



City of Cambridge.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN,

March 20th, 1894.

Resolved: That the public necessity and convenience require that Commercial avenue, so-called, should be laid out as a public street or way, from Bridge street southwesterly; and that for the purpose of such laying out it is necessary to take a certain strip or parcel of private land, the lines and area of ~~wn~~ which are shown upon a plan entitled "Plan of Commercial avenue", drawn by Lewis M. Hastings, City Engineer, dated March 5, 1894, and on file in his office; said strip or parcel being bounded and described as follows, viz:-

Beginning at a point in the southwesterly line of Bridge street, two hundred and fifty (250) feet distant northwesterly from the Harbor Commissioners' line of Charles River: thence running southwesterly parallel to and two hundred and fifty (250) feet distant northwesterly from said Harbor Commissioners' line, three hundred and sixty-nine (369) feet to the southwesterly line of a dock or canal; thence running northwesterly along said southwesterly line of said dock, sixty (60) feet: thence running northeasterly parallel to and three hundred and ten (310) feet distant northwesterly from said Harbor Commissioners' line, one hundred (100) feet to the northeasterly line of said dock: thence running southeasterly along the northeasterly line of said dock, about four and five tenths (4.5) feet, to the division line between land of Horatio Wellington and land of Benjamin G. Smith: thence running northeasterly along said division line two hundred and sixty-nine (269) feet to a point in the southwesterly line of Bridge street: thence running southeasterly along said south-



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-westerly line of Bridge street, about fifty-five and five tenths (55.5) feet to the point of beginning. Containing about twenty-thousand five hundred and fifty-three (20,553) square feet.

Also, that the grade of said Commercial avenue, laid out as aforesaid, should be established, and that for the purpose of such laying out it is necessary to take and lay out as a public street or way of the City of Cambridge the following described parcels of land, to wit:-

A parcel of land belonging to Benjamin G. Smith, Trustee, bounded and described as follows:-

Beginning at a point in the southwesterly line of Bridge street at its intersection with the southeasterly line of Commercial avenue: thence running southwesterly along said southeasterly line about two hundred and sixty-nine (269) feet to the northeasterly line of a dock or canal: thence northwesterly along the northeasterly line of said dock or canal about five thousand two hundred and eight (5208) feet to the division line between land of Benjamin G. Smith and land of Horatio Wellington: thence northeasterly along said division line about two hundred and sixty-nine (269) feet to the southwesterly line of Bridge street: thence southeasterly along said line of Bridge street about fifty-six and twelve hundredths (56.12) feet to the point of beginning. Containing about fourteen thousand five hundred and fifty-three (14,553) square feet.



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A parcel of land belonging to Henry M. Whitney, ¹⁸⁹ bounded as follows:-

Beginning at a point in the northeasterly line of a dock or canal at its intersection with the southeasterly line of Commercial avenue: thence running southwesterly along said southeasterly line about one hundred (100) feet to the northeasterly boundary line of land of the City of Cambridge: thence northwesterly along said northeasterly boundary line about sixty (60) feet to the northwesterly line of Commercial avenue: thence northeasterly along said line of Commercial avenue about one hundred (100) feet to the northeasterly line of said dock or canal: thence southeasterly along said line of dock or canal about sixty (60) feet to the point of beginning. Containing about six thousand square (6000) feet.

The above described parcels of land are shown on a "Plan of Commercial avenue", drawn by Lewis M. Hastings, City Engineer, dated March 5, 1894, and on file in his office.

and

Whereas due notice has been given of the intention of this Board to take the said parcels of land for the purpose aforesaid, as appears by the return on the order of notice issued therefor,

It is therefore



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ORDERED.

That the parcels of land hereinbefore described, be and the same ~~herby~~ are taken and laid out under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments, as a public street or way of the City of Cambridge, with the name of Commercial avenue, and the grade thereof is hereby established, all according to a plan of such laying out, and profile of grade, made by Lewis M. Hastings, City Engineer, dated March 5, 1894, entitled "Plan of Commercial avenue", and deposited in his office; and this Board doth adjudge that the expense at this time of said laying out, will amount to the following sums, viz:

Damages to the estates, parts of which are taken as hereinbefore stated, the same being the sums set against them respectively in the schedule hereto annexed, amounting to eleven thousand six hundred and fourteen dollars and seventy-five cents, being the total present expense for the laying out of the aforesaid street.

