

To the Mayor of the City of
Cambridge;

This is to certify
that the Union Railway Company
are entitled to the balance of the
Appropriation for Watering Streets
unexpended, viz, Twenty Three, 3/100
dollars for watering Main Street
in front of the City Hall, according
to the understanding between said
company and the Committee.
Cambridge Nov. 24, 1865.

J. H. Cullen,
Chairman of the
Com. on Watering Streets

Nov. 24. 1865

City of Cambridge.

In Board of Aldermen, June 28 1865

The Committee on Watering Streets to whom was referred the petition of Josiah Sawyer and others relative to the Water Tank near Brookline Street, have heard the petitioners and

Report,

That the use of said tank and the passage of numerous water carts to and from the same, are evidently a serious annoyance to the people residing in the vicinity; it appears that the greater number, however, are annoyed more by the noise of the passing carts and the dust raised thereby than by the noise occasioned by pumping; the latter may be ~~very~~ annoying to a very few persons residing in close proximity to the tank. There was evidence before the Committee that a roof over the tank would probably lessen the sound of pumping and your Committee would recommend that the Com. on Public Property consider the same and if they think that such ~~roof~~ ^{and was doubtless contemplated by said Committee} would lessen the evil, cause a roof to be placed thereon; such roof should of course be placed over the tank before winter, in order to preserve the same, and if the comfort of people in the neighborhood can be promoted by doing it now, it should be so done.

The passage of ^{water} carts through public streets may be annoying but cannot be considered a nuisance in the legal sense of that term. The City Council

have no more power to prohibit the passage of water
Carts through these streets than ~~it has to~~ prohibit the
passage of ice carts through other streets, both of which
doubtless make a lumbering, troublesome, noise.
The residents of Brookline and Auburn Streets, however,
as was stated at the hearing, ~~did not~~ anticipate,
before the contract for watering streets were made,
how great an evil would be occasioned by the location
and use of the tank ^{so near their dwellings} and therefore did not provide for
watering their streets as they then had the privilege of doing.
It may therefore be proper to make a special appropriation
for watering Brookline Streets between Auburn and
Maine Street and Auburn between Brookline and
Magazine Streets. This will probably be satisfactory to
most of the petitioners, inasmuch as they can hardly
expect the tank to be removed after a contract for
watering the streets in Cambridgeport has been entered into
by the City which is based upon an agreement for the
use of this ^{tank} on its present location. Your Committee
are inclined to think that some locality may be found
not very far distant from its present location, to which
the tank should be removed, and where less people
will be annoyed thereby; but this cannot well be done
the present season. Your Committee therefore
recommend the adoption of the accompanying
order.

J. H. Carter
for the Com.

Cambridge, June 7. 1865.

To the Honorable, the City Council,
of the City of Cambridge.

The undersigned respectfully pray that represent those, in the matter of the Watering Tank recently erected near Brookline Street and the annoyance occasioned to persons living on Brookline and Auburn Streets by the passage of the carts employed in watering streets, they desire to be heard before your Honorable Board or some Committee thereof, that they may have an opportunity of showing how great a nuisance is occasioned by the use of said tank, and how much the value of all the property in the neighborhood is lessened by reason of such use.

Wherefore they pray that such a hearing may be granted them, and that, if it shall be made to appear that such a nuisance exists, some steps may be taken to abate the same.

Joseph Sawyer

C. H. Orne

Edward Whelmay

Lucy Lambert

Martha Carter

Henry C. Badger

N M Austin

The Board of Aldermen June 7, 1863.

Reference to the Committee on Wasting Streets with instructions to give the Petitioner a hearing.

Sever claims for encumbrance.

assess. Justin C. Jacobs. City Clerk.

In Common Council June 7/63 -
Concurred.

Attest - J. G. Holtwick

Petitioner
of Josiah Sawyer & Co.
Thank for wasting streets
June 7, 1863 -

City of Cambridge.

In Board of Aldermen, June 28 1865

Ordered,

That the Committee on Watering Streets be and they hereby are authorized to cause Brookline Street from Main to Auburn Street, and Auburn Street from Brookline to Magazine Street, to be watered with salt water in the same manner and for the same period as other streets are watered, at an expense not exceeding Twenty five dollars the same to be charged to the Appropriation for Incidental Expenses, and the Mayor is authorized to draw his order therefor.

A duplicate and sent - closed for concurrence.

Attest,

Justin A. Jacobs. City Clerk.

In Common Council June 28. 1865
Concurred.

Attest. J. G. Hall, Clerk.

