

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 283

Approved May 7, 1954

Resolved, DECREED AND ORDERED

That the northerly ten (10) feet of Tockwotton Street from South Main Street to South Water Street, the easterly twenty-five (25) feet of South Water Street from ten (10) feet south of the range of the northerly line of Tockwotton Street to the northerly line of land now or formerly of Hayden A. Dodd and Roseala E. Dodd and a certain unnamed gangway, fifteen (15) feet in width from South Main Street to South Water Street shown as shaded areas and designated by the letters A-B-C-D-E-F-A and G-H-J-K-G, respectively, on the accompanying plan entitled "Providence, R.I., P. W. Department - Engineering Office, City Property Section, Plan No. 060766 Date Sept. 30, 1953", have ceased to be useful to the public and the same are abandoned as highways and the damage to the abutters is appraised at nothing and so awarded, and it is further

ORDERED, That the Superintendent of Street Signs and Numbers be and he is hereby directed to cause a sign to be placed at each end of said portions of Tockwotton Street, South Water Street and the certain unnamed gangway, abandoned as aforesaid, having thereon the words, "Not a Public Highway", and it is further

ORDERED, That after the entry of this order or decree the City Clerk shall cause a notice to be published in a newspaper, published in the County of Providence, at least once each week for three successive weeks and a further and personal notice shall be served by the City Sergeant upon every owner of land abutting upon those parts of Tockwotton Street, South Water Street and the certain unnamed gangway, which have been abandoned, who is known to reside within this State.

IN CITY COUNCIL

MAY 6 - 1954

READ and PASSED  
Thomas A. Thorne  
President  
Newsett Whitman  
Clerk

APPROVED

MAY 7 1954

Walter J. Repard  
MAYOR

RESOLUTION  
OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL

## PETITION TO THE CITY COUNCIL

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE:

*The undersigned respectfully petition your honorable body*

Whereas a long time ago the City of Providence had appropriated certain lands for use in connection with the convenience of passengers and trucking in connection with the Colonial Line Dock fronting on South Water Street, Providence, Rhode Island;

And whereas the said Dock is no longer used by the Colonial Line and the area is not used as previously and there no longer remains any need or use for the said lands so taken, and the said use has long since been abandoned;

And whereas it may now be possible to use the said lands for commercial and industrial purposes and for the establishment of new industry thereon which will benefit the said City of Providence;

Now therefore the undersigned being the owners of the adjoining lots 18 and 20 on plat 18 as recorded in the office of the Assessors of Taxes of the City of Providence do hereby make petition to the Honorable City Council that the City declare to be abandoned the lands so taken and that the lands may then revert to the owners thereof and to each of them in proper proportion, as by law in such case made and provided.

The said lands are more particularly described as follows:

The northerly ten feet in width of that portion of Tockwotton Street extending westerly from the westerly line of South Main Street 200.6 feet to South Water Street and formerly comprising part of Lot 18 on Assessors' Plat 18; <sup>and</sup> the easterly twenty-five (25) feet in width of that portion of South Water Street extending from the northerly line of Tockwotton Street to the southerly line of Lot 22 on said Assessors' Plat 18.

Together with all right, title and interest in and to the former footpath, more particularly described as that said portion or strip of land fifteen (15) feet in width extending southerly along the easterly line of South Water Street from the southwesterly corner of Lot 20 on Assessors' Plat 18 to the northwesterly corner of Lot 18 on said plat and, holding that width, running the southerly length of said Lot 20 and the northerly length of said Lot 18 to the westerly line of South Main Street;

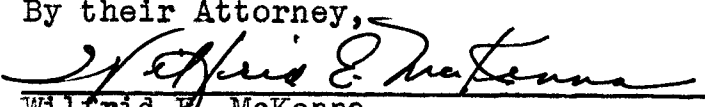
Or however else the same may be described, the portions of the said Lots 18 and 20 taken by the City for the use above described.

