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TODD AVERY SUMMERS
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September 26, 1986

Cambridge City Council
Cambridge City Hall
795 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139

RE: Kingsley Park, Fresh Pond Reservoir

Members of the City Council:

On Sunday, September 14, 1986, I received a parking ticket at Kingsley Park at the Fresh Pond Reservoir. The ticket was for parking in a resident permit area without a Cambridge parking sticker. While I realize that you have more important things to deal with than complaints on parking tickets, I am emotionally obligated to express the frustration and anger I feel because of this ticket.

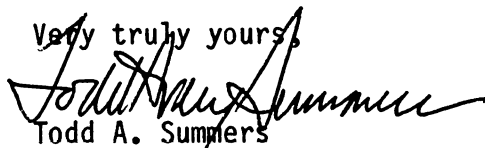
Picture a beautiful Sunday afternoon, about 5 p.m. I and some of my friends (duly authorized citizens of Cambridge) stop by the reservoir to read the Sunday Globe and toss around a frisbee. Much to our surprise, a Cambridge police officer is busy writing up the eight cars in the large parking lot because they don't have resident permits.

Never mind that the lot is nearly empty or that the sign declaring this a "Resident Permit Parking Only" zone is approximately 8" x 15" and fifty feet from these offending vehicles. Never mind that permit parking in the rest of Cambridge is not imposed on Sundays. What is most troubling is the fact that Cambridge feels obliged to reserve use of this park to registered drivers of Cambridge, with a penalty for unauthorized use of \$15.00, and that the City feels so strongly about this that they have to station police officers there.

I would hope that you would review your policy for parking at this park and perhaps extend the courtesy of its use to non-Cambridge residents, at least on Sundays.

I appreciate your attention.

Very truly yours,


Todd A. Summers

attachments

Comm. from Todd A. Summers of Watertown Re: a parking ticket he recently received at Kingsley Park at the Fresh Pond Reservoir & stating his hope that the parking policy at this location be reviewed.

In City Council,

October 6, 1986

*Referred to the City Manager,
Water Board / Traffic Dept.*

*copy sent to the City Manager,
Traffic Director + Water Board
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