



MIT WILL PAY UTILITY BILLS FOR HOMELESS AT 245 RIVER ST.

In response to a request from the Cambridge City Manager, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology has agreed to pay the bills for heat and utilities at 245 River St., Cambridge, a building which a businessman has offered to the homeless rent-free.

The request was made by the Cambridge City Manager and accepted by MIT at a meeting on Monday, Dec. 7.

Walter L. Milne, assistant to the chairman of the MIT Corporation and to the president of MIT, and Ronald P. Suduiko, special assistant in the office of the Chairman of the MIT Corporation, met with the Cambridge City Manager, Robert W. Healy.

The building at 245 River St., with three two-bedroom apartments, was offered to the homeless who had been living in tents on MIT property by Alex Steinbergh, a real estate developer. A number of others besides MIT are participating in the effort.

The proposal was first introduced to the City Council by Mayor Walter Sullivan, Vice Mayor Alfred Vellucci, and Councillors Thomas Danehy, Sheila Russell and William Walsh and subsequently adopted by the entire council.

Mr. Milne and Mr. Suduiko also discussed with the city manager two meetings they attended which had been convened by Philip Mangano of the Cambridge Human Services Department to discuss the plight of the homeless in Cambridge. The most recent meeting was held for four hours on Friday, Dec. 4, and was attended by one former resident of tent city and several advocates for the homeless, all of whom live in Boston.

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