

To the Honorable the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the
City of Cambridge:-

Respectfully represents your Petitioner that he is a citizen of Cambridge and the owner of land on Brattle St., between Sparks St. and Riedesel Ave.; that he is informed that the City contemplates laying a brick sidewalk in front of his land; that on his land and close to the line of the sidewalk are four very large and valuable linden trees and three large and valuable elm trees the roots of which are so exposed that your petitioner is advised and believes that the necessary excavations for laying a brick sidewalk would cause either death or great injury to these trees; that he believes that these trees are valuable as well to all of the public who use Brattle street as to himself, and that their destruction would be a public as well as a private loss.

Your petitioner asks that he may be allowed to lay at his own expense in front of his land on Brattle street from his driveway westerly to Riedesel Ave., or so far as he may be advised is necessary for the preservation of these trees, a sidewalk six feet wide, of flat stones, in a manner to be satisfactory to the City. And your petitioner offers if such permission is granted, to waive, in such form as may be satisfactory to the City or its solicitor, any claim to be relieved from assessment under chapter 191 of the Acts of 1863, if the City at any time deems it necessary to lay a different sidewalk.

Cambridge, April 12th. 1887.

William Brewster

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Communication from
William Brewster

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REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE
ON Roads and Bridges & Fire Board
Walter M. Jew City Clerk.

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE.

In Board of Aldermen, May 25. 1887

The Committee on Roads and Bridges of this Board to which was referred the petition of William Brewster, praying that he may be allowed to lay at his own expense, in front of his estate on Brattle Street, a sidewalk of flat stones, in a manner satisfactory to the city,

Reports,

~~Recommending~~ That the flagging which the petitioner proposes to lay, is in pieces about two feet wide, from two to three feet long, and of different kinds and colors, (mostly red sand stone) It is of varying thickness and very much chipped on the edges, from long wear. Your Committee is of the opinion that no such flagging should be laid on a public thoroughfare, and as the granting of the petition, would be in conflict with the provisions of an order adopted with the consent of all parties interested in the matter of sidewalks on Brattle Street, it is recommended that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

For the Committee,

Edw. W. Hincks

Chairman

Report (standing) 75
Common Roads and Bridges,
on petition of Wm Brewster.

May 25. 1887

"Seattle Street Sidewalks,"
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