

The Committee on Roads & Bridges respectfully ask leave to further report on the condition and repairs of the Draw on West Boston Bridge.

You have <sup>already</sup> authorized your Committee to expend ~~four~~ thousand dollars in repairing said draw, with the expectation that the Cambridge Horse Rail Road Company would appropriate one thousand dollars for the same purpose. But the Committee after further investigation and consideration believe that it would be injudicious to expend this amount on the old draw. The present structure is very much out of repair, its timber rotten, and its track broken; it is cumbersome & unwieldy being much too wide to bring its sides to bear upon ~~the~~ <sup>a</sup> centre pivot, which is absolutely necessary in order to have it turn with ease & rapidity. The machinery used in turning the draw is placed too low, and as a consequence, its working is obstructed in cold weather by ice which forms upon its track.

Your Committee therefore believe the most economical way to get rid of this public nuisance is to remove the old structure and in its place build a new and improved draw, at a cost to the City not to exceed twelve thousand dollars, and

they unanimously recommend the passage  
of the accompanying order,

For the Committee

John A. Merriam

Report of committee  
Draw West Barton  
Bridge.

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Dec. 20. 1867.