

Cambridge, *March* 1887

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

The undersigned respectfully pray ^{that} the walk on the
northerly side of Garden Street from Linnaean Street to
Chauncy Street, and on the northerly side of Concord Avenue from
Follen Street to Waterhouse Street, be improved by laying bricks
and crossing stones as asked by the abutters, and respectfully represent
that these improvements would be a great convenience to residents
in the section lying west of the Botanical Gardens.

C. F. Hathaway 25 Wyeth St
John Avey 15 Wyeth St
Charles Webster 99 Garden St

Bernard Flynn Cor Garden & Donnell St.

William Gibson 132 Garden St

McDonnell 107 Garden St

John Bergen 14 Dublin

W. J. Bergen 16 Dublin

PETITION

of C. F. Hathaway & Co
for Brick Sidewalks on
Garden St & Concord Ave
April 6 1887

In Board of Aldermen, April 6 1887

Referred to Committee on
Roads and Bridges of this Board

Attest: Walter W. Pike

City Clerk.

Cambridge, March 1887

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

The undersigned respectfully pray that bricks be laid upon about half the width of the sidewalk in front of certain lots of land on the northerly side of Garden Street between Linnean St. and Chaucey Street, namely; wherever the owners of the land shall express their willingness for the same; and the undersigned respectfully represent that this improvement is conducive to public convenience.

E. S. Dixwell

58 Garden St.

Bailey

Botanical Garden - Residence.

John Townbridge

Linnean St. near Garden St.

Samuel Chilling

Observatory

J. Rayner Edmunds.

61 Garden St.

C. C. Everett

53 Garden St.

Ephraim Emerton (see S. C. & E.)

58 Shepard St. near Garden St.

Amos Mason

56 Shepard St. near Garden St. { Employed at
Botanical Garden

James F. Spalding -

13 Holden Street - Christ Church Rectory.

Antoinette H. Sprille

Cross 55 Shepard St. near Garden St.

George Lincoln Goodale

Director of Botanical Garden.

Archibald M. Howe

60 Shepard St. near Garden St.

P. T. Jackson Jr.

17 Holden St.

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PETITION

of E. S. Dixwell shals
for Brick Sidewalk on Garden St

April 6 1887

In Board of Aldermen,

April 6 1887

Referred to Committee on
Roads and Bridges of this Board

Attest:

Walter W Pike

City Clerk.

Cambridge, about 21st 1887,

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

The undersigned respectfully pray that bricks be laid upon a width of four feet of the sidewalk on the northerly side of Concord Avenue, from Follen Street to Waterhouse Street; and such of the undersigned as are owners of land abutting thereupon express their willingness to pay their respective shares of the cost of materials, assessed pro rata upon all the abutters.

Owning the land abutting
on the above sidewalk.

Garden Street

Follen Street

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Shepard Street

Follen Street

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{ Geo. S. Saunders
Arthur Gilman
Elizabeth P. Saunders
P. C. Everett
W. W. Goodwin
James F. Spalding
E. L. Smith
Wm. S. Hall
Edw. B. Goughn
Howard Sargent
P. T. Jackson Jr.

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PETITION

of George S. Saunders et al
for Sidewalk on Concord Ave

April 6 1887

In Board of Aldermen,

April 6 1887

Referred to Committee on
Roads and Bridges of this Board

Attest: Walter W Pike

City Clerk.

Cambridge Mass., March 26th., 1887.

TO THE

HONORABLE THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE.

Respectfully represent, the undersigned, residents and property owners on Garden Street, that no public necessity exists for a brick or stone sidewalk on that Street, and they respectfully remonstrate against the laying of such a sidewalk, and pray a hearing by this board.

B. Vaughan.

Frank Bolles. (believing that he unquestionably expresses the opinion of Mrs. S.H. Swan who is now in Europe.)

W. Tracy Storre
Mrs W. B. Storre

In Board of Aldermen March 30-1887
Referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges on the part of this Board
attest Walter W Pike
City Clerk

Remonstrance of
B. Vaughan & others
against a Brick sidewalk
on Garden Street

March 30 1887

Cambridge, March 1887

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

The undersigned respectfully pray that bricks be laid
upon ~~a width of~~ about half the width of the sidewalk
on the northerly side of Garden Street from Chauncy Street
to Wallace Street, and as abutters express their willingness
to pay their respective shares of the cost of the materials.
[The words "a width of" crossed out before signing.]

Edwin Delfson
Jas Stearns

{ Owning on north side of Garden Street
from Chauncy St. to Garden St. Place,
{ Owning on north side of Garden Street
from Garden St. Place to Wallace St.

PETITION

of Edwin Dresser *et al*
for Brick sidewalk on
Garden St

April 6 1887

In Board of Aldermen,

April 6 1887

Referred to Committee on

Roads & Bridges of this Board

Attest:

Walter W Pike

City Clerk.

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① CITY OF CAMBRIDGE. ①

In Board of Aldermen, Apr. 20; 1887.

The Committee on *Roads and Bridges* of this board to which were referred the petitions of C. F. Hathaway and others: - of C. P. Dixwell and others, and of Edwin Dessen and another, for brick paving upon a portion of the northerly side of Garden Street; and also of Geo. J. Saunders and others for brick paving upon a portion of the northerly side of Concord Avenue between Follen and Waterhouse Streets: - Also the remonstrance of B. Vaughan and others against brick sidewalks on Garden Street, - noted respectfully.

Reply

The subject-matter of the aforesaid petitions has been carefully considered, at an exhaustive hearing before your Committee, these petitioners requested that a strip of brick paving, four feet wide, or about one-half the width of the established walk, with sidings of wood or stone, be laid in the centre of the side-walk on a portion of the northerly side of Garden Street and Concord Avenue, and that the remainder of the pathway be formed and maintained of gravel, without edgestones or paved gutters to support

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the walk and protect the highway from wash and wear.

The remonstrants opposed the having of the walks in front of their respective estates as being unnecessary to the public convenience and safety.

In the ordinary method of constructing paved sidewalks, each detail is essential to the support of the whole; the brick covering to protect the surface from wear and wash and preserve it from dangerous defects; the edgestones to hold securely the pavement in place; and the paved gutter to support —————.

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the edgestones, and protect the whole from undermining by water, as well as to preserve the form of the highway and define the outline of the walk. Such a sidewalk properly constructed in all its parts, will probably wear at least twenty years, without any considerable necessary expense for repairs. The omission of any of the foregoing details will greatly increase the annual expense of maintaining the walk and keeping it free from dangerous defects; and the policy of the city should be, to so construct its highways as to diminish and not increase the annual cost of keeping them in repair.

In the opinion of your committee, the cost of edgestones and covering material for the sidewalk required by law to be assessed upon the abutters, (about one dollar per running foot for a walk ten feet wide,) is not so burdensome as to warrant such fragmentary expedients as these petitioners request, especially when such expedients will certainly devolve upon the city greatly increased annual expense for maintaining the walk, and greater risks of damages for defects. Although the payment of the assessment provided by law may be a temporary inconvenience, it is probable

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that there is no estate, upon either of the streets mentioned, that would not be increased in value by a properly paved sidewalk, far more than the amount of such assessment.

Your Committee therefore recommends that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

For the Committee.

Edw. W. Hinkley
Chairman.

Standing Committee on Roads
and Bridges, upon sundry
petitions for brick paving upon
portions of the westerly side of
Gouverneur st. and Concord ave.

Apr. 20. 1887.

C. S. Morris