Respectfully submitted,

Adeack Realty Company,  
Owner of Lot 18

Hayden Dodd and Roseala E. Dodd,  
Owner of Lot 20

By their Attorney,

  
Wilfrid E. McKenna  
1138 Hospital Trust Building  
Providence, Rhode Island

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FIRST READING  
 REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON  
 OCT 16 1952 PUBLIC WORKS

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## City Plan Commission

GEORGE HURLEY, *Chairman*  
HECTOR D. LAUDATI      JERRY V. LORENZO

WALTER H. REYNOLDS, *Mayor*  
LUCIO E. CARLONE, *Secretary*

PAUL A. SAN SOUICI, *Vice Chairman*  
HARRY PINKERSON      EDWARD WINSOR

FRANK H. MALLEY, *Director*  
MILLARD HUMSTONE, *Senior Planner*

*Suite 103, City Hall,  
Providence 3, Rhode Island*

February 11, 1953

Committee on Public Works  
City Hall  
Providence, Rhode Island

SUBJECT: Referral No. 471 - PETITION OF COLONIAL LINE DOCK

Gentlemen:

The subject referral received consideration by the City Plan Commission at a meeting held on Tuesday, February 10, 1953.


This referral is a petition for the abandonment by the City of property received for highway purposes, abutting on Lots 18 and 20 on Assessor's Plat 18 fronting on South Water and Tockwotton Streets, together with a 15-foot strip lying between these lots and extending from South Water to South Main Streets. These lots, as presently existing, have areas of 14,086 and 17,163 square feet respectively; and are located in an M-1 Zone. The area petitioned for abandonment includes a total of about 9,500 square feet.

The property was received by the City for highway purposes, because of certain activities then occurring on the property of the Colonial Line across South Water Street. The property was never dedicated for street purposes. The property is not particularly necessary for street use and could probably be put to better use by the abutting property owners who petition its abandonment.

The Commission

VOTED: To offer no objection to the granting of this petition.

Very truly yours,

  
FRANK H. MALLEY  
DIRECTOR  
CITY PLAN COMMISSION

FHM/veb

c.c. Councilman John Ferreira  
Councilman John A. Powers, Jr.



CITY OF PROVIDENCE • RHODE ISLAND • Walter H. Reynolds • Mayor

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Charles F. McElroy

Director

John E. Meade

Deputy Director

February 19, 1953.

CITY HALL

Subject: Abandonment of Land on South Water  
and Tockwotten Streets.

Councilman Angelo Aiello, Chairman  
Committee on Public Works,  
City Hall, Providence, R. I.

Dear Sir:

The land in question was deeded to the City so that traffic could go around trucks parked in South Water Street in front of the Colonial Line Dock.

Although the curbing was removed and the area paved, the City Council never took any action declaring it a public highway.

In 1939 the undersigned recommended against the acquisition of the land for highway purposes as being contrary to good highway engineering practices and because it was to allow private interests the use of South Water Street as a parking area.

We are still of the opinion that both South Water and Tockwotten Streets should be of uniform width insofar as possible and the proposed abandonment will help to accomplish this.

We do believe, however, that if the abandonment is to take place, that the people who will acquire the land should pay for curbing along the property.

Very truly yours,

*John E. Meade*

John E. Meade

Deputy Director of Public Works.

JEM:MC.

**The City of Providence — Legislative Department**  
**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE—OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM**

Providence, R. I., Jan. 21, 1953

TO: City Plan Commission

SUBJECT: PETITION OF COLONIAL LINE DOCK

CONSIDERED BY: Clerk, Committee on Public Works

ACTION TAKEN: Voted: Referred to City Plan Commission for study,  
report and recommendation petition of Adeack  
Realty Company relative to Colonial Line Dock.

*City Clerk*

**The City of Providence — Legislative Department**  
**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE—OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM**

Providence, R. I., Jan. 23, 1953

TO: City Solicitor

SUBJECT: ABANDONMENT OF CERTAIN LAND AT THE OLD COLONIAL LINE DOCK.

