

January 18, 1944

A regular meeting of the association was held this evening at the Hotel Continental. There were 53 members and guests present.

President Galvin was in the chair and after the dinner called the meeting to order and announced the recent death of another member, Dr. H. LeRoy Billings, and asked those present to stand for a moment of silence in respect to his memory.

President Galvin ^{introduced} our newly elected member-

Dr. P.F. Butler

also several guests in uniform who were present.

The chair spoke briefly about the present War Bond Drive and urged employers to have their employees purchase bonds to the value of \$200.00 and thus earn a citation.

The records of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The only committee report was from Chairman Edwin R. Sage of the Municipal Affairs Committee, who spoke about the recent meetings of the City Council which he had attended and also urged that our members help in having their employees donate blood to the Red Cross for overseas purposes. The business session was then adjourned.

President Galvin introduced our guest speaker, Prof. Morris B. Lambie, of the Littauer Center at Harvard, who talked to us on the subject of "Some Problems of Metropolitanism". A question period followed and on motion of Mr. James Danahy, the professor was giving a rising vote of thanks in appreciation.

We adjourned at 9:50 P.M.

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST:

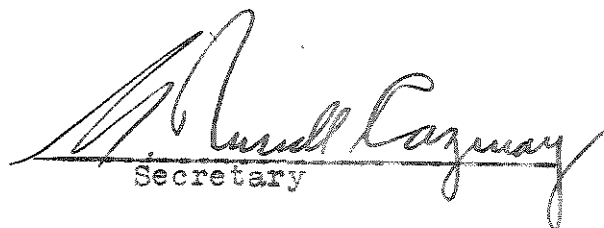
R. Russell Lutz
Secy.

January 18, 1944

The directors held a polled meeting this evening at the Hotel Continental. President Galvin and Directors Olsson, Knapp, Sumner and Cazmay voted to authorize the secretary to approve the January dinner bills and also approved for payment the following:

Hotel Continenal, January dinner (53)	\$ 91.68
Leavitt & Peirce, Inc., Jan. dinner smokes	10.03
Powell Printing Co., 1000 postals	15.00
Christian Science Monitor, Xmas adv.	7.84
The Misses Littlefield, November meeting	3.63
Dr. Billings death	3.54
January meeting	4.06

We then adjourned.


Secretary

February 21, 1944

The Board of Directors held a meeting this morning at the rooms of the Cambridge Trust Company. President Calvin and Directors Malcolm, Snow, Danahy, Olsson, Phippen, Sumner, Knapp and Cazmay were present.

The following were elected to membership:

Ernest B. Norman, Supt. 5 Boylston Street, endorsed
by George L. Dow

Ofgant Chevrolet Co., 40 Boylston Street, garage etc.,
endorsed by Dr. William D. Cogan.

It was voted to accept the sum of \$15.00 as a compromise settlement of the J. August Inc. dues and to re-instate them to April 1, 1944.

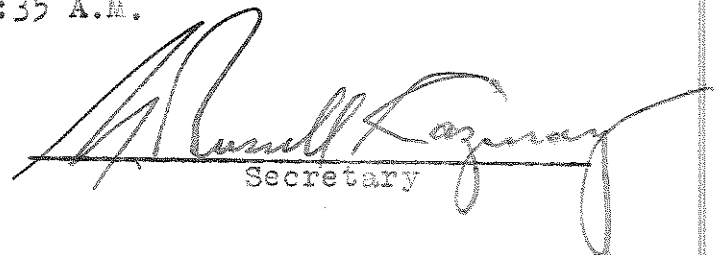
It was further voted to drop for non-payment of dues these members:

Anderson & Ruffle
John J. Brennan
Harvard Automobile Co.
Dr. Nelson D. King
Thomas B. Francis

The Board unanimously went on record as in favor of the petition filed with the Cambridge City Council requesting a No Parking ordinance on Palmer Street.

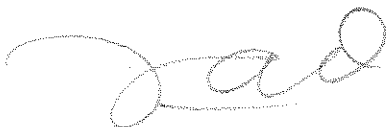
Mr. Sumner brought up the subject of the excess rubbish and newspapers in the square particularly on Monday mornings and it was left with the Secretary to contact the authorities at city hall with a view to securing more rubbish barrels for this area etc.

We adjourned at 11:35 A.M.


