

Petition
of Chas. C. Little
Holyoke St.
March 27, 1860.

To The Honorable
The Mayor and Aldermen
of Cambridge
Gentlemen

The undersigned
respectfully petitions your Honorable
body, to establish the grade of
Holyoke Street, between Mount Auburn
and South Streets, in order that he
may be enabled to place Curb Stones,
on the side walk, in front of his
estates, on said Street.

Respectfully
Charles C. Little

Cambridge
March 27. 1860

In Board of Aldermen, March 27, 1860.

Referred to the Surveyors of Highways.

Attest:

Justin A. Jacobs, City Clerk.

In Board of Surveyors

of Highways, April 3, 1861-

Referred to the Superintendent
of Streets,

att. Justin A. Jacobs, Clerk,

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
Middlesex, Jr. To the Honorable Mayor and Aldermen of the City of
Cambridge in said County.

The subscribers state,

That the owners of the marsh in the farm late of the Hon. Will-
iam Wentworth, Esq. deceased, have a right of way from said marsh over the
land of Larkin Frost, one of the subscribers, into the high way, called South
street, at the corner formed by that street and Hooksey street, and that said
right of way is of great value to them, for the purpose of conveying their hay from
said marsh, by using teams; that said Frost also has a right to use that way
with teams and otherwise, in passing to the high way from his said land;
that the superintendent of our roads has so altered said streets, at said corner,
by raising said streets and digging and paving a deep gutter to conduct the
water from said South street into said Frost's land over said private way, that he
has thereby obstructed said private way so as to render it impracticable to use it
with a team and to convey hay from said marsh over said private way to said
streets; that said owners never consented to said obstruction of said private way;
that said Frost consented to it only on condition, that said alteration should
not injure said private way, and that certain officers of said city promised them,
that they would cause said private way to be made convenient and safe for
the passage of loaded teams after making said alteration; that said obstruction
of that private way is a nuisance thereto and a great injury and damage
to said owners and to said Frost. The subscribers, therefore, request you to
cause said obstruction to be removed immediately and said streets to be so altered
at the corner above mentioned, that teams with loads of hay can safely and con-
veniently pass from said marsh over and through said private way to said
streets. June 25th 1850.

John J. De Wolf and wife } the owners of said marsh
Thos. Vernon and wife }
& John Wentworth }
by Abraham Holliard, their Attorney.
Larkin Frost

Petition by
Owners of Wentworth marsh
and by Larkin Frost
vs.
Obstruction of private way.

Sent Ashleland City 82.
25 June 1850.

June 25, 1850

referred to the Mayor
& R. Paige, City Clerk

July 16, 1850. The said Aldermen.
The subject is referred to the
superintendent of streets, in his
discretionary power.
D. R. Paige, City Clerk.

At a Town Meeting April 2^d 1798

The Report of the Selectmen laying out a Town Way in the 1st Parish in Cambridge was accepted & is as follows. Viz

The Selectmen of the Town of Cambridge taking into consideration the Petition of John Foxcroft Esq^r & Others praying for the alteration of a Town Way in the first Parish in said Town have thought it advisable to lay out & have accordingly laid out & made the following alterations Viz. Beginning opposite to Joseph Hill's House at the distance of thirty one Feet therefrom, & running a line Northeastly through the lands of James Winthrop Esq^r Judge Dana & Others till it meets the Southwest corner of the yard in front of the House ~~now occupied~~ by Saml Berthlett Esq^r: Then making a line from the House of the said Joseph Hill & parallel with the first line & at the distance of thirty one feet therefrom & continuing it to the Lot on which the House of the President of the University stands, the space between these two lines to become a Town Way whenever the same is made to the acceptance of the Selectmen, & free of any cost to the Town: And all such parts of the present Town Way as fall without those lines shall be discontinued whenever the Parties bordering on said new Way are agreed in the measure. Provided however that so much of the corner of the Lot occupied by Dr J A Fenimison shall be taken off as shall be thought necessary by the Selectmen

An Extract from the Town
Records At Aaron Hill
Town Clerk —

Williamston
Aaron Hill
Nathl Champey
Eben Brown
John Walton
Eben Herman } Selectmen
of
Cambridge

Town Way
acquired April 2 1798

The following was presented Apr. 2. 1798

Beginning opposite to Joseph Hills House at the distance of thirty one Feet therefrom & running a line Northeastly thro. the Lands of James Wainthrop Esq. Judge Dana & others till it meets the Southwest Corner of the yard in front of the House now occupied by Sam^l Bartlett Esq. Then making a line from the House of said Joseph Hills & parallel with the first line & at the distance of thirty one feet therefrom, & continuing it to the Lot on which the House of the President of the University stands, the space between these two lines to become a Town Way whenever the same is made to the acceptance of the Selectmen & free of any expense to this Town: And all such parts of the present Town way as shall fall without these lines shall be discontinued, whenever all the Parties bordering on the said new way are agreed in the measure; Provided however that so much of the Corner of the Lot occupied by S^{rs} Garrison shall be taken off as shall be thought necessary by the Selectmen —

