

THE WORKS
CAMBRIDGE
DEPARTMENT
OF PUBLIC

147 Hampshire Street
Cambridge
Massachusetts 02139
617-349-4800

William P. Ryan
Commissioner

To: Mr. Robert W. Healy
City Manager

From: Jeffrey Nutting, Public Works Coordinator

Date: February 5, 1991

Subject: Council Order #36, dated 1/28/91
Re: Inadequate snow and ice removal from
City-owned property

Please find enclosed responses to Council Order #36 concerning snow and ice removal from city-owned property.

Snow removal is a top priority of this Department and one of my major concerns. In an effort to improve the snow removal operation a series of workshops are being held to instruct the foremen of their responsibilities, and of the driver's on proper technique.

We are also implementing a new monitoring system to help us determine any problem areas in the city, so we may continue to improve our snow fighting capabilities.

If you need further information on this matter please feel free to contact me.





CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

To : Robert W. Healy,
City Manager

Date : February 4, 1991

From : Richard Medeiros, Supervisor
Parks and Forestry *R. Med*

Reference :

Subject : Council Order #36, dated 1/28/91
RE: Inadequate snow and ice removal from City-owned property.

First, I must explain the following steps which are taken in any significant snow storm. The opening up of both main and secondary streets are a priority, which means that the school crossing areas are not always attended to as soon as I would like them to be.

The prediction of snow with this last storm was for 3-5 inches and was supposed to end the next day. Instead it stopped about 6:00 PM and we got an updated forecast for freezing rain, ending in flurries with a new expected accumulation, that we did in fact receive, causing the City very serious problems with our streets and sidewalks.

In the Cambridgeport/Riverside areas we have had an ongoing problem throughout the years, of vehicles parking to obstruct our snow plowing operation.

Also, upon my investigation, all streets were plowed and sanded for the passage of emergency vehicles.

However, there has been an identifiable problem with residents shoveling out their vehicles and piling this surplus snow out onto the streets, which have just been plowed.

With respect to clearing of sidewalks, as with any large accumulation of snow, and then when cleaning up an intersection, it creates piles of snow, which are pushed back into the corners of unfortunately, some crosswalks. During the termination of this storm the temperature dropped dramatically, causing everything to freeze up, including snow piles that had been pushed back into these intersections City-wide.

I too noticed this problem, and presently we are holding a training program for all snow personnel, as well as, a monitoring system to be put into effect to correct these situations.



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02139

TEL. 349-4300

FAX. 349-4307

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

ROBERT W. HEALY

City Manager

RICHARD C. ROSSI

Deputy City Manager

February 25, 1991

To The Honorable, The City Council:

With regard to Awaiting Report Item 23, relative to snow and ice removal from City owned property, attached please find a response from Jeff Nutting, Public Works Coordinator, as well as Park and Forestry Supervisor Richard Medeiros.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mev
attachment

CONSENT AGENDA # 11

S-299

Awaiting Report Item Number 23 regarding
snow and ice removal from City owned
property.

In City Council,

February 25, 1991.

Placed on file