

1845

March 3, 1845

Annual meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held Monday March 3, 1845 agreeable to Warrant No. 46 file 6 for the choice of Town Officers

Opened said Meeting and chose George A. Waldo Esq **Moderator**

Voted to choose a separate board of Overseers from the Selectmen

Voted that the ballots for Town Clerk and Selectmen be brought in at the same time & deposited in separate boxes

Whole number of votes for **Town Clerk** was 411, and Isaiah Dearborn had 209 and was chosen and sworn.

Whole number of ballots for Selectmen was 425

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| James R. Barker had | 193 votes |
| Nathan Niles had | 171 votes |
| Geo Harriss had | 188 votes |
| Joseph F. Ingalls had | 202 votes |
| Joshua Buswell had | 115 votes |
| David Clark had | 109 votes |
| Abial Stevens Jr. had | 109 votes |
| David Currier had | 100 votes |
| All others | 60 votes |

Voted to adjourn for half an hour

Met according to adjournment

Second balloting was as follows

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| Whole number of ballots | 423 |
| Necessary for choice | 212 |

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| James N Barker had | 264 votes |
| Geo Harris had | 189 votes |
| Nathan Niles had | 176 votes |
| Joseph F Ingalls had | 198 votes |
| Joshua Buswell had | 125 votes |
| David Clark had | 114 votes |
| Abiel Stevens Jr. had | 91 votes |
| All others had | 78 votes |

Third balloting was as follows

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Whole number of ballots was 366
Necessary for choice 184

Joseph F. Ingalls had 177 votes
Abiel Stevens Jr. had 30 votes
George Harris had 178 votes
Nathan Niles had 158 votes
David Clark had 119 votes
Joshua Buswell had 35 votes
All others had 31 votes

Voted to adjourn until tomorrow at ten oclock A.M.

Attest Isaiah Dearborn T. Clerk

March 4, 1845

Met according to adjournment

The fourth Balloting for the remaining Selectmen were as follows

Joseph F. Ingalls had 171 votes
Jeremy B. Barker had 158 votes
Nathan Niles had 149 votes
Geo Harriss had 171 votes
All others had 31 votes

The fifth Balloting were as follows

Joseph F. Ingalls had 167 votes and was chosen & sworn
George Harris had 168 votes and was chosen & sworn

The votes for **Overseers of Poor** were as follows

Isaiah G. White had 133 votes and was chosen
Joseph How had 133 votes and was chosen
Daniel Merrill had 133 votes and was chosen

Voted to adjourn one half hour

Met as per adjournment

They then brought in their votes for **Treasurer** and Isaiah Dearborn was chosen

The School Committee's report was read and accepted and voted that five hundred copies be printed

Voted that School Committee should consist of nine, one from each District

District No. 1 Jonathan Morse was chosen
District No. 2 Daniel Merrill 2d was chosen

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District No. 3 John Russ Jr. was chosen
District No. 4 Mathew Messer was chosen
District No. 5 Joseph How was chosen
District No. 6 E. G. Jackman was chosen
District No. 7 Stephen Huse was chosen
District No. 8 J. M. Grosvner was chosen
District No. 9 Joshua P. Hill was chosen

Chose for **Constables** John Low and Joshua Buswell – Sworn

Surveyors of Highways – Chosen & Sworn

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|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Hazen Bodwell | Charles Russell | David Clark | John P. Trull |
| Joseph S Morse | E. G. Jackman | Daniel Carleton | |
| G. W. Gage | J. M. Grosvner | J. C. Kent | |
| Benjamin Dodge | Richard How | J. G. Smith | |
| Aaron Palmer | James D. Herrick | Daniel Merrill | |
| Frances R. Frye | Oliver Emerson | George Gutterson | |
| Asa Whittier | Joshua P. Hill | Samuel Richardson | |

Surveyors of Lumber – Chosen & Sworn

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| Frances Frye | Samuel Richardson | Samuel Harvey | |
| Amos Stickney | Asa Sawyer | John Nelson | |
| Christopher Messer | Nathaniel Hastings | Ezekiel Clark | |
| John B. Webster | Gilman Smith | David Worthing | John Anderson |

Sealer of Weights and Measures – Chosen & Sworn

Alvah Bennett

Pound Keepers – Chosen

Samuel Crosby and John Stiles

Field Drivers – Chosen & Sworn

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| J. D. Herrick | Benjamin Smith | Samuel Bodwell |
| Geo. W. Annis | Charles Haseltine | David Hussey |
| Geo. Mills | E. M. Swett | E. P. Jackman |
| W. C. Foss | Joseph Bean | |

Fire Wardens – Chosen

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| John Wilson | Joshua Buswell | Abial Stevens |
| John Low | Frederick George | |

Fence Viewers – Chosen & Sworn

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Sealer of Leather – Sworn

James Lougee

Surveyors of Wood & Bark – Chosen & Sworn

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| Abial Stevens Jr. | Amos Griffin | George A Waldo | |
| Samuel Richardson | Frederick Kimball | Samuel Clark | |
| Mathew Messer | Asa Whittier | A. W. Sterns | |
| Chas. Haseltine | Edwin Sargent | Josiah Dearborn | |
| Guy Carleton | John B Webster | Ebenezer Sawyer | |
| William Richardson | James Sawyer | G. W. Cochrane | John Hall |

Voted to accept the Selectmen’s Report with Town Treasurer

Voted to raise twenty five hundred dollars to defray Town charges.

Voted to raise fifteen hundred dollars to repair Roads & Bridges the year ensuing

Voted to raise fifteen hundred dollars for the Support of Schools the year ensuing

Voted that horses, Net Cattle & Swine be restrained from going at large the year ensuing

Voted for County Treasurer

Whole number of votes were 130
Wm F. Wade had one hundred & thirty votes

Voted to heave the taxes collected the same as they were last year

Chose Josiah Dearborn Collector – Sworn

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to provide a place for holding future Town Meetings

Voted that the Treasurer be authorized to sell that part of the Emerson Farm as was set off to them on execution and to execute a deed of the same when sold

Voted to invest the power in the Prudential Committees to hire teachers in their several districts

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to appoint persons to clear the roads when encumbered with snow the year ensuing

Voted that if the Town Farm is sold that the board of Overseers of Poor be authorized to make a selection of another and to call a Town Meeting to decide upon the same

Voted to dissolve Said Meeting

Josiah Dearborn Town Clerk

Report of the Committee

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The Selectmen being a committee for that purpose have examined the books and accounts of J. G. White Treasurer and find them correctly kept and that he has proper vouchers for his payments.