Estimate of damages occasioned by the laying out of Commercial avenue, in accordance with a plan dated March 5, 1894, entitled "Plan of Commercial avenue.

N.B. The award in each of the following cases, including payment for land taken, cost of removal and damage to buildings, damage to remaining land and all other damages.



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Names of Owners.	Sq. feet of land taken.	Damages.
Benjamin G. Smith, Trustee, Value of land taken and all damage to estate - - - - -v- - -	14553	\$10914.75
John M. Woods, cost of removing buildings and all other damages - -		\$ 700.00
Henry M. Whitney, no damages awarded -	6000	
Total - - - - -	20553	\$11614.75

The Mayor is hereby authorized to draw his warrant upon the City Treasurer in favor of the said Benjamin G. Smith, Trustee, and the said John M. Woods, for each in the sum set against his name respectively, in the aforesaid schedule, making the total sum so authorized, of eleven thousand six hundred and fourteen dollars and seventy-five cents, (\$11614.75) the same to be charged to the special appropriation for laying out Commercial avenue, from Bridge street southwesterly.

IN COMMON COUNCIL

CONCURRED,

Attest:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

APPROVED,

MAYOR.

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Order
taking land for the purpose
of laying out Commercial
avenue

March 20. 1898

our Commercial Avenue, from Bridge street southwesterly.
The same to be charged to the special appropriation for laying
improved and fourteen dollars and seventy-five cents. (\$14.75)
The total sum so authorized, of eleven thousand six

hundred and thirty dollars, in the aforesaid schedule,
Trustee, and the said John M. Woods, for each in the sum set
upon the City Treasurer in favor of the said Benjamin C. Smith,
The Mayor is hereby authorized to draw his warrant

Henry M. Whitney, no damages awarded -	0000	\$ 000.00
Buildings and all other damages -		
John M. Woods, cost of removing		
to escape - - - - -	14.75	\$10,614.75
Value of land taken and all damage		

Names of Owners.
of land taken. Damages.
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Mr. President.

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April 3. 1894

YEAS AND NAYS.

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" Casey,	/	
" Davis,	ab	
" Dolan,	/	
" Douglass,	ab	
" Farrell,	/	
" Keith,	/	
" McGuire,	/	
" Minihan,	/	
" Odiorne,	/	
" Parker,	/	
" Powers,	ab	
" Reeves,	/	
" Reid,	/	
" Stewart,	/	
" Surbridge,	ab	
" Titus,	/	
" Wadsworth,	/	
" Whitmore,	/	
" President,	/	

Yeas. 16

Nays. 0

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE.

In Board of Aldermen, March 6th, 1894.

The Joint Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges

Reports

Recommending

the adoption of the accompanying order of notice in reference to the laying out of Commercial avenue from Bridge street, southwesterly. The matter has been under the joint consideration of the Committee on Finance, the Committee on Sewers and this Committee, in conference with the Chairman of the Park Commissioners. It was represented by the City Engineer, before these Committees that it is necessary that the intercepting sewer already ordered to be built in Commercial avenue, as proposed to be laid out by the Park Commissioners, should be extended to Bridge street as the most feasible way of making the connections with the Metropolitan sewer system. Between Bridge street and the northeasterly end of Commercial avenue, as it is to be laid out by the Park Commissioners, there is a strip of land that the City does not own, and to extend the sewer it will be necessary to take a right of way through this land, if the City should not now lay it out as a part of Commercial avenue, and the City might be liable for

damages on account of taking such right of way. In the opinion of the Park Commissioners, the opening of this street will be a great convenience to the residents of Ward Three, as it will furnish a short walk to the Parkway. Inasmuch as the street must ultimately be opened and laid out, it was deemed expedient that this order of notice should be issued and the taking of land completed at once. The sum of \$15000.00 is stated by the City Engineer as an approximate estimate of the cost of this enterprise. A complete estimate in detail will be furnished by your Committee, and submitted to the City Council hereafter.

