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TO: ROBERT W. HEALY
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FROM: JOSEPH E. CONNARTON *JEC*
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MASSACHUSETTS 1990 AUG 14 PM 1:26

WATER DEPARTMENT CAMBRIDGE MA.
250 FRESH POND PARKWAY
CAMBRIDGE, MASS. 02138

John J. Cusack, Jr.
Superintendent

617-498-9070

MEMORANDUM

TO: Joseph E. Connarton
City Clerk

FROM: *JJC* John J. Cusack, Jr.
Superintendent

DATE: July 27, 1990

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF STEPHENS COURT AS A PUBLIC WAY

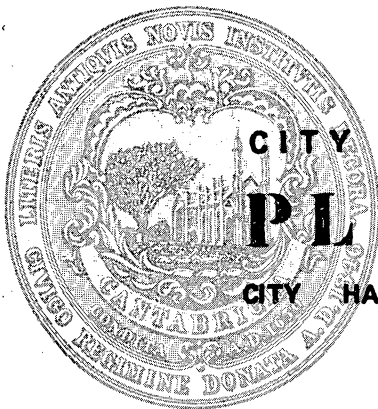
In response to your July 9th memo on the subject referenced above, please be advised that the Water Department has reviewed this matter and is submitting the following information:

- a) According to Water Department records, the existing water main in Stephens Court is a 4-inch cast iron pipe, approximately 200 feet in length, that was installed in 1895.
- b) If Stephens Court is accepted as a public way, this main will have to be upgraded to a minimum of a 6-inch cement-lined ductile iron pipe, with one hydrant and a new connection into the existing 8-inch water main in Sciarappa Street.

The position of the Water Department on this petition is neutral because the controlling factors are a) the narrow width of the court, b) the reconstruction requirements, and c) the parking control issues.

JJC/mp

cc: Robert W. Healy, City Manager



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1990 JUL 27 AM 10:16
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CITY HALL ANNEX, 57 INMAN STREET, CAMBRIDGE 02139

July 25, 1990

To: The Honorable, The City Council

From: The Planning Board

Subject: The Acceptance of Stephen's Court as a Public Way

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1990 JUL 18 AM 11:40
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE
CAMBRIDGE MA.

To Robert Healy, City Manager

Date March 13, 1990

From Lauren M. Preston, Deputy Traffic Director

Reference

Subject Petition to Accept "Stevens Court" as a Public Way.

Stevens Court is approximately 15 feet wide, 150 feet in length and provides access to the rear of numbers 65, 67, 71 and 75 Winter Street. This unpaved Dead End Court has no curbs and does not meet any established criteria for acceptance as a Public Way. Parking was restricted along both sides in 1970 to provide access down the court. The Cambridge Fire Department recently reviewed this location and requested that we install "No Parking Tow" signs to assure access of emergency vehicles. These signs were installed on Dec. 1, 1989. No vehicles were found parking on the court when we visited the site.

It is our recommendation that Stevens Court not be accepted as a Public Way and that the existing "No Parking Tow" regulation continue to be enforced.

LMP:rd



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

To Chief Tom Scott, Fire Department

Date Feb. 21, 1990

From Lauren M. Preston *LM* Deputy Traffic Director

Reference

Subject Petition to Make Stevens Court an "Accepted Way"

The enclosed petition was forwarded to us for a report. We would appreciate your comments concerning the parking on Stevens Court. If you determine that parking should be restricted along this private way, we can post the "Court" for "No Parking Tow" along both sides as we have done along other private ways.

If you have any questions concerning this please give me a call.

Enc.

