



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

To Mr. Richard D. Gerould
City Solicitor

Date May 28, 1953

From Ralph J. Dunphy
Acting Commissioner of Public Works

Reference

Subject

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Very truly yours,

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City Manager

Mr. Frederick H. Burke
City Clerk



FREDERICK H. BURKE
CITY CLERK

ALBERT T. DOYLE
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

City of Cambridge
Massachusetts

Office of the City Clerk

May 27th, 1953.

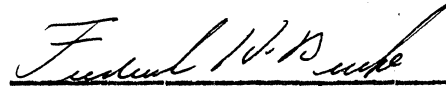
Mr. Ralph J. Dunphy,
Acting Commissioner of Public Works,
Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Dear Sir:-

At a meeting of the City Council held on May 25th, 1953 a report of the Committee on Finance was adopted recommending that the petition of Byron B. Dunn et als relative to drainage problem in rear of 27-29-31 Gurney Street be referred to the Commissioner of Public Works for analysis and report.

Enclosed you will find the petition as aforesaid and I would appreciate you returning it to me when you make your report on this matter.

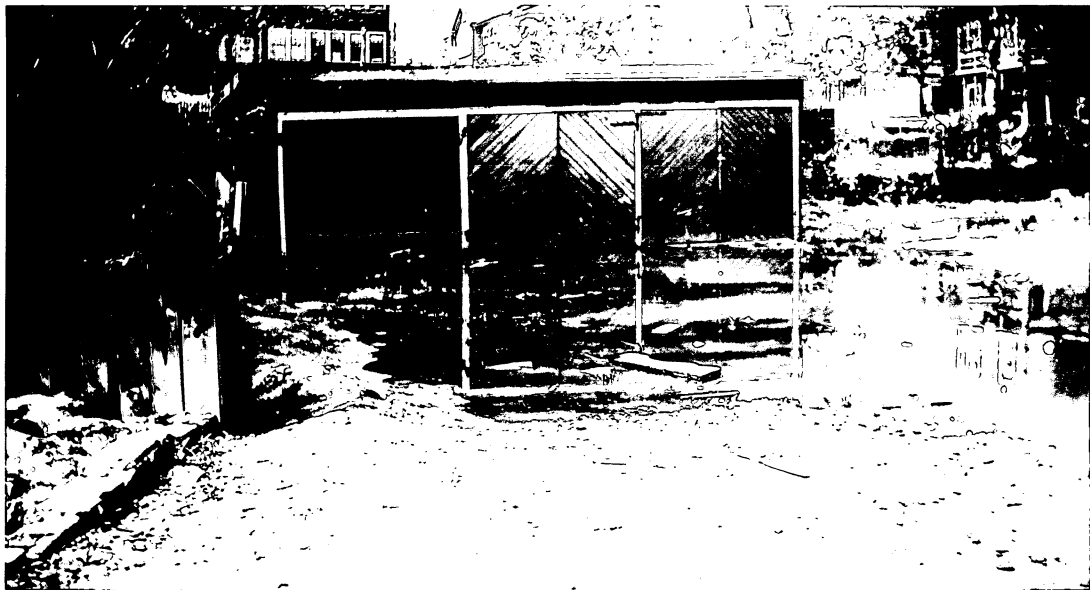
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Rear of Gurney St
27-29 -
after rainy day.

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Rain water
in rear of
Gurney Gg.

FRANCIS X. McCANN
14 SHERMAN STREET
CAMBRIDGE 38, MASSACHUSETTS

17 May 1953

Councillor John J. Foley,
City Hall, Cambridge
Mass.

Dear Councillor,

The attached petition is from the
residents of Gurney Street.

For a number of years, they have
been plagued with a drainage problem in the rear
of #27-29-31. Rain water has poured from the street
down into the gulley and, after each rain storm, there
is a lagoon which is a menace to health and to the
safety of the youngsters who play there.

City Engineer Davis investigated the
place about a year ago and he discovered there is
a drain in the rear of the Fresh Pond Market. This drain
apparently was filled in when that block was built in
1912 and that caused the water to gather there. Some of
the people on the street believe that if this former
drain was reopened and connected to a Huron Avenue
outlet, the problem would be solved.

In the attached petition, note that
Mr Albert Doyle has signed it. Perhaps he can offer
additional information on the subject.

Sincerely yours,

Frank

To the Honorable, The City Council
Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

We, the undersigned citizens of Cambridge, respectfully request your honorable body to take action on a matter threatening the well being of our neighborhood. Over a period of years, a serious drainage problem has existed in the rear lots on Gurney Street. Rain water constantly accumulates due to a lack of proper drainage.

Previous inspections by the City Engineer have revealed the existence of a former drainage system in the rear of 360 Huron Avenue and we believe that system might be reopened and again connected to an outlet on Huron Avenue.

The present condition has existed for years and we earnestly solicit your assistance in correcting this unpleasant situation.