For the Committee,

Walter Anderson
Chairman

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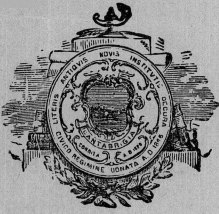
Committee on Roads and
Bridges.

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relation to laying out
Commercial Avenue.

March 6. 1894.

For the Committee.

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IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN,

March 6th, 1894.

Whereas, In the opinion of this Board the public necessity and convenience require that, Commercial avenue, so-called, should be laid out as a public street or way from Bridge street, southwesterly; and that for the purpose of such laying out it is necessary to take a certain strip or parcel of ~~private~~ land, the lines and area of which are shown upon a plan ^{entitled "Plan of Commercial Avenue"} drawn by Lewis M. Hastings, City Engineer, dated March 5, 1894, and on file in his office, said strip or parcel being bounded and described as follows, viz:-

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division line two hundred and sixty-nine (269) feet to a point
in the southwesterly line of Bridge street: thence running south-
easterly along said southwesterly line of Bridge street about
fifty-five and five tenths (55.5) feet to the point of beginning.
Containing about twenty thousand nine hundred and thirty (20930)
square feet.

Such laying out to be done under the provisions of the statute
authorizing the assessment of betterments.

It is therefore hereby
Ordered,
That due notice be given to the owners of lands abutting
on the line of the aforesaid proposed laying out, and all other
persons interested, that this Board intends to lay out said
Commercial avenue, so-called, between the points ^{er}hamednbefore
stated, and in the manner before mentioned, by taking said pri-
vate lands and laying out the same as a public way and part of
said Commercial avenue, and that Tuesday the 20th day of March
current, at 8 1/2 o'clock P. M., is assigned for the hearing any
objections which may be made thereto.

adopted Sent down for Commencing

attest Walter H. Phipps

City Clerk

IN COMMON COUNCIL

CONCURRED, *Arch 6 1894*

Attest: *Dwaine Smith* Clerk

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

APPROVED,

March 7 1894
W. H. Phipps
MAYOR.

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Cambridge March 17th 1894

I hereby Certify that I have served the within manner order of
Notice by delivering Copies of the same in hand to Benj &
Smith, Horatio Wellington, Henry M Whitney John T Scully
James W Colman Walter A Colman Adolph S Immers
Walter W Pike, City Clerk, representing City of Cambridge, and
Benj & Smith Trustees for Caroline A Smith and Martha
R Warren also posting Five (5) Notices in Vicinity of land within
and one (1) at City Hall, John M Davis
City of Cambridge

Order of Notice

in relation to taking land

for the purpose of laying out

Commercial Avenue

March 6 - 1894

To the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Cambridge.

The undersigned, owners and occupiers of land and wharves to be affected by any laying out of Commercial Avenue so called, hereby respectfully object and protest in the most earnest and emphatic way to such laying out over any navigable water, and more especially over the channel, dock or canal leading to our wharf property above the line of the contemplated street across the same, as such interference with navigation will be very detrimental if not destructive to the several wharves that now do a large business in lumber, coal and stone, as well as causing a large inconvenience, loss and costs to the citizens of Cambridge and vicinity now dealing at said wharves: ~~and we all unite in the appointment of Mr. Wellington, one of the undersigned, to present this remonstrance and voice our objections.~~ And the undersigned would also like to know what right the City has to lay out a street over navigable waters.

Benj. G. Smith, & Benj. G. Smith, Trustees,
Heratio Wellington
Leah. F. Farnham for A. L. Farnham
Estate of Edm. Munroe
per Chas. W. Munroe
Chas. W. Munroe
Charles Lincoln,

B. E. Perry Atty. Est. Hannah Brooks

Special Order
March 20 - 1894
at 8.30 P. M.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, {
March 6, 1894. }

Whereas, In the opinion of this Board the public necessity and convenience require that Commercial avenue, so-called, should be laid out as a public street or way, from Bridge street southwesterly, and that for the purpose of such laying out it is necessary to take a certain strip or parcel of private land, the lines and area of which are shown upon a plan entitled "Plan of Commercial Avenue," drawn by Lewis M. Hastings, City Engineer, dated March 5, 1894, and on file in his office, said strip or parcel being bounded and described as follows, viz: -

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Such laying out to be done under the provisions of the statutes authorizing the assessment of betterments.