CONSIDERED BY: Committee on Public Works

ACTION TAKEN: VOTED: To refer to the City Solicitor for study,  
report and recommendation the accompanying petition  
and an opinion as to whether or not the City can  
legally abandon said area as set forth in the petition  
in view of the action by the City of Providence in  
1940 as set forth in that same petition.

*James D. Deane*  
City Clerk



CITY OF PROVIDENCE

PUBLIC HEARING

Relative to Petition for Abandonment of a Portion of Tockwotton Street  
and a Portion of South Water Street.

City Clerk's Office  
January 13, 1954

ORDERED, That all those owners of land abutting on the northerly ten feet in width of that portion of Tockwotton Street extending westerly from the westerly line of South Main Street 200.6 feet to South Water Street and formerly comprising part of Lot 18 on Assessor's Plat 18; and the easterly twenty-five (25) feet in width of that portion of South Water Street extending from the northerly line of Tockwotton Street to the southerly line of Lot 22 on said Assessor's plat 18.

Together with all right, title and interest in and to the former footpath, more particularly described as that said portion or strip of land fifteen (15) feet in width extending southerly along the easterly line of South Water Street from the southwesterly corner of Lot 20 on Assessor's Plat 18 to the northwesterly corner of Lot 18 on said plat, and holding that width, running the southerly length of said Lot 20 and the northerly length of said Lot 18 to the westerly line of South Main Street;

Or however else the same may be described, the portions of the said Lots 18 and 20 taken by the City for the use above described, be notified to appear before the Committee on Public Works on THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 1954, at 11:00 o'clock A.M. in the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall and be heard for or against the above proposition.

Information relative to the above may be obtained prior to said meeting in the Office of the City Engineer, City Hall.

By Order of the Committee on Public Works.

ANGELO AIELLO, Chairman  
D. EVERETT WHELAN, City Clerk

For Evening Bulletin Editions of January 13, 20, and 27, 1954

CITY OF PROVIDENCE

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Relative to Petition for Abandonment of a Portion of Teckwotten Street  
and a Portion of South Water Street.

City Clerk's Office

November 20, 1953

Jan. 13, 1954

ORDERED, That all those corners of land abutting on the northerly ten feet in width of that portion of Teckwotten Street extending westerly from the westerly line of South Main Street 200.0 feet to South Water Street and formerly comprising part of Lot 10 on Assessor's Plat 10; and the easterly twenty-five (25) feet in width of that portion of South Water Street extending from the northerly line of Teckwotten Street to the southerly line of Lot 20 on said Assessor's Plat 10.

Together with all right, title and interest in and to the former footpath, were particularly described as that said portion or strip of land fifteen (15) feet in width extending southerly along the easterly line of South Water Street from the southwesterly corner of Lot 20 on Assessor's Plat 10 to the northwest corner of Lot 10 on said plat and, holding that width, running the southerly length of said Lot 20 and the northerly length of said Lot 10 to the westerly line of South Main Street;

Or however else the same may be described, the portions of the said Lots 10 and 20 taken by the City for the use above described, be notified to appear before the Committee on Public Works on THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1953 at 11:00 o'clock A. M. in the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall and be heard for or against the above proposition.

Information relative to the above may be obtained prior to said meeting in the Office of the City Engineer, City Hall.

By Order of the Committee on Public Works.

ANTONIO ANELLO, Chairman  
D. LUCAS GRIFFIN, City Clerk

For Evening Bulletin Editions of November 20, 27 and 28, 1953.

Jan. 13, 20 and 27, 1954

Thursday, January 28, 1954

**CITY OF PROVIDENCE**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**Relative to Petition for Abandonment of a Portion of Tockwotton Street  
and a Portion of South Water Street.**

**City Clerk's Office  
November 10, 1953.**

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Together with all right, title and interest in and to the former footpath, more particularly described as that said portion or strip of land fifteen (15) feet in width extending southerly along the easterly line of South Water Street from the southwesterly corner of Lot 20 on Assessor's Plat 18 to the northwesterly corner of Lot 10 on said plat and, holding that width, running the southerly length of said Lot 20 and the northerly length of said Lot 10 to the westerly line of South Main Street;

Or however else the same may be described, the portions of the said lots 10 and 20 taken by the City for the use above described,

be notified to appear before the Committee on Public Works on **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1953 at 11:00 o'clock A. M.** in the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall and be heard for or against the above proposition.