Secretary

Our president suggested a poem, and so I made my beat
Back and forth, past Longfellow's house; you know, on Brattle St.
Then came the inspiration, and I wrote these verses deep;
So ponder them carefully as I read, and please let nobody sleep.
For now, as we talk of business in today's regulations stiff,
We've got to think, when we promise things, in terms of a great big IF.
We are all a wee bit bewildered, with new rules coming each day,
And we rebel sometimes, and criticize at what we have to pay.
But I look at our own assemblage, and I'm glad that I belong
To a group of men who can play it fair and meet hubbub and bump with a song.
I guess there's none free from worry, and some may be just getting by,
But we're holding chins up, stepping along, and meeting men eye to eye.
There's one thing the Square can be proud of owners and workers as well,
Who are plugging along, duty doing, though tomorrow'll bring what no one
can tell.
And that's the spirit that does things and makes daily tasks seem light,
Working to make Harvard Square better, with money not blinding the sight.
Our group has kept clear of politics; let others indulge in that game,
While we're doing our all to make Harvard Square best in fact as well as
in name.

For business is a game, so play it fair.
Whether you win or lose, be on the square.
For whichever player the game has won,
Remember, both have had the fun.



March 21, 1944

The association held its monthly meeting this evening at the Hotel Continental..Dinner was served to 93 members and guests.

President Galvin was in the chair during the short business session. The reading of the records of the previous meeting was dispensed with and the secretary introduced our new member:

Ernest B. Norman

and the president introduced two uniformed men present, sons of Gordon Howie and James Freeburn, respectively.

There were no committee reports and at the close of the business session Mr. Frederick Olsson favored us with a poem pertinent to those in business in Harvard Square.

Mr. Robert Snow was then introduced and he gave a short talk on the Red Cross Drive.

The guest of the evening, Prof. Andre Morize, of Harvard University, was then presented by the chair. His subject was "An Army Without Uniforms: The French Underground (1940-1944)".

It was a most interesting and inspiring talk as have been all of Prof. Morize's talks he has so kindly given us.

We were then entertained by two gentlemen, skilled in the art of judo. We owe Mr. John O'Leary, of the Cambridge Federal Savings and Loan Association, a vote of thanks for arranging this stellar attraction. Mr. O'Leary acted as an impartial judge- in the bouts that followed.

A swell evening was had by all.

We adjourned at 10:20 P.M.

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST:


Secretary

March 21, 1944

The Board of Directors held a short polled meeting this evening at the Hotel Continental.

President Calvin and Directors Knapp, Malcolm, Olsson and Cazmay were present.

The March dinner bills were ordered approved, as follows:-

Hotel Continental, March 21 dinner (93)	\$ 171.41
H.A. Manning Co., 1944 Cambridge Directory ad.	25.00
The Misses Littlefield, March typing	7.88
Leavitt & Peirce, Inc., March dinner smokes	9.65
Harvard Athletic Assn., cartage of mats etc.	10.40
Robert B. Snow, reimbursement for stamps	2.00
N.Russell Cazmay, reimbursement for stamps	2.00

We then adjourned.


Secretary

April 24, 1944

The Board of Directors held a meeting this morning at the rooms of the Cambridge Trust Company. President Galvin and Directors Malcolm, Olsson, Snow, DeWitt, Sumner, Phippen, Knapp and Cazmay were present.

The following was elected to membership:

Dr. Edward Patrick White, dentist, 5 Boylston Street,
endorsed by Dr. Newton A. DeWitt.

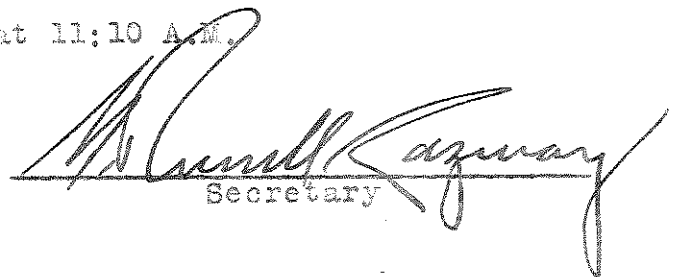
The secretary was authorized to approve for payment the April dinner meeting bills.

The Harvard Automobile Co. has paid to the treasurer the sum of \$25.00 and is hereby re-instated as a member with dues paid to October 1, 1944.

The directors discussed the proposed offer to the city from some realty trust for the purchase of the parking lot in old Brattle Square and it was the unanimous opinion that said parking lot is a general asset to the merchants in the square and that our association should go on record as opposed to its sale and to favor its continuance as a parking space.

The matter of again having an outing this summer was discussed and all present favored having said outing at the Arlmont Country Club on Monday, June 26th next and to so inform our members at the April dinner meeting for further action in the matter.

We adjourned at 11:10 A.M.


