



# CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

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OFFICE OF  
THE CITY CLERK

April 13, 1982

Victoria Pousette-Dart  
31 Linnaean Street  
Cambridge, MA 02138

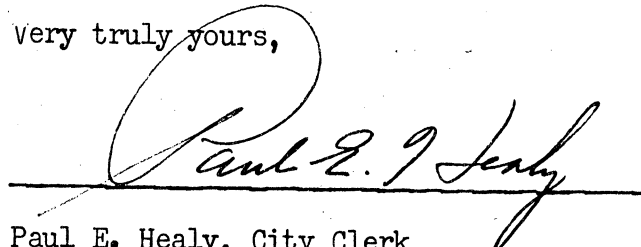
Dear Ms. Pousette-Dart:

Please be advised that the City Council at its meeting of April 12, 1982 has scheduled a public hearing to be held on April 26, 1982 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber, City Hall. Said hearing in answer to your request with regard to the installation of a power line at 31 Linnaean Street and a tree which was uprooted as a result.

The Council has requested your presence at this time and that a representative of the Public Works Department also appear. If you have any further questions, please contact this office.

Your kind cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

  
Paul E. Healy, City Clerk

PEH/mh



**CITY OF CAMBRIDGE**  
**INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE**

**To** Robert W. Healy, City Manager

**Date** April 14, 1982

**From** Paul E. Healy, City Clerk

**Reference**

**Subject** City Council hearing scheduled for April 26,  
1982 at 7:00 p.m.

Dear Mr. Healy:

Please be advised that the City Council has scheduled a public hearing for Monday, April 26, 1982 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber. Said hearing to be held in answer to a request received from Victoria Pousette-Dart, with regard to the installation of a power line in front of the premises numbered 31 Linnaean Street and a tree which was uprooted as a result.

A representative of the Public Works Department has been invited to attend at this time. A copy of Ms. Pousette-Dart's communication is enclosed for informational purposes.

PEH/mh

Enclosure

cc: Everett Kennedy, Commissioner of Public Works

31 Linnean Street  
Cambridge. MA 02138  
12 April 1982

Cambridge City Council:

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On April 8<sup>th</sup>, this tree erupted suddenly, taking with it about 20 feet of brick sidewalk, falling upon & destroying a vehicle parked next to the tree, extending across Linnaean Street & just missing other vehicles & pedestrians.

This is a public school district (Peabody Elementary school is 1 Block away) children could have been severely hurt; my own child (and/or my own 2 vehicles) are also in the area frequently. The expense of a 16 man 8 vehicles clean-up (8 men - 2 days) approx. ly) w/out sidewalk or tree replacement & this time, I'm sure has been considerable. Finally, we have lost an irreplaceable & beautiful Tree.

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SINCERELY, VICTORIA POUSETTE-DART

# 1313 phone 491-6042

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Telephone # 491-6042

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Comm. from Paul E. Healy, City Clerk, transmitting comm. from Victoria Pousette-Dart Re: Request for a hearing before the City Council on the installation of a power line at 31 Linnaean Street and a tree which was uprooted as a result.

4/26/82 Henning  
Held- Notes Recorded

Petitioner notified of hearing  
4/14/82 - City Manager sent letter  
for informational purposes, Commissioner of Public Works or his designee  
invited to attend said hearing 4/14/82  
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In City Council,

April 12, 1982

*R. Wylie*

NOTE ORDER FOR

HEARING RE TREE  
AT 31 LINNAEAN ST

7 P.M. - 4/26/82 HEARING