Information relative to the above may be obtained prior to said meeting in the Office of the City Engineer, City Hall.

By Order of the Committee on Public Works.

**ANGELO ANELLO, Chairman  
D. MARLET JENKINS, City Clerk**

CITY OF PROVIDENCE

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PUBLIC HEARING

Relative to Petition for Abandonment of a Portion of Tockwotton Street  
and a Portion of South Water Street.

City Clerk's Office  
January 13, 1954

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Or however else the same may be described, the portions of the said Lots 18 and 20 taken by the City for the use above described, be notified to appear before the Committee on Public Works on THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 1954, at 11:00 o'clock A.M. in the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall and be heard for or against the above proposition.

Information relative to the above may be obtained prior to said meeting in the Office of the City Engineer, City Hall.

By Order of the Committee on Public Works.

ANGELO AIELLO, Chairman  
D. EVERETT WHELAN, City Clerk

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
CITY SERGEANT'S OFFICE

*This is to Certify that* I have caused the notice, of which a true copy is hereto annexed, to be served upon the following named persons, by handing to each of said persons, or by leaving at their last and usual place of abode in this State a true copy of said notice, to wit:—

Abandonment of a portion of TOCKWOTTON STREET  
and a portion of SOUTH WATER STREET.

Plat 18

<u>Lots</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
22 .	Providence Engineering Works Corp.	521 So. Main Street
20	Hayden A. Dodd & Roseala E. Dodd	35 Maple Avenue, West Warwick, R.I.
18 .	Adeack Realty Company	65 Eagle Street
40	Union Investment Corporation	53 Tockwotton Street
38	" " "	" "
36	" " "	" "
16	Colonial Navigation Company	17 E. 42nd Street New York, New York

Attorneys of Record for Petitioner  
George Roche, Esquire  
Wilfred E. McKenna, Esquire  
Herman D. Ferrara

5 Old Colony Building,  
West Warwick, R.I.  
1138 Hospital Trust Building  
937 Industrial Trust Building

*Larry A. German*

*1-7-54  
Notices to City Sergeant  
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Attorneys of Record for Petitioner  
George Roche, Esquire

Wilfred E. McKenna, Esquire

*Herman D. Ferrara*

5 Old Colony Building,  
West Warwick, R. I.  
1138 Hospital Trust Bldg.

*937 Industrial  
Trust Bldg.*

*Delivered to City Sergeant 10/24/52 V. L.*

TOCKWOTTON STREET, PORTION OF  
AND SOUTH WATER STREET, PORTION OF

Plot 18

Lots

22 Prov. Engineering Works Corp.  
521 So. Main St.

20 Hayden A. Dodd & Rosella E. Dodd  
35 Maple Ave., W. Warwick, R.I.

18 Adcock Realty Co.  
65 Eagle St.

40 Union Investment Corp.  
53 Tockwotton St.

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Colonial Navigation Co.  
17 E. 42<sup>nd</sup> St., New York, N.Y.

George Roche, Esq.  
5 Old Colony Bldg., West Warwick, R.I.

Wilfred E. McKenna, Esq.  
1138 Hospital Trust Bldg.

WILFRID E. MCKENNA

ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW

1138 HOSPITAL TRUST BUILDING

15 WESTMINSTER STREET

PROVIDENCE, R. I.

