



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

To : Robert W. Healy
City Manager

Date : April 21, 1983

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

Reference

Subject : City Council Order No. 1 - Councillor Clinton - 12/27/83
Re: Cambridge Cemetery

This is a supplementary report to my response of January 11, 1983. I agree that we can make improvements at the cemetery. I am continuing to work toward that end. The cleanup of weeds and brush along Coolidge Road should be completed before Memorial Day, weather permitting.

The other problem, the repair of headstones, will take longer to resolve. As I indicated earlier, a good deal of the work can be completed by our own personnel, if available; our work however must be augmented by skilled monument workers. I would suggest that we proceed to authorize one monument company to work with us during spring and summer; if we can complete 20 full repairs per week, we could make a substantial improvement to general cemetery conditions, reversing a downhill trend of long standing.

The Council should keep in mind that we will be trying to do this work during a period of minimum manpower availability, but we will give it a try.

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At the request of the City Council, Cemetery Superintendent Dominic Bonacci has reviewed quotations from several monument companies to effect repairs to existing headstones, particularly, in the older area at the cemetery, immediately adjacent to the Buckingham Brown & Nichols School. Based on quotes and adding on specific Departmental costs for new headstone bases, the average cost per headstone would be approximately \$50.00. Considering an estimated 250 to 300 headstones in need of refurbishing, the overall project cost would run between \$12,500 and \$15,000 with work spread over a one year period based upon current staffing levels.

According to current Cemetery Rules and Regulations:
"Monuments"

"#2 The Cemetery Division will not be responsible for monuments.

#5 All building of foundations must be done by the Cemetery Division of the Public Works Department."

Other requested work along the fence of the Cemetery property is continuing.

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
ROBERT W. HEALY
City Manager

April 25, 1983

To the Honorable, the City Council:

With reference to Awaiting Report Item No. 14,
City Council order of December 27, 1982, I transmit
herewith communications from Everett Kennedy, Acting
Commissioner, Public Works, relative to the landscaping
and refurbishing of the headstones at the Cambridge
Cemetery.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Response to Awaiting Report Item Number 14
relative to the landscaping and refurbishing
of the headstones at Cambridge Cemetery.

In City Council,

April 25, 1983

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