

City of Cambridge.

Surveyors of Highways -
In Board of ~~Aldermen~~ *May 8.* 1860.

Ordered,

That the Superintendent of
Streets be instructed to build on the South West-
erly side of City Auburn Street an embankment
sufficiently high to prevent the tide from flowing
over said street, said embankment to serve
as a sidewalk on that side of said street.

Attest,

Justin A. Jacobs, Clerk.

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Oscar
111. Auburn Street
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City of Cambridge.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Nov 1th 1861

To the Board of Aldermen.
as Highway Surveyors

Gentlemen.

The late very high tides of Sunday last, caused by the storm of the preceding night, our flood broke away a portion of the upper part of the dyke on Mt Auburn Street, along the banks of Charles River. This over flow not only caused considerable damage to Mt Auburn street, but also to a considerable number of houses, by filling the cellars with water. The number of houses north of Mt Auburn street upon the low lands between that & Brattle street is large, & they are occupied by a class of persons who can ill bear such a loss, as that caused by an over flow like that of Sunday. The tide was doubtless an extraordinary one, & generally destructive along the wharves & low lands in all this region. The legal responsibility of the city is met when ample provision is made to make Mt Auburn street "safe & convenient" for the travellers, with their horses, teams, and

carriages, at all seasons of the year. If, however,
in doing this the city can at the same ^{time} reclaim,
a ~~part~~ a large area of property from ~~damage~~,
& thus make it available for use & increase largely
its taxable value it is certainly desirable. I
presume it was the intention of the City Govern-
ment to do this in the recent raising & widening
of Mt Auburn street, under the contract made
before I had the honor to be connected with this
board. It would seem however from the recent
experience that it is prudent & desirable to raise
the dyke, now just being completed, some what
higher, so as to be beyond the probability of any
future overflow. It may also require strengthen-
ing in some points. I have therefore, felt
it desirable to call your attention to it, now
while the work is being completed, & when
a comparatively slight additional expense will
make it such as will effectually prevent a recur-
rence of the recent disaster.

Chas. Thos. Russell
Mayor.

In Board of Surveyors of Highways. Nov. 6. 1861.
Referred to Messrs. Tibbatts, Saunders and Thayer.
Attest - Justin A. Jacobs. City Clerk.

Communication
of the alleged -
all. Auburn Street.
Nov. 6, 1961 -