TELEPHONE  
GASPEE 1-8940

October 3, 1952

Mr. Everett Whelan, City Clerk  
City Hall  
Providence, Rhode Island

Dear Sir:

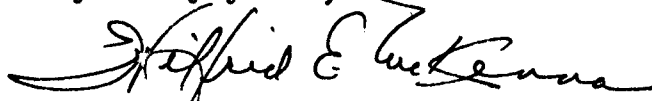
Enclosed please find Petition of Adeack Realty Company, owner of Lot 18 on Assessors' Plat 18, and of Hayden Dodd and Roseala E. Dodd, owners of Lot 20 on the said Plat, seeking to have abandoned property taken from them for use in connection with the operations of the Colonial Line, now no longer in existence.

I would appreciate it if you would file the Petition and see that it is placed in the proper channels for hearing before the City Council.

Would you notify me as to the time and place of such hearing?

Thank you in advance for your courtesy.

Very truly yours,

  
Wilfrid E. McKenna.

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Enclosures



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ADEACK REALTY COMPANY, Inc.

65 Eagle Street,

Providence, R.I.

June 29, 1953.

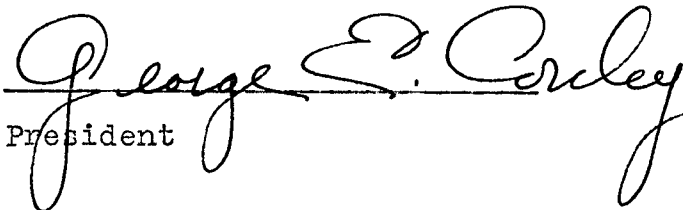
Committee on Public Works,  
Providence City Council,  
Providence City, Hall.  
Providence, R. I.

Gentlemen:

This is to confirm the understanding reached with City Engineer that if the City of Providence abandons the claims which it may have to land taken by it in connection with the property now owned by us on Tockwotton, South Main, and South Water Streets, including the land used for a gangway for the Colonial Line, as well as the land taken for widening said streets for use in connection with said Colonial Line, and allows said lands so taken to revert back to us, we will place the necessary curbing in front of our property on the said streets wherever such curbing is not now placed, at our expense.

Very truly yours,

ADEACK REALTY COMPANY, Inc.

  
President

AML:

Hayden A. and Roseala E. Dodd  
35 Maple Ave.  
West Warwick, R.I.

August 27, 1953

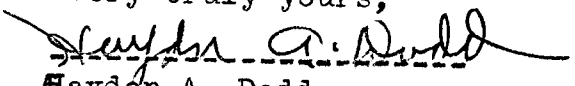
Committee on Public Works  
Providence City Council  
City Hall


Providence, R.I.

Gentlemen:

This ~~is~~ to confirm the understanding reached with the City Engineer that if the City of Providence shall abandon the claims which it may have to land taken by it in connection with the property now owned by us running between South Main and South Water Streets, Providence, R.I., all as more fully described in the petition filed by us with the City Council, and including the land used for a gangway by the Colonial Line, as well as the land taken for the widening said South Water Street, and allows all lands so held or taken to revert back to us, we will place the necessary curbing in front of said property of ours, wherever such curbing is not now placed, at our expense.

Very truly yours,

  
Hayden A. Dodd

  
Roseala E. Dodd

November 25, 1953

Mr. Wilfred E. McKenna, Esquire  
1138 Hospital Trust Building  
Providence, Rhode Island

Dear Mr. McKenna:

The enclosed print is sent to you for your consideration and study regarding the pending petition for the abandonment of a portion of South Water Street and Tockwotton Street.

Very truly yours,

Vincent Vospia,  
Deputy City Clerk

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Sent to Herman D. Ferrara, Esquire, 937 Industrial Trust Bldg.  
George R. Roche, 5 Old Colony Bldg., West Warwick  
John Leache, 604 South Main Street

March 2, 1953

Mr. Wilfrid E. McKenna  
1130 Hospital Trust Bldg.  
Providence, Rhode Island

Dear Mr. McKenna:

I have been directed by the Committee on Public Works to communicate with you relative to the petition of Adeack Realty Company et als regarding the abandonment of land on South Water and Tockwotton Streets.