Referred to City

To: City Council

From: Abutters of Stephens Court

RE: Making Stephens Court an accepted way

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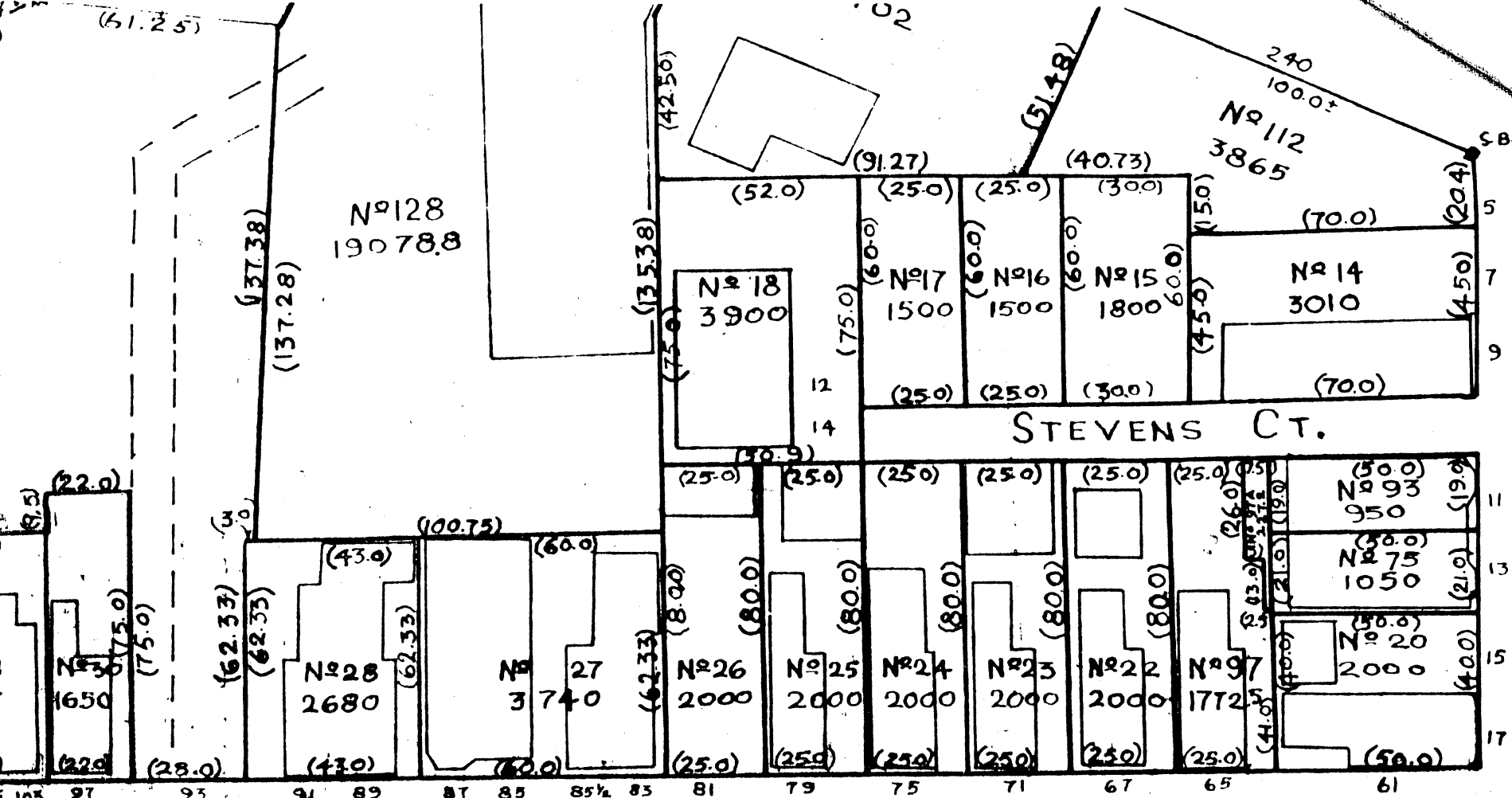
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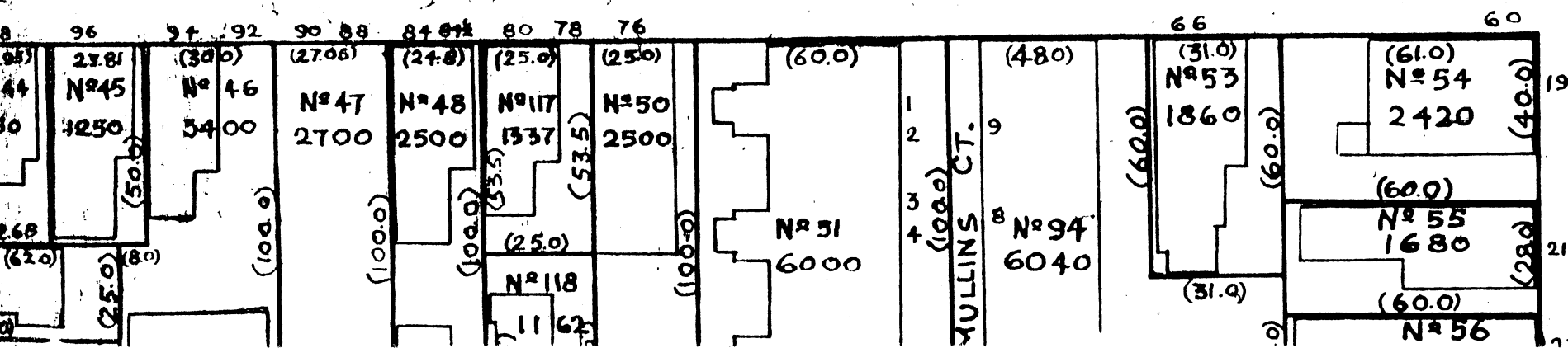
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491 BROADWAY, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02138 • TEL. 876-0125

