

City of Cambridge.

In Board of Aldermen, April 14th 1869.

The Committee on Roads & Bridges, ~~on the part of this Board~~, to whom was referred the petition of Mary E & Sarah R. Hower in relation to setting edgestones & street crossings opposite their estate on Garden St, also preferring charges against His Honor the Mayor and the Superintendent of Streets, and asking that the assessment for edgestones in front of their estate may be abated, have considered the same. They would report that the edgestones are properly set, and that the sidewalk is graded and in as good condition as the nature of the ground will permit, and could not be improved except by laying a brick or concrete sidewalk, to which the petitioners object. As regards that portion of the petition relating to His Honor the Mayor, your committee believe the petitioners to be laboring under a great mistake, as His Honor has expressly stated that no such agreement as the one stated in the petition was ever made by him.

In regard to that portion preferring charges of incompetency against the Superintendent of Streets, your committee find that this serious charge against a faithful and efficient officer, is not borne out by the facts, but on the contrary, that the work has been faithfully and efficiently performed, according to the agreement.

As regards the abatement asked for, your committee believe that the assessment has been justly and equitably made, and that no proper cause for abatement exists.

They would therefore recommend that the petitioner be granted leave

to withdraw
For the Committee

Mrs. Wright

In Board of Aldermen. April 14. 1869.
Accepted and sent down for concurrence.
Attest. Justin A. Jacobs. City Clerk.

In Common Council. April 20, 1869
Concurred Attest J. W. Cotton
Clerk

Report

Committee on Roads & Bridges
on
Petition of Mary F. & Sara B. Stone

April 14th 1869

East Cambridge Nov 2nd 1870

To the Honorable Board of
Mayor and Alderman
Gentlemen

We the undersigned respectfully
ask permission to encumber
a part of 5th street, between
Cambridge and Gore street
while building. Also that
the line and grade of 5th
street be given.

Respectfully Yours

Moulton and Thompson

In D^d. of Aldermen, Nov. 2, 1870.
So much of the interim Re-
solution as refers to the line
and grade of Fifth Street is
referred to the City Engineer
Messrs. Justin A. Jacobs.
City Clerk

Debitus

of Clement & Thompson
Line, &c. 5th St. St.

Nov. 2. 1870.

To the ~~President & Members of the~~
^{City}
~~Council~~ Council of Cambridge -

Mary E. & Sara R. Howe joint owners
of the estate, fronting on Garden Street, bounded
on one side by the Appian Way - and on the other
two ^{sides} by the estates of Mrs William Saunders &
Charles G Thomas - respectfully ^{request} that the sidewalk
in front of their dwelling with the crossing from
the corner of the Appian way to the corner,
be put in such condition as to be passable at
all seasons of the year. -

The crossing was laid by private subscriptions,
and was ordered to be of the width of the one
near the Episcopal Church, and the money
was paid for such an one, but through the unfaith-
ful performance of the work, proved to only about
half the width.

This circumstance being complain-
ed of by the subscribers, the present Mayor
of the city, Charles H. Saunders, offered to let
the matter right, by causing the crossing to
be relaid the width agreed upon at first, if

The owners of the estate above mentioned, would allow the side walk opposite their premises to be raised with an edge stone, and made wider than the old one - being very desirous of such alteration, and they not willing to consent, on account of the great cost, and the dissatisfaction with the work of the person who superintends the streets.

They however consented to the terms, but when the side walk was finished, the crossing was left in its old condition, and he declined to remember any thing about the agreement.

The side walk proves to be made so low, that every rain washes run off from the gutter and is left in any way built with the care which it should be for the price demanded -

The petitioners have twice offered to pay the amount demanded any day when the work should be completed, and have no resort to credit by any direct or indirect way. The proper assessment, only requesting that they may receive the value of the money assessed.

This offer of theirs, was not only not
accepted but during a brief absence from
home, of the petitioners, without due notice
the property is advertised for sale, which
sale they request to have stayed, till the
matter be duly presented and considered.

They also request of nothing be done to repair
their crossing and side walk, they be
relieved from the assessment

all of which is respectfully submitted

Mary E. Howe

Sarah B. Howe

Cambridge April 5/1869

In Common Council April 6, 1869
Refer to Committee on Roads & Bridges and sent up for concurrence
Attest J. W. Cotton
Clerk

In Board of Aldermen April 7, 1869

Concurred

Attest Justin A. Jacobs. City Clerk.

Garden St.

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Petition

of Henry E. Howard & Co.

Sidewalk & Associates.

April 6, 1869.