Secretary

April 25, 1944

The association held its annual meeting with dinner this evening at the Hotel Continental. There 69 members and guests present.

President Galvin was in the chair at the business session.

Two new members, Drs. Edward P. White and J. Lester Siemen were introduced.

It was voted to omit the reading of the records of the March meeting.

The secretary was obliged to leave and Mr. James Freeburn kindly offered to officiate in his place for which your secretary herewith expresses appreciation.

The reports of the various Standing Committees and annual reports of the officers were read and accepted and ordered placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Edwin R. Sage and duly seconded it was voted that the association go on record as in favor of the City of Cambridge retaining the public parking lot in old Brattle Square and not to consider selling same for private interests. This vote was carried.

The chair read a circular inviting the members to a conference on Wartime Problems to be held on April 30th at the Longfellow School.

A motion was made and carried that we hold our annual ~~meeting~~^{OUTING} as usual and that the details be left with our Board of Directors.

Mr. Edwin R. Sage spoke on having our organization communicate with the Post Office Department to consider a new site or a new post office building for Harvard Square,

April 25, 1944.

with a view to securing better facilities.

The election of officers was then held.

Mr. Thomas F. Sullivan moved and it was seconded that:

the following officers and directors whose terms expire now be re-nominated for another term, as follows:

PRESIDENT	- - - - -	William L. Galvin
VICE PRESIDENT	- - - - -	Stanley Sumner
SECRETARY	- - - - -	N. Russell Cazmay
TREASURER	- - - - -	Robert B. Snow
AUDITOR	- - - - -	James B. Freeburn

Directors for 3 years:

E. Willard Phippen
Edwin R. Sage

The secretary cast one ballot for each candidate and they were declared elected by the chair.

The business session was adjourned and President Galvin introduced our guest speaker, Hon. Robert F. Bradford, district attorney for Middlesex County and he spoke very interestingly on "Crime Problems". He was tendered a rising vote of thanks at his conclusion.

(Problems of Law Enforcement)

Senator Edward M. Rowe was also introduced and he spoke about events at the recent legislative session and about the Recess Commission, of which he was a member, studying housing problems in the state. He also spoke of his relations at the State House in regard to the hospitalization of the veterans of this present war and how and why he so voted.

A short movie film entitled "Ships for Victory" was then shown. This was sponsored by the Bethlehem-Hingham Shipyards.

We adjourned at 10:15 P.M.

A TRUE RECORDS ATTEST:

N. Russell Cazmay
Secretary

April 25, 1944

The board of directors held a polled meeting this evening at the Hotel Continental. President Galvin and Directors Malcolm, Sumner, Olsson, DeWitt and Cazmay were present.

The following new member was elected:

Dr. J. LESTER SIEMEN, dentist, 1374 Mass. Avenue, endorsed by Freelon Morris.

The following bills were approved:

Hotel Continental, April dinner meeting (69)	\$ 119.37
Leavitt & Peirce, Inc., April dinner smokes	9.15
The Misses Littlefield, April typing etc.	9.67
Brattle Storage Warehouse, Xmas wiring storage	5.50

We then adjourned.


Secretary

May 31, 1944

The Board of Director held a meeting this morning at the rooms of the Cambridge Trust Company. President and Directors Malcolm, Gelotte, Olsson, Snow, Phippen, Sumner, Sage, Knapp and Cazmay were present.

The following bill was approved for payment:

Powell Printing Co., 2000 letterheads \$ 36.00

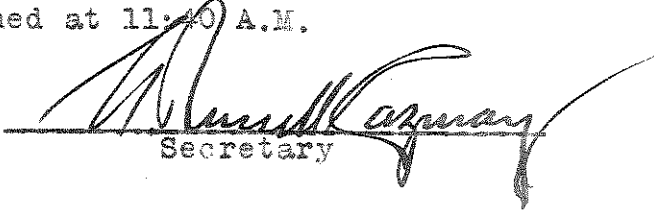
Mr. Snow stated that many of our merchants in the square had been criticised for refusing to cash checks for service men. This matter was discussed and on motion of Mr. Sumner, duly seconded, it was VOTED:

To send a letter to our members stating that the Board of Directors suggest that it is good business to extend every possible courtesy to members of the armed forces when consistent with good business practice.

It was voted to hold the annual outing on June 26th next at the Arlmont Country Club and to follow as far as possible the same pattern in conducting same as used last year. The President, Vice-President and Treasurer were appointed as the Outing Committee and that \$2.00 be charged for each dinner ticket except for the invited guests. Mr. Gelotte was appointed Chairman of Committee on Prizes and Games and he was to select his assistants.