He charges the Town as follows

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| Amount paid on Selectmen's orders | \$4598.21 |
| County Tax | 626.80 |
| State Tax | 153.00 |
| Interest on Sundry Notes | 100.59 |
| Discount on Taxes | 291.35 |
| Due Treasurer last year | <u>106.81</u> |
| | \$5876.76 |

He credits the Town as follows.

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| By money received for supporting State Paupers for 1843 & 4 | 57.99 |
| By one half M Company (Methuen Company) high way Tax | 30.00 |
| By cash from treasurer common School fund | 86.98 |
| By cash from Daniel Sanders bond money | 5.00 |
| By Moses Merrill on uncollected taxes | 37.58 |
| By Nathaniel Hastings money overdrawn | 6.40 |
| By David Gleason hired money | 800.00 |
| By Daniel Gleason Do (ditto) | 600.00 |
| By Cash rec'd for Taxes | 4.04 |
| By County, Town, School and State taxes | <u>4300.72</u> |
| | 5928.71 |
| | <u>5876.76</u> |
| Cash in the Treasurer's hands | \$ 51.95 |

The Town is further indebted as follows

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| Lorenzo Sargent's note | 500.00 |
| Ebenezer Hibbard's do | 850.00 |
| John Davis do | <u>500.00</u> |
| | \$1850.00 |

There is due the Town as follows

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| Silas P. Wheeler's note | 47.80 |
| Moses Merrill on uncollected Taxes | <u>376.55</u> |
| | 424.35 |

Amount of Town's indebtedness

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|-----------------------------|----------------|
| In School No. 1 | 83.98 |
| In School No. 2 | 20.40 |
| In School No. 6 | 79.88 |
| In School No. 7 | 246.79 |
| In David Gleason's note | 800.00 |
| In Daniel Gleason's do | 600.00 |
| In Balance due on old notes | <u>1425.65</u> |
| | 3255.68 |

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In Balance in Treasurer's hands

Amount

51.95
\$3203.73

All of which is respectfully submitted by

Frederic Kimball Selectmen
William Swan } of
James K. Barker Methuen
Josiah Dearborn Town Clerk

Methuen March 3, 1845

Attest J. Dearborn Town Clerk

April 7, 1845

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Town affairs held April 7, 1845 agreeable to Warrant No. 47, file 6th

Opened said meeting

- 1st Choose John Davis **Moderator** and then voted to excuse him
- 2^d Chose Geo. A. Waldo **Moderator**
- 3^d Voted to accept the report of the Board of Overseers
- 4th Voted to defer purchasing a farm today and that it be left with the Overseers of the Poor to call a meeting whenever they think it best –
- 5th Voted that the Town Treasurer be authorized to give a deed of the Town farm to Daniel Saunders, Samuel Lawrence and John Nesmith
- 6th Voted to grant the request of Betsey Wheeler & Mary Wilson giving them the privilege (privilege) of working out their highway tax on the private way leading to their house, under the direction of the highway surveyor
- 7th Voted to grant the request of Abial Stevens Jr. as per article 5th in the Warrant – That the Selectmen be authorised (authorized) to offer suitable and definite rewards for the apprehension of any person or persons who may hereafter be guilty of any wanton or malicious outrage against property, or person, in this Town.

This to remain in force until recended (rescinded).
- 8th Voted that the causeway near Harvey's Mill be widen (widened) under the direction of the Selectmen.
- 9th Voted to reconsider the vote to defer purchasing a farm today
- 10th Voted that the board of Overseers be authorised (authorized) to buy a farm for the use of the poor, whenever they think it best.

Voted to dissolve said Meeting

Josiah Dearborn Town Clerk

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November 10, 1845

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in elections held November 10, 1845 agreeable to Warrant No. 48 file 6th for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor, Lieut Governor, of this Commonwealth and five Senators for the County of Essex, for the year ensuing the above named to be brought in on one ballot.

Also to choose a Representative to represent the Town of Methuen in the General Court to be held at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next

The vote for Governor, Lieut. Governor, Senators, being sorted, counted, recorded and declaration thereof made as the law directs were as follows. **Whole number votes was 412**

For Governor

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|----------------------|-----------|
| George N. Briggs had | 226 votes |
| Isaac Davis had | 172 votes |
| Samuel E. Sewall had | 14 votes |

For Lieut. Governor

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|----------------------|-----------|
| John Reed had | 226 votes |
| George Savary had | 172 votes |
| John M. Brewster had | 14 votes |

Whole number of Ballots for Senators was 411

For Senators

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|-------------------------|-----------|
| George Wheatland had | 184 votes |
| Henry Poor had | 225 votes |
| Edmund Kimball Jr. had | 221 votes |
| Dennis Condry had | 225 votes |
| George Hodges had | 225 votes |
| George Hodges had | 225 votes |
| George Hood had | 172 votes |
| Samuel B. Gregory had | 172 votes |
| William Taggarth had | 172 votes |
| Aaron L. Burnham had | 182 votes |
| Jonathan Nayson had | 171 votes |
| William Carey had | 14 votes |
| Dan Weed had | 14 votes |
| Ebenezer Hunt had | 14 votes |
| Daniel Perley had | 14 votes |
| John Russ Jr. had | 14 votes |
| Jonathan C. Perkins had | 39 votes |

Votes for Representative to General Court

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| John Low had | 159 votes |
| Josiah Dearborn had | 215 votes |
| William Swan had | 6 votes |
| John Carleton had | 6 votes |
| Aaron Jacks had | 16 votes |
| James R. Barker had | 1 votes |
| J. F. Ingalls had | 1 vote |
| George Harris had | 1 vote |
| John Russ Jr. had | 1 vote |
| A. M. Carleton had | 1 vote |
| John A. Gage had | 1 vote |
| A. G. Emery had | 1 vote |

Josiah Dearborn having the majority was declared elected ~

Voted to dissolve said meeting

Attest Josiah Dearborn Town Clerk

March 2, 1846 – Annual Meeting

Annual Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held Monday March 2d, 1846 agreeable to Warrant No. 49 file 6 for the choice of Town Officers –

Opened said meeting and chose Geo A. Waldo Esq. **Moderator**

Whole number of votes for Town Clerk was 332 and Josiah Dearborn had 172 votes and was chosen and sworn – Voted not to choose a board of Overseers.

