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February 14, 2000

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RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the Danehy family on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council February 14, 2000.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "D. Margaret Drury".

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

Thomas W. Danehy, 70

Former mayor of Cambridge

Thomas W. Danehy, a former mayor of Cambridge, died Friday at Massachusetts General Hospital after a long illness. He was 70.

Mr. Danehy was a native of Cambridge. He was a graduate of St. John's High School in Cambridge and the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy in Boston.

A member of the Cambridge City Council from 1965 to 1989, he was mayor in 1978 and 1979.

Mr. Danehy owned Lynch Drugstore in Cambridge for more than 40 years.

He leaves his wife, Margaret Quinn; a son, Ned of Ft. Myers, Fla.; three daughters, Anne of Arlington, Elizabeth, and Ellen Young, both of Watertown; a brother, John, of Cambridge; a sister, Eugenia Foley of West Medford; and two grandchildren.

A funeral Mass will be said Tuesday at 10 a.m. at St. John's Church in Cambridge. Burial will be in Cambridge Cemetery.

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DANEHY-In Cambridge, February 4, Thomas W. Survived by his loving family, Margaret (Quinn), Anne of Arlington, Dr. Ned M.D. and his wife Kathryn of Ft. Myers, Fla., Elizabeth of Watertown, Ellen and her husband Keith of Watertown. Brother of John L. Danehy and his wife Marion of Cambridge and Eugenia Foley and her husband Paul of West Medford. Grandfather of Grace and Megan. Funeral from the Keefe Funeral Home, 2175 Mass Ave. NORTH CAMBRIDGE on Tuesday at 9am. Funeral Mass in St. John's Church at 10am. Relatives and friends invited. Visiting hours Monday, 4-9. Parking at Pemberton Farms. Late Mayor, City of Cambridge, 22 year Cambridge City Councilor, Pharmacist and owner, Lynch Drug, in lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Matignon High School, Cambridge Sports Program, or St. John's Renovation Fund.

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In Memoriam
Thomas W. Danehy
October 25, 1929 - February 4, 2000
Cambridge City Council 1968 – 1989
Mayor 1978 – 1979

There will be no meeting of the Cambridge City
Council
February 7, 2000

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FORMER MAYOR THOMAS W. DANEHY poses during a walk last week through the new 50-acre city park named in his honor. The park opens Saturday, Sept. 15, with a field day and community celebration. (Staff photo by Cheryl A. Miller)

Danehy takes a stroll through 'his' park

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of Transportation and Construction
for Massachusetts. In 1974 he was
chairman of Gov. Francis Sargent's
Task Force on Transportation and
Director of the Boston Transporta-
tion Planning Review, which pro-
duced a new plan emphasizing mass
transit rather than highway develop-
ment for Eastern Massachusetts.

The forum is open to the public
without charge.

DR. GEORGE W. STANSBURY
JR., son of Mr. and Mrs. George W.
Stansbury of La Honda, Calif., Cam-
bridge, was appointed dean of ad-
missions at Georgia State University
at the February meeting of the
Board of Regents of the University
System of Georgia.

Dr. Stansbury, a 1957 graduate of
Cambridge High and Latin School,

School workers meet new mayor

Cambridge school employees met
newly-elected Mayor Thomas Dan-
ehy this week at a reception that had
been rescheduled due to the Febru-
ary storm.

The reception at the school com-
mittee rooms provided school de-
partment staff members, including
teachers, clerical employees, custo-
dians and matrons, cafeteria work-
ers and administrators an opportu-
nity to meet and be met by Danehy
and exchange views on school de-
partment policies.

As mayor, Danehy is a member
of the seven-person school com-
mittee, the chief decision-making
body for city education.

Enterprise Coop High School stu-
dents prepared and served the re-
freshments. That alternative pro-
gram trains students in the food
services, through the operation of a
catering service, sub shop, and fac-
ulty cafeteria, and in furniture man-
ufacturing and sales.

Drug, firearms trials are about half over

Assistant Middlesex District At-
torney Kevin Mitchell says the trials
of defendants arrested in pre-
Christmas drug and firearms raids
are about half over.

Sixty persons were arrested in the
sweeping raids and Mitchell says
virtually all of those brought to trial
have entered guilty pleas. The ages
of those arrested ranged from juve-
nile to middle-aged.