It is therefore hereby

Ordered, That due notice be given to the owners of lands abutting on the line of the aforesaid proposed laying out, and all other persons interested, that this Board intends to lay out said Commercial avenue, so-called, between the points hereinbefore stated, and in the manner before mentioned, by taking said private lands and laying out the same as a public way and part of said Commercial avenue, and that TUESDAY, the 20th day of March current, at 8 30 o'clock P. M., is assigned for hearing any objections which may be made thereto.

Adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

Attest: WALTER W. PIKE, City Clerk.

In Common Council, March 6, 1894.

Concurred.

Attest: EDWARD J. BRANDON, Clerk.

Approved, March 7, 1894.

WILLIAM A. BANCROFT, Mayor.

A true copy.

Attest: WALTER W. PIKE, City Clerk.

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REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE

ON.....

.....City Clerk

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE.

In Board of Aldermen, March 20th, 1894.

The Joint Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges
to which was recommitteed the subject of the proposed
laying out of Commercial avenue, from Bridge street, southwesterly:

Reports

That since the last report of your
Committee upon the matter of laying out this avenue, the following
estimate of damages occasioned by taking the land therefor, has been
made by the City Engineer, viz:-

Benjamin G. Smith, Trustee,
14553 sq. feet of land taken @ .75 - - - - - \$ 10,914.75

John M. Woods & Co.
Moving three wooden buildings - - - - - 700.00

Henry M. Whitney,
6000 square feet of land included in the dock
or canal. (No damages, he agreeing to release
the land.)

Making a total sum of - - - - - \$ 11,614.75

These estimates include all damages done to the owners of the
property by reason of the taking.

The total sum before stated is all that is at present required,
inasmuch as the completion of the avenue must be deferred until the
Park Commissioners shall have begun the work of building the other
portion of the canal. The immediate necessity of the taking is for

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portion of the canal. The immediate necessity of the sinking is for
 that Commissioners shall have begun the work of building the other
 inasmuch as the completion of the avenue must be deferred until the
 The total sum before stated is all that is at present required,
 property by reason of the sinking.

These estimates include all damages done to the owners of the

the land.) Making a total sum of - - - - - \$ 21,014.75

of canal. (No damages, he agreeing to release

8000 square feet of land included in the dock

W. W. Wilkey,

Woods & Co.

Buildings -

100.00

1100 sq. feet of land taken @ .75 - - - - - \$ 80,914.75

Bonham G. Smith, Trustee,

made the City Engineer, also -

estimate of damages occasioned by taking the land therefor, has been

Committee upon the matter of laying out this avenue, the following

That since the last report of your

the Committee

damages

the report to the City Engineer, and the City Treasurer is hereby

of the property of the City, and the City Engineer, and the City Treasurer

and recommended the subject of the proposed

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the purpose of building the proposed intercepting sewer. Your Committee recommends the adoption of the accompanying orders, viz:-

- 1.-Order appropriating the sum of \$ 11,614.75 for defraying the present estimated cost of laying out said Commercial avenue.
- 2.-Order taking the land for said avenue, and awarding damages therefor to the owners of property affected by the taking, the total sum so awarded being \$ 11,614.75 in agreement with the amount appropriated in the previous order; and also authorizing the Mayor to draw his warrants upon the City Treasurer in payment of said damages.

For the Committee,

Walter H. Larned
Chairman

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Joint Standing
Committee on Roads & Bridges

upon the matter of laying
out Commercial Avenue.

Orders recommended.

March 20. 1898.

For the Committee,

Witness upon the City Treasurer in payment

amount appropriated in the previous order; and also authorizing
the City Treasurer to pay the same to the owners of property affected by the taking, the
therefor to the owners of property affected by the taking, the
present estimated cost of laying out said Commercial Avenue.
1.-Order appropriating the sum of \$11,014.75 for defraying the
miscellaneous expenses of the adoption of the accompanying orders, viz:-
the purpose of building the proposed intercepting sewer. Your Com-