Whole number of ballots for Selectmen was 369

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|------------------------|-----------|
| Samuel H. Harris had | 119 votes |
| Joseph W. Carleton had | 150 votes |
| Joseph How had | 170 votes |
| William Swan had | 168 votes |
| Alvah Bennett had | 176 votes |
| Stephen Gage had | 131 votes |
| All others had | 153 votes |

No choice

Voted to adjourn for forty five minutes

Met according to adjournment

Second balloting was as follows –
Whole number of ballots was 367

| | |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| Joseph How had | 178 votes |
| Joseph F. Ingalls had | 157 votes |
| Joshua Buswell had | 136 votes |
| William Swan had | 168 votes |
| Joseph Currier had | 155 votes |
| John W. Hall had | 152 votes |
| All others had | 167 votes |

No choice

3d balloting was as follows
Whole number of ballots was 359

| | |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| William Swan had | 169 votes |
| Joseph Currier had | 169 votes |
| John W. Hall had | 164 votes |
| Joseph How had | 171 votes |
| Joseph F. Ingalls had | 153 votes |
| Joshua Buswell had | 138 votes |
| All others had | 85 votes |

4th balloting was as follows
Whole number ballots was 332

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|-----------------------|-----------|
| Joseph How had | 139 votes |
| Joseph F. Ingalls had | 128 votes |
| Joshua Buswell had | 122 votes |
| William Swan had | 153 votes |
| Joseph Currier had | 154 votes |
| John W. Hall had | 154 votes |
| All others had | 123 votes |

No choice

Voted to adjourn until Wednesday next at 10 oclock A.M.

Attest Josiah Dearborn Town Clerk

March 4, 1846

Met according to adjournment

5th **Whole number of ballots for Selectmen was 407**

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| William Swan had | 185 votes |
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| Joseph Currier had | 182 votes |
| John W. Hall had | 185 votes |
| Joseph How had | 200 votes |
| J. F. Ingalls had | 185 votes |
| Abial Stevens Jr. had | 188 votes |
| All others had | 68 votes |

No choice

Voted for **Register of Deeds**

Whole number of ballots was 300

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|-----------------------|-----------|
| Samuel Phillips had | 102 votes |
| Ebenezer M Dalton had | 21 votes |
| Ralph French had | 176 votes |
| Jonathan Shove had | 1 vote |

Voted to adjourn forty five minutes

Met according to adjournment

6th Balloting for Selectmen was as follows

Whole number of votes was 408

| | |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| William Swan had | 168 votes |
| Joshua Buswell had | 168 votes |
| George A. Waldo had | 168 votes |
| Joseph How had | 171 votes |
| Joseph F. Ingalls had | 171 votes |
| Abial Stevens had | 171 votes |
| All others had | 69 votes |

No choice

7th Balloting for Selectmen was as follows

Whole number of votes was 397

| | |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| Joseph How had | 194 votes |
| J. F. Ingalls had | 183 votes |
| Abial Stevens Jr. had | 183 votes |
| William Swan had | 196 votes |
| Joshua Buswell had | 197 votes |
| G. A. Waldo had | 182 votes |
| All others had | 29 votes |

8th Balloting for Selectmen was as follows

| | |
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| William Swan had | 207 votes and was chosen/sworn |
| Joshua Buswell had | 212 votes and was chosen/sworn |
| George A. Waldo had | 194 votes |
| Joseph How had | 182 votes |
| J. F. Ingalls had | 169 votes |
| Abial Stevens Jr. had | 168 votes |
| All others had | 24 votes |

9th Balloting for the third Selectman was as follows

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| George A. Waldo had | 179 votes & was chosen/sworn |
| Joseph How had | 157 votes |
| All others had | 10 votes |

They then brought in their votes for **Treasurer** and Josiah Dearborn was chosen.

Voted for **Country Treasurer**

Whole number of votes was 78 and William F. Wade had that number

The School Committee's report was read and accepted and voted to have the usual number printed

Voted to adjourn until tomorrow at one o'clock P.M.

March 5, 1846

Met according to adjournment

Voted that the **School Committee** consist of three
 Stephen Huse was chosen
 Willard Spaulding was chosen
 James D. Herrick was chosen

Chose for **Constables** - Joshua Buswell – John Low

Surveyors of Highways – Chosen & Sworn

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|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Samuel Cross Jr. | Joseph A. Bodwell | Abner Stevens | Edmund Sargent |
| Asa Harvey | James Currier | Andrew Stiles Jr. | John Tarbox |
| Warren Haynes | Asa Whittier | Samuel Richardson | Joseph How |
| Joseph S. Morse | William Cross | Samuel H. Harris | John Griffin |
| J. G. Smith | J. D. Herrick | John Frye | Artemus Herrick |
| Samuel Crosby | Elijah Jennings | | |

Fire Wardens- Chosen

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|----------------|-----------------|----------|
| John Wilson | Abial Stevens | John Low |
| Joshua Buswell | Frederic George | |

Fence Viewers – Chosen & Sworn

Joseph F. Ingalls Asa Bodwell
Christopher Messer William Huse

Surveyors of Wood & Bark – Chosen & Sworn

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|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| B. F. Grosvner | Dorice Webster | John Smith 2d | Mathew Messer |
| Frederic George | Charles Haseltine | J. Dearborn | Ebenezer Sawyer |
| James Sawyer | A. W. Stearns | Geo. Albert Waldo | Isaac Cross |
| Stephen Gage | John Low | Andrew Thompson | Samuel Black |
| Oscar Grant | John W. Hall | J. B. Webster | W. S. Annis |
| Randolph Frye | Isaac Swan Jr. | John Frye | Wm. Swan |

Surveyors of Lumber - Sworn

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|----------------|--------------------|
| Francis Frye | Samuel Harvey |
| John Wilson | Ezekiel Clark |
| David Worthing | John Farrington |
| George Mills | Nathaniel Hastings |
| J. B. Webster | John Anderson |

Field Drivers – Chosen & Sworn

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|-----------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Albert Hastings | Samuel Bodwell | George Mills |
| H. Chadwick | Asa Bodwell | John Frye |
| Ira Messer | Benjamin Smith | Edmund Sargent Jr. |
| John Pecker | Joshua Buswell | J. B. Webster |

Sealer of Weights and Measures – Chosen & Sworn

Alvah Bennett

Pound Keepers - Chosen

Samuel Crosby John Stiles

Sealer of Leather - Chosen

James Lougee

Collector – Chosen

Josiah Dearborn

Voted to accept the Selectmen's and Overseers Report with the Town Treasurer

Voted to raise twenty five hundred dollars to defray Town charges

Voted to raise Two Thousand dollars to repair roads & bridges

Voted to raise Eighteen hundred dollars for the support of Schools the year ensuing.