FIRE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS

THOMAS V. SCOTT
Chief of Department

March 8, 1990, 1130 hours

REPORT on parking conditions on Stevens Court, located at
11 Sciarappa Street:

This is a dead end, unpaved, court which runs westerly off
#11 Sciarappa Street.

At present, there are signs posted on both sides of the
court. These signs read, "TOW AWAY ZONE--NO PARKING."
They are either official city, or resident posted signs.

When I visited the area there were no vehicles parked
in the court.

The court is bound by a six family frame structure and
a business area on Sciarappa Street. The court terminates
at the rear of a frame single family dwelling on Winter
Street.

It is my opinion that due to the width, approximately 18',
and the difficulty of placing fire apparatus at the rear
of the buildings, there should be official city signs
posted, which read: "NO PARKING--TOW AWAY ZONE."

Respectfully reported,

Deputy Chief Cornelius O'Brien

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THE WORKS
CAMBRIDGE
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CAMBRIDGE MA.

July 16, 1990

147 Hampshire Street
Cambridge
Massachusetts 02139
617.498.9051

William Sommers
Commissioner

TO: Joseph Connarton, City Clerk

FROM: William Sommers, Commissioner, BPW

Subject: Proposal for the Acceptance of Stephens Court
as a public way

I have your request to investigate this request made to
the City Council.

I do not recommend that this court be accepted as a
public way for the following reasons:

- a. There are no houses opening on to this
very short alleyway. Only two garages which
are closed, locked and not in use.
- b. It is bordered by a building site which latter
faces McGrath Highway. I understand that the
status of the building, et al, is now in court.
Should that ever be resolved it seems to me that
the builder/owner will get more out of having this
alleyway paved then we, as the City will. Therefore,
it may be worthwhile to have them pave it as part of
whatever development is brewing there.
- c. I do not see any public purpose that would be
served by undertaking the maintenance of this alleyway.
At one time the residents complained about abandoned
cars but my understanding is that Traffic and Parking
now has full power to tow abandoned cars under a new
law. If garbage is dumped there, we will cooperate
as we can in cleaning it.

cc: Robert Patterson, Engineerig
Robert Keating, Streets
Robert Healy, City Manager





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c.c. Robert W. Healy, City Manager

To: City Council

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RE: Making Stephens Court an accepted way

*Referring to
C.C. 8*

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To Joseph E. Connarton - City Clerk

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From George Fernandes - City Electrician

Reference 

Subject Acceptance of Stephens Court

Stephens Court is somewhat passable for vehicles and has one pole and light fixture for general lighting. It may require an additional pole and light fixtures for adequate lighting as a public way, for an annual cost of \$ 450.00

GF/bc



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