It was further voted that the secretary send a letter as usual to our members urging that they reply promptly as to their intentions to attend the outing dinner in order that proper arrangements can be made.

We adjourned at 11:40 A.M.

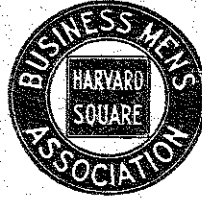

Secretary

HARVARD SQUARE BUSINESS MEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.

ORGANIZED 1910

OFFICERS

WILLIAM L. GALVIN President
STANLEY SUMNER Vice-President
N. RUSSELL CAZMAY Secretary
ROBERT B. SNOW Treasurer
JAMES B. FREEBURN Auditor



DIRECTORS

JAMES F. DANEHY . . . Term Expires, 1945
NEWTON A. DEWITT . . . Term Expires, 1945
CLAUS O. GELOTTE . . . Term Expires, 1945
WILLIAM J. MALCOLM . . . Term Expires, 1945
FRANK S. KNAPP . . . Term Expires, 1946
FREDERIC A. OLSSON . . . Term Expires, 1946
EDWIN R. SAGE . . . Term Expires, 1947
E. WILLARD PHIPPEN . . . Term Expires, 1947

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

8 BOYLSTON STREET
HARVARD SQUARE
CAMBRIDGE

June 6, 1944

Dear Member:

The Harvard Square merchants have been criticised for refusing to cash checks for the service men.

Your Board of Directors suggest that it is good business to extend every possible courtesy to members of the armed forces when consistent with good business practice.

All service men and women carry identification cards which are acceptable to the local banks for cashing checks and you should not cash checks without taking this precaution.

Yours very truly,

N. Russell Cazmay
Secretary

June 26, 1944

The annual Get-Together Outing of the Association was held this day at the Arlmont Country Club.

There were 131 present.


Secretary

June 26, 1944

The Board of Directors held a polled meeting this evening at the Arlmont Country Club.

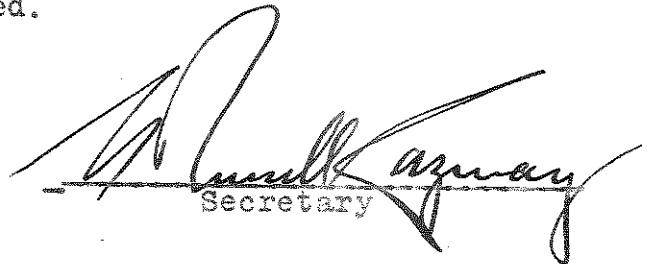
President Galvin, and Directors Sumner, Snow and Cazmay were present.

The following bills were approved for payment:

Paul Washington, Outing dinner	\$ 130.00
Leavitt & Peirce, Inc., Chesterfields	7.25
Powell Printing Co., Outing tickets	6.50
Powell Printing Co., 1000 stamped envelopes	34.67
The Misses Littlefield, June typing	23.48
Disbursements for:	

One case rum (Hartnett)	40.00
4 gals of clams (Claxton)	20.00
Sodas & ice	13.00
Green fees	3.00
Trucking meat	1.00
Meat (First National)	50.12
1 gal. syrup (Daley, Drugs)	1.50

We then adjourned.


Secretary

October 17, 1944

The first meeting of the association was held this evening at the Hotel Continental. There were 60 members and guests present.

President Galvin presided at the business meeting.

Mr. James Freeburn kindly offered to officiate as secretary owing to the necessary absence of yours truly for which your secretary herewith expresses appreciation.

There being no business meeting at our June Outing there were no records read.

There were no Standing Committee reports other than Mr. Edwin R. Sage, of our Municipal Affairs Committee, speaking favorably on the advantage to this area of retaining the free public parking lot in Old Brattle Square. He announced that the City Manager favored parking meters in both Harvard and Central Squares and that this matter is being given consideration by him at this time.

Mr. Thomas F. Sullivan spoke in opposition to the parking meters and Mr. Fred Olsson felt that if the Police did not enforce the parking meter regulations any more than they do the present parking restrictions, the meters would prove to be useless.

The business session then adjourned and the chair introduced Mr. James T. Phelan, local manager of the Social Security Board. His subject was, "Social Security as it is To-day". A question period followed. The talk was instructive and interesting.

