



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

Robert W. Healy, City Manager,
Chief Anthony Paolillo, Police Dept.,
Chief Thomas Scott, Fire Dept.,
To Russell B. Higley, City Solicitor,
Everett Kennedy, Commissioner of Public Works,
William Lannon, Superintendent of Schools
From Paul E. Healy, City Clerk
Subject Public hearing to discuss the present use of the
former City dump site

Date October 7, 1983

Reference

Please be advised that the City Council at its meeting of October 3, 1983 has scheduled a public hearing to discuss the present use of the former City dump site by the Perini Corporation and the status of methane gas vented at this site and the area adjacent to Bellis Circle and also future plans for the construction of an athletic field at this location. Said hearing to be held on Monday, October 17, 1983 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber, City Hall.

Your presence or that of your appropriate designee is requested at this time in order to provide a complete report to the Council, in connection with the above referenced matters.

Your very kind cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated by the City Council.

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To: Mr. Robert W. Healy
City Manager

Date : October 3, 1983

From : Everett R. Kennedy *ERK*
Acting Commissioner of Public Works

Reference

Subject : Dump Site

A short report concerning activities on this site on New Street. Last week it was called to our attention that a fire had occurred at one of our observation wells. Apparently someone has discovered that the continually venting methane gas will burn. At my request, engineers from Camp Dresser & McKee, and Haley and Aldrich, along with City Engineer Lastovica and Project Manager John Powers of the "T" toured the site. At that time, Tuesday, it was evident that one observation well could be set on fire; there was no evidence of an underground fire. There was an agreement to closely monitor the wells, including determination of underground temperatures throughout all the site, which information will be useful in future activities; routine monitoring of methane continues as part of our ongoing engineering review.

At 2:30 PM this date, there was no evidence of any "burning" on the site. In discussion with Chief Scott I have agreed to meet him on the site on Tuesday, 10/4/83. I do not consider that there is anything unusual occurring, but as a prevention steps are being taken to "cap" the wells to minimize future vandalism. If anything should happen to change the situation, I will notify your office at once.



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
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To Mr. Robert Healy
City Manager

Date October 3, 1983

From Chief Thomas V. Scott
Fire Department

Reference

Subject

Dear Sir:

On Sunday evening, October 2, 1983, at 1858 hours, Engine Company #8 was dispatched to the rear of 247 Garden Street, Briston Arms, to investigate a condition at that location.

Upon the arrival of the fire company, the officer in charge reported a bluish flame coming from the old dump area. He then requested the presence of Deputy Chief John Cremins. Upon hearing this radio message, I requested the Deputy Chief to contact me and I responded to the location with him.

On investigation I observed a blue flame issuing from the vent cap which was attached to the vent pipe buried in the ground. The burning gas, I presumed, was Methane, which apparently is coming from the dump area used by the City of Cambridge for years. This particular vent pipe is located in the rear of 75 Bay State Road.

On Monday morning, October 3, 1983 at approximately 1000 hours, I responded to the dump site area with Deputy Chief Edward Dudley. We inspected the area where we observed the flame the previous evening and we noticed the gases were no longer burning.

We then proceeded to check the area and in our travel we observed flame coming from another vent pipe which is near an old tank truck body located in about the middle of the land site.

I then had a telephone conversation with Public Works Commissioner Everett Kennedy and notified him of my findings. He stated that he has spent some time recently at the site and that the present plans are to cap off the vent pipes.

This is the first incident of this type that the fire department has responded to at this location for several years.

Thomas V. Scott, Chief
Fire Department



City of Cambridge

14.
IN CITY COUNCIL
October 3, 1983

MAYOR VELLUCCI
COUNCILLOR DUEHAY

ORDERED: That the City Manager, Chief of Police, Fire Chief, Public Works Commissioner and City Solicitor be and hereby are requested to attend the City Council meeting of Monday, October 17, 1983 at 6:00 p.m., for the purpose of providing a complete report to this City Council as to the present use of the former dump site by the Perini Corporation, as well as the status of the methane gas which is being vented at both the dump site and the area adjacent to Bellis Circle; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to have an appropriate member of the School Department present at this meeting to discuss the plans for the construction of an athletic field at this site.

In City Council October 3, 1983.
Adopted by the affirmative vote of 9 members.
Attest:- Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Paul E. Healy".

Order # 14. F-260

Mayor Vellucci & C. Duehay order re: City Manager, Police & Fire Chiefs, Public Works Commissioner, City Solicitor & a representative of the School Dept. be requested to attend the City Council meeting of October 17, 1983 at 6:00 p.m. in order to report on the present use of the former city dump site by the Perini Corp.

10/17/83

Hearing held at 6PM
Mr. Bennett, Chairperson

Had City Mgr Present
Notification of hearing sent to City
Manager, Police Chief, Fire Chief,
City Solicitor, Public Works
Commissioner & Superintendent of
Schools 10/7/83 ma

No Hearing Conducted
- No Action Taken -

In City Council,

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October 3, 1983

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10/8/83

MR
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Order

Advised

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