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To Paul Healy, City Clerk

Date January 21, 1981

From William F. Brennan, Acting Superintendent

Reference

Subject THANKS TO THE MEN OF THE WATER DEPARTMENT
AND PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

WATER MAIN BREAKS DURING COLD SPELL FROM DECEMBER 11, 1979 TO
THE PRESENT DATE.

19 Main breaks from 6" main to 42" main

41 Home Services put back in service by men of the Water Department

Men on leave or vacation had to be called back to work. All holiday reservations had to be cancelled by the men and their families at home. Many thanks to the families of these men for their understanding. Men were called upon to work around the clock and as much as 101 hours within a seven day week.

Thanks also to the Commissioner of Public Works Department for his men and equipment he gave us during this period of hardship due to cold weather and exhaustion. We like all other work force were faced with sickness due to the flu epidemic.

Acting Superintendent, William F. Brennan would be seen on the jobs or at his office at Fresh Pond Parkway at most any hour of the day or night during this long and tiring period.

Once again thanks to the experdees and many years of past experience in water works operations, to the Commissioner and Acting Superintendent.

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City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

January 26, 1981

COUNCILLOR WALTER SULLIVAN

- WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge, the Northeastern Seaboard, and most states east of the Mississippi faced an unprecedented record breaking cold wave during the month of December and the first two weeks of January; and
- WHEREAS: These below freezing temperatures which continued without abatement created a series of emergency situations for the Public Works Department and the Water Department which required remedial action without delay in order to maintain water service to the residents and businesses of Cambridge; and
- WHEREAS: The men of the Public Works Department and the Water Department responded to the enormous problems created by the frigid temperatures and during the period December 11, 1980 to January 15, 1981 repaired nineteen water breaks and restored service to forty-one residences, working against the clock for long hours in the bitter cold with dedication despite the arctic blasts which has paralyzed the city; and
- WHEREAS: This City Council wishes to record the gratitude of a grateful city for the splendid spirit and resourcefulness displayed by the men of the Public Works Department and the Water Department whose response to the crisis was in keeping with the best traditions of public service; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record congratulating the Commissioner of Public Works, Conrad Fagone, Superintendent of the Water Department, William Brennan, their staffs and work crews for the great service rendered to the citizens of Cambridge; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is directed to prepare a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution for presentation to the Public Works Department and the Water Department to record our gratitude for a task well done.

In City Council January 26, 1981.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of 9 members.

Attest:- Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

Order # 5

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C. W. Sullivan resolutions on the outstanding jobs the Public Works Dept. & Water Department did during the cold wave.

In City Council,

January 26, 1981

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