

1860

Essex SS.

To William H. Wallace Constable of the Town of Methuen in said County of Essex

Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said Town of Methuen qualified b law to vote in Town affairs, to meet and assemble at the Town Hall in said Town on **Monday the Fifth day of March (1860) next at 10 O'Clock A.M.** then and there to act on the following Articles. Viz.:

- Article First To choose a **Moderator** to govern said meeting
- Art. 2nd To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing
- Art. 3rd To raise such sums of money as the Town may deem necessary to defray the Town charges for the year ensuing.
- Art. 4th To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise to repair Highways and Bridges the year ensuing
- Art. 5th To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the support of Schools the year ensuing
- Art. 6th To determine the manner of collecting taxes the year ensuing and act thereon as the Town may think proper
- Art. 7th To see if the Town will vote to restrain Neat Cattle, Horses and Swine from going at large the year ensuing or any part thereof.
- Art. 8th To see what pay the Town will allow the members of the Engine Company the year ensuing and act thereon.
- Art. 9th To hear the annual report of the Selectmen and all Committeees which are to report at this meeting and act thereon
- Art. 10th To act on List of Jurors as reported by the Selectmen
- Art. 11th To see what action the Town will take relative to leasing or buying a piece of land on which to locate the Engine House and Lobby.

- Art. 12th To see if the Town will authorize some person or persons to sell of exchange a part of the lower side of the Burying Ground in Methuen village so that it may be more conveniently fenced than it can be as it is now and act thereon as the Town may think proper.
- Art. 13th By request of Stephen Huse and others to see if the Town will vote to have the Bushes cut and removed from the Burying Ground near Wid. (widow) J. Frye and act thereon as the Town may think proper.
- Art. 14th To see if the Town will authorize the Prudential Committee to hire Teachers after May 31st the present year.
- Art. 15th To see what action the Town will take relative to the purchasing of a New Hearse and act thereon as the Town may think proper.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the
Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting.

Given under our hands at Methuen this Seventeenth day of Feby A.D.
1860.

John C. Webster } Selectmen
Chas. Shed } of
Daniel Merrill 3rd } Methuen

Essex SS. Town of Methuen Feby (February) 29, 1860

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen herein described to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned by posting up attested copies of this Warrant at each of the Public Meeting Houses in said Town ten days before the time set for said meeting.

Wm. H. Wallace Constable of Methuen

A true Copy

Attest Chas. Shed Town Clerk

The Annual March Meeting – 1860

The Annual Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen was held at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the fifth day of March A. D. 1860 agreeably to Warrant No 24 File 7, at Ten O’Clock A.M.

Art. 1st Jacob Emerson Jr. was chosen **Moderator** and sworn

Art. 2nd

Charles Shed was chosen **Town Clerk** and sworn
Charles Shed was chosen **Treasurer** and sworn
Charles Shed was chosen **Town Collector** and sworn

Selectmen Chosen & Sworn

Charles F. Abbott
Charles Shed
Samuel H. Harris

School Committee

Harvey Hersey for 3 years

Constables sworn

William H. Wallace Henry F. Richardson

Fire Wardens

John Low	John Wilson	Thomas C. Mason
Ebenezer Sawyer	Andrew Thompson	

Fence Viewers

E. G. Jackman	Alfred Clark	Washington Merrill
Daniel Merrill	Wm. H. Wallace	Christopher How
Moody S. Wheeler		

Surveyors of Lumber appointed by Selectmen

Samuel Harvey	Jerome Cross	Henry Tewksbury
Hugh Mills	John W. Frederick	Ebenezer Marsh
John B. Webster	John Wilson	Aaron Sawyer
James O. Parker	Ralph Clark	Jesse Towne
Joseph S. How	John M. Grosvenor	

Surveyors of Wood & Bark appointed by Selectmen

Samuel Richardson 2 nd	Ralph Clark
Frederick Kimball	John B. Webster
Nelson P. Cross	Daniel Merrill 3 rd
James O. Parker	Alfred Clark

