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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE.

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March 9, 1882.

J. W. Hammond Esq.,
City Solicitor,

Sir:-

The Standing
Committee on Roads and Bridges,
desire to obtain your opinion as to
the power of the city to collect
assessments for laying sidewalks,
in cases where the abutters object to
the improvement.

Yours
John W. Duffie.

City of Cambridge
Office of the City Solicitor
March 11. 1882

To the Com. on Roads & Bridges

Gentlemen:

The right to construct
sidewalks upon streets in this city
and to collect assessments therefor
is entirely independent of the will of
the abutter. It rests with the mayor
and aldermen, and not with the
abutter.

In the case of *Ester Howe* or Cambridge
114 Mass (decided in 1874) the Supreme
Judicial Court sustained the validity
of St 1863 Ch. 191.

Yours respectfully
J. W. Hammond
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