

October 25, 1994

Dear Members of the City Council:

I want to tell you about the tale of TWO CANS as an illustration about Stop and Shop.

To set the record straight--I support having a Stop and Shop on Memorial Drive. Yes, I support a super store; especially when the proposed square footage is no more than the combined area of the existing three buildings! But that's another story.

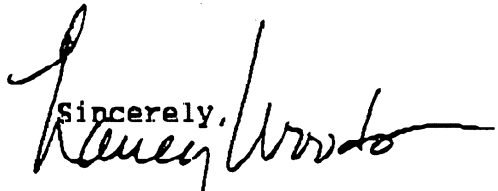
Now, back to the CANS. My husband bought a can of coffee at a Purity store in Watertown for \$2.99. This past Sunday, we ran out of coffee for about 20 people (we hosted our daughter's crew team for the Head of the Charles Regatta). In previous years, we would have run down to Stop and Shop for all our supplies. This year, obviously not.

Not wanting to drive through the congestion that the Regatta causes, we bought an identical can of coffee at the corner store at the intersection of Putnam and Brookline--a tiny store, but the closest. The coffee was \$5.59! A startling 87% increase in cost!

The problem is that there are many times when congestion makes driving impossible on Memorial Drive. Just how are we supposed to get to a store? Driving up to Central Square is difficult, too, during rush hours, so that's not a satisfactory option either.

So, my tale of TWO CANS ends with all of us here faced paying an incredible premium for food--and coffee is by no means the only over-priced item--or doing without when we don't want to face terrible traffic on Memorial Drive or snake our way through the back streets to stores across town.

Sincerely,


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A comm. was received from Nancy Woods
4 Hastings Square regarding the Stop and
Shop closing on Memorial Drive.

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