Voted to restrain horses and net cattle & swine from going at large the year ensuing.

Voted to have Taxes collected the same as they were last year.

Chose Josiah Dearborn **Treasurer**

Voted that the Selectmen be authorised (authorized) to provide a place for holding Town Meetings

Voted that the Selectmen be a committee to examine the records of the Town & have those transcribed that are becoming illegible as well as having those rebound where they need them. Also to purchase a suitable safe to keep them in together with a book case as per Article 10th.

Voted that the Selectmen be a committee to purchase a suitable Fire Engine hose and to erect a house for the same, not exceeding the sum of fifteen hundred dollars. Article 11th

Voted that the committee who made the contract with Jeremiah Frye have authority to settle with him in any way they may think best. Article 12th

Voted that the 13th Article be referred to the Town's committee and not to exceed their proportion of the School money.

Voted that the 14th Article be referred to the Selectmen.

Voted to accept the Selectmen's report on the widening of the road between Wm Swan's & Daniel Carleton's house & that they be authorized to carry it into execution as per Article 15th.

Voted to instruct the Selectmen to widen & to erect a suitable railing at the causeway near Abial Steven's as per Article 16th.

Voted to choose a committee of three to wait upon the Selectmen of N. H. as per preamble & resolution offered by Daniel Merrill 2d in the words "Whereas a rum shop has been in active operation near the Methuen line of this Town for some 10 or 15 years past, located in Salem N.H. and the occupants there of licensed by the authorities of Said Town to sell intoxicating liquors, and whereas much of said intoxicating liquors have been sold to the citizens of this Town to the injury of themselves and families, Therefore Resolved that a committee of three be appointed to respectfully request the Selectmen of Salem N.H. to withhold a license for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the place now occupied by Mr Tenney near Capt David Messer's Tavern

Chose Samuel Sawyer, Isaac Swan 2nd and Daniel Merrill 2d Committee. Article 17th.

Voted to refer Article 18th to Selectmen.

Voted to allow David Loud to work on half of his highway tax out on his private way leading to his house as per Article 19th.

Voted to desolve (dissolve) said meeting

Attest Josiah Dearborn Town Clerk

Report of the Committee

The Selectmen being a committee for that purpose have examined the books and accounts of Josiah Dearborn Town treasurer and find them correctly kept (kept) and that he has proper sureties (sureties) for the payments.

He charges the Town as follows. Viz.

For

| | |
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| paid on Selectmen's Orders | 3283.77 |
| paid on Overseers orders | 4994.34 |
| paid on State Tax | 153.38 |
| paid on County Tax | 626.86 |
| discount on taxes | 318.94 |
| per John Davis note & interest | 513.00 |
| per David Gleason note & interest | 810.00 |
| per Daniel Gleason note & interest | 607.90 |
| per Ebenezer Hibbard note & interest | 873.75 |
| per Lorenzo Sargent note & interest | 560.00 |
| receiving 6297.81 for the Town farm and paying out the same | 12.00 |
| making out and distributing tax bills | 20.00 |
| expen (expense) of printing tax bills | 5.25 |
| making record of births & deaths and recording Militia role | 8.96 |
| per Kimball C. Gleason interest | 1.25 |
| per collecting taxes | 47.22 |
| per item of cash expense | 1.54 |
| per Abatement of taxes | 97.98 |
| | <u>\$12936.64</u> |

He credits the Town as follows viz.

By

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| State, County, Town and School tax | 4820.05 |
| Pay for Town farm Essex C. | 6297.81 |
| David Nevins for alteration of Road | 35.00 |
| I. G. White balance on hand as treasurer | 41.95 |
| Methuen C. (Company) highway tax | 59.83 |
| John M. Grosvner for Emerson land | 30.00 |
| Silas P. Wheeler on note | 42.00 |
| Overseers of Poor | 123.67 |
| David Gleason hired money | 1200.00 |
| Daniel Gleason hired money | 800.00 |
| | <u>13460.31</u> |
| | <u>12936.64</u> |
| Balance in the treasury | \$ 523.67 |

There is due to the Town as follows viz.

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| Balance in the treasury | 523.67 |
| Moses Merrill on uncollected taxes | 376.55 |
| Silas P. Wheeler's note | <u>7.89</u> |

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The Town is indebted as follows viz.

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| To District No. 1. | 83.02 |
| To District No. 3. | 114.53 |
| To District No. 6. | 10.44 |
| To District No. 7. | 268.83 |
| To District No. 8. | 1.54 |
| To District No. 9. | 36.22 |
| To David Gleason hired money | 1200.00 |
| To Daniel Gleason hired money | <u>800.00</u> |
| | 2514.58 |
| | <u>908.11</u> |
| Amount of Town indebtedness | \$1606.47 |

All of which is respectfully submitted

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| James N. Barker | Selectmen |
| J. F. Ingalls | } of |
| George Harris | Methuen |

Methuen February 24th 1846.

Attest Josiah Dearborn Town Clerk

May 4, 1846

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in elections held May 4, 1846 agreeable to Warrant 50 file 6th

Opened said meeting

1st Chose Dr. Stephen Huse **Moderator**

2d Voted for **Register of Deeds**

Whole number of ballots was 81

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|------------------------|----------|
| Ralph H. French had | 37 votes |
| Stephen Phillipps had | 37 votes |
| Jonathan Shove had | 1 vote |
| (no given name) Dalton | 6 votes |

3d Voted that a committee be chosen to look after the interest of the Town before the Road Commissioners when they come on to locate, widen or straighten certain roads prayed for in Article 3d

Voted that the committee consist of three and J. W. Carleton, Joseph A. Bodwell, Abial Stevens Jr. were chosen.

