



CITY * OF * CAMBRIDGE.

In Board of Aldermen,

January 15, 1895

ORDERED,

That the Committee on Roads and Bridges consider and report to the City Council the probable expense of widening Boylston Street on the westerly side thereof to a width of seventy feet, together with a statement of the difference in cost between such widening & a widening (on the westerly side) to a width of sixty (60) feet.

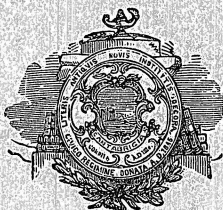
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Attest Wm. H. Phil

City Clerk

Order
in reference to widening
Baylston street to 70 ft.
Jan 15. 1890



City of Cambridge.

OFFICE OF CITY ENGINEER.

CITY HALL, January 25th, 1895.

Alderman Peter F. Rourke,

Chairman of Committee on Roads & Bridges,

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of a communication from the Committee on Roads & Bridges requesting that they be furnished "with an estimate of the cost of widening Boylston Street on the Westerly side to a width of 70 feet, and also the difference in cost between such widening and widening to a width of 60 feet."

I have prepared in compliance with this, an approximate preliminary estimate of the cost of widening to 70 feet, which amounts to \$62,000.00. As the estimated cost of widening Boylston Street to 60 feet was \$41,000.00 not including the cost of widening Harvard Square; the difference between the 60 feet and the 70 ft plan will be \$21,000.00.

Mention was also made of the matter of establishing a building line on the Southerly side of Harvard Square between Dunster Street and Boylston Street, upon the same line as called for on the original plan, but with a slight modification of the curve into Boylston Street.

The establishment of this building line would undoubtedly in time accomplish some of the results sought to be obtained by making a complete taking of the land and buildings at this point for a widening; when the

buildings are rebuilt they will be made to conform to this proposed building line. It will not however, as I understand it, give the City the right to make any street improvements upon the land so restricted, the fee of the land still remaining in the present owners.

The City Solicitor is of the opinion that the damages to the land by establishing a building line, will be as great as the complete taking of the land.

I have prepared an estimate of the cost of this establishment, giving the value of the land so restricted (but not including the value of the buildings) which amounts to \$2831.45, if the City should be obliged to pay for the full value of the land restricted.

It seems to me unfortunate that some way cannot be devised by which, if the City pays full value for this land, it cannot in time have the full use and control of it, and not simply a building restriction.

Yours very truly,

L. M. Hastings

City Engineer.

Communication

from the City Engineer:

estimate of cost of widening

Dryden street

Jan 29, 1895.

CITY ENGINEER.

Yours very truly,

The City Engineer has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th inst. and to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the City Board of Public Works for their consideration. The Board has the honor to inform you that they have decided to grant the City Engineer's estimate of the value of the land so restricted (but not including the value of the buildings) which amounts to \$3831.45, if the City should be obliged to pay for the full value of the land restricted.

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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE.

In Board of Aldermen, January 29th, 1895.

The Joint Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges

which was instructed by an order of January 15, to consider and report the probable expense of widening Boylston street on the westerly side thereof to the width of seventy feet: together with a statement of the difference in cost between such widening and a widening in the westerly side to a width of sixty feet,

Reports

That according to figures obtained from the City Engineer, the approximate cost of widening Boylston street to the different width stated is as follows, viz:-

Cost of widening to 70 feet - - - - - \$ 62,000.00

Cost of widening to 60 feet - - - - - 41,000.00

Difference between the 60 feet and 70 feet plan - - - \$ 21,000.00

A communication from the City Engineer upon the subject, made to your Committee is herewith submitted.

For the Committee,

accepted

Peter J. Rawrke

Sent down for Concurrence

attest Walter W. Pike City Clerk

IN COMMON COUNCIL

CONCURRED. Jan. 29 1895

Attest: Charles Brandin Clerk.

COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

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For the Committee,

A communication from the City Engineer upon the subject

Distance between the 60 foot and 70 foot lines - - \$ 21,000.00

Cost of widening to 60 foot - - - - - ~~44,000.00~~

Cost of widening to 70 foot - - - - - \$ 25,000.00

The attention is directed to the fact that the approximate cost of widening Broadway street to

that according to figures obtained from

the City Engineer also to a width of sixty feet.

statement of the difference in cost between such widening and a wider

and report the probable expense of widening Broadway street on the

was transmitted in an order of January 12, to consider.

Joint

January 28th, 1897.