

To the Gentlemen of the City Government
of Cambridge

The undersigned would respectfully
protest against the proposed action of the City
Government in widening Brattle Street.

The consequences of such a widening would
be to take such a large portion of the little
land he owns & the store in which he does his
business and the chambers above. It ~~would~~^{as}
not only ^{to} do him a material injury, but
~~would~~^{to} work a manifest injustice, inasmuch
as no stranger could adequately judge of the
loss & damage he would thereby sustain.

This store as it is, is barely sufficient for
the necessities of his business. If materially
contracted, as proposed by this widening, he
will be driven to find a new place of
business, or carry it on under constant
annoyance & inconvenience, independent of the
loss of the property thereby taken.

He would therefore urge that

It can neither be right nor just to
inflict so certain a loss & injury upon an
individual, when there is no greater public
need to call for it, than, he believes,
exists in this case. He urges this with
the more confidence, when he recollects that
he bought this estate & paid a price for it
based upon the idea that the law would
protect him in the undisturbed enjoyment
of it. Under that idea, he has cheerfully
paid whatever taxes the City have seen fit to
assess upon it, and after having devoted it
for years to a useful business and one by
which the Citizens were accommodated, he is
unwilling to believe that his fellow citizens
will deliberately adopt a measure which
will do him an irreparable injury, when he
cannot hope to receive in return, any ade-
quate indemnity in damages.

He therefore respectfully protests against
its adoption

Cambridge Nov 22 1870

A. H. Ramsay

In Board of Aldermen, Nov. 23, 1870.

Referred to the Committee on Roads and
Bridges.

Attest, Justin A. Jacobs. City Clerk

Remembrance
of A. H. Ramsey -
widening of Miller St.
Nov. 23, 1870.

To The Hon. The Mayor and Aldermen of the
City of Cambridge.

The undersigned, citizens of Cambridge and tax
payers therein, respectfully but earnestly remonstrate
against the contemplated widening of Battle Street,
because in their judgment, neither the public necessity
nor convenience requires such widening.
because it would be a very serious annoyance to many
of the abutments on said street - and
because it would involve great cost and expense to the
city already burdened with taxes.

Nov. 15. 1870.

W. W. Paine
Gerrit Dexter
McSpelman
Charles Beane
James W. White
A. Croswell
J. C. B. Dunge
John Lead
J. Parker
E. S. Driscoll
J. W. C. Noble

W. W. Vaughan
Ezra Abbot
H. W. Abbot

W. A. Everett
John P. Appleton
John Langdon May
J. G. White
C. Hopkinson
John Stone
Allen J. Allen
J. B. Lyon
J. P. Farnum Jr
E. C. Bigby
E. A. Brist
Joseph J. Moody
George Choate
Newell Bent
Mrs W. Wells
Geo. Nichols

Jeffrey Wyman
Josiah P. Cook Jr
L. S. Raymond

Francis Bowers

H. W. Torrey

E. W. Gurney

J. M. Peiser

F. Schild

Wm. Warland Jr.

D. Hubbard

William M. Ellory

Richard. Dalton

Oran Brown

Simcon B. Withey

G. M. Lane

James Dallard

Geo. H. Gaeij

George Jones

Emmons Raymond

Walter Gorr

Henry W. Longfellow

Mrs Charles Martin

Saml. Batchelder

E. A. Burleigh

May C. Gunkel

Henry R. Glover

Thomas Hille

John M. Butcher

Jas. H. Barbour

Ephraim Bartholick

George H. Tibbets

W. H. Ramsay

C. M. Sever

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Nov. 23. 1890

In Board of Aldermen Nov 16th 1870

Resolved. That the public convenience and necessity require that Brattle Street from Brattle Square to Fresh Pond Lane should be widened on both sides by taking for this purpose certain parcels of land as shown on a plan drawn by J. G. Chase City Engineer and now before this Board.

Therefore, Ordered, That so much of the land on either side of Brattle Street, from Brattle Square to Fresh Pond Lane ~~and~~ belonging to the persons hereinafter named as is included between the red lines shown on a plan of Brattle Street drawn by J. G. Chase City Engineer dated November 16th 1870 and now before this Board, be taken for public use and laid out as a public way and a part of Brattle Street.

