

I am addressing Policy Order One.

I, too, have followed what Dr. James Hansen stated in 2008 about climate change. Climate change is now taught through high school and college textbooks, it isn't news any more.

The supervisor of the house rehab next door to me on Arlington Street is vey cheerful because he has been able to work through the winter, so far, whereas I am in mourning for the lack of snow and the potential danger to vegetation, trees and farms, and people, too, because of drought.

Two years ago I went to a conference on climate change, in Boston. At the end a Councilor from Chelsea said, "If what you say is true, then Chelsea will be under water!" [And Tom Menino keeps building.] Better Boston should put up dikes, or a sea wall. But we are all in this together, so I urge regional planning. If any one of you as Councilors are uncertain as to what climate change means for us on the ground, I urge you to go to the interactive maps available on the internet which show the consequences of rising sea level.

Cambridge has to move forward. Moving forward on the policy level means that policy decisions MUST be formulated with mitigation of climate change in mind. This has implications for zoning, what kinds of developments can be built, where, and the regulations concerning open space—we need more, not less, and we should start planting trees wholesale, not as decoration but as climate change mitigation. This is only one policy example.

However, before we have this, we have the Clean Air Act which must be enforced. It is a tool already in place. Here, we can look to policy which was **formulated** and on the books in 1970. I heartedly agree with the thrust of this policy order, and hope it will be passed unanimously by the Council.

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