

October 5th 1872.

To the Honorable

City Council of Cambridge

Gentlemen. }

On the matter of award for land taken to widen Mason Street, the Shepard Con. Society are not satisfied, and must therefore reluctantly make the legal appeal therefrom.

As the time is nearly expired Mr. Russell has prepared the necessary papers which await the signatures of the Committee. Our reasons for this are

1st The Society took the precaution before locating their building, by a written communication to the City Council, to inquire their intention as to widening Mason Street. This was referred to the proper Committee, who met the Committee of our Society on the premises.

The City Committee a short time after reported "inexpedient" to widen said street.

The Society then located their building, and built the heavy walls for foundation, but favored the situation as far as possible should the widening thereafter be made. It is fortunate we did this, as a much larger claim for actual damage would have been made, had not this care been taken:

2^d, - The City took from the best of the land, after the walls of the building were so far erected as no alteration could be made, =

3^d, - The City received the benefit of filling the entire length and breadth of the land taken, to a depth of about five feet.

4th The loss of the land, compelled new plans, and a change of construction. The front corner of the building is in consequence some 20 feet from Mason street, while the back corner is nearly on the line of Mason street. The general appearance is thereby injured, to the disappointment of many of the large contributors to the "Building Fund".

5th The award is not the full value of the land, as we are prepared by the most competent evidence to prove.

6th If spared any further delay or expense, we will take 1.00 per foot, "including" the interest, and some 6 on \$700.00 paid only a month or two before the land was taken.

This of course the City would have paid, and the Society would not have paid, had we supposed the land would be needed, and taken within so short time.

For the
Shepard Con. Society
W.A. Saunders.

In Board of Aldermen. Dec., 9, 1872.
Referred to the Committee on Roads & Bridges
on the part of this Board.
Attest: Justin A. Jacobs. City Clerk

The entire lot back & front cost in Jan. 1867. 50c per foot,
to say nothing of the actual rise, ~~or~~ that the land taken was
front, and worth more than the average, ^{on any damage to building)} but simply adding
the interest paid, and the taxes, - and ~~the~~ no income was
received, the lot entire has cost nearly or quite 75 cents.
the filling which the City may as well pay us, as any
one else, will make the sum ^{with the interest} ~~the~~ quite near the price fixed.
The 1.00 per foot.

Comm.

Shepard Cong. Sec.

Samuel - closed 5/17

Oct. 8. 1872.

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City of Cambridge.

In Board of Aldermen, Oct. 30, 1872,

~~Ordered,~~ The Committee on Roads & Bridges to which was referred the communication from the Shepard Cong. Society, offering to accept one dollar per foot for land taken to widen Mason Street.

Reports.

That the matter has been fully investigated, and the award has been already increased as much as your committee ~~deem~~ deemed just and advisable, and no further action is necessary.

For the Committee,
C. Harding

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of Com. on Roads & Bridges
on Com^r from Shepard Cong. Society

Oct. 30, 1872

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