4th Voted that the Selectmen's report made in 1844 on the petition of Asa Whittier be

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accepted as per Article 4th provided the expence does not exceed the estimate made by them in their report

5th Voted that this article in the Warrant be referred to the Selectmen

6th Voted to accept of the list of Jurors as revised by the Selectmen as follows

| | | |
|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| James H. Barker | Hazen Bodwell | George W. Butters |
| James Currier | Joseph W. Carleton | Edward Carleton |
| David Clark | Samuel Cross | Joseph A. Bodwell |
| Leveret Bradley | Alva Bennet | Joseph Currier |
| John Carleton | Albert W. Carleton | Ralph Clark |
| Nelson P. Cross | Gerry W. Cochran | Francis R. Frye |
| Amos Griffin | David Gleason | Nathaniel Gorrill |
| Christopher How | Joseph How | Aaron Jacks |
| Henry Knight | Daniel Merrill 2d | Abel Richardson |
| Francis Sawyer | Enoch Stevens | Henry Townsend |
| John B. Webster | Nathan Wells | John Davis |
| Samuel C. Frazier | Joseph Gardner | Frederick George |
| James D. Herrick | Joshua P. Hill | E. G. Jackman |
| Edward Kimball | Mathew Messer | Asa Palmer |
| Joel Robinson | Abiel Stevens | John A. Stevens |
| Isaiah Silver | Benjamin Webster | George A. Waldo |
| John Wilson | Samuel Richardson 2d | |

7th That the Selectmen (be) authorized and instructed to remove all obstructions and incumberances (encumbrances) in and on the highways forthwith –

8th Voted that a Plan of the Town be engraved and that 500 or more copies be printed and sold under the direction of the Selectmen

Voted to desolve (dissolve) said meeting

Attest Josiah Dearborn Town Clerk

November 9, 1846

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Elections held November 9, 1846 agreeable to Warrant No. 51 File 6th for the purpose of giving in

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their votes for Governor, Lieut Governor of this Commonwealth and five Senators for the County of Essex for the year ensuing.

Also for a **Representative** to represent the Town in the General Court to be held at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next.

The votes for Governor, Lieut Governor, Senators and Representative to Congress being sorted, counted, recorded and declaration thereof made as the law directs were as follows, whole number votes was 429.

For Governor

| | |
|----------------------|-----------|
| George N. Briggs had | 215 votes |
| Isaac Davis had | 175 votes |
| David Bryant had | 15 votes |
| Samuel E. Sewall had | 24 votes |

For Lieut Governor

| | |
|----------------------|-----------|
| John Reed had | 215 votes |
| George Hood had | 174 votes |
| John Allen had | 15 votes |
| John M. Brewster had | 24 votes |

Whole number of Ballots for **Senators** was 412

| | |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| Denis Condry had | 214 votes |
| George Hodges had | 214 votes |
| Jonathan C. Perkins had | 214 votes |
| John W. Lowe had | 214 votes |
| Edmund Kimball had | 173 votes |
| Edwin Lawrence had | 173 votes |
| E. H. Safford had | 173 votes |
| Nathaniel Frothing ham had | 173 votes |
| George Osborn had | 173 votes |
| William Carey had | 25 votes |
| Ebenezer Hunt had | 25 votes |
| Dan Weed had | 25 votes |
| Daniel Perley had | 25 votes |

For Representative to Congress - Whole number Ballots 411

| | |
|------------------------|-----------|
| Amos Abbott had | 214 votes |
| George S. Boutwell had | 172 votes |
| John G. Whittier had | 1 vote |
| Chancy L. Knapp had | 24 votes |

For Representative to General Court – Whole number of Ballots was 418

| | |
|-------------------|-----------|
| Moses Burbank had | 202 votes |
| William Swan had | 157 votes |
| John W. Hall had | 33 votes |
| Aaron Jacks had | 21 votes |
| David Gleason had | 1 vote |
| Enoch Stevens had | 4 votes |

There being no choice it was voted to dissolve the meeting.

Attest Josiah Dearborn Town Clerk

November 9, 1846

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Town affairs held November 9, 1846 agreeable to Warrant No. 52 file 6th

1st Chose Geo A. Waldo **Moderator**

2d Voted that the request of Francis Frye be referred to the Selectmen for them to act upon it as they may think best –

3d Voted that the Selectmen appoint some judicious man in each district to clear the Roads when encumbered with snow.

4th Voted to pass over this article

5th Voted to Tax Dogs 2.00 annually for a License.

6th Voted to accept of the act passed March 25th 1845 in regard to Steam Engines.

7th Voted that 7.00 be tendered to the Committee who were appointed at the last Annual Meeting to request the Selectmen of Salem N.H. to withhold a license for the sale of intoxication liquors in the place now occupied by Mr Tenney for a fair compensation for their services on that mission

Voted to dissolve the Meeting.

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1847

March 1, 1847 – Annual Meeting

Annual meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held Monday March first 1847 agreeable to Warrant 54 file 6th

Opened said meeting

Chose George A. Waldo **Moderator**

Prayer by Reverend J. C. Phillips

Chose Josiah Dearborn **Town Clerk – Sworn**

Chose Josiah Dearborn **Town Treasurer**

Voted for **County Treasurer** – Whole number of votes was 26 and William F. Wade had that number

Voted that the number of **Selectmen** shall consist of five the year ensuing.

Whole number of ballots for **Selectmen** was 269

| | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| George A. Waldo had | 201 votes – Sworn |
| William Swan had | 217 votes – Sworn |
| Moses L. Atkinson had | 236 votes – Sworn |
| Joseph How had | 229 votes – Sworn |
| Ben Osgood had | 234 votes – Sworn |
| And were chosen | |
| All others had | 110 votes |

The School Committee's report was read and accepted. Voted to have the usual number printed

Voted to adjourn one hour

Met according to adjournment

Voted that the School Committee consist of five

School Committee Chosen

| | | |
|-------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Stephen Huse | J. C. Curtis | J. C. Phillips |
| Daniel Merrill 2d | N. B. Gorden | |

Constables

Voted that the number consist of two but afterwards it was voted to add two more
Made choice of John Low – Sworn, Daniel Currier

Voted to pass over the further choice of Constables until the adjourned meeting in April.

