

City of Cambridge

In City Council
February 23, 1937.

WHEREAS:

President Roosevelt last Friday sent with his approval a bill to Congress providing for a two-year extension of the P W A (heavy construction) with notice that he will allocate new funds for this agency, and

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The P W A has already in its four years' existence made grants of over two billion dollars (\$2,000,000,000.00) to cities to be spent through private contractors for new construction, and

WHEREAS:

The city of Cambridge has never taken advantage of one of these grants to municipalities, and

WHEREAS:

The need for a Golf Clubhouse and Recreation Center at Fresh Pond is unquestioned (the present dilapidated and totally inadequate shack is a health menace as well as risk and disgrace to the city), and

WHEREAS:

The Superintendent of Parks in his 1935 report refers to the need for such a building on three different occasions; viz, Re: Fresh Pond Playground - "Possessed of the best playing surface of the open grounds in the city, this playground lacks mainly the proper dressing room and shower bath facilities which are a necessity for use by adult teams".

Re: Golf Course - "The most important need at the course is a modern club house. Until a proper building is provided, it is probable that the success of the course both in its maximum use and financial return will be retarded".

Re: Winter Sports - "I am of the opinion that with a little expenditure for making the proper changes in the slope of one of the banks to provide a jump, our municipal golf course can be made a rendezvous for winter sports enthusiasts. With the toboggan slide already popular, and a pond on the course available for skating, the provisions for skiing would complete the requirements for an excellent winter sports program. A building to provide for the comfort of the patrons of the above facilities would be an asset to the success of this most desirable plan", and

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WHEREAS:

A suitable building can be erected at a total cost of approximately \$26,000.00 of which the city would pay only 55% - (\$14,000.00),

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Mayor be requested to file immediately plans for this project with the Massachusetts P W A office so that if approved the city may at least have an opportunity of deciding whether to go ahead with this much needed construction.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote

of 13 members

Frederick H. Burke

City Clerk

Gift of Grounds

MEMORANDUM

That the site to be set aside for the building of a
of approximately \$80,000.00 of which the city would
pay only \$20,000.00 (25% of \$80,000.00).

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Resolve
relative to P. W. A. Project at
Golf Course at Fresh Pond

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