Ordered, That damages for the land so taken and for the removal of the buildings, walls, fences and other property standing thereon, so taken be estimated and awarded as follows,

Welch Bigelow & Co.	2542 sq ft land 40¢	2542.00	
	For fence	136.00	\$2,678.00
Batchelder Samuel	3340 sq ft land 75¢	2505.00	
	For fence	50.00	2,555.00
Brown Evan	1880 sq ft land 70¢	1316.00	
	110 ft fence	30.00	2,346.00
	For moving building & repairs	1000.00	
Withey S B	1527 sq ft land 70¢	1068.90	
	For moving building & repairs	1000.00	2068.90
Walker Mrs	940 sq ft land 60¢	564.00	
	moving fence	10.00	574.00
Batchelder Samuel	1977 sq ft land 60¢	1186.20	
	moving fence	18.00	1204.20
Saunders W Heirs of	996 sq ft land 60¢	597.60	
	50 ft fence	15.00	
	For moving building & repairs	900.00	1512.60
Richardson Mrs	2431 sq ft land 55¢	1337.05	
	125 ft fence	45.00	1382.05
Greenleaf Mrs Jas	9044 sq ft land 50¢	4522.00	
	For moving & rebuilding 475 ft wall @ 25¢/ft	1068.75	5590.75
Batchelder Samuel	4858 sq ft land 50¢	2429.00	
	For moving & rebuilding 422 ft brick wall @ 20¢/ft	844.00	3273.00
Longfellow H W	2980 sq ft land 40¢	1192.00	
	moving 255 ft fence	25.00	1217.00
Longfellow E W	1240 sq ft land 50¢	620.00	
	moving 100 ft fence	15.00	635.00
Amount forward			\$25,036.50

Amount brought forward			\$25,036.50
Martin Charles	586 sq ft land 50¢	293.00	
	102 ft fence to be moved	15.30	308.30
Wzoman Jeffries	787 sq ft land 50¢	393.50	
	moving fence	21.00	414.50
Dyer E C	805 sq ft land 50¢	402.50	
	moving fence	21.00	423.50
Mass E I Seminary	1298 sq ft land 50¢	649.00	
	188 ft fence	25.00	674.00
Bixby Mrs E C	103 sq ft land 75¢	77.25	
	moving 75 ft fence	38.00	115.25
Bates Mrs E A	100 sq ft land 75¢	75.00	
	moving 64 ft fence	16.00	91.00
Bates ^{Wm} Estate of	149 sq ft land 70¢	104.30	
	moving 89 ft fence	25.00	129.30
City of Cambridge	131 sq ft land 70¢	91.70	
	moving 80 ft fence	100.00	191.70
Clarence Martha M	117 sq ft land 70¢	81.90	
	moving 61 ft fence	10.00	91.90
Nichols J I G & Clarence M M	127 sq ft land 65¢	76.20	
	moving 66 ft fence	12.00	88.20
Nichols J I G	94 sq ft land 60¢	56.40	
	moving 48 ft fence	15.00	71.40
Warland A	101 sq ft land 60¢	60.60	
	moving 72 ft fence	7.00	67.60
Allen Wilkes	151 sq ft land 55¢	83.05	
	moving 66 ft fence	33.00	116.05
Amount carried forward			\$27,819.20

