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D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk
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City Hall, Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Ms Drury,

Thank you for your letter of February 18, 1994 inviting me to a hearing on February 28 to discuss concerns and suggestions regarding sidewalk snow clearance as it relates to pedestrian passage on all sidewalks. Because of the infirmities of age (I am in my 93rd year) I am unable to attend the meeting, but I want to acknowledge the necessity of such a joint consideration of a major problem of pedestrians. I have walked by both necessity and preference in Cambridge for some 20 years.

When there has^{been} snowfall, I have had the same problem: I am "snowed in." As a pedestrian, I believe that I have as much right to go from "here" to "there" on foot as someone else has to go on four wheels.

But when it snows, streets are plowed clean in hours, but sidewalks are not cleared for days or weeks. I am aware that there exist laws concerning the responsibility of property-owners, but it seems to me that the enforcement of such laws would involve an impossible amount of inspection and paperwork.

So - what to do ?

Basically, we have a conflict of a necessity and a solution of a problem. I do not presume to suggest and answer. The necessity has been presented by me and by others, published in the local Press. It is up to the City of Cambridge to solve the problem, if there exists a solution.

I am passing on a copy of this letter with your letter to Mr. Kimball Jones, President of the Mather Court Tenants Association at No. 1 Waterhouse Street, in the hope that he can take my place at the hearing.

Yours truly,

Dorothy K-K.

Consent Comm. # 15 5-63

Comm. from Dorothy Kamen-Kaye regarding
Snow removal from sidewalks for pedestrian
travel and transmitting her unavailability
to attend the public hearing on this
issue.

In City Council,

February 28, 1994

Referred to 7PM Hearing