



City of Cambridge

97.

IN CITY COUNCIL

September 12, 1994

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU
COUNCILLOR WALSH
VICE MAYOR RUSSELL
MAYOR REEVES

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge is presently undergoing major work on it's sewer lines, which has affected many Cambridge Residents and Businesses to varying degrees; and

WHEREAS: This construction is expected to be ongoing for a couple of years; and

WHEREAS: Waterlines have been shut off and traffic flow changed in neighborhoods without fully alerting residents and businesses, which has caused great hardship; and

WHEREAS: It is the desire of this City to inconvenience it's residents and businesses as little as possible; and

WHEREAS: There have been instances where there has been questionable practices and workmanship on the part of the contractors and/or sub-contractors (see attached letter); and

WHEREAS: It is the desire of the City to assist those who have complaints either through it's Consumer Council or by providing documentation, which may be needed; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to this City Council within one month with a plan to insure that next year's construction season will allow for better notification of residents and businesses, as to what the time table of construction will be, along with anticipated inconveniences. Said plan should also include a mechanism for residents and businesses to avail themselves of upgrading their water and sewer lines at a minimum cost, while the streets are opened; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Manager is hereby requested to respond to the requests in the attached letter within two weeks.

In City Council September 12, 1994.
Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.
Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:- *D. Margaret Drury*
D. Margaret Drury,
City Clerk

September 7, 1994

Michael Sullivan
28 Putnam Avenue
Cambridge, Ma

Dear Mr Sullivan:

I own a house at 202 River Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts. About two years ago the city hired U-Liner Contracting Company, Inc. to perform sewer reconstruction of River Street and Fairmont Street to Pleasant Street. When my tenant began having sewer problems I contacted the Department of Public Works who informed me that I would have to handle the problem myself. I hired two contractors, who after \$15,000 of work which included the excavation of my sewer line from my house out to the middle of River Street where the main sewer should have connected to my line, it was discovered that the newly installed liner had never been cut to join my line to the main. Jerry Lucey, Superintendent of Sewers, was called to the site to confirm that the work had not been done. In August of last year my husband was in touch with Mr. Robert Healy. He provided Mr. Healy with photos documenting the the work by the contractors and hills from the contractors.

In November I received a letter from Russell Higley informing me that the City's position is that the damage occured as a result of U-Liner's negligence and suggested that I communicate with the contractor and it's insurance agent. He provided me with a copy of the Certificate of Insurance. When my attorney, Jeffrey Woolf, made a request for inspection reports related to the sewer work he was informed that there weren't any. It is a little difficult to believe that a contract of this scope and nature was performed without some kind of City inspection and or reporting. My attorney feels that inclusion of these reports with any kind of demand letter to U-Liner or it's insurance company is mandatory for full reimbursement.

Would you be so kind as to help me secure copies of these documents? If you have any questions about this matter please contact me at 354-0009 or my attorney, Jeffrey Woolf at 523-3993.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Flora Leo Moon
202 River Street
Cambridge, MA 02139



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Born, Dineen, Mayor, Reeves, O'Rourke
Consent Order #97
Maestri, Walsh
Councilor Sullivan re: Notifying
residents and businesses of sewer
line repair work.

10M-278

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Order adapted