



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

To Mr. Robert Healy
Assistant City Manager

Date November 21, 1974

From Conrad Fagone
Commissioner of Public Works

Reference :

Collection and Disposal of Leaves

Subject

The following is in reply to your request for information on the Department of Public Works future plans for the collection and disposal of leaves. The leaf problem is both a collection and disposal, in which each is a separate operation.

Collection

The present City Ordinance requires property owners to bag leaves and place at the curb with their rubbish. This method is not rigidly enforced and does create a hardship on those who comply. It also makes law breakers out of those who do not comply. We presently have approximately \$250,000 worth of equipment separately collecting leaves in the City. This consists of sweepers, payloaders, and dump trucks. In addition to this the regular rubbish trucks collect leaves with the regular trash. We are presently investigating and trying out more modern methods of collection. However, at this time there is no quick, sure and inexperienced method of leaf collection. We are also reviewing the possibility of asking the City Council to change the Ordinance to allow all persons to rake their leaves out onto the City Street on a pre-determined day and have the City collect them.

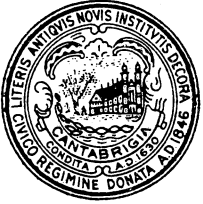
We are studying these and at this time are not able to make a recommendation.

Disposal

The present method's of disposal are to dispose of the bagged leaves, collected with the rubbish at Reclamation Incorporated, and are buried with the rubbish. The remaining leaves are dumped at the City Dump and buried over.

We are presently studying the possibility of compacting the leaves next year, either with the City forces or through a private company. One of the critical problems we face is the availability of clear, flat land for this purpose.

I believe you will agree the problem of leaf disposal is a major one which requires major changes in the operation of the DPW.



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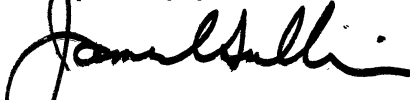
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
JAMES L. SULLIVAN
City Manager

November 25, 1974

To the Honorable, the City Council:

Enclosed per your request is a report from the Commissioner
of Public Works regarding collection and disposal of leaves.

Very truly yours,



James L. Sullivan
City Manager

JLS/mbf

Report from the Comm. of Public Works re:
to collection and disposal of leaves.

11/25/74 - On Motion
of E. Neumann His
Communication was
referred back to the
City with a request that
he submit a proposal for
composting etc. to be used
next year

In City Council,
November 25, 1974

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