Order

June 25. 1865

City of Cambridge

In Board of Aldermen May 10, 1865

The Joint Standing Committee on Watering Streets to whom was referred the petition of Mrs. F. B. Arvey and other ladies, demonstrating against the use of Brookline and Auburn Streets for the passage of Water Carts, and praying that said Streets, if so used, may be watered at the City's expense, have attended to the duty assigned them and submit the following Report;

The petitioners press upon the City Council the grave question "whether it is just that one portion of the City should suffer unnecessarily for the benefit of another portion." Your Committee cannot for a moment believe that the fair petitioners would deny that it is the duty of every one to bear and suffer for the benefit of others, nor would they claim for themselves any exemption from this Christian principle which is at the very foundation of all civilized society. It may be true that a Water Cart is a vehicle of no very great beauty and that ladies with eyes trained to the appreciation

of the beautiful in art as well as nature, might prefer to see
a more elegant carriage passing through the streets of
their residence, but will these petitioners say that their
neighbors, less fortunate than themselves, who, for instance
reside on the dusty thoroughfare of Western Avenue, shall
endure the clouds of dust which are raised by the unnumbered
wagons, teams and vehicles of every description, constantly
passing through that street, just because they are unwilling
to suffer from the comparatively slight amount of dust raised
by a water cart necessarily used in watering that Avenue?
Brookline and Auburn streets are public streets and it is not
competent, if it is kind, for dwellers therein to say that no
vehicles or only a particular kind shall pass through these streets
which are maintained at the public expense. Our fair friends
speak of the "disturbance of the usual quiet by the incessant noise
of the water carts" and your Committee on this account most heartily
sympathize with ~~and commiserate them and regret that the~~
~~delicate nerve of these ladies are so ill adapted, by long residence~~
~~in retired streets, to the noise of lumbering water carts, yet~~
~~they trust that water is no derangement of the nervous system~~
~~if any one of them will recollect that whatever the comfort~~
they may experience, they will have the happy satisfaction

of knowing that their disquiet and suffering are but a sacrifice
which it is their privilege to make for the comfort of their neighbors.
The petition states that nearly all the houses in those streets
are owned by old, long established, tax-paying residents, and it
would seem to have been a very simple way of obviating one
of the difficulties complained of, if the petitioners had exercised
their women's rights in influencing their husbands to pay
small sums of money towards defraying the expense of watering
their streets in the same manner as other streets are watered.

Your committee see no way of preventing the more serious
difficulty of noise, except by covering those streets with tan or
saw dust, and if the City Council shall deem this expedient,
they recommend that the same be done at the expense of
the husbands of such of these petitioners as have those
appendages; the committee however, not believing
that expedient would recommend that the petitioners
have leave to withdraw.

J. H. Taylor
for the committee

Reed

Accepted and sent down for council

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Attest Justina A. Jacobs City Clerk

On Common Council May 10. 1862.

Concurred.

Attest: J. L. Holl, Clerk.

Cambridge, April 17, 1865

To the Honorable Board of Mayor
and Aldermen.

Gentlemen,

The undersigned, having been informed that it is the intention of the City to construct a Tank near Brookline and Auburn Streets, to contain salt water for the purpose of watering certain streets in this City, beg leave to respectfully represent that the continual passage of the water-carts to and fro in portions of Brookline and Auburn Streets is subversive of their comfort, and injurious to their property, affecting both its enjoyment and its value.

In addition to the disturbance of the usual quiet by the incessant noise of the heavy carts, a much greater evil is inflicted. Unceasing clouds of dust, filling the air from early dawn till after dark, render it necessary, even in the hottest days, to keep every door and window closed. And, notwithstanding this suffocating exclusion of air, a great deal of dust will work in.

The undersigned formerly suffered from the same evil, at individual hands, but by representation of the injury received, the cause was removed by the proper authority.

The houses in those parts of Brookline and Auburn Streets which must necessarily be traversed by the water-carts, are nearly

all owned by old, long-established, tax-paying residents. The dust in those streets is seldom or never troublesome, and would not now become so, unless in consequence of the passage of the water-carts.

The undersigned would therefore respectfully urge it upon your Honorable Board, to consider whether it is just that one portion of the City should suffer unnecessarily for the benefit of another portion. And would earnestly petition that your Honorable Board shall cause those portions of Brookline and Auburn Streets over which the Water-carts ^{must} pass, to be watered at the expense of the City, in a sufficient manner & keep them free from dust.

Mrs P. B. Hovey.
Miss Caroline Hovey
C. F. Orne

Mrs Eliza Fogg
Mrs Caroline St Leon
H. Sarah McGill
Miss Lottie Ewell

Mrs Wm Henshaw

Mrs Wetmore
Miss Annie Henshaw—

Mrs M. C. Crafts
Mary D Sawyer
Mrs G. F. Tarbell

Mrs E. R. Abbott. (by C. F. O.)

Mrs Sarah Crosby.

