

interoffice

MEMORANDUM

to: Robert Healy, City Manager
from: Susan E. Clippinger, Ralph Dunphy and Harold Murphy
subject: Council Order #39 dated 3/4/96 Revised
date: May 2, 1996
re: Designation and Posting of Additional Snow Emergency Arteries

The 107.6 inches of snow the city got was record breaking. It beat the previous record of 96.3 inches from the 1993/1994 winter. Average snowfall for Boston is about 45 inches. It also challenged the city and the residents to a greater degree than normal. The city received a lot of comments from residents and businesses both compliments for the excellent job that was done as well as criticism for things that worked poorly and frustrations about how to find a legal parking spot between snow bans and snow piles.

Some progress was made in increasing parking options for city residents. The Cambridgeside Galleria and Polaroid's property on Memorial Drive and Pleasant Street will now be available during declared snow emergencies for resident parking.

During this winter we declared 5 snow emergencies. Enclosed is a listing of the snow emergencies. We also ticketed, towed and plowed the emergency arteries. To an unprecedented degree, Public Works was into a snow removal operation and trucked snow to 4 different sites.

During the summer, Public Works, Police and Traffic, Parking and Transportation will be reviewing the experiences of this past winter to see where improvements can be made. The review will include:

- Regulations
- Operations
- Equipment
- Interdepartmental coordination
- Public Information

The departments will make recommendations to the City Manager for any changes they feel will lead to continuing improvement in keeping the city open and accessible during severe winter conditions.



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
Traffic, Parking and Transportation
57 Inman Street,
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Susan E. Clippinger
Director

WINTER 95-96

Administration
Parking Violations
Resident Parking

349-4700
349-4705
349-4701

December 19, 1995 declared 9 p.m. - off December 20- 6 p.m.

January 2, 1996 declared midnight - off January 3- 6 p.m.

January 7, 1996 declared midnight - off January 9- 10 a.m.

February 16, 1996 declared 10 p.m. - off February 17- 8:30 a.m.

March 7, 1996 declared 6 p.m. - off March 8 - noon



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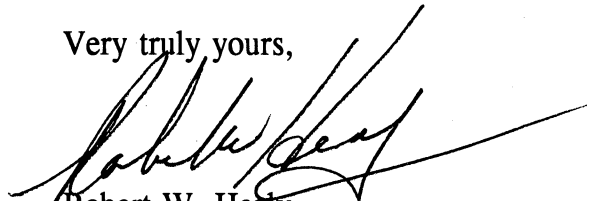
RICHARD C. ROSSI
Deputy City Manager

May 20, 1996

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached a response to Awaiting Report Item No. 10, regarding snow emergency arteries, received from Traffic, Parking & Transportation Director Susan Clippinger, Public Works Commissioner Ralph Dunphy and Acting Police Commissioner Harold Murphy.

Very truly yours,



Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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attachment

Consent Agenda #5

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Relative to Awaiting Report Item
Number 10, regarding snow emergency
arteries.

In City Council May 20, 1996

Placed on file