Most of the charges involved
hand-to-hand sales of drugs, but nine
were charged with illegal possession
of a gun or sale of one, four with dis-
tributing heroin and three for deal-
ing in dynamite.

South Annual Antique Show Sale
from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. next Saturday
and from noon to 5 p.m. on March 12,
at the Brattle House, 42 Brattle St.,

and European antiques.

Home-style cooking will be pro-
vided. More information may be ob-
tained by calling 547-6789.

Title I program provides assistance to 2,000 pupils

The Title I program sponsored by
the Somerville Public Schools is a
million-dollar operation that has
paid handsome dividends to local
youngsters.

For the current school year, the
Somerville Title I budget is more
than \$1 million and it assists some
2,000 students in 18 public and paro-
chial schools.

"Under Title I of the Elementary
and Secondary Act of 1965, funds are
appropriated by the Congress and al-
located to the Department of Educa-
tion in each state," said Raymond
Rizzo, special projects coordinator
for the Somerville Public Schools.

"The Massachusetts Department
of Education then determines the
distribution of funds to the commu-
nities of the state," Rizzo said.

Rizzo said the funds are used to

develop compensatory educational
programs to meet the needs of edu-
cationally disadvantaged children
from low-income areas.

In Somerville, Title I programs
include specialized reading instruc-
tion for students in grades 1-12; a
pre-school project for 4-year-olds
(SMILE); a kindergarten reinforce-
ment program; a second grade tran-
sitional component; and supporting
services in the areas of health,
speech and social work.

"Many children have enjoyed a
successful learning experience since
Title I was passed," Rizzo said.

"Somerville's Title I is designed
to eliminate rather than remediate,
and to provide experiences which
will lessen the handicaps to learning
that evolve from a limited cultural,
social and economic background,"
he notes.

All-City Junior High Jazz-Rock
Band.

Those interested should contact
their music teacher or band instruc-
tor at school.

New school hours start on Monday

Somerville school children will
have a new set of hours beginning
Monday, but their school year will
not be extended.

School Supt. Dr. Urban J. D.
Leavitt and School Committee chair-
man Charles C. Ciolek announced
the following new hours:

Somerville High School: 8 a.m. to
2:45 p.m.; Technical Trade High
School: 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

All junior high schools: 8 a.m. to
2:45 p.m.

Elementary grades 1-6: 8:15 a.m.
to 2:30 p.m.

Kindergarten, SMILE and PREP,
in the morning, 8:15 to 10:45 and in
the afternoon, noon to 2:30.

The State Department of Educa-
tion sets a minimum 100 days of edu-
cation or a minimum number of
hours: 990 in secondary school and
900 in elementary school. The new
Somerville schedule meets the min-
imum number of minutes.



Mayor Thomas Danehy (right), chairman of the
Cambridge School Committee, shares ideas on bi-
lingual education with Schools' Director of Bilin-
gual Education Joseph Fernandez during the May-

or's reception for school employees this week.
More than 500 school workers "met the Mayor" at
the 1700 Cambridge Street gathering.

Cambridge At long last, Cambridge has chosen a mayor!

By J. C. KIM
Staff Writer

Thomas W. Danehy, 48, a six-term city councilor, last night was elected mayor of Cambridge on a 5-4 vote by his fellow councilors.

The North Cambridge pharmacist and nephew of the late two-time Cambridge Mayor John D. Lynch, becomes the 18th mayor of the city under the Plan E form of government. He was elected on the 16th ballot.

Danehy told his fellow councilors after the election: "In the next two years I will do my utmost to bring pride and confidence to this honorable body."

"I'm not going to promise that this city is going to change overnight

but I hope to bring in a sensible government of order and fair and impartial opportunity for everyone."

Asked if he was going to replace City Manager James L. Sullivan with whom he does not see eye to eye, Danehy said: "I only took office tonight. I haven't given a thought to it yet."

Since the first of the year the council had taken 15 ballots without electing a mayor from among the members under Plan E-Proportional representation.

Danehy won the election only because outgoing Mayor and City Councilor Alfred E. Vellucci kept a promise that he would vote for the six-term councilman.

After the first ballot last night Danehy and Councilor Francis Duchay each had four votes. Councilor Lawrence Frisoli voted present.