Mrs L. Lombard

Mrs Lydia J. Whitney

Mrs M. C. Austin,

Mrs. J. S. Sanger—

Miss J. S. Hemmingsway.

Mrs Sarah Fuller (by M. F. O.)

Mrs. C. F. Pollins Mrs A Monroe
Miss Monroe

Mrs. A. I. Orne

Mrs J. H. King

Mary B. Mearns.
Maria Carter.

In Board of Aldermen, April 26. 1863~

Resolved to the Committee on Watering Streets, and
sub-committee for concurrence.

Attest. Justin A. Jacobs. City Clerk.

In Common Council April 26. 1863
Amended

Attest. J. H. Hall, Clerk

Petition
of clers. D. B. H. way & co.
for watering of Auburn &
Dwolsenia Streets.

Apr. 26. 1865.

In Common Council
March 22, 1865

The Joint Standing Committee
on Watering Street to whom was
referred an order requiring them
to ascertain for what sum the
Union Railway Company will water
the principal streets in the City with
salt water, during the freezing season,
have attended to the duty assigned
them and submit the foregoing
statement which is the estimate
of John L. Giles Esq, the Superintendent
of said Company.
for the Committee.

In Common Council Mar 22, 1865

Accepted & sent up for concurrence

Attest John Holt. Clerk

In Board of Aldermen March 22, 1865

Concurred

Attest Justice A. Jacobs City Clerk

"A. Statement"

Giving the number of men, horses & carts required, to water the following Avenues, within the limits of the City of Cambridge, the coming season, viz. May, June, July, August & September 1855.

	Men	Horses	Carts
<u>Gravel & Main Sts.</u> from Mt Auburn to West Boston bridge. — — — — —	6	12	6
<u>North Avenue.</u> from Haver's brook, to Harvard Square in Old Cambridge. — —	5	10	5
<u>Cambridge St.</u> from Baptist Church in Old Cambridge, to Craigie bridge. — — —	5	10	5
<u>Broadway.</u> from Baptist Church in Old Cambridge, to junction of Main St. — —	5	10	5
<u>Harvard Street.</u> from Quincy St in Old Cambridge, to junction of Main and Harvard Sts Cambridgeport. — — — — —	4	8	4
	25	50	25

Estimate cost of 25 men & 50 horses & repairs in carts for the season.
Pumping water.

\$16.500
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\$17.500

Report of Com.

March '22. 1865

City of Cambridge.

In Board of Aldermen, March 8th 1865

The Joint Standing Committee on Watering Streets to whom was referred that part of the Mayor's Address relative to Watering Streets have attended to the duty assigned them and submit the following

Report.

The Streets at Old Cambridge, New Cambridge, and the lower part of Cambridgeport have heretofore been watered with salt water, and there are now ~~salt water~~ tanks in those places; formerly salt water was obtained for watering streets from a creek near Brookline Street and not far distant from Maine Street; this appears to be the only desirable additional place for obtaining salt water for this purpose. The land where a tank should be placed, belongs to the estate of the late Edmund C. Dana and is now under the charge of James B. Thayer Esq. an attorney at Law in Boston who has informed the Chairman of your Committee that he is willing to lease the same to the City for the purpose desired. The Committee therefore believe that the City should lease a sufficient part of said land for the purpose and build a tank thereon

requiring the person using it in watering
streets to pay for such use. They therefore
recommended the adoption of the accompanying
order.

W. H. H. H.
For the Committee

for 2nd reading
Report

Watering Streets.

March 11, 1875

City of Cambridge.

In Board of Aldermen, Feb 1st 1865

Ordered that the Superintendent of streets be authorized when in his judgment the interests of the City require it or the committee on watering streets may order shall cause to be watered with salt water all of the main thoroughfares except that portion of the street occupied by the railroad track and that the same be paid for by the City
And that the present Ordinance on watering streets be repealed

Referred to the Committee on watering streets
and down for concurrence.

Attest Justin A. Jacobs. City Clerk.

In Common Council Feb 7, 1865
Concurred.

Attest John H. White

Academy
Walter Street

Feb. 1, 1872

President

March 10 1872

March 10 1872

1872

Watering Sheets
A.D. 1815

City of Cambridge.

In Board of Aldermen, July 15 1865

The Joint Standing Committee on Watering Streets to whom was referred an order directing them to consider and report whether the existing Ordinance on Watering Streets should not be so amended as to provide that the main thorough-fares shall be watered at the City's expense, have attended to the duty assigned them and report that they deem the same inexpedient.

Wm. L. Tyler
for Committee

Accepted and sent down for concurrence
Attest: Justin A. Jacobs. City Clerk.

In Common Council Feb 15 1865
Consented

Attest: J. E. Hollister

Report of Com. 30

Feb. 15. 1865