

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

OFFICE OF CABLE TELEVISION

449 BROADWAY, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02138
TEL. 349-4296 FAX. 349-4295

CAMBRIDGE MUNICIPAL TELEVISION
CHANNEL 8

To: Robert Healy, City Manager

From: Calvin Lindsay, Jr., Director of Cable Television

Subject: Council Order #15, dated 12/4/00

Date: December 21, 2000

Mr. Healy:

This letter is in response to the City Council Order #15 that addressed what was called a "steadily eroding lack of coverage by the Cambridge Cable TV of veteran events."

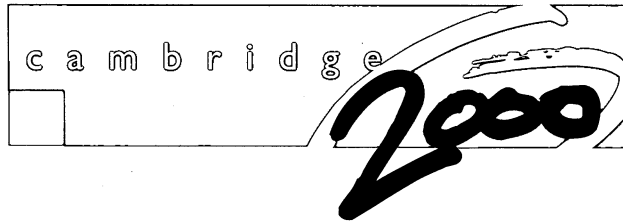
While I certainly object to the characterization that the department is somehow making arbitrary decisions to exclude coverage of veteran events, I hope that this memo will clear up any misunderstanding as to what has been covered.

The fact of the matter is that the only veteran's event that was not covered was the November 11, 2000 Veteran's Day Commemoration. The Memorial Day event was aired "live," the department also covered the Patriots Day event, although it was not aired as a "live" event. In addition, the department covered Operation Recognition, the World War II Veteran's graduation commemoration ceremony.

Relative to this year's Veteran's Day event, we did not tape the program due to the weather conditions. At the time of the event we didn't have protective "rain gear" for the cameras, so to bring them out under adverse conditions would have been detrimental to the equipment. I sent a letter to both Bob Stevens and Mayor Galluccio with a detailed explanation immediately following the event. I have enclosed a copy of that memo for your perusal.

In any case, I have ordered and received protective "rain gear" for our field cameras so that weather conditions will cease to be an issue. Again, I apologize for any inconvenience that this episode has caused.

RECEIVED
2000 DEC 21 PM 12:59
OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER



2.

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE • EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Robert W. Healy, City Manager

Richard C. Rossi, Deputy City Manager

January 8, 2001

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached a response to Awaiting Report Item No. 00-132, regarding a report on the lack of cable coverage on Veteran's Day, received from Director of Cable Television Calvin Lindsay, Jr.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert W. Healy".

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mec
Attachment



2000 Things 2 Do in 2000

11
Consent Agenda Item #2

25

Communication from Robert W. Healy,
City Manager, relative to Awaiting
Report Item Number 00-132 regarding
the lack of cable coverage on
Veterans Day.

In City Council January 8, 2001

PLACED ON FILE