The Committee at a meeting held on February 26, 1953 directed me to inform you that it would recommend to this City Council the granting of your petition filed in this office on October 6, 1952, that if the abandonment is to take place, that those persons who will acquire the land should pay for curbing thereof along the property.

As this is an Engineering matter may I suggest you confer with John E. Meade, City Engineer, who has a formal report on file with this.

Very truly yours,

Vincent Vospia  
Deputy City Clerk

VV:rmc

TELEPHONES: GASPEE } 1-2970  
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                          1-2972

# RHODE ISLAND FISH COMPANY, INC.

CLAMS  
QUAHAUGS  
OYSTERS  
LOBSTERS  
IN THEIR  
SEASON

WHOLESALE  
***FISH DEALERS***

169 SOUTH WATER STREET  
PROVIDENCE 3, R. I.

FRESH FILLETS

FRESH SALT  
WATER FISH

January 27, 1954

PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION

THE UNEDERSIGNED HEREBY PROTESTS THE ABANDONMENT OF SOUTH WATER STREET  
AND TOCKWOTTEN STREET.

*Walter R. Shallen - Treasurer*

Colonial Navigation Co  
property - (to Water State)

Record 1939

see pages 58-59

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" mtg of 10/31/39

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Above in record of

Highways

May 21, 1937 to

AISENBERG AND JOSLIN

HERMAN J. AISENBERG  
ALFRED H. JOSLIN

ATTORNEYS AT LAW  
INDUSTRIAL TRUST BUILDING  
PROVIDENCE 3, R. I.

TELEPHONE  
UNION 1-4500

February 1, 1954

Honorable Angelo Aiello, Chairman  
Committee on Public Works  
c/o City Clerk's Office  
City Hall  
Providence, R. I.

Dear Sir:-

This is in reference of the petition filed by Adeak Realty Company et al requesting the City to abandon a portion of Tockwotton Street and South Water Street.

I appeared on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Rottenberg and objected to the granting of the petition. Mr. and Mrs. Rottenberg are owners of land on the westerly side of South Water Street.

May I respectfully call your attention to Sections 30 through 34 inclusive of Chapter 72 of the 1938 General Laws of Rhode Island, which Sections authorize a City to abandon a highway when the same has "ceased to be useful." Said sections further provide that the owners of land abutting said highway are entitled to compensation for damages sustained by them as a result of any such abandonment and require an appraisal and award of damages in the event of such abandonment. Said Sections further give to a person aggrieved by any order of abandonment the right of appeal to the Superior Court.

As indicated at the public hearing when your committee was kind enough to give me full opportunity to express myself on behalf of the Rottenbergs, we do not feel that the strip of land in question has ceased to be useful.

We hope that your committee will not see fit to enter an order abandoning a section of the highway involved. If it does, we shall expect to be compensated accordingly.

Respectfully yours,

*Alfred H. Joslin*  
ALFRED H. JOSLIN

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CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER  
PROVIDENCE, R.I.

WALTER H. REYNOLDS  
MAYOR

February 1, 1954

Mr. Angelo Aiello, Chairman  
Committee on Public Works  
City Hall  
Providence, Rhode Island

Dear Angelo:

Enclosed is a letter from Herman Ferrara regarding a petition to abandon a portion of Tockwotton Street and South Water Street.

I am sending it along to you for your earnest consideration.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Walter H. Reynolds  
Mayor of Providence

WHR/dch



HERMAN D. FERRARA  
COUNSELLOR AT LAW  
937 INDUSTRIAL TRUST BLDG.  
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

January 29, 1954

Honorable Walter H. Reynolds  
Mayor of the City of Providence  
City Hall  
Providence, Rhode Island

Dear Mayor:

I appeared today before the Committee on Public Works of the City of Providence relative to a petition for abandonment of a portion of Tockwotton Street and a portion of South Water Street filed by two abutting property owners.

The petition was opposed by Mr. & Mrs. Louis Rottenberg, owners of the land on the westerly side of South Water Street.

