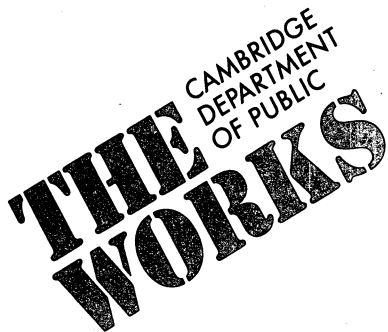




March 7, 1994

TO: Robert W. Healy
City Manager

FROM: ^{RJD} Ralph E. Dunphy
Commissioner

SUBJECT: Council Order #03, dated 2/28/94
RE: Sewer Conditions on Franklin Street

Ralph E. Dunphy
Commissioner

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On the evening on January 15, 1994, the DPW sanitary sewer crew responded to a service call at 445 Franklin Street. The crew rodded, lowered and returned the line to a serviceable condition. On January 16, 1994 the DPW sanitary sewer crew received another service request from the same address. The crew rodded and cleaned the blockage in the line. The line was returned to a serviceable condition. It is rare that we get service requests at the same location two days in a row. The second call resulted in the complete removal of the blockage in the line. We have not received any additional calls on their section of the line since January 16, 1994.

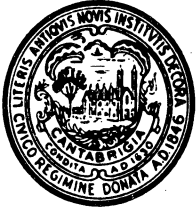
On January 22, 1994, the DPW received a sewer request at 457 Franklin Street. Our observation and investigation of the request revealed that the blockage problem was not in the sewer main but in the house pipe. It is our understanding that the house pipe was repaired by a private contractor on January 26, 1994.

Due to the conditions aforementioned, residents from 444, 451, 445 and 453 Franklin Street signed a letter expressing concern about possible sewer main damage to the new gas and water hook ups. The concerns included sewer odors, sand and dirt settling, and fill causing problems with the sewer. Because of these concerns we will be cleaning and televising this section of the sewer main during the week of March 7, 1994. This televised inspection will reveal if there is any damage, cracks or leaks in the sewer main. The results of this effort will be provided to each of the residents at the addresses listed above. If the inspection reveals that repairs are required, we will take immediate and appropriate action.

We are not pleased that we had to respond two days in a row to the same location for a routine sewer request. However, it does happen - though it is rare. This section of sewer line is still in serviceable condition.



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March 21, 1994

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached a response to Awaiting Report Item No. 10, regarding sewer conditions on Franklin Street, received from Public Works Commissioner Ralph E. Dunphy.

Also for your information, a televised inspection was preformed during the week of March 7th which did not reveal any cracks, breaks or shears that would allow infiltration of sand/dirt resulting in line blockage.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Consent Agenda #5

S-108

Transmitting comm. from R.W. Healy relative to Awaiting Report
Item No. 10 re: sewer conditions on Franklin Street.

for original order see
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In City Council March 21, 1994

Placed on file.