

Mr. Daniel J. Toomey,

Clerk of Committees, Cambridge.

A. R.

Lewis

Farrell.

55'0"

St.

Thorncliffe

City of Cambridge

Ladder No. 3

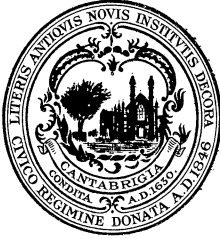
30'

50'

St.

Portland

Scale 20' = 1"



Cambridge, Massachusetts,
Office of the City Engineer.
City Hall.

May twenty-second
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Mr. D. J. Toomey,
Clerk of Committees,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear sir:

Replying to your inquiry of May 21, 1919,
concerning the sale of a portion of the lot of city land
on Portland St., I am enclosing a small plan showing the
lot in question.

This vacant land is occupied in part by the
Hook and Ladder #3 building, partly by the Street Dept.
for oil tanks, partly by the Cambridge Water Works for
pipe storage, and partly by the Sewer Dept. for stock.
The Sewer Dept. does not now use this land for storage to
any great extent but it is proposed to keep it for that
purpose and to that end, a high fence has just been built
around the property.

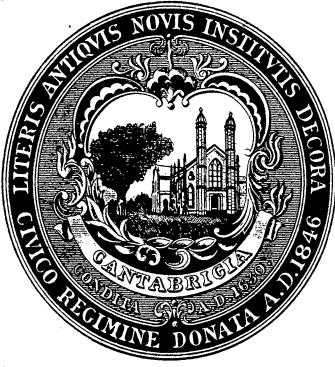
In my opinion, this lot should not be sold by
the City as it is a very valuable lot to hold. The sale
of a small lot as proposed which would reduce the City's
frontage on Portland St. would seriously interfere with
the value of the lot as a whole, and in my opinion, the
City should hold the lot for its own use or, if it is to
be sold, the entire lot should be sold as one piece.

Yours very truly,

L. M. Hastings

City Engineer.

LMH/D
Encl. plan



*Office of the Water Board,
Cambridge, Massachusetts.*

May 27, 1919,

Mr. Daniel J. Toomey,
Clerk of Committees of Cambridge,

Dear Sir, -

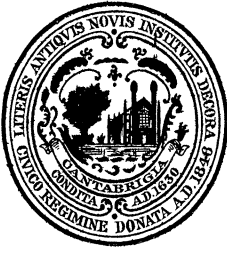
At a meeting of the Water Board held Friday evening last your communication regarding the sale of 1,500 feet of land on Portland street, owned by the City, was considered. The Board desire me to inform you that the portion to be offered for sale is not occupied by the Water Board and they therefore can see no reason why the city should not make the sale if it so decides.

Yours truly,

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Walter H. Harding

CLERK WATER BOARD.



OFFICE OF THE SUPT. OF STREETS
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

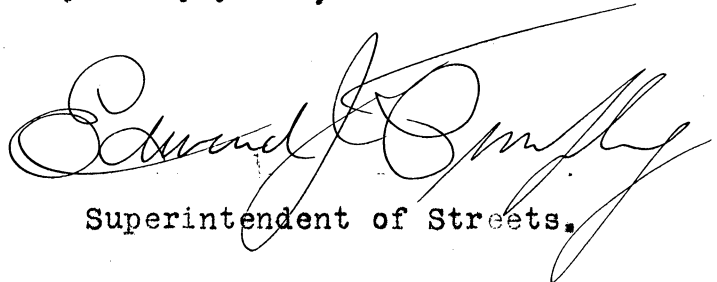
May 27, 1919

Mr. Daniel J. Toomey,
Clerk of Committees,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear sir:

In response to your inquiry of the 21st in regard to the proposed sale of certain city land on Portland Street, I beg to advise that this department is at present using only the driveway into and the area in the immediate vicinity of the oil storage plant there and that the proposed sale of the area on the front of the lot would not affect this department's further use of the remainder of the lot.

Very truly yours,


Superintendent of Streets.



Cambridge, Massachusetts,
Office of the City Engineer.
City Hall.

May twenty-sixth
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Hon. City Council
Cambridge, Mass.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of a communication from the City Clerk acting under instructions from the Honorable Council asking whether or not the Engineering and Sewer Department would have any need for any of the land now owned by the City on Portland St. adjoining the Hook and Ladder House #3.

In reply would say that this land is occupied partly by the Water Dept., partly by the Street Dept., and partly by the Sewer Dept. -- which three departments have united and jointly built a high fence about the lot at a cost of over four hundred dollars. The Street Dept. at present has an oil tank in use upon the lot. The Water Dept. has at present a considerable quantity of water pipe stored upon the lot. The Sewer Dept. has had occasion for but limited use of the lot as yet. When the fence was built, it was proposed that the Water Dept. should have the larger portion adjoining the Hook and Ladder lot. The Sewer Dept. was to have a smaller portion adjoining the sewer pipe yard of D.W. Lewis & Co., while the Street Dept. was to occupy its present situation at the rear corner adjoining the railroad.

The whole lot is of too small a size to provide any considerable amount of storage for these three departments, and if any work of magnitude was undertaken by either one or two of these departments, the storage would be entirely inadequate. In my opinion, the size of this lot should not be further reduced if it is proposed to continue its use for these three departments.

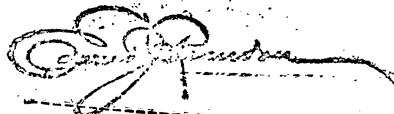
Yours very truly,
R. W. Hastings
City Engineer

Communications
from City Engineer
relative to land on
Portland Street.

May 1919.

In City Council May 27 1919

Referred to the Committee on
PUBLIC PROPERTY AND
PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS


City Clerk.