Aaron Sawyer
Matthew Messer

Joseph S. How
Andrew Thompson

Field Drivers

John Russ
George W. Sawyer
John G. White
George F. Harvey
Henry A. Currier
J. N. Webster
C. A. Brock
J. Sidney How
Wm. Lougee
Jeremiah Putnam
Moses G. Smith

Joseph Pecker
Samuel A. Harvey
Stephen Hoyt
Charles Smith
George A. Harris
James Troy
E. H. Kent
Geo. W. Billings
Gilbert Bowen
P. J. Lucas
Haskell Gordon E. P. G. Marsh

Sealer of Weights & Measures appointed by Selectmen

C. E. Brock

Pound Keepers appointed by Selectmen

Stephen Williams

Hezekiah Chadwick

Surveyors of Highways

John How sworn
Leverett Bradley
Rufus Griffin
Joseph S. Morse
Joshua P. Hill
J. C. Jackson
Ralph Clark
Charles Merrill
Andrew Thompson
J. M. Doe
Abner Stevens

Charles Russell
James Messer
Aaron Jacks
John M. Grosvenor
Jonathan Morse
John N. Hall
Michael Prescott
Moses Webster
John Russ
Joseph Currier

Art. 3rd

Voted to raise Thirty Five Hundred Dollars to defray Town Charges and paying the Town debt.

Art. 4th

Voted to raise Eighteen Hundred dollars to repair Highways and Bridges the year ensuing.

Art. 5th **Voted** to raise Twenty five Hundred dollars for the support of Schools the year ensuing.

Art. 6th **Voted** that the Taxes be collected in the same manner this year as they were last year

Art. 7th **Voted** that they be restrained

Art. 8th **Voted** that they be paid Twenty five cents per hour when on actual duty

Voted to furnish Engine No 2 with a suitable place to keep their Engine and be furnished with one hundred feet of Hose

Art. 9th **Voted** that the Financial Report of the Selectmen be accepted

The Committee who were appointed to draft a code of By Laws reported accepted and placed on file to await the decision of the Judge of the Superior Court on the same.

The Report of the Committee on naming the streets was accepted and placed on file.

Voted that the Town Clerk be directed to insert the names of the streets upon a map of the Town, and it be filed away for reference.

Voted that the Chairman of the Committee on By Laws be authorized to place the same before the Superior Court for their approval.

Voted that the incoming board of Selectmen be a committee to carry on the suit pending between the Town and J. L. Hutchinson.

Art. 10th **Voted** to accept the following **List of Jurors**

x Charles F. Abbott	x Asa Harris
x Charles O. Barker	x Charles Haseltine
x Hazen Bodwell	x Joseph S. How
x George W. Butters	x E. G. Jackman
x Alvah Bennett	x Ebenezer Marsh
x Stephen Currier	x Hazen Messer
x Guy Carleton	x S. R. Merrill
x Daniel Carleton	x D. T. Morrison
x William Cross	x Alfred M. Norris
x Nelson P. Cross	x Gorham P. Poor
x Jeremiah M. Doe	x John Russ

x Lorenzo Dow x Charles Russell
x Dean Emerson x D. C. Rollins
x John W. Frederick x Ebenezer Sawyer
x J. P. Flint x Albert Smith
x George W. Gage x Franklin Saunders

x Lewis Gage x Asa Simonds
x Rufus Griffin x Edmund P. Sargent
x Justin E. Griffin x James M. Troy
x Benjamin M. Hall x John B. Webster
x T. C. Mason

Art. 11th **Voted** that the subject be referred to the Selectmen

Art. 12th **Voted** that the subject be referred to the Selectmen

Art. 13th **Voted** that the Selectmen be authorized to cause them to be removed

Art. 14th **Voted** that they be authorized to hire teachers

Art. 15th **Voted** that Ebenezer Sawyer and John Low be a Committee to purchase a new Hearse and dispose of the old one.

Voted that the meeting be dissolved.

Attest

Chas. Shed

Town Clerk

Essex SS.

