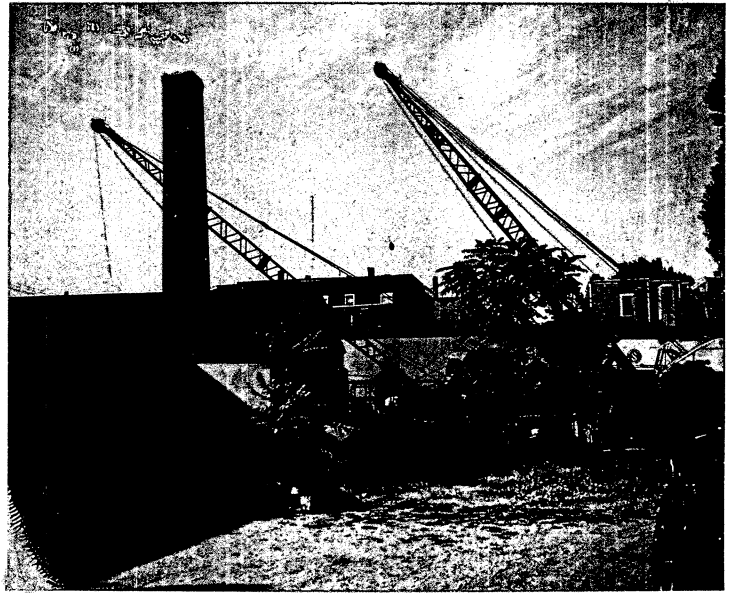




EXCAVATING EQUIP

1971 AUG

TO YOUR HONOR, THE MAYOR OF CAMBRIDGE

Dear Mayor Vellucci:

We the residents of Brookline, Valentine, Erie Streets, and Speridakas Terrace, would like to know if it is all possible to have the Jeremiah Sullivan Sons, Inc., (Construction Company) located at 175 Brookline St., Cambridge, Mass., REMOVED. On Friday, August 20th, 1971, there was a fire which was very dangerous to this neighborhood. It was an explosion from one of their gas tanks, and this whole complete was covered with black, thick smoke. This occurred at approximately 12:20PM in the afternoon and the engines were still there until 4:15 PM. Underground adjoining their garage they store either one or two gasoline tanks which we were told by the licensing Comm. they were allowed to store 4000 gallons of gasoline. Where would we be today, had that EXPLODED? On top of where this gasoline is stored, they park 3 huge construction cranes, a long truck bed which is used to transport these cranes to their construction sites, and other small trucks. The residents of this neighborhood ~~we~~ were never informed or notified of the installation of these tanks. There are still residents who don't know about them. We believe they have no business being there, with all the people and lives which are involved in this area. This Company is surrounded by homes and families and children.

Below, I will list a FEW complaints:

Some mornings they start work at 5:30 AM, 6:00AM but mostly at 7:00AM. They wake the whole neighborhood. They race their motors five or ten minutes before leaving and the vibration from these trucks actually shake this whole area. The smoke these trucks and cranes exhausts is enough pollution to kill anyone. In the winter it is worse, they have to race their trucks longer, because they say "the engines are frozen and they have to warm them up before they pull out". So who suffers,? we the people of this area and we are fed up with it.

They have three huge cranes with their booms dangling in the air constantly. What happens should one of these things break? Some poor innocent residents are going to be seriously injured and maybe their homes destroyed.

The gasoline (4000 gallons) as told to us by the licensing Comm. office stored underground in the yard. The latest tank stored in 1960, which ~~was~~ no was informed.

At 4:00PM the traffic is all tied up on Brookline St. as they have to back all their trucks into the garage every night. (Dump trucks, Carriers and pick up trucks).

The street is all torn up and they park half on the street and half on the public sidewalk, which is against the law. They have been asked to stop this and also the truck motors running, and the Police have been called on this matter. As soon as the police leave, they just continue on doing the same thing.

On one gasoline delivery, a few years ago a bad accident occurred from the results of their gasoline delivery. It overflowed on to Brookline St., and it was winter time and it froze. The fire department came down and had to hose it down, shortly after a car proceeded down and there was a very bad accident.

When they repair one of their trucks the motors run all day long and everything vibrates.

There was a petition filed on 7-20-63 by Petrella on this matter & on April 16, 1964 a letter was sent to the Cambridge Chronicle by Ann Skutel on this matter also. They have been placed in the files of the City Manager

I have called them plenty of times on these matters and they just YES you to death and then forget about it.

They have run over our Rubbish barrells.

Chopping up street and curbs with 20 ton cranes to the center of Brookline St.

Cracked pavement on our sidewalk with heavy construction equipment.

Continuosly park heavy diesel equipment on our paved sidewalk.

Overflow of raw gasolene from their premises to curb and sidewalk flowing down Brookline St.

Open Parking lot that entices young children to play amoung dangerous Cranes and heavy equipment.

Shovel poked window in office at 171 Brookline St. 1970

We are not animals around here and we do like to be able to sleep sometime, we are not asking for the world, but to have peace and quite and peace of mind. We are tax paying people, and I think something should be done about this matter Immediately. It has been going on for to long, and the longer it goes, the more advantage they take of the people. I wonder if they would like to have this under their windows in their areas and for how long would it last?

