

City of Cambridge.

In Board of Aldermen, June 14. 1882

~~Resolved,~~

The Committee on Roads and Bridges
to which was referred the petition of W. W. Chacehill
and others, praying for the removal of Ira Watkins
draw tender of Brookline bridge, (Cambridge side)

Reports

Recommending that the
petitioners have leave to withdraw.

In the Committee.

W. C. Doyle

Accepted. Sums closed for circumstances
attending this as follows. City Clerk

Concurred, In Courthouse Council June 21, 1882,
Attest J. W. Cotton Clk.

Approved June 23rd 1882
James D. Fox
Mayor

Report
Committee on Roads
& Bridges, on petition
of W. H. Churchill and
others for removal of
Iron wattens, Draxton,

June 14. 1887.

To His Honor the Mayor and board of alderman of
Cambridge Gentlemen: The undersigned herewith
petition your honorable body for the removal of Ira Watkins
as bridge tender & drawman to the Brooklyn bridge on Chatter
River for cause -

1st Said drawman is seldom on hand to open & raise bridge
although whistle is blown 10 minutes before reaching the bridge

2^d I reach the bridge at top of high water and it is ab-
solutely necessary my vessels in tow should go through at
once in order to get into berth that tide, I often wait from
ten to thirty minutes for said drawman blowing whistle all
this time to the great annoyance of citizens, but it is the
only means at my command to call drawmans attention

3^d Have been obliged once to walk the distance of a mile to
hunt said drawman up finding him at work elsewhere,
have several times raised the bridge myself after waiting
ⁱⁿ vain for the drawman to come

4th These delays are now of common occurrence making it
difficult to make my tow on the tide, which increases the liability
of tug to the vessels, which in case of accident very liable to happen
by these delays, the loss might fall upon your City

5th The said drawman in view of these facts is not a
competent man for the position

Respectfully yours Wm H. Churchill
Comdr & Master Tug H. Chapel
Charging Bridge, Boston

We the undersigned owners & Lessee of Wharf property in
Cambridge Mass. and in whose employ W. H. Churchill is
certify the above facts as stated by said W. H. Churchill are
true to the best of our knowledge and belief

W. J. Richardson & Co
Valentine Ellis & Co