To Henry F. Richardson Constable of the Town of Methuen
Greeting.

You are hereby directed in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Methuen qualified by law to vote for Senators and Representatives in General Court to meet and assemble at the Town Hall in said Methuen on Monday the Seventh day of May next at Two O'Clock P.M. to bring in their votes by Ballot to the Selectmen for or against either of the Two Articles of Amendment to the Constitution of this Commonwealth Pursuant to Resolves of the General Court of Massachusetts. Entitled "Resolves relating to the proposed Amendments of the Constitution approved by **Governor** the Fourth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty.

The Poll is to be kept open until Five O'Clock P.M.

Hereof fail not and have you there this Warrant with your doings thereon.

Given under our hands at Methuen this **Twenty First day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty.**

S. H. Harris } Selectmen
Chas. Shed } of
Charles F. Abbott } Methuen

Essex SS. Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the inhabitants of said Town qualified as therein required to meet at the time and place at least ten days before ssaid meeting b posting a notice at each meeting House.

Dated at Methuen A.D. 1860, May 7th

Henry F. Richardson Constable

A true Copy Attest Chas. Shed Town Clerk

May 7, 1860

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote for Senators and Representatives in General Court held at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the Seventh day of May agreeable to Warrant No 25 File 7, to bring in their votes by Ballot for or against the Amendments of the Constitution

The following is the result of the Balloting

Article First	Yes	Fourteen	14
	No		
Article Second	Yes	Thirteen	13
	No	One	1

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest Chas. Shed Town Clerk

Essex SS. To William H. Wallace Constable of the Town of Methuen
in said County of Essex. **Greeting.**

You are hereby directed in the name
of the
Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Methuen
qualified by
law to vote in Elections to meet and assemble at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday
the sixth
day of November next at Ten O'Clock in the forenoon, then and there to give in their
Ballots for a
Governor, Lieutenant **Governor**, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General, Attorney
General, Auditor
of Accounts, Councilor for District number Two, One Senator for the Third Essex
District and One
County Commissioner for the County of Essex, all on one ballot.

Also for thirteen Electors of President and Vice President of the United
States and one
Representative to represent the Seventh Congressional District of the Commonwealth in
the next
Congress of the United States on a separate ballot.

Also for a Representative to the General Court for the Representative
District number
Fifteen composed of the Town of Methuen and the Fifth Ward of the City of Lawrence
on a separate
ballot.

The Polls to be kept open until Four O'Clock P.M.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies
thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses in said Town.

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon
to ourselves at the time and place of meeting.

Given under our hands at Methuen **this twenty fifth day of October in
the year
of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and sixty.**

S. H. Harris } Selectmen
Chas. Shed } of
Charles F. Abbott } }

Essex SS. Methuen Oct 26 1860. Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified
the
Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen herein described to meet at the time and place and
for

the purposes within mentioned by posting up attested copies of this Warrant at each of the Public Meeting Houses in said Town ten days before the time set for said meeting.

W. H. Wallace Constable of Methuen

November 6, 1860

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Elections, held at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday the sixth day of November at Ten O'Clock A.M. agreeably to Warrant No 26 File 7.

The votes were sorted, counted, recorded and declaration thereof made as the law directs and were as follows.

The whole numbers of **votes for Governor** was

Four Hundred and eighty seven 487

John A. Andrew of Boston had Two Hundred eighty nine	289
Erasmus L. Beach of Springfield had One Hundred forty one	141
Benjamin F. Butler of Lower had eighteen	18

The whole number of **votes for Lieut. Governor** was

Four Hundred and eighty seven 487

John F. Goodrich of Stockbridge had Two hundred eighty nine	289
Charles Thompson of Charlestown had One Hundred Forty one	141
David N. Carpenter of Greenfield had Eighteen	18
George Marston of Barnstable had Thirty nine	39

The whole number of **votes for Secretary** was

Four Hundred and eighty seven 487

Oliver Warner of Northampton had Two Hundred eighty nine	289
Samuel W. Bowerman of Pittsfield had One Hundred forty two	142
W. W. Comstock of Middleboro had Seventeen	17
Thomas Parsons of Brookline had Thirty nine	39