Then Duchay's supporters — including himself — gave their four votes to Vellucci. All Vellucci had to do to remain as mayor was to vote for himself. But he stuck with Danehy. Frisoli then also switched to Danehy, giving him a 5-4 victory.



Mayor Thomas Danehy

Councilor Thomas Danehy elected mayor

Councilor Thomas Danehy yesterday was elected mayor of Cambridge last night succeeding Councilor Alfred E. Vellucci.

Danehy is the brother of Middlesex County Commissioner John

Danehy and a nephew of the late Mayor John D. Lynch, who was a prominent Cambridge druggist and banker.

For more details see Page 3.

Judge will instruct pinball jury today; speedy verdict seen

The Somerville pinball trial concluded yesterday and Middlesex Superior Court Judge Paul Garrity will charge the 16-member jury at 9:30 today.

Both the prosecution and defense presented final arguments yesterday.

The trial involved three Somerville men accused of attempting to strongarm local clubs, veterans posts and fraternal organizations into installing pinball machines, under a recently-adopted city ordinance authorizing such machines.

The three men on trial are 48-year-old Howard T. "Howie" Winters, of both Lexington and Somerville, Salvatore Sperlinga, 30, and Herbert Foster, Sr., 55, both of Somerville.

The prosecution attempted to prove that the three men had attempted to force local liquor license holders to install the machines of a local company controlled by Foster. The defense charged that some witnesses for the prosecution were attempting to keep Foster's company

out of the automatic coin-operated business in the city.

The trial began two weeks ago. The 16-member jury has been sequestered during the trial, and according to some court house sources, "a speedy verdict is expected."

Cobbler held up, pair gets \$75

Two robbers fled with about \$75 yesterday after holding up a cobbler at the American Shoe Repair, 2590 Mass. Avenue, North Cambridge.

John Giniellano of Somerville, told police two youths between 18 and 20, entered the store at 12:35 p.m. and one said, "Give me your money. Don't move."

Giniellano said a gun was placed at his head, and his face was covered by the robber's other hand. He said the second man removed the money from a bag on a shelf.

The two left on Mass. Avenue towards Arlington. Police said it was not known if a car was used.

Ciampa reports city broke, \$3.8M bond debt due today

By BILL DOOLEY
Staff Writer

The bonds are for sale, but added, "It will take three months to sell them and the short term borrowings are due now and we have no other choice."



Rep. Marie Howe, (D-Somerville), Bruins Defenseman Brad Park, honorary chairman for the 1978 United Cerebral Palsy Telethon, holds 4-year-old Leah Ann Kraatz, 1978 Cerebral Palsy Theme Child for the Telethon. Also looking on is Bette Arnold, owner of Bette's Rolls Royce Restaurant. Howe

will appear on the Telethon on Sunday, Feb. 5, on Channel 7, Boston between the hours of 2 p.m. and 3 p.m., and be telephoned directly at 367-2741 by those who want to make a pledge to this very worthy cause.

Stealthy sleuth proves a point

Cambridge/Somerville

Danehy compared to Humphrey

By JANICE ELLIOTT
Staff Writer

Hubert Humphrey went from the family drugstore to the vice presidency of the United States.

Tom Danehy's drugstore only parlayed his career into the job of mayor of Cambridge. The drug business was founded by his late uncle, former Mayor John D. Lyncey.

But then Hubert had a pretty good head start, serving as mayor of Minneapolis when Danehy was only a 16-year-old kid.

Thus far Cambridge's 48-year-old mayor hasn't indicated he'd like to be the vice president of the United States, but you can tell by his conduct that he's a political man — in the good sense of the word.

Danehy, his wife and their four

children live on Richard avenue. The only other house he's ever lived in was on Yerxa road in North Cambridge.

THE FOUR Danehy kids scatter after school and it's up to mom to collect the scholar from the college across the river and the hockey players from down the street so the family can be photographed together on this historic occasion.

Danehy was elected mayor Monday on the strength of a vote given to him by former Mayor Alfred Vellucci.

As Vellucci tells it, Danehy asked him for his vote in the current round of what usually turns into a marathon of selection.

As the voting proceeding, Vellucci says he realized that he had four votes — one less than the num-

ber what would elect him from among his fellow councilors.

But he also realized that Danehy had four votes.

