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Councillor Walter J. Sullivan

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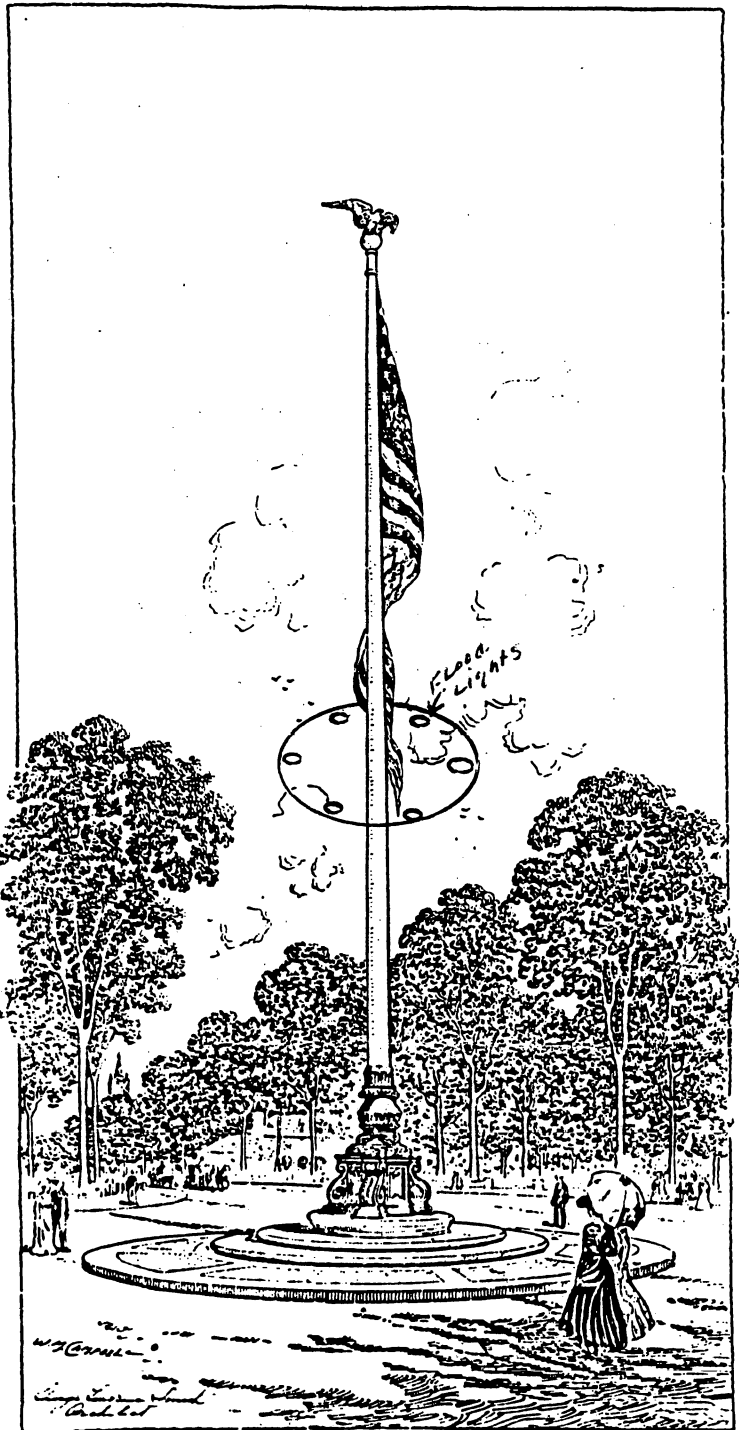
WHEREAS: Many residents of this City, young and old alike have contributed generously toward funding for the bald eagle and flag and for the erection and maintenance of this handsome monument, and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge should enable visitors to our historic area to be able to view at all times this beautiful and historic tribute to our brave defenders of American freedom and since it is particularly appropriate that we should pause and reflect upon the sacrifices of these brave patriots during the 200th anniversary of our country's Constitution,

THEREFORE: Let it be resolved that the City Manager be instructed to illuminate the Memorial Flagstaff during the night time hours and to make arrangements for an appropriate dedication ceremony.

C.R.

MEMORIAL FLAGSTAFF



To be erected by popular subscription, near the Old Burial Ground, in memory of the men who made the Flag possible and those who defended it

MEMORIAL FLAG STAFF

ON June 13, 1857, the City of Cambridge erected a flagstaff on the little common, between the College yard and the old burial ground. This has been taken down to make way for the subway; it can not be reset on the old site. It is proposed to replace this by a Memorial Flagstaff, at the junction of Garden Street and Massachusetts Avenue. The new one will be set on an ornamental bronze pedestal, resting on a sub-structure of granite, surrounded by seat of the same stone. A bronze eagle and ball will surmount the staff. Around the pedestal will be four tablets, on which will be inscribed the names of the soldiers and patriots who lie in the old burial ground near.

The only monument Cambridge has to her soldiers is the one dedicated to the men killed in the Civil War. The patriots and heroes of the Wars of the Revolution and of 1812 have no memorial, in many cases no headstones mark their last resting place. To find their names one must search the records. For more than a hundred years they have remained here unnoticed. Is it not well to keep their memory green? To teach our children to honor and remember their names? Will not every citizen of the Cambridge of today make some small offering to honor the men who helped to found our great republic? What will you do to remedy this neglect?

The design here presented by Mr. George Lawrence Smith is approved by the Cambridge Municipal Art Society, by eminent architects and critics. The Hannah Winthrop Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, bring it to the attention of the people. Here is an unusual opportunity to beautify our city. The cost will be between eight and nine thousand dollars, and the money should be raised before July first, that the work may be done this summer and that part of the city restored to order.

Let it be a true, popular subscription. Let all give according to their ability. If every citizen helps, it will be no burden to any one. The smallest contribution will be gratefully received. The contributions of the children will be used to place the eagle and ball on the staff. All contributors are asked to write their names on sheets of paper provided for that purpose, or on the coupon blank below. The amount given is not to be attached to the name. All these signatures will be bound in one volume and kept in the Cambridge Public Library. Clubs and societies are urged to take blanks which may be had of the chairman.

Subscription blanks may be signed at the following places :

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Harvard Co-operative Society
Amee Brothers
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CENTRAL SQUARE:

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J. A. Holmes & Co.
Danskin's Bakery, 53 River Street
W. B. Hunt & Co.
Citizens' Trade Association

NORTH CAMBRIDGE:

George M. Olive, 1865 Massachusetts Avenue
James W. Hunnewell, 2074 Massachusetts Avenue
Samuel H. Talbot, 2269 Massachusetts Avenue

EAST CAMBRIDGE:

D. B. Shaughnessy, 278 Cambridge Street

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City of Cambridge

3. IN CITY COUNCIL

February 1, 1988

COUNCILLOR WALTER J. SULLIVAN

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- RESOLVED: That the City Manager be instructed to illuminate the Memorial Flagstaff during the night time hours and to make arrangements for an appropriate dedication ceremony.

In City Council February 1, 1988.
Adopted by the affirmative vote of 8 members.
Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

Joseph E. Connarton
Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

Order #3

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C.W.J. Sullivan re: resolutions that the City Manager be instructed to illuminate the Memorial Flagstaff during the night time hours & to arrange for an appropriate dedication ceremony.

In: City Council,

February 1, 1988

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