The whole number of **votes for Treasurer and Receiver General** was

Four Hundred Eighty six 486

Henry K. Oliver of Lawrence had Two Hundred Eighty eight	288
Silas Pierce of Boston had One Hundred forty two	142
George Dennett of Boston had Seventeen	17

Samuel A. Eliot of Cambridge had Thirty nine 39

The whole number of **votes for Attorney General** was

Four Hundred eighty seven 487

Dwight Foster of Worcester had Two Hundred eighty nine 289

Samuel O. Lamb of Greenfield had One Hundred forty two 142

G. Washington Warren of Charlestown had Seventeen 17

Henry Morris of Springfield had Thirty nine 39

The whole number of **votes for Auditor of Accounts** was

Four Hundred Eighty seven 487

Levi Reed of Abington had Two Hundred Eighty nine 289

James E. Esterbrook of Worcester had One Hundred forty two 142

J. W. Mansur of Fitchburg had Seventeen 17

J. Henry Hill of Worcester had Thirty nine 39

The whole number of **votes for Councilor for District No. 2.** was

Four Hundred Eighty seven 487

John P. Baker of Beverly had Two Hundred eighty nine 289

Benjamin H. Corliss of Gloucester had One Hundred Eighty One 181

William Nutting Jr. of Marblehead had Seventeen 17

The whole number of **votes for Senator for Third Essex District** was

Four Hundred Eighty seven 487

Christopher Tompkins of Haverhill had Two Hundred eighty nine 289

Warner R. Whittier of Haverhill had One Hundred forty two 142

Nathaniel S. Howe of Haverhill had Thirty nine 39

Thomas C. Mason of Methuen had Seventeen 17

Votes for County Commissioner

James Kimball of Salem had Two Hundred twenty nine 229

George Wilson of Marblehead had Two Hundred fifty eight 258

Votes for Electors of President and Vice President of the United States

Votes for Electors at Large

For George Morey of Boston Two Hundred eighty three 283

Reuben A. Chapman of Springfield Two Hundred eighty three 283

Isaac Davis of Worcester	One Hundred forty two	142
Charles Hubner of Lee	One Hundred forty two	142
Chester W. Chapin of Springfield	Sixteen	16
Eben Sutton of South Danvers	Sixteen	16
Levi Lincoln of Worcester	Forty	40
Marshall P. Wilder of Dorchester	Forty	40

Electors for District No 1.

For	Alfred Macey of Nantucket	Two Hundred Eighty three	283
	Alexander Baxter of Yarmouth	One Hundred forty two	142
	S. B. Phinney of Barnstable	Sixteen	16
	Joseph Grinnell of New Bedford	Forty	40

District No 2.

James H. Mitchell of E. Bridgewater	Two Hundred Eighty three	283
Benjamin G. Chase of Somerset	One Hundred forty two	142
P. W. Leland of Fall River	Sixteen	16
Benjamin Hobart of S. Abington	Forty	40

District No 3.

John M. Forbes of Milton had	Two Hundred eighty three	283
Henry A. Aldrich of Mendon had	One Hundred forty two	142
Roswell Gleason of Gloucester had	Sixteen	16
Henry A. Mansfield of Blackstone had	Forty	40

District No 4.

Charles B. Hall of Boston had	Two Hundred Eighty three	283
William J. Reynolds of Roxbury had	One Hundred forty two	142
B. F. Hallet of Boston had	Sixteen	16
Sanford M. Hunt of Roxbury had	Forty	40

District No 5.

Peleg W. Chandler of Boston had	Two Hundred Eighty three	283
Knowlton S. Chaffee of Cambridge had	One Hundred forty two	142
George W. Parmenter of Boston had	Sixteen	16
J. Thomas Stevenson of Boston had	Forty	40

District No 6.