Vellucci gave him the fifth vote because, as he said later, "I know what it's like to be in the position and have a vote taken away."

THE JOHN D. LYNCEY Drug Store, 1406 Massachusetts ave, North Cambridge, looks pretty much like any other neighborhood store — lottery tickets and newspapers along with the prescriptions.

But the store was a power base for Danehy's uncle John from the 30s through the 60s and since then it has been Tom's base.

"There's no doubt that this drugstore has been important," he says, holding a gentle and happy court in the store's office.

"I've been a registered pharmacist since 1953 and I've seen thousands of people in and out of here. I've been behind the counter seven days a week and it's the best way in the world to meet people," Danehy adds.

He was first elected to the City Council in 1968 and since that time had has been considered one of the "Independents" on the nine-member council.

THE INDEPENDENTS are called Independents because they are not part of the more liberal slate, known as the Cambridge Civic Association.

The Council line-up is now 5-4 in favor of the Independents.

The Independents generally are opposed to rent control and they believe that city jobs should go to people who live in Cambridge.

Few think that Danehy's election to the Council presidency will not mean many changes in that body.

The position of mayor is largely ceremonial and City Manager James Sullivan performs many of the functions of a mayor.

However, Danehy will sit on the School Committee, which also is divided along conservative-liberal lines, and there he may provide a crucial vote in determining the future of programs in the future. Tom's brother, John, has been a Middlesex County Commissioner for a number of years.

Man, 41, shot near police station

A 41-year old Cambridge man was shot in Somerville early yesterday, following an argument at the Acropolis Coffee House, just a few doors from the police station.

Police, responding to the sound of gunshot, found Cristo S. Karikis, of Madison Ave., Cambridge lying on the sidewalk alongside four spent

shell casings from a small caliber automatic.

Karikis was rushed to Somerville Hospital by police cruiser, suffering from one gunshot wound of the chest and three headwounds from being grazed by bullets.

Inside the coffee shop, police re-

covered a .32 caliber pistol and arrested two managers of the shop.

Arrested and charged with assault and battery with a dangerous weapon were, John Sfiris, 24, of Sycamore St., Somerville and 37-year-old Peter Stenis of Magazine St., Cambridge.

Police said the weapon was the property of Stenis and that he had a permit for it.

Both men were arraigned at Somerville District Court yesterday and released on personal recognizance. Their case was continued until February 28.

Police said that the shooting occurred at 3 a.m. and that Karikis "signed himself out of the hospital late yesterday."

Police said they have not been able to determine what prompted the shooting and that the case is still under investigation.

Nursing home gets visitor order

The owners of a nursing home in Cambridge have been ordered by a Middlesex Superior Court judge to allow visitors to see patients at the home.

Two paralegals from the Cambridge/Somerville Legal Services, Inc., 21 Thorndike St., Cambridge, reported they were prevented from entering the Harvard Manor Nursing Home on Harvard St., when they went there to see a client.

Atty. Paul Lichterman of the legal services, said the two were told

visitors were not allowed because they might contaminate the patients with the flu.

Two relatives of a patient were plaintiffs in the case, after they also were denied visiting privileges.

Judge Robert J. Hallisey granted a temporary injunction which restrains the owners from preventing visitors until Feb. 8.

Named in the case were Saul and Florence Tobias and the Q. T. Services, Inc.

Students get safety plea

A special plea to Cambridge students to "be defensive pedestrians" for safety on their way to and from school, has been issued by the Cambridge Public Schools and police officials.

In a letter distributed to all students, Health and Safety Education Director Charles Cremens and Police Safety Officer Henry Jason urged parents to reinforce officials' reminders for street safety.