Surveyors of Highways Chosen & Sworn

| | | |
|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Charles Russel | Isaiah Silver | Asa Harris |
| Stephen Gage | Asa Harvey | David Loud |
| Joseph Currier | Oliver Emerson | Jonathan Morse |
| Samuel Richardson | Edward Carleton | George W. Butters |
| Jacob Tyler | Gilman H. Smith | Harris Whittier |
| Jeremiah Frye | Henry A. Bodwell | Hezekiah Chadwick |

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Appointed by Selectmen May 29, 1847

William Cross

Charles How

Hazen Bodwell

Fire Wardens - Chosen

John Wilson

Charles Ingalls

John Low

Daniel Merrill 3d

Frederick George

Fence Viewers - Chosen & Sworn

Joseph F. Ingalls

J. B. Barker

Amos Griffin

Surveyors of Wood & Bark – Chosen & Sworn

Herman Webster

Stephen Gage

Frederick George

Amos Griffin

John W. Hall

A. W. Carleton

A. W. Stearns

William Frye

John Carleton

Nathan Wells

Guy Carleton

Joshua Webster

John B. Webster

John Carleton 2d

Edwin Sargent

J. B. Barker

Samuel Cross

William Swan

Adams Dickey

John Picker 2d

Surveyors of Lumber – Chosen & Sworn

Francis Frye

Samuel Harvey

John Wilson

Ezekiel Clark

Samuel Clark

David Worthing

Joseph R. Bodwell

J. B. Webster

Hugh Mills Jr.

Nathaniel Hastings

Field Drivers

Voted that the Selectmen appoint them

Sealer of Weights and Measures – Chosen

Alvah Bennett

Sealer of Leather – Chosen

Milen Morse

Collector

Voted to pass over the article 8th in the Warrant and also the choice of a Collector until the adjourned meeting to be held the first of April next

Voted to accept of the Selectmen's and Overseers' report with the Town Treasurer.

Voted to pass over Articles 3, 4 & 5 in the warrant in regard to the money necessary to be raised the ensuing year to defray Town charges, Highways, Town ways & Bridges & Schools until the adjourned meeting.

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Voted to restrain horses, Neat cattle & swine from going at large the year ensuing.

Voted that when this meeting adjourn, that it adjourn to the first Monday in April next.

Voted to refer the 9th article to the Selectmen

Voted that the request of Andrew Thompson be granted, and that he be taken from School District No. 5 and be admitted into district No. 9

Voted to pass over article 11th

Voted to refer article 12th to the Selectmen

Voted to pass over the 13th article.

Voted to pass over the 14th article.

Voted to adjourn until the first Monday in April next at one O clock P.M.

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Field Drivers appointed by the Selectmen – Sworn

| | | |
|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
| William H. Frye | Samuel Cross | Joshua P. Hill |
| Hazen Bodwell | Samuel H. Harris | Oliver Emerson |
| Varnum Tyler | Rufus Griffin | John Ingalls |
| Ralph Clark | Aaron Jacks | Benjamin Webster |
| Elijah Hall | Caleb Swan | Joseph S. Morse |
| Daniel Merrill 2d | Joshua Webster | Benjamin Kimball |

Report of the Committee

The Selectmen being a committee for that purpose have examined the books and accounts of Josiah Dearborn Treasurer and find them correctly kept and that he had proper vouchers for his payments. He charges the Town as follows ~

| | |
|---|---------|
| Amount paid on Selectmen's Orders | 7749.55 |
| Recording Birth's & Deaths | 13.20 |
| Paid David Gleason interest on note taken up & note given for old note | 1258.20 |
| Sundry cash items paid out | 1.13 |
| Blank Book & paper | .37 |
| Making out returns of birth's Marriages & recording Malitia (militia) rool (roll) | 2.00 |
| S. I. Varney for Printing | 5.00 |
| Making out & distributing Tax bills | 20.00 |
| S. I. Varney printing Warrants | 1.75 |
| Andover Bank note | 500.00 |
| Interest on Daniel Gleason's note | 48.00 |
| County Tax | 626.80 |

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| | |
|--|---------------|
| Pd John Low for summons left | 1.40 |
| Pd Joshua Buswell extra labor distributing tax bills | 2.00 |
| For collecting Taxes | 52.00 |
| Discount on Taxes | <u>344.31</u> |
| | \$10625.71 |

The said Treasurer credits the Town as follows

| | |
|--|------------------------|
| By Balance in hand of treasurer by last year report | 523.62 |
| By cash on note to C. P. A. & 6.13 Poor | 224.20 |
| By cash on note to Prudence Poor | 200.00 |
| By cash on note to John Farley | 1000.00 |
| By cash on note to David Gleason | 1500.00 |
| By cash State Paupers | 48.58 |
| By cash received on sale of land E. Hibbard's heirs | 15.00 |
| By cash received of Andover Bank | 494.75 |
| By cash received of Wm. Murry for Licence No. 12. | 4.00 |
| By cash received of Overseers of the Poor | 289.86 |
| By cash received of Benjamin Smith over money on sale of horse | .12 |
| By cash received of Myer Goldsmith for Licence of No. 749 | 4.00 |
| By cash received of School Fund | 97.34 |
| By cash received of Silas Wheeler note | 5.00 |
| By cash received of Andover Bank | 1163.60 |
| By cash received of sale of Town Maps | 50.00 |
| By cash received of Tax List | <u>5174.54</u> |
| | 10794.61 |
| | Deduct <u>10625.71</u> |
| Cash in the hands of the Treasurer | <u>168.90</u> |

The Town is Indebted as follows

| | |
|---------------------------------|-------------|
| To School district No. 1 | .19 |
| To School district No. 2 | 141.55 |
| To School district No. 3 | 196.53 |
| To School district No. 6 | 74.52 |
| To School district No. 7 | 305.73 |
| To School district No. 8 | 1.54 |
| To School district No. 9 Dracut | <u>4.06</u> |
| | 724.12 |

| | |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| C. P. A. & C. B. Poor | 236.54 |
| Prudence Poor | 211.00 |
| John Farley | 1055.00 |
| Daniel Gleason | 833.00 |
| David Gleason | 1582.50 |
| Andover Bank | 1200.00 |
| John Harriman AD/-- | <u>275.00</u> |
| | 5393.64 |
| | \$6117.16 |

