



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

To William Sommers
Commissioner of Public Works

From Joan Lastovica
City Engineer

Subject Council Order No. 5, 3/7/88
Sewer and drainage repair/street
and Sidewalk improvements in the
Cambridge Highlands area.

Date March 21, 1988

Reference

The Engineering Office held a meeting with the Cambridge Highlands neighborhood prior to the FY87 Street Bond Program, to review proposed roadway, sidewalk and tree planting improvements on Normandy Avenue, South Normandy Avenue and Normandy Terrace. At the meeting citizens complained about high ground water elevations and basement back-ups of sewage contaminated storm water.

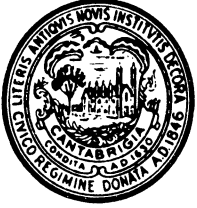
The surface reconstruction was deferred to enable study and resolution, as possible, of the back-up problem.

(The streets have separate sanitary sewers and storm drains, but the pipes share common manholes. The current environmental laws disallow common manholes. While basement back-ups in severe rainfall events may not be preventable, building separate manholes by "deflection" will preclude the mixing of sewage and storm water.)

The Capital Budget process for FY89 has now been finalized enough to allow planning and design work at the Normandies to proceed. The Engineering Office has scheduled a meeting with the Neighborhood Steering Committee and the City's Sewer/Drain consultant - the Maguire Group. The meeting will be held March 29, 1988.

Improvements to the utility systems will be scoped out and designed by the Maguire Group. Construction of the utility improvements will be included in the roadway and sidewalk contract and work should be underway this summer.

Please let me know if you have further questions on this project.



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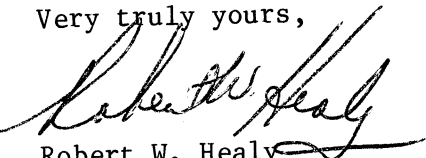
RICHARD C. ROSSI
Deputy City Manager

April 11, 1988

To the Honorable, the City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report No. 21 regarding the status of sewer and drainage repairs as well as street and sidewalk improvements in the Cambridge Highlands, I submit the attached report from the Public Works Department. The neighborhood meeting to discuss the sewer repairs, which was originally scheduled for March 29, 1988, will now be held on April 12, 1988.

Very truly yours,



Robert W. Healy
City Manager

Re: response to Awaiting Report Item 21 on the status of sewer & drainage repairs, as well as street & sidewalk improvements in the Cambridge Highlands.

In City Council,

April 11, 1988

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Placed on file.