As we said before, we want peace of mind and with this Company around, it cannot be done. They are a HAZARD TO OUR NIEGHBORHOOD.

LET'S NOT WAIT UNTIL SOMETHING SERIOUS HAPPENS. LET'S DO SOMETHING NOW.

THIS AREA IS NOT FOR A BUSINESS LIKE THE JEREMIAH SULLIVAN AND SONS.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH YOUR HONOR

MAYOR VELLUCCI

AND THE CITY COUNCIL.

8-30-71: They have had their trucks running from 8:00AM This morning until 8:50: AM. Constantly! The building is unsafe. There are 3 cracks in the front of the build. The building Inspector was informed 8/30/71.

PETITION FOR REMOVAL OF JEREMIAH SULLIVAN CONST. COMPANY

WE THE UNDERSIGNERS ENDORSE THIS PETITION

NAME

ADDRESS

Mrs Joseph De Netele -	14 Valentine St. Camb.
Mr. Sebastiano Belissimo	12 Valentine St. Camb.
Abraham Kanya	163 Brookline St.
Joseph C. Abbot	156 Pearl St.
Pherson R. Abbot	156 Pearl St. Camb.
Sarkis Henchian	35 Sperdakis Terr.
Arnold E. Reed	14 Valentine St. Camb.
Ernestine Reed	" " "
Carlene Macdonald	13 Valentine St. Cambridge
Ruth Rizzi	13 Valentine St. ^{12 floor} Cambridge
Frances Sunukjian	35 Sperdakis Terr. Cambridge
Robert Sunukjian	35 Sperdakis Terr. - Camb.
Russell Thorne	36- " " "
Anne Thompson	36 Sperdakis Terr. Camb.
Paul Schyller	33 Sperdakis Terr.
Harry Johnson	39 Sperdakis Terr.
Dawn Lutz	41 Sargent St. R.R.
Joseph M. Brownrigg	164 Brookline St.
Alice K. Brownrigg	164 Brookline St.
Elizabeth Dudley	166 Brookline St.
Clarence Wollin	210 Brookline St.
Mildred Burke	163 Brookline St.
Harold Burke	163 Brookline St.
Hazel Stamps	162 Brookline St.
Timothy Burns	162 Brookline St.

Klorochy Stamps 160 Brookline St. Cambridge.
Mrs Ruby Walfall 158 Brookline St. Camb.
Mrs August L Walfall 158 Brookline St. Camb.
J A Lord 170 Brookline St.
Mrs Jane D. Layne 163 Brookline St.
Gladys M. Layne 163 Brookline St.
Sydney F. Bridgeman 152 Brookline St.
Wmley S. Headley 157 Brookline St.
Daniel J. Clinton 12 Spondakis Terr.
Miss Rogers 40 Spondakis Terrace
Mrs Joseph Petrella 29 Spondakis Terrace
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Anna Skutzel	37 Spedikas Ter.
Ethel H. Horne	190 Brookline St
Jeffery Googus	188 Brookline St.
Heri Girard	186 Brookline St.
Maie Maer	167 Brookline Street
Nellie Mae Donald	190 Brookline St
John B. Bickel	18 Brookline St
Gloria Fingert	4 Glen Ter
Reginald Moser	167 Brookline St

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L. L. John ✓	168a Brookline St ^{C.H.}
Frank B Day -	172 Brookline St. Camb.
John M. Hourty	174 Brookline St. Camb. ^{C.H.}
Louis A. Ward - ^{C.H.}	174 Brookline St Camb.
Charlotte E Ward -	174 Brookline St Camb.
William M. Smith Jr.	7 Glenn Terr Camb.
Josephine E. Salesman	187 Brookline Street Camb. ^{C.H.}
Paul Caragayen	87 Pearl St Camb.
Richard Kelly -	140 Beach St. Cambridge
Charles Shuteh	37 Spencerville turn, Camb
Meredith Wood	170 Brookline St Camb
Mrs Percy Day -	1 Glenn Terrace
Paul Googins	188 Brookline St Camb.

Tom 60 signatures

Heaving out for 7,000' depth P.M.

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JEREMIAH SULLIVAN SONS, INC.

EXCAVATING CONTRACTORS

175 BROOKLINE STREET

CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02139

ESTABLISHED 1880

September 20, 1971

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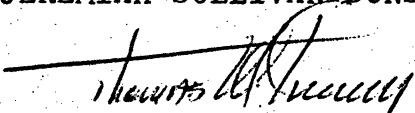
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We have in the past and we shall in the future abide by all properly constituted laws, rules and regulations. We are cognizant that there might be differences of opinion as to how to properly operate an organization and business such as ours. But without sacrificing good business practices we shall also attempt to maintain a good neighbor policy with all abutters and residents of Cambridge.

Very truly yours,

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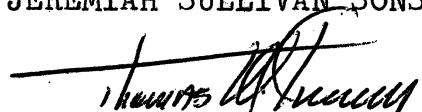
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Communication from Jeremiah Sullivan
Sons, Inc. relative to various allegations
made regarding their business activities
at 175 Brookline St.

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Conrad C. Chabon