Amount brought forward		\$27,819.20	
Bates William Heirs of	178 sq ft land 55¢	\$97.90	
	moving fence	12.00	109.90
Chamberlin Mrs. Mary	151 sq ft land 65¢	83.05	
	moving 66 ft fence	12.00	95.05
Hunnewell Mrs. Chas	13 sq ft land 55¢	7.15	
	moving 20 ft fence	3.00	10.15
Mass E I Seminary	1248 sq ft land 50¢	624.00	
	moving & rebuilding 4.5 ft wall 150 ft	67.50	691.50
Hastings Oliver	176 sq ft land 50¢	88.00	
	moving & rebuilding 126 ft wall 150 ft	189.00	277.00
Brewster John	30 sq ft land 40¢	12.00	
	moving 100 ft fence	15.00	27.00
Harris Mrs. C W	54 sq ft land 50¢	27.00	
	moving 24 ft fence 100 ft	24.00	51.00
Hubbard G G	1351 sq ft land 40¢	540.00	
	moving 380 ft fence 20¢	76.00	616.00
Choate George	775 sq ft land 35¢	271.25	
	moving 88 ft fence 20¢	17.60	288.85
Cudder S H	861 sq ft land 35¢	301.35	
	moving 194 ft fence 20¢	20.80	322.15
Rice Mrs. M. M	755 sq ft land 30¢	226.50	
	moving 207 ft stone wall	250.00	476.50
Bent Newell	266 sq ft land 30¢	79.80	
	moving 221 ft fence //	36.83	116.63
Lowell ^{Estates} Heirs of	282 sq ft land 25¢	70.50	
	moving 232 ft fence	23.00	93.50
Amount carried forward		\$30,994.43	

Amount brought forward		#30,994.48
Lowell James R	2491 sq ft land 25¢	622.75
	moving 1065 ft fence	106.50
		729.25
Myeth James H	147 sq ft land 25¢	36.75
	moving 210 ft fence	42.00
		78.75
Mc Auburn Corporation	45 sq ft land 25¢	11.25
	moving 112 ft fence	22.00
		33.25
Gray John C	1247 sq ft land 1/2	207.83
	moving 450 ft fence 11¢	45.00
		252.83
Total Amount of award		<u>\$32,088.51</u>

Ordered,

That six months be allowed
for the removal of all buildings
fences and other obstructions
on the line of said street,

(Dec 7 1870) Ad optee. Sent - clear
for concurrences.

Attest Justin A. Jacobs City Clerk

Dec 7/70
See
to road

In Common Council Dec. 14, 1870
Onewood Attest J. W. Cotton Clerk

Dec 14, 1870

Approved. H. R. Harding, Mayor

Resolved
and Order - Motion Sr.

Nov. 16, 1874 -

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Resolved and

Nov. 23, 1874.

Laid on the table.

Notices served on about thirty on
Seattle Street. October 5. 1870

William L Whitney
Estate of Jacob H Botsford
Dr Stephen W Dozier
Dr Wilkes Allen

Francis L Chapman
Daniel B Chapman
Altemont Warland

Reo W Winslow

Reo William Warland Jr

William W Coe

St Johns Episcopal Church

Oliver Hastings

Nessey W Longfellow

Ernest W Longfellow

Ozra Syer

Mrs O W Farnar

Heard of Mrs O B Fuller

Estate of Chas C Little

Mrs William Wells

James Russell Lowell

James Hicky Wyeth

West Auburn Cemetery Co.

John C Bray

Alexander Mc Donald

Elizabeth C Dixby

Dr Francis Dana

Dr John S G. Nichol

Estate of William Bates

Estate of John Chamberlain

Estate of Charles Sturgeswell

Alfred Morgan

Oran Brown

William Warland

Mrs Burleigh

Samuel Batchelder

Chauncey Smith

A. D. P. Welch

Dr Charles Martin

Dr Jeffries Wyman

Episcopal Theological School

John Brewster

Charles F Choate

George Nichols

John B Dana

Josiah Coolidge

Estate of Jonas Wyeth 1st

Simon B Withay

Estate of William Saunders

1/2 over,

— " — " — " Brattle St. Continued — " — " —

Estate of James Greenleaf. Welch, Bigelow & Co.
George L Ward. Newell Bent
Heirs of Moses W Rice Gardner & Hubbard
John Bartlett George Choate
J Munsey Howe Thomas & Brewer.

Churwood Avenue.
James Russell Lowell.

Drawn by
F. M. Skinsou

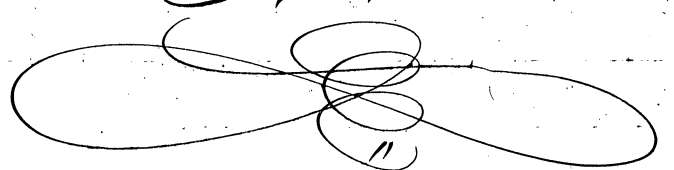
Justin A Jacoby Esq
City Clerk
Cambridge.