There is due the Town as follows

| | |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| Cash in Treasurer's hands | 168.96 |
| Moses Merrill uncollected Taxes | 376.65 |
| Town of Andover | 152.20 |
| West Newbury | 7.58 |

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Commonwealth for Small Pox care & State Paupers
Balance against the Town is

228.92

9334.25
\$5182.91

All of which is respectfully submitted by William Swan Selectmen
Geo. A. Waldo} of Methuen

Methuen March 1st 1847

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Attest

Josiah Dearborn Town Clerk

April 5, 1847

Met according to adjournment of the Annual March Meeting held March 1, 1847 and

Voted to pass over articles No. 3, 4, 5, 8 and the choice of Collector until the adjourned meeting.

Voted to adjourn two weeks from today at one o clock P.M.

Attest

Josiah Dearborn Town Clerk

April 5, 1847

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Town affairs, held on Monday, the fifth day of April 1847 agreeable to Warrant No. 55 to give in their votes for three County Commissioners and also for two Special Commissioners for said County of Essex.

The votes being given in, sorted, counted and declaration thereof made as the law directs, were as follows viz.: -

Whole number of ballots for County Commissioners was 228

| | |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| John Tenney of Methuen had | 134 votes |
| Allen W. Dodge of Hamilton had | 129 votes |
| Benj. F. Newhall of Saugus had | 199 votes |
| Charles Kimball of Ipswich had | 98 votes |
| Joseph Howe of Methuen had | 95 votes |
| Isaac Swan of Methuen had | 1 vote |
| Asa T. Newhall of Lynnfield had | 6 votes |
| Dan Weed Jr of Methuen had | 1 vote |
| William Carey of Amesbury had | 1 vote |
| Wm. Chase of Salem had | 1 vote |

For Special Commissioners

| | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| Alfred Kittridge of Haverhill had | 227 votes |
| Nathan W. Hazen of Andover had | 126 votes |
| Jon. Safford of Beverley had | 97 votes |

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Dan Weed of Methuen had 1 vote
John Lee of Manchester had 1 vote
Nathan D. Chase of Lynn had 1 vote

Attest

Josiah Dearborn Town Clerk

April 5, 1847

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Town affairs held on Monday the fifth day of April 1847 agreeable to Warrant No. 56 at four O clock P.M.

First Chose Stephen Huse **Moderator.**

Second Voted to pass over this article.

Third Voted to pass over Article 3d until the adjourned meeting.

Fourth Voted that article 4th be referred to the Selectmen & for them to report at the adjourned meeting.

Fifth Voted that article 5th be left to the Selectmen.

Voted to adjourn two weeks from today at two O clock P.M.

Attest

Josiah Dearborn Town Clerk

April 19, 1847

Met according to adjournment and voted to raise thirty five hundred dollars to defray Town charges.

Voted to raise fifteen hundred dollars to repair roads and bridges.

Voted to raise fifteen hundred dollars for the Support of Schools the year ensuing.

Collection of Taxes - Voted that the collection of Taxes for the year ensuing be the same as last year.

Collector – Josiah Dearborn was chosen.

Voted to reconsider the vote taken on article 13th at a former meeting.

Voted that article 13th be referred to the Selectmen for them to make such repairs as they may think best for the interest of the Town.

Voted to dissolve said meeting.

Attest

Josiah Dearborn Town Clerk

April 19, 1847

Met according to adjournment of meeting held April 5, 1847.

Voted to accept the following resolve as per article 3d in regard to dividing School money.

Whereas, the present mode of dividing the School money does not give every school in Town an equal share of its benefits; therefore resolved that the school money be distributed to the several public schools in the following manner.

1st Each Town school containing more than forty scholars shall receive an extra allowance of the school money according to the number of scholars they shall contain over & above forty.

The extra allowance shall be for each scholar /above forty/ one half the average amount of the appropriation for schooling to each scholar in Town between the ages of four and sixteen attending the schools the estimate be made as follows.

Divide the amount of school money by the whole number of scholars in Town as aforesaid: then multiply one half the quotient thus obtained by the number of scholars in the several districts for which an extra allowance is to be made.

The amount of the extra allowance to the different schools entitled to such; shall be taken from the sum total of the school money, the remainder then to be divided in equal proportion between all the public schools. The amount due to any particular school or district is then ascertained by adding to its equal portion as aforesaid; the amount of its extra allowance should it be entitled to any by the foregoing rule. If not its portion of the general division as aforesaid will be its proportion.

The number of scholars belonging to each school as ascertained by estimating the average number of scholars of the summer & winter terms; making the estimate from the annual report of the school committee of the proceeding year.

Article 4th The Selectmen reported that it was inexpedient to divide highway district in which Daniel Merrill 2d resides.

Voted to accept the Selectmen's report.

Voted to dissolve said meeting.

Attest

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April 19, 1947

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At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Town affairs held on Monday the nineteenth day of April 1847 agreeable to Warrant 57 file 6th

Opened said meeting and chose Stephen Huse **Moderator**.

- 2d Article Voted to refer that this article to the Selectmen for them to act as they think best.
- 3d Article Voted to refer the 3d article to the Selectmen with authority to build a wall where a new wall is wanted around the burying ground in the village.
- 4th Article Voted to refer the 4th article to the Selectmen.
- 5th Article Voted to refer article 5th to the Selectmen.

Voted to dissolve said meeting

Attest

Josiah Dearborn Town Clerk

May 17, 1847

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Town affairs held on Monday May 17th 1847 agreeable to Warrant 58 file 6th at three O clock in the afternoon to give in their votes on one ballot for one County Commissioner and also for one Special Commissioner for said County of Essex.