NAME

ADDRESS

Byron B. Dunn

29 Gurney St.

Elizabeth Dunn

29 Gurney St

Edward J. Nelson

27 Gurney St.

Meredith F. Nelson

27 Gurney Street

Joseph F. Doherty

29 Gurney St

Gwonne Johnson

27 Gurney St

Mary C. Doherty

29 Gurney St.

John G. Ryan Jr.

23 Gurney St.

M. J. Ryan

23 Gurney St.

Mary J. Ryan

23 Gurney St.

John A. Ryan

23 Gurney St.

Mrs. M. J. Hayes

17 Gurney St.

Ronald E. Hayes

17 Gurney St

Mary H. Doyle

22 Gurney St.

A. J. Hall

22 Gurney St.

E. J. Hall

22 Gurney St.

Elizabeth Hall

22 Gurney St.

NAMEADDRESS

<u>Helen Powers</u>	<u>26 Gurney St</u>
<u>Joseph J. Powers</u>	<u>26 Gurney St</u>
<u>Lorrie McLaughlin</u>	<u>26 Gurney St</u>
<u>Robert McLaughlin</u>	<u>26 Gurney St</u>
<u>William L. Morrison</u>	<u>28 Gurney St</u>
<u>Elizabeth M. Morrison</u>	<u>28 Gurney St</u>
<u>Patricia Morrison</u>	<u>28 Gurney St</u>
<u>Alice Cronin</u>	<u>28 Gurney St</u>
<u>Susan M. Laughlin</u>	<u>28 Gurney St</u>
<u>Jeremiah Cronin</u>	<u>28 Gurney St</u>
<u>Vann Johnson</u>	<u>27 Gurney St</u>
<u>John Wessell</u>	<u>23 " "</u>
<u>Helen Wessell</u>	<u>" "</u>
<u>John Wessell</u>	<u>" "</u>
<u>James Wessell</u>	<u>" "</u>
<u>Fred Hicker</u>	<u>21 Gurney St</u>
<u>Ellen Hicker</u>	<u>21 Gurney St</u>
<u>Catherine King</u>	<u>21 Gurney St</u>
<u>Harry E. King</u>	<u>21 Gurney St</u>
<u>William J. Hayes</u>	<u>17 Gurney St</u>
<u>Mary D. Hayes</u>	<u>17 Gurney St</u>
<u>William J. Hayes Jr.</u>	<u>17 Gurney St</u>
<u>John Hayes</u>	<u>17 Gurney St</u>
<u>Edward McCulliffe</u>	<u>32 Gurney St</u>
<u>Alice McCulliffe</u>	<u>32 Gurney St</u>
<u>Beatrice Friend</u>	<u>32 Gurney St</u>
<u>William McCabe</u>	<u>33 Gurney St</u>

NAME

ADDRESS

Ma. J. McCabe

John A. Hibner

~~Henry Hickey~~

Essel
L. M. G.

George Giffen

Mary Giffen

George Coy

Wm. Covert

Mrs Margaret Doherty

Don DeLaney

Robert Dunn

William A. Beers

Albert T Doyle

Edegar R. Dyke

Edna M. Dyke

33 Gurney St.

28 Reservoir St.

78 Reservoir St

33 Lurney St

36 Gurney St.

36 Gurney

38. Hursey St.

32 June 81

39 Gurney St

34 Murray St.
22 C. D. 2/1

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Petition
of Byron D. Deane et al
relative to Drainage Problem
in Rear of 27-29-31 Gung St

In City Council NOV 16 1952

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Friedrich H. Buehler City Clerk

MAY 18 1953

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Referred to the Committee on

Finance

Friedrich H. Buehler City Clerk

c PW.

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Public Works for analysis & Report

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We are referring the question of any maintenance responsibilities of the Public Works Department to Mr. Richard Gerould, City Solicitor, for his opinion.

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Communication
From Acting Commissioner of Public
Works relative to Sewerage
Drainage Problem in Area of 27-28-31
Coney St.

In City Council. NOV 16 1953

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Frederick H. Burke
City Clerk

In City Council. JUN 22 1953

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Public Service

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City of Cambridge

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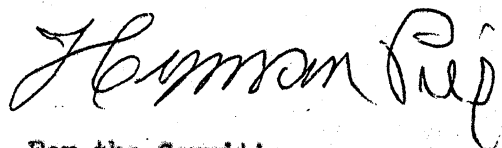
The

Committee on Public Service

to which was referred report from the Acting Commissioner of Public Works relative to survey of the area, rear of 27-31 Gurney Street for drainage.

Reports,

Recommending that the report be placed on file.



For the Committee.

REPORT

Committee on

Public Service

Title - report - survey drawing
rear of 27-31 Surney Street.

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Nov. 16, 1953

Report received and

recommendation ADOPTED.

Fredrick H. Burkley

Attest: _____

City Clerk