

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

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FIRE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS

THOMAS V. SCOTT
Chief of Department

July 29, 1983

Mr. Robert Healy
City Manager

Dear Sir:

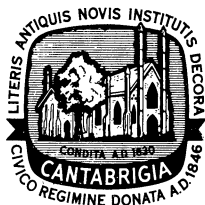
On July 26, 1983, I met with Deputy Chief William Rose, Water Officer for the Cambridge Fire Departemnt, Superintendent John Cusack and Asst. Superintendent William Brennan of the Cambridge Water Department in reference to Councillor Walter Sullivans order of June 27, 1983.

At the present time we are working on a plan so as any contractor or other person desiring to open a hydrant for any reason will be required to obtain a permit from the Water Department in order to use them, and any contractor or other person found opening a hydrant without approval from the Water Department will be subject to a substantial fine. We are thinking in terms of \$300.00.

I believe that our ultimate goal will be to discourage the use of any hydrant.

We are in agreement that a paid detail from the fire Department should be required, this being strictly for reasons of life safety for the public, members of the fire department and protection of property. Many times we have responded to a fire location, connected the pump to the hydrant and found the operating nut inoperable due to be rounded off or broken by some individual who had very little knowledge of the proper operation of a hydrant. In cold weather we have encountered numerous times when water in the barrel of the hydrant, not properly drained or siphoned, became a solid piece of ice. In such a case the pump operator has to immediately relocate to another hydrant, which requires precious minutes at a fire, placing the fire fighters and possibly occupants of a building in jeopardy and increasing chances of additional damage to property

When a contractor shuts a hydrant down he is not interested in whether it has drained properly, whereas the fire department is aware of such a condition and if a hydrant does not drain properly we then utilize a small suction pump to suction the water out of the hydrant barrel and we then notify the water department.



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By requiring the contractors to hire off duty fire fighters when the operation of a fire hydrant is necessary it will improve the life safety for the public and also the member of the fire department, and aid in the protection of property.

I will let you know as soon as plans are completed to get your opinion.

Very truly yours,

Thomas V . Scott, Chief
Fire Department

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
ROBERT W. HEALY
City Manager

October 17, 1983

To the Honorable, the City Council:

With respect to Awaiting Report Item No. 19 relative to the feasibility of establishing a policy whereby an off-duty firefighter may be hired by a private contractor when and if a demolition site required the use of a fire hydrant, enclosed please find copy of a report from Fire Chief Thomas V. Scott.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mbf



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WATER DEPARTMENT
250 FRESH POND PARKWAY
CAMBRIDGE, MASS. 02138

John J. Cusack, Jr.
Superintendent

617-498-9070

MEMORANDUM

TO: Robert W. Healy, City Manager
Jill Herald, Asst. City Manager - Human Services
Everett R. Kennedy, Commissioner, P.W.D.
Chief Thomas Scott, Fire Department
Chief Anthony Paolillo, Police Department

DATE: October 12, 1983

SUBJECT: FRESH POND RESERVOIR - SLOPE PROTECTION

The Water Department is in the process of repairing 190 lin. feet of fence and shore line at Fresh Pond adjacent to the access road, near Glacken Field (Huron Avenue side). This work is necessary because of the erosion problems there which have under cut the fence footings, and are now threatening the access road.

The repair work will consist of removing the existing fence and concrete blocks, installing gabions (large stones in wire baskets), pouring concrete fence footings, and replacing the chain link fence. The work will also involve removal of four or five trees to allow for the installation of the stone filled wire basket sections. A cross-sectional detail is attached for your information.

When this work is completed, it will stabilize the access road, cut down on the illegal swimming, and minimize the dog problem at this location.

The work will start this week, and is scheduled for completion by November 1st.

JJC/mp

Attachment

- PLANS WERE DEVELOPED FROM
- PRELIMINARY C.D.M. SURVEY.

NEW CHAIN LINK
FENCE

JOGGING
PATH
12'

2'x2'x5' DEEP
CONCRETE FOOTING

3'DEEP GABIONS
SEE NOTE 2

EXISTING GROUND

FRESH POND.

FILTER FABRIC
AS SPECIFIED

SECTION B-B

SCALE 1"=5'-0"

EXCEPT
STAGGERING

CONTRACT
FOR FULL



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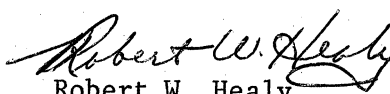
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
ROBERT W. HEALY
City Manager

October 17, 1983

To the Honorable, the City Council:

Enclosed for your information is a report from the Water Department relative to slope protection at the Fresh Pond Reservoir.

Very truly yours,


Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mbf
Enc.

Agenda Item Number Four

S-575

Re: report of the Water Dept. on slope protection at the Fresh Pond Reservoir.

In City Council,

October 17, 1983

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