

May 18th/82
Edw Perkins
1187 Washington St -

Alfred Dovel
Harvard Sq

Judge Ladd

Mr Bennett
Rochdale Ave

Mr Herod
Crescent - Ave

Also notify Neumann
or Abrahams

Notify the Above Parties
to appear before Just Court R.D.B.
regard to Rochdale Ave

Mr Perkins will spend
about 10,000 dollars Building
Improvements

Richdale Ave.

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Length — Whitney's land 246 ft
bal to Walden 956.8
1202.8.

Width 40 ft

Depth to be filled — about 2 ft. average. —

Prob. no of yards about 4000.

Est. cost of grading ap ^{\$}3000 —

Length of sewer about 1000 feet.

Size 12 x 16 in.

Prob cost 1200 — assessable

Drainage dist
Richdale &
& Regent st.)

Land damage
in addition

1 The public exigency for the opening of Rockdale av. to N. Avenue cannot be well overstated as a moment's examination will show that there is no outlet eastward of the trace from Crescent av. Mt. Pleasant St. Hubbard av. Raymond St. and the rapidly increasing traffic which necessarily flows into Walden St. must follow the street grade of Walden on the bridge to N. Avenue - reaching the Dept. or Somerville Avenue by a circuitous & inconvenient road.

2 The line indicated on the plan is the only one practicable.

3 The expense of the continuation of Rockdale Avenue to Lambert av. will be small, and including grading, can be approx. \$100,000 not to the entire satisfaction of all

concerned? The Whitney estate is ²
the only one to be handled for
and this can be done so fairly
equitably & justly that I do not
see any ground for objections. and
The new block will take (120) acres
included & cover full of Mr. Whitney's
front on Lambert av. — The depth of
his lots being about 125 feet.

Now a front on Rickdole Avenue
is fully as desirable as on Lambert
av. & I think rather more so.
and we will convey to the
city sufficient land directly in
the rear of Mr. Whitney's present
lots. So as to leave him the same
front & the same quantity of land
in every respect as eligible as there
on Lambert Avenue — & if Mr. Whitney
desired he could have an additional
front lot on the new Avenue — giving
greater frontage.

The triangular lot between Lambert
av. & Rickdole, should be taken by
the city for a little park, a chess
area, say about 2500 sq. feet, which

will show the Whipping Id between the 3
two avenues in a most advantageous
position having a front on both avenues,
I also 49 & 50. frontage on the
park.

I cannot consider that
Matter will bring any one to
the conclusion that a very good
public improvement can be
effected and the right of any
one protected, by a very heavy
expense. —

Indy Laid

C O M R A D E S
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prominent ~~old~~, ~~superior~~ which
population & industries will
rapidly exhaust. Let it then be
laid out, damaged ~~applied~~
to ~~be~~ ~~also~~, which may
be applied or ~~used~~ for hay and
those directly upon the side of the
street. I wish I think would
not seriously be objected to.

And I have no hesitation in the
opinion that in five years
as the ~~applied~~ ~~is~~ ~~which~~ the
city may in ~~fact~~ ~~will~~
be doubly ~~restored~~ by ~~taxes~~
upon the improvements that
will become practicable.

I have the honor to subscribe
all that I could do if present
at the hearing before your
board. With ~~kind~~ ~~respect~~
I am most truly yours
Edw. J. Felt
St. John's

Richmond, July 12, 82.

Dear Sir, On the day I left Cambridge
for this place, I received a note from
the City Clerk that a hearing upon the
Richmond Avenue question had been
fixed for Wednesday next. I am
reasonably concerned to the extent
of \$4000000 on the street, - but have
not a word to say on the ground
of public interest. By the public
conscience does not require that the
street be laid out, that the small portion
of Mr. Whitcomb's land, held by all means
remain. But it seems so clear
a case of public utility - that the
simple view & statement of the
case is the best argument in its
favor. The line of the street as shown
on the plan of Mr. Glover, City Engineer,
is the only one that ought to be
adopted: straight, - direct, - easy,
grade, 45 ft wide, with a road
bed of stone, covered with gravel
which, I had made years ago,
the character of which Mr. Bright
one of the Whitcombs, & who

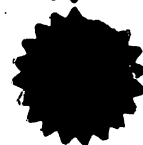
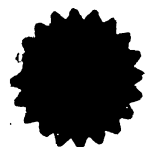
To the City Council of the City of Cambridge.

We the undersigned, owners and tenants in common of a piece of land lying between the Yockung Road Road and land of Mr. Augustus Whitney and others, & whose land abuts on Lambert Avenue near its eastern extremity in said City for the purpose of facilitating the laying out of Richdale Avenue over the land of said A. H. Whitney and others to said Lambert Avenue, as prayed for, and of placing at the disposal of the City the means of giving said Whitney and others, should it be considered expedient, a frontage on Richdale Avenue equal to their loss on Lambert Avenue, with a substantial correspondence of depth of lots, do hereby in consideration of the premises agreed to convey in fee our respective interests in so much of said piece of land as may be

Required for the purpose aforesaid, to such
grantee as the City may direct

Witness our hands & seals this 5th
day of June A.D. 1882.

In presence of John S. Dadd.



Richdale Ave 204

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