on March 2, 2011 on the re-filed Chestnut Hill petition. The petition remained in committee for further discussion. Another hearing is scheduled for May 5, 2011.

However, May 9<sup>th</sup> is a non-voting roundtable meeting. May 30<sup>th</sup> is the Memorial Day holiday and the petition expires on Tuesday May 31, 2011. After May 2<sup>nd</sup>, the next regular business meeting of the City Council is May 16<sup>th</sup>, which is too late to provide the necessary two week interim between passage to a second reading and readiness for ordination.

The City Council needs to pass the petition to a second reading at the May 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in order to preserve its ability to decide whether or not to ordain the petition. The parliamentary procedure to bring an item in committee back to the main body is a motion to discharge the item from the committee. To that end I am submitting the attached order which proposes that the City Council discharge the Chestnut Hill petition from the Ordinance Committee and pass it to a second reading, while leaving subject matter jurisdiction in the Ordinance Committee for discussion on May 5, 2011.



# City of Cambridge

IN CITY COUNCIL

May 2, 2011

**Councillor Seidel**

**ORDERED:** That the City Council hereby discharges the refiled Chestnut Hill petition for a zoning amendment from the Ordinance Committee; and be it further

**ORDERED:** That the City Council hereby passes the refiled Chestnut Hill petition to a second reading.