



# City of Cambridge

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**IN CITY COUNCIL**  
March 14, 2016

COUNCILLOR MAHER

WHEREAS: This City Council was deeply saddened at learning of the death of Steven Warren Reckhow on February 26, 2016; and

WHEREAS: Steven Warren Reckhow was born into a family that had a reverence for learning, nature and the exploration of all things, and grew up in Irondequoit, New York; and

WHEREAS: Steve graduated from Columbia University with a dual degree in civil engineering and urban planning, followed by graduate studies in public administration at Boston University and worked as a planner for the Southeastern Massachusetts Regional Planning & Development District and then as a planning and energy consultant at a small international consulting firm and later as an independent energy consultant; and

WHEREAS: In the 1980's, Steve's early interest in real estate grew to envision projects ranging from affordable housing to multi-family historic restorations in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: Steve used his considerable talents as an engineer, planner and developer in focusing all of his efforts to make neighborhoods and communities more vibrant and sustainable; and

WHEREAS: Steve's passion for urban revitalization, sustainable design and historic preservation was the driving force behind Neighborhood Design, a private development company he established with his wife and best friend Sylvia, and together they completed several residential and multi-use projects that won the prestigious Cambridge Historic Preservation Awards and have also contributed to the revitalization of the Mid-Cambridge neighborhood; and

WHEREAS: Steve was the beloved husband of Sylvia Jean Wheeler; and

WHEREAS: Steve's passing will leave a void in the lives of all his surviving family, his siblings Anne Clarkson and her husband Chris, Robert Reckhow, Wayne Reckhow and his wife Barbra; his nieces Lynne, Nancy, Alyssa, Taylor, Jensen and nephew Grant Reckhow; his aunt Marge Meyer and uncle John Meyer and wife Marcia; and his cousins David and Tracy Meyer, Glenn Meyer, Emily Reid, David and Kenneth Reckhow and Gail and John Collins; as well as members of the Wheeler family, who looked upon him as a much loved brother to Robert and Kit Wheeler, David Wheeler, Elizabeth Scannell; and uncle to Wendy Belair, Christopher, Jeffrey and Jennifer Wheeler; and

WHEREAS: Steven will be sorely missed by all he touched and loved; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record extending its deepest sympathy for the family of Steven Warren Reckhow at this time of such personal loss; and be it further

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