



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

To : Mr. James L. Sullivan
City Manager

Date : January 14, 1981

From : Conrad C. Fagone, Commissioner
Public Works Department

Reference

Subject : Council Order No.13 - Councillor Crane - 1-5-81
Use of Cambridge Common by MBTA Contractors

In reply to Councillor Crane's request on the uses of the Cambridge Common by the MBTA contractors, please be advised that this Department, after reviewing the plans of the contractor and the MBTA, authorized the More-Trench Corp. to install their well point system in Cambridge Common. There are no materials or storage of equipment on the Common except that which is being used for de-water operations.

The de-water operation was not included as part of the original contract with the MBTA and M.K.White contractors. It became necessary because of unanticipated underground conditions. It was after thorough review that this Department made the judgement decision, primarily to protect our underground utilities, which as you know, have been damaged on a number occasions because of the settlement of the ground. We have a written agreement with the MBTA and Contractors, that the area will be completely restored this spring after the well points are removed.

In addition, the Water Department and the Fire Department have an extensive work-relationship on the use of fire hydrants. No contractor is allowed to use a fire hydrant except in circumstances where there are no alternatives, and in those cases it is done under the supervision of the Water Department. Then the water is either metered or billed as a flat rate.

Furthermore, the Fire Department and Water Department coordinate the uses of all hydrants on a daily basis, particularly in the winter when the Fire Department has a fire, they notify us and we immediately check the hydrant to make sure it is drained and water shut down properly to prevent winter damage.

cc: Chief Daniel Reagan, Fire Department
William Brennan, Acting Superintendent, Water Department



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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
JAMES L. SULLIVAN
City Manager

January 26, 1981

To the Honorable, the City Council:

With respect to City Council Order No. 13 of January 5, 1981 relative to the use of Cambridge Common by MBTA contractors, enclosed please find copy of a report from Conrad C. Fagone, Commissioner of Public Works.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
Acting City Manager

RWH/mbf
Enc.

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Response to City Council Order # 13 of
January 5, 1981, relative to the use of the
Cambridge Common by MBTA contractors.

In City Council,

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