Cambridge Apr. 2. 1798. —

John May
1790

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into consideration the Petition of J^o Foxcroft
or others praying for the alteration of a Town
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have thought it advisable ^{to lay out} & have accord-
ingly laid out & made the following alteration
Viz Beginning opposite to Joseph Will's House
at the Distance of thirty one Feet therefrom
& running a line northeasterly thro the
lands of James Butterfield Esq Judge Dana
& till it meets the southwest
corner of the yard in front of the House
now occupied by Capt. Bartlett Esq -
Then making a line from the House of the
said Joseph Will, parallel with the first
line at a thirty one Feet distance therefrom

Cambridge

Report of Selectmen
March 20 1841

& continuing it to the Lot on which the
House of the President of the University stands
the space between these two lines to become a
Town Way whenever the same is made to the
satisfaction of the Selectmen & free of any cost
to the Town & all such parts of the present
Town way as fall without these lines shall be
discon^{tin}ued whenever all the parties bordering
on said new way are agreed in the measure —

Provided however that so much of the
Corner of the Lot occupied by Dr J L Jenkinson
shall be taken off as shall be thought necessary

by the Selectmen
Cambridge April 2 1798

Wm. Winthrop
Aaron Price
Vt. & Champay
Eben. Brown
John Walton
Eben. Stearns
Selectmen
of
Cambridge

gentlemen
To the Selectmen of the Town of
Cambridge—

Finding you have lately laid out, conditionally only, a new Town Road thro' the Southwest part of M^{rs} Simpsons Garden: (Which condition will not be agreed to) We the Subscribers Inhabitants of the Town of Cambridge, sensible of the advantage now in our hands for altering old and crooked Town Ways, in a manner not only more ornamental, but substantially more usefull & convenient for the Inhabitants of this Town, as well as for our fellow Citizens travelling thro' it, are of opinion that it is of public convenience & necessity to have another Town Road laid out in lieu of the former, in the following course, viz by continuing the Road which now leads from the head of a Canal out thro' the Salt Marsh by the house Lots of Joseph Will John Prescott & James Winthrop, straight thro' into the Street leading from the Meeting House to the Parsonage House; which may be easily done by extending ^{the} West line of the Road leading from the canal, thro' into the last mentioned Street, and laying out the proposed Road of a suitable width, say thirty Feet, on the East side of the same Line.

In doing this there is no obstacle now in the way but there moving back about half its width an old Barn belonging to the Corporation of Harvard University: This being the only building within the whole course of the proposed Road.

Persuaded that it would be advancing the real Interest of that Corporation, by laying out a handsome straight Road as proposed: but if they should think otherwise, We hope they will not from mere interested motives, oppose its being done. When it is evident, it would be ornamental to the Town, & very usefull to its Inhabitants.

But if, contrary to our hopes, the Corporation should persist in opposing so beneficial an alteration. We conceive it is time to consider, Whether, as they have of late purchased several Houses, some of them with large commodious Lots of Land, in the heart of the Town, & may go on to purchase others, the Inhabitants of the Town must sit down & acquiesce in seeing these Streets built upon in their present inconvenient & misshapen state or whether they will exert themselves in season (and while it may be done without essential injury to any) to render the Town Streets more ornamented, & more useful to themselves and the public.

Some of us contemplate the scarcity of Firewood in the vicinity & the growing necessity of obtaining considerable portion of that indispensable article, by importation into our valuable River. That this will shortly render the building other ^{ways} expedients that the head of the canal mentioned in this petition is by far the most convenient place for such a purpose. This consideration alone if duly reflected upon we conceive will render this application fit and proper. We understand there is no objection in the minds of any of the adjoining proprietors (except the Corporation) to give ~~their~~ land for enlarging the old way from 20. to 30 feet, provided the new Road shall be laid out as proposed.

We request you therefore, Gentlemen, to proceed to view & lay out the same way, if you shall judge proper, as speedily as will suit your convenience —

Wm. Winthrop	William Watson	John S. Orville
Isiah Mason	Saml Child	James Munro
	Thomas Nailand	Saml Manning
	John Palmer	Joseph S. Reed
	Joseph Hill	Thos Barnett
	Jonathan Hooper	James Reed
	Richard Borden	Richard H. Cornwall
	Charles Clark	Benj. D. Proctor
	William Gamage	Isaac Porter
		Amos Larned

Petition to the
Selectmen—

Petition of John Fourness
others March 1798—

Papers in re⁷²
Holyoke & Smith sts.
1798 &c

1860