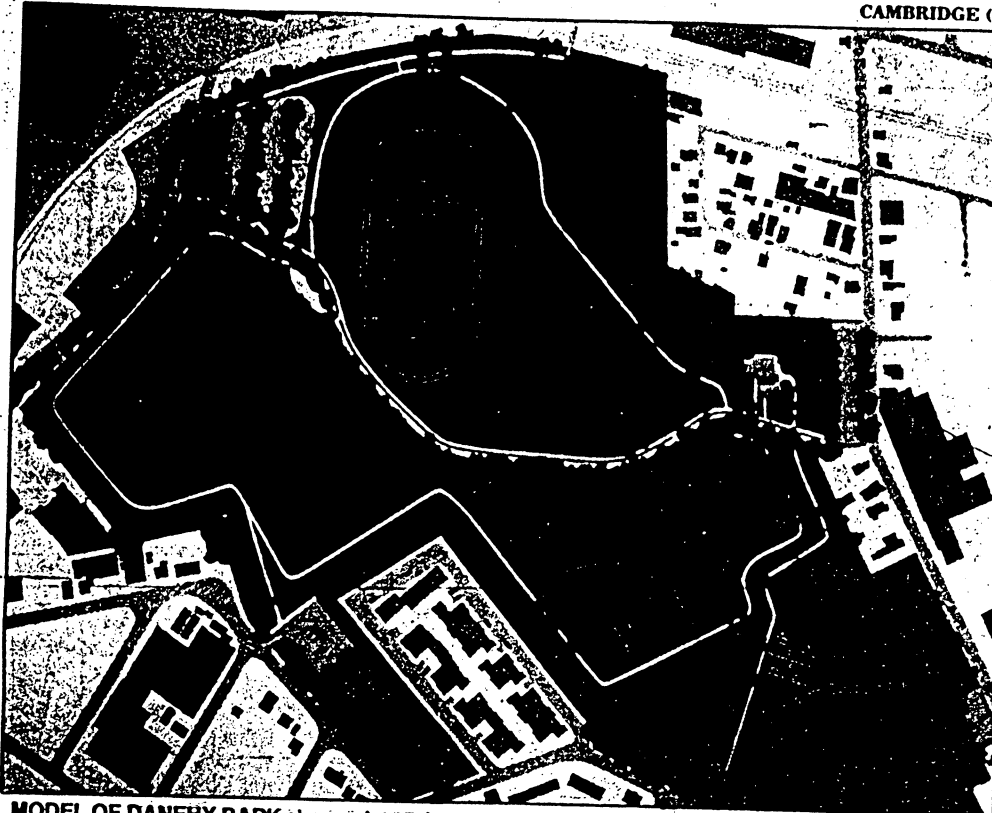
The letter stated: "Parents must remind their children to use the prescribed route to and from school. It is most important that pupils recognize the additional safety problems presented by ice and snow... and the particular challenge to safety that this weather presents."

Students were cautioned not to walk on snow banks, not to walk behind a school bus or between the bus and a snowbank, and to remain on the sidewalk until the bus operator indicates it is safe to board the bus.

In addition, students are warned that careless snowball throwing can result in auto accidents, broken windows, deafness and blindness. They also were cautioned not to throw snowballs at buses or trucks.

The letter noted that winter driving is dangerous and warned students that cars, buses and trucks





MODEL OF DANEHY PARK shows planned and completed improvements at the site. With most of the work done, the park opens Saturday, Sept. 15. Depending on settling and other conditions, the city hopes to add a track and field and tennis and basketball courts in the future. (Photo by Camp Dresser and McKee)

Skydivers,

It's not very often that a city the size of Cambridge can dedicate more than 50 acres of open space as a new public park.

So when the new Danehy Park in North Cambridge opens on Saturday, Sept. 15, it will be an action-packed celebration that is part old-fashioned field day and part community arts festival.

There will be a parade, musical entertainment, sporting events and sky divers.

It will be a fitting tribute to more than a decade of planning, public meetings and site work that has transformed the one-time brickyard and former dump into the city's only year-round multipurpose recreational facility.

The parade will begin at 9:30 am from Cambridge Common and will travel down Garden Street to Danehy Park, off Sherman Street in North Cambridge. The parade will include the Back Alley Puppets, Blessed Sacrament Drill Team, the Cambridge Skateboard Brigade, the Rev. Larry Love and Beep the Clown.

Throughout the day, from 11 am to 6 pm, live music will be offered on the main stage in the park. Among the performers will be the Cambridge Rindge and Latin School Gospel Choir, the CRLS percussion ensemble.

Danehy takes a stroll through 'his' park

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"To take something like this, in a city where housing is so important, I feel a little bad," he said, unaccustomed to fumbling for the right words. "But open space is important too."

