

City of Cambridge.

In Board of Aldermen, *Oct. 18 1876*

The Joint Standing Committee on
Roads and Bridges to which was referred
the petition of Mrs. Sarah W. Watrous
praying that she may be allowed an
additional and an account of land
taken from her estate for the purpose of
widening Main street.

Reports,

Recommending the
adoption of the accompanying Order.

For the Committee,

Wm. Wright

Report Main St

Can. and Roads & Bridges
on pet. Sarah W. Watson
for increase of award for land
taken.

Order recommended.

C. H. R.

To the Honorable the Mayor and
Board of Aldermen of the City of Cambridge.

Respectfully represents your petitioner,
Sarah W. Watson of said Cambridge, that
on or about the twenty-fifth day of February
1876, she caused the City to be notified
of her intention to improve the estate situated
at the corner of Prospect and Main Street
in said Cambridge, that she wished to
begin work not later than April 1, 1876;
called the attention of the City to the fact
that her land extended a distance of about
thirteen feet beyond the north-easterly
line of Main Street as recommended or
established in 1860; and requested the
City Council to consider whether it thought
it advisable for the City to take that portion
of her land southeasterly of said line, and
lay it out as a part of the public highway,

and to have the whole question settled so that
she could proceed to build not later than
said first day of April 1876 -

But she further represents that, owing
to the delays of the City Council in de-
ciding that the City would not take the land,
it not having reached that decision till
the seventeenth day of May last, she
was unable to begin operations till Janu-
ary 8, 1876; that after the final rejection of
the order to take the said land on the said seven-
teenth day of May last, she proceeded to
build upon and to improve the same according
to plans and arrangements based upon said
final action of the City; that afterwards
while proceeding with her building operations
the City, on the fourteenth day of June last,
reconsidered its former action, took the
said land, awarded the sum of two thous-
and dollars as damages and notified you

petitioners of the said taking in the following day; but she represents that, in awarding said sum of two thousand dollars, she is informed and believes that the City Council did not award her anything as damages for the delays and other losses and damages suffered by her ~~because~~ the loss of her land; and she represents that by reason of said taking of her land and of the various acts of the City pertaining thereto she has been deprived of the profitable use of her property for the space of a bout three months longer than she otherwise would have been; that she has incurred expense in changing plans, has paid or will have to pay for charges or expenses which have become or will become a total loss to her in consequence of the said taking, the consideration whereof would otherwise have been a benefit to her; and she estimates all her said losses and expenses at the sum of

eleven hundred fifty-five dollars (\$1155-).

Wherefore she respectfully prays that
the said sum of two thousand dollars may
be increased to the sum of three thousand
one hundred fifty-five dollars (\$3155-),
and that she may be given an immediate
hearing thereon.

Sarah W. Watrous.

By
G. R. Dudley,
her Atty.

Cambridge
Sept. 20. 1876

An Order of adjournment, Sept. 24, 1876.

Referred to the Committee on Roads
and Bridges. Sent down for circumstances

as above. For the A. J. Jacobs, City Clerk
Common Council Sept. 20, 1876.

Concurred. Attest, J. W. Felt, Clerk

approved, Sept. 22, 1846 -
Laac Bradford
Mayor.

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Petition for increase of
Award

S. W. Dudley
Atty for Petitioner