Cambridge, October 25. 1870
Tuesday. P.M.

Justin A. Jacobs Esq. -
City Clerk }

I have served notice on the
abutters between Harvard Square and Brattle
Square, this day - as follows

Alexander Hamilton Ramsay
Susan Bent Porter
Harriet Brown Chapman
Francis S. Chapman
Philip Vutting
William S. Whitney
Thomas H. Brewer
Martha Gregory
Mrs John Greenleaf

F. M. Stinson.


Order of notice
& Return. Oct. 12. & 25

1870.

Buttle & Co

City of Cambridge
In Board of Aldermen Sept 28th 1870
Ordered

That the usual Order of Notice be
issued to the Abutters on Brattle Street
that this Board intends to take
portions of their lands for the purpose
of widening, & straightening said Street
from Brattle Square to the Watertown
line in accordance with plans prepared
therefor by the City Engineer & to assess
a part of the expense of the same
on the estates benefited thereby

Brattle St

Order of Notice

Sept. 28. 1870

City of Cambridge.

In Board of Aldermen, Nov. 16th 1880

The Joint Standing Committee
on Roads & Bridges to whom
was referred the Petition of
Henry W. Longfellow & others
residents on Brattle street
asking that they may be
heard further in relation to the
proposed widening of Brattle street
would respectfully
Report

That they have heard the
petitioners in accordance with
their request

For the Committee

James H. Sparrow

Accepted.

Attest: Justin A. Jacobs. City Clerk

Report of
Committee on Roads &
Bridges on Hearing the
residents of Brattle St.

Nov. 14. 1871-

Cambridge, November 4 1870

To the Honorable, the Mayor and Aldermen,
of the City of Cambridge.

The undersigned respectfully pray that they may be
heard further in relation to the proposed
widening of Brattle street.

Henry W. Longfellow.

Saml B. Atchuter

J. R. Lowell

Edw. M. Thayer

John Brewster

Olivier Hastings

In Board of Aldermen. Nov. 9. 1870.

Referred to the Committee on Roads & Bridges
on the part of this Board.

Attest: Justin A. Jacobs. City Clerk

Petition of
Residents on Brattle
Street -

Nov. 9. 1870.

Alderman Parker-

City of Cambridge.

In Board of Aldermen, Nov. 16th 1880.

The Committee on Roads & Bridges to whom was re-committed the plans for the widening of Brattle Street, on the Northern Side, between Brattle & Harvard Squares, with instructions to consider the expediency of making the widening, wholly, or in part on the Southern Side, would respectfully

Report,
That your Committee have reconsidered the whole subject & are only the more fully confirmed ^{in the opinion of} that the widening should be made wholly upon the Northern side, & as indicated by plans previously submitted, this tending more to straighten & open the street, & not involving any more expense.

Your Committee would further recommend that the southern ~~side~~ line of Harvard Street, on Harvard Square, between Dunster & Brighton Streets, be straightened, whenever any improvement is made in the buildings thereon. { For the Committee
James W. Sparrow

Report of
Committee on Roads &
Bridges on Widening
Brattle Street between
Brattle & Harvard Squares

Nov. 14. 1870

A copy of

Report

Printed by
A. J. Parker & Co.
City of

City Engineer's Office

Cambridge Oct. 12, 1870.

To the Honorable the Mayor and Aldermen,
Gentlemen.

In compliance with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges, made in their report of June 29th last and adopted by your Honorable Board, the City Engineer herewith submits a plan and profile of Elmwood Avenue from Brattle St. to Mt. Auburn St.

In the absence of any survey of Brattle St., I also present a carefully prepared plan and profile of said street, extending from Harvard Square to Watertown line, for such improvement in lines and grades as your Board may deem the public exigency requires, as suggested in a report of said Committee upon the petition of Newell Bent and others.

Respectfully Submitted
J. G. Chase
City Engineer

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Refrigerator

Plans of Miller St.

& Elmwood Av.

Oct. 12. 1870.

Laying out of
Brattle St.

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Dec. - 1870