Lots of open space

Calling 50 acres of parkland and ball fields "open space" is almost an understatement in a congested city of six square miles. Danehy Park, a 10-year project, will increase the city's open space by no less than 20 percent. It has three soccer fields, a football field and five softball and baseball diamonds. In time, it will spawn even more: three tennis courts, three basketball courts, and a 400-meter track. The city already has planted 1,500 trees there.

The park marks the latest and probably last transformation of this industrial area, which for 20 years was used as a city dump ("landfill," Danehy corrects) until the 1970s, when the reclamation project began.

"To have a facility like this in a city this size — it's almost unheard of," Danehy said, casting an eye over four unlined soccer fields that make one vast lawn. "It's unbelievable. I

just appreciate it so much."

As monuments to public officials go, Danehy's is one of the grandest and certainly the largest in Cambridge. The name was chosen two years ago by the city council, which unanimously passed a motion by then Mayor Walter J. Sullivan to name it after the longest-serving councilor from North Cambridge. Danehy had no idea what hit him.

"When somebody says something about you that's good in front of a lot of people, well, you feel uncomfortable."

His support faltered

For the 22 years Danehy was a fixture on the city council, developing a reputation as a brash conservative. He is first and foremost a politician, even in his white smock behind the counter of Lynch Pharmacy, a North Cambridge institution on Mass. Avenue, which he now owns. His uncle and founder of Lynch Pharmacy, John D. Lynch, served as mayor twice, and Danehy's brother John is a former Middlesex County commissioner.

Danehy himself, the son of school teachers, was mayor from 1978 until 1980. He and his wife, Margaret, a

nurse, have four children, the youngest of whom, Elizabeth and Ellen, are in college. His son Ned is a doctor, and his oldest daughter Anne is also a nurse.

Last year, after a campaign more rigorous than usual, his popularity with the voters ebbed. He lost his seat and his title as the veteran voice of an older, more conservative North Cambridge that seems to be losing its clout at the polls. He vows to run again in 1991 "unless the dear Lord cuts me down, and I'm not counting on that."

As he strolled through the park, wondering whether he would change his dawn running routine from Fresh Pond to his own park (they're both

the same distance from his house on Richard Avenue) he pointed out some of the missing landmarks that have disappeared along with the clay pits. Each curve in the path reveals another memory and triggers a story, and he recalls it all as if it happened just yesterday, like that winter day he witnessed a drowning when a kid from the neighborhood slipped through the ice and fell into the cold, deep water of the clay pits.

"There used to be a chicken farm down there," he said, standing atop a small hill and pointing to a row of three-story homes crowded together beyond Sherman Street. "My mother used to send me there all the time, and I'll tell you a story ..."

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★ THE ★
★ DEBORAH MASON ★
★ SCHOOL OF DANCE ★



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COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR BRAUDE
COUNCILLOR DECKER
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR MAHER
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: This City Council was deeply saddened at learning of the death of Thomas "Tom" W. Danehy, former Mayor of Cambridge on February 4, 2000; and

WHEREAS: Tom was born in Cambridge on October 25, 1929 to his school teacher parents, Josephine L. (Lynch) and Edward J. Danehy; and

WHEREAS: Tom grew up in North Cambridge; he graduated from St. John's High School and then earned a pharmacy degree from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy; and

WHEREAS: As a teenager Tom worked at the North Cambridge drugstore, Lynch Pharmacy, owned by his uncle and former mayor John D. Lynch; and

WHEREAS: Tom became a licensed pharmacist in 1958 and eventually became the owner of Lynch's Pharmacy, which remained an important neighborhood institution throughout Tom's proprietorship; and

WHEREAS: Tom married a North Cambridge girl, Margaret Quinn, a nurse, and their marriage was blessed with four children, Anne, Ned Danehy, M.D., Elizabeth and Ellen; and

WHEREAS: Tom was first elected to the Cambridge City Council in 1968, and for the next 22 years he was "*the* North Cambridge City Councillor," elected by a strong and undivided neighborhood voting district that expected him to defend and protect the close-knit community that North Cambridge remained even as much of Cambridge saw rapid changes; and he never let his neighbors down; and

WHEREAS Tom served as Mayor of Cambridge for the 1978-1979 term; and

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Resolution #35

Resolution on the death of
Thomas "Tom" W. Danehy
former Mayor of Cambridge.
**Councillors Sullivan, Reeves,
Davis and entire membership**

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ORDER ADOPTED