Mr. Pierre Belliveau was then introduced and

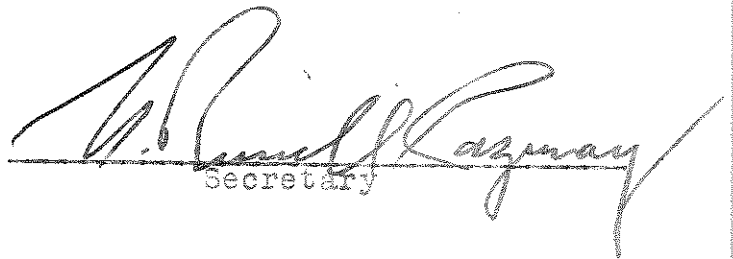
October 17, 1944

he spoke briefly on the coming United War Fund drive and urged its support.

Movies of the outing last summer and some war films were shown through the courtesy of Mr. Chris Cammarata, one of our members, much to the enjoyment of those present.

We adjourned at 9:40 P.M.

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST:


Secretary

October 17, 1944

The Board of Directors held a polled meeting this morning.

President Galvin and Directors Snow, DeWitt, Knapp, Olsson, Gelotte and Cazmay voted to elect to membership the following:-

Leslie C. Read, realtor, 1416 Mass. Avenue,
endorsed by Freelon Morris

Dr. Edward A. Henry, dentist, 5 Boylston Street,
endorsed by Lorenzo Barber Shop

Metropolitan Coal Co., fuel dealers, 729 Mass. Avenue,
John J. Griffin, mgr., endorsed
by Leslie C. Read

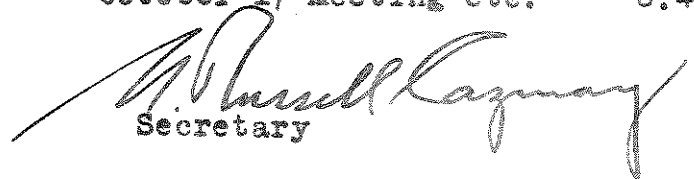
Yours very truly,



Secretary

The following bills were also approved for payment:

Hotel Continental, 60 dinners etc.	\$ 103.80
Misses Littlefield, V day post cards	4.30
October 17 meeting etc.	6.46



Secretary

November 21, 1944

Our Board of Directors held a polled meeting this evening at the Hotel Continental. President Galvin and Directors DeWitt, Snow and Cazmay were present.

The following bills were approved for payment:

Hotel Continental, November dinner (50)	\$ 86.50
Leavitt & Peirce, Inc., November dinner smokes	7.77
The Misses Littlefield, November dinner typing	6.98
Robert B. Snow, reimbursement for postage	2.00
Powell Printing Co., 500 billheads for Treas.	4.75

The following new members were elected to membership:-

Minute Man Radio Co., Inc., 28 Boylston Street.

Dr. Charles E. Harvey 1374 Mass. Avenue.

Edward M. Rowe 19 Ware Street.

The treasurer was authorized to pay to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts the sum of \$2.00 for the annual corporation tax.

We then adjourned.


Secretary

November 21, 1944

The association held its regular monthly meeting this evening at the Hotel Continental. There were 50 members and guests present.

President Galvin presided and after the dinner several new members were introduced.

Mr. Edwin R. Sage, reported for his Committee on Municipal Affairs strongly favoring the installation of parking meters in the Harvard Square area. The report was accepted and placed on file.

City Manager John B. Atkinson, our guest speaker, was then introduced and he devoted most of his talk to a discussion of the merits of the proposed parking meters for both Harvard and Central Squares. He stated he intended to present the plan to the City Council.

A general discussion followed. Thomas F. Sullivan was for the moment a little skeptical that the meters would improve our parking problem. Messrs. Dow and Cole strongly favored same. Frank J. Roche proposed that the association be recorded in favor but to withhold action until the next meeting. This was voted down and then Mr. Roche made the following motion, duly seconded:

VOTED: That the Harvard Square Business Men's Association approves the installation of parking meters in the Harvard Square District and requests the City Manager and City Council to cause same to be installed in order to improve the traffic conditions and thereby increase the volume of business in this district.

This motion was unanimously acted upon.

A copy of this vote was sent to the City and Council and to the City Manager.

December 19, 1944

The Board of Directors held a meeting this morning at the rooms of the Cambridge Trust Company.

President Galvin and Directors Malcolm, Sumner, DeWitt, Phippen, Sage and Cazmay were present.

The proposed agitation for the removal of the Harvard Square Subway Station was discussed and on motion of Mr. Sage it was unanimously VOTED:

"That the Directors are in favor of retaining the present Harvard Square Shelter, and wish to cooperate with the Boston Elevated Railway in the attempt to improve the loading and unloading of the bus passengers in Harvard Square with a greater degree of safety and efficiency."

We then adjourned.

11:45 A.M.


Secretary