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It is also important to me that each resident of the city have the opportunity to use the public parks as they see fit as long as there is no harm done to others and the laws are obeyed. In the five years I have been using the reservoir facility I have not experienced anyone being attacked by dogs.

I would like to urge you to keep Fresh Pond open to everyone and to allow us the use of this lovely park.

Sincerely,

Joan S. Goldsmith
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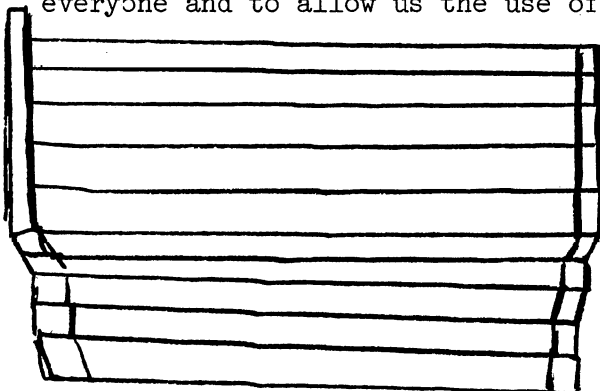
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Comm. from Joan S. Goldsmith in opposition to
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In City Council,
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