This expensive land was given to the City of Providence many years ago for highway purposes and to relief traffic congestion and hazards.

It would be illegal and sinful for the City of Providence to give away this land at this time for the following reasons:

1. The State of Rhode Island is spending huge sums of money to develop the Block Island seashore, and this land is still necessary to relief traffic hazards when the boats dock at the wharf adjoining the Rottenberg property.
2. Lack of highway use of this land was not proven at the hearing.

HERMAN D. FERRARA  
COUNSELLOR AT LAW  
937 INDUSTRIAL TRUST BLDG.  
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

Mayor Walter H. Reynolds    -2-    January 29, 1954

3.            The City should not give away  
expensive land without due considera-  
tion for the same.

This is not the extraordinary case where the  
City desires to abandon a useless street, and the property  
thereby reverts to the abutting owners. Here we have the  
case where one owner would be unjustly enriched at the  
expense of all the taxpayers of the City of Providence.

With warmest personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

  
HERMAN D. FERRARA

HDF/lm

Shaded areas to be abandoned as public highways

PROVIDENCE  
ENGINEERING OFFICE  
CITY PROPERTY SECTION

Plan No. 060766

Date Sept. 30, 1953

South Main St.

St.

Pike St.

Tockwotton St.

India St.

22  
Providence Engineering Works Corp.

20  
Hayden A. Dodd &  
Roseala E. Dodd

18  
Adeock Realty Co.

40  
Union Investment Corp.

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Union Investment Corp.

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Union Investment Corp.

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Colonial Navigation Co.

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40'

South Water St.

St.

40'

Assessor's Plot 18

Providence

River

Proposed Abandonment

E.A.K.  
80  
William F. Bayley  
9/29/53  
W.L.B.

Shaded areas to be abandoned as public highways

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CITY PROJECTS SECTION  
Plan No. 060766  
Date Sept. 30, 1953

South Main St.

St.

Pike St.

Tockwotton St.

India St.

22  
Providence Engineering Works Corp.  
200.6

20  
Hayden A. Dodd & Roseala E. Dodd  
97.73'

18  
Adeock Realty Co.  
175.6'  
200.6'

40  
Union Investment Corp.

38  
Union Investment Corp.

36  
Union Investment Corp.

40'

South Water St.

St.

40'

12

Colonial Navigation Co.

16

34

Providence River

Assessor's Plot 18

CITY OF PROVIDENCE, R.I.

Proposed Abandonment

E.A.K. W.L.B.  
80  
Sept. 9/29/53  
William F. Rogers  
John J. Chubb

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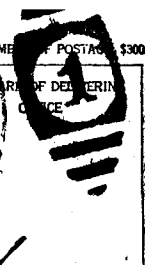
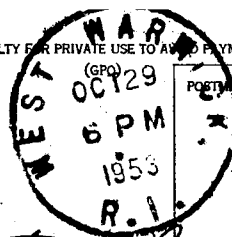
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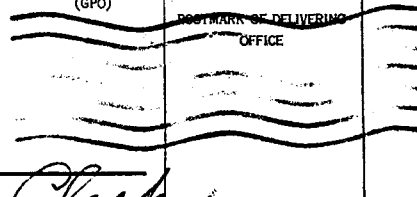
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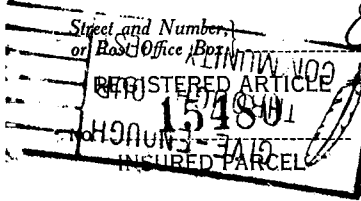
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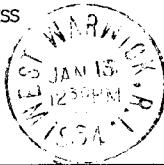
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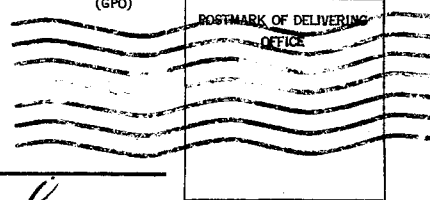
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