The votes being given in sorted, counted and declaration thereof made as the law directs, were as follows viz.: -

Whole number of ballots for County Commissioners was 36

| | |
|---------------------------------|----------|
| Charles Kimball of Ipswich had | 34 votes |
| John I. Baker of Beverly had | 1 vote |
| Asa T. Newhall of Lynnfield had | 1 vote |

For Special Commissioner - Whole number of ballots was 36

| | |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| Dan Weed Jun. of Lawrence had | 35 votes |
| Edmund Kimball of Bradford had | 1 vote |

Attest

Josiah Dearborn Town Clerk

October 4, 1847

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Town affairs held on Monday October 4, 1847 agreeable to Warrant 59 file 6th at three o clock in the afternoon.

Chose Joseph How **Moderator**

Voted that a committee of three be chosen to meet the Road Commissioners on Friday next Oct. 8th to oppose the road petitioned for by Leverett Bradley & others. ~

John Tenney, Joseph How and William H. Frye were chosen said committee.

Voted to dissolve said Meeting.

Attest Josiah Dearborn Town Clerk

November 8, 1847

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified by law to vote in elections held November 8, 1847 agreeable to Warrant No. 60 File 6th for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor, Lieut. Governor, of this Commonwealth and five Senators for the County of Essex, for the year ensuing.

Also to choose a Representative to represent the Town in the General Court to be held at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next.

The polls were opened at ½ past one O clock P.M.

The votes for Governor, Lieut. Governor, and Senators being sorted, counted, recorded and declaration thereof made as the law directs were as follows

Whole number of votes was 648 ~

For Governor

| | |
|----------------------|-----------|
| George N. Briggs had | 334 votes |
| Samuel E. Sewall had | 27 votes |
| Francis Baylies had | 6 votes |
| Caleb Cushing had | 273 votes |

For Lieut. Governor

| | |
|----------------------|-----------|
| John Reed had | 333 votes |
| John M. Brewster had | 25 votes |
| Charles W. Moore had | 6 votes |
| Amasa Walker had | 3 votes |
| Henry W. Cushman had | 277 votes |

Whole number of ballots for Senators was 648

| | |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| Edwin Lawrence had | 275 votes |
| Edmund Kimball had | 285 votes |
| Nathaniel J. Lord had | 275 votes |
| J. M. Sargent had | 275 votes |
| George Osborn had | 275 votes |
| Jonathan C. Perkins had | 332 votes |

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| | |
|----------------------|-----------|
| John W. Lowe had | 333 votes |
| James Gregory had | 333 votes |
| Charles H. Balch had | 333 votes |
| E. J. M. Hale had | 312 votes |
| Caleb Hersey had | 2 votes |
| William Carey had | 25 votes |

| | |
|--------------------------|----------|
| Nathan D. Chase had | 24 votes |
| B. F. S. Griffin had | 25 votes |
| Major Goodwin had | 6 votes |
| Edward S. Pearce had | 6 votes |
| Stephen Whitmore Jr. had | 6 votes |
| Bracket Lord had | 6 votes |
| Josiah Caldwell had | 6 votes |
| Ebenezer Hunt had | 1 vote |
| Dan Weed had | 1 vote |
| Daniel Pearley had | 1 vote |

For Representative to General Court – Whole number of Ballots was 640

| | |
|---------------------|-----------|
| John Tenney had | 319 votes |
| George A. Waldo had | 288 votes |
| All others was | 33 votes |

There being no choice it was voted to dissolve the meeting.

Attest

Josiah Dearborn Town Clerk.

November 8, 1847

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified by law to vote in Town affairs held on Monday November the 38th 1847 at three oclock P.M. agreeable to Warrant 61 File 6th

1st Chose Joseph How **Moderator.**

2nd Resolved that the Selectmen be requested to take a memorandum from Mr Butters of his land adjoining the burying ground at the rate of 200\$ per acre for the purpose of enlarging the same.

3d Voted to give permission to the County Commissioner to lay out a road through the burying ground.

4th Voted that a Dry Bridge be built by the Town, near Mr. Geo. W. Annis' Shop.

5th Voted to pass over article 4th.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

April 19, 1847

At a legal meeting of the Town of Methuen held on the 19th day of April 1847.

The second article to be acted on was as follows.

By request of Moses L. Atkinson to see what the Town will do in regard to new districting the School districts in said Town and to act anything in regard to the schools, school districts, and school money, the Town shall think proper.

The Town voted that the above article be referred to the Selectmen for them to act as they think best.

The Selectmen in performing the duties assigned them, carefully examined the subject and concluded that in consequence of the Town being divided and portion of district No. two with the School house being in the Town of Lawrence the remaining part of the district must necessarily be annexed to district No. one and No. seven; or take the remaining part of district No. two and a portion of district one and form another district. At the request of the Selectmen a meeting of the numbers of district No. one and two was called that said Selectmen might know their opinion on the subject. The chairman of the Selectmen was present at the meeting. After discussing the subject the vote was taken and a large majority were in favour of having two districts. Information was also given that the scholars between the age of four and sixteen years had been numbered and that there were seventy six.

On examining the map of the Town it appears that there are forty four houses within the limits of said districts.

Having taken all the above circumstances into consideration, also considering that said districts extend over a large extent of territory, that a school house in district No. One is highly necessary, have unanimously come to the conclusion that the good of the whole required that there be two districts. The Selectmen are aware that the expense of building two School houses will be somewhat burdensome but believe the benefit will justify the expense.

There is another objection which has been considered which is that a few families in the northwest Part of district No. One will necessarily have farther to go to school should there be two districts than they do now as the school house will necessarily be situated farther west. In reply it may be said that the good of the whole should be looked at and not simply a part and it is sometimes necessary that the interests of some should be sacrificed to some extent for the greater good of others.

The Selectmen have concluded the division of the two districts be at the corner near Moses L. Atkinson's. That district No. One include the Pelham road from said corner. Also both Lowell roads west and southwest of said corner including the house near where Bartlett's mill formerly stood.

That the remaining part of district No. One and that portion of district No. Two that remains in Methuen constitute another district and be called No. Two. That the school the present term shall

be kept the same as if no division had been made but the division take place from the date of this instrument.

The Selectmen recommend that the two school houses with the land belonging to district No. One Be sold and the proceeds thereof be divided equally between the two districts.

Methuen Jan. 4 1848

| | | |
|-------------------|---|-----------|
| George A. Waldo | } | Selectmen |
| Joseph How | } | of |
| Moses L. Atkinson | } | Methuen |

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