John G. Whittier of Amesbury had Two Hundred Eighty three	283
George Upton of Salem had One Hundred forty two	142
Henry Durant of Lynn had Sixteen	16
Nathaniel Silsbee of Salem had Forty	40

District No 7.

Gerry W. Cochrane of Methuen had Two Hundred Eighty three	283
George W. Dyke of Stoneham had One Hundred forty two	142
R. Frothingham Jr. of Charlestown had Sixteen	16
Nathaniel G. White of Lawrence had Forty	40

District No 8.

John Nesmith of Lowell had Two Hundred Eighty three	283
Ambrose Sloper of Natick had One Hundred forty two	142
Peter Hagerty of Lowell had Sixteen	16
Daniel S. Richardson had Forty	40

District No 9.

Amasa Walker of North Brookfield Two Hundred eighty three	283
Levi Barker of Worcester had One Hundred forty two	142
John Spurr of Charlton had Sixteen	16
John G. Thurston of Lancaster had Forty	40

District No 10.

Charles Field of Athol had Two Hundred Eighty three votes	283
Stephen C. Bemis of Springfield had One Hundred forty two	142
Wells Lothrop of South Hadley had Sixteen	16
Osmyn Baker of Northampton had Forty	40

District No 11.

Charles Mattoon of Greenfield had Two Hundred Eighty three	283
Phineas Allen of Pittsfield had One Hundred Forty two	142
Reuben Noble of Westfield had Sixteen	16
William G. Bates of Westfield had Forty	40

For Representative to Congress for Seventh Congressional District.

Daniel W. Gooch of Melrose had Two Hundred Eighty one	281
Charles A. Welch of Waltham had One Hundred Eighty one	181
George Johnson of Bradford had Eighteen	18

For Representative to General Court for Representative District No. 15.

Cyrus Williams of Lawrence had Two Hundred Eighty two	282
David Gleason of Methuen had Two Hundred and Seven	207
Ebenezer Sawyer of Methuen had One	1

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest

Chas. Shed Town Clerk

Town Clerk's Office

Methuen Nov. 8 1860 at 12 O'Clock M

(M=midday/noon)

Return of Votes to the Town Clerk of Methuen from the Clerk of Ward Five of the City of Lawrence, of the votes in that Ward for Representative to General Court for District No. 15.

Cyrus Williams of Lawrence had One Hundred and three votes	103
David Gleason of Methuen had Fifty Five	55

Attest

Chas. Shed Town Clerk

1861

Essex SS.

To Henry F. Richardson Constable of the Town of Methuen in said County of Essex

Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the

Commonwealth

of Massachusetts to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Methuen qualified by law to

vote in Town affairs, to meet and assemble at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the

Fourth

day of March (1861) next at Ten O'Clock A.M. then and there to act on the following Articles **Viz.:**

Art. 1st To choose a **Moderator** to govern said meeting

Art. 2nd To choose all necessary Town officers for the year ensuing

- Art. 3rd To raise such sums of money as the Town may deem necessary to defray the Town charges for the year ensuing
- Art. 4th To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise to repair Highways and Bridges the year ensuing
- Art. 5th To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the support of Schools the year ensuing
- Art. 6th To determine the manner of collecting taxes the year ensuing and act thereon as the Town may think proper
- Art. 7th To see if the Town will vote to restrain neat cattle horses and swine from going at large the year ensuing
- Art. 8th To see what pay the Town will allow the members of the Engine Company the year ensuing
- Art. 9th To hear the Annual Report of the Selectmen and all Committees which are to report at this meeting and act thereon.
- Art 10th To act on List of Jurors as reported by the Selectmen
- Art 11th By the request of the Superintending School Committee to see what measures the Town will take to redistrict the Town, or change the boundaries of certain School Districts.
- Art. 12th By request of Alfred Clark and others to see if the Town will vote to divide the Highway District on the west side of the road leading by the house of Russell Rogers.
- Art. 13th By request of J. C. Kent to see whether the undertaker shall be chosen by the Town or appointed by the Selectmen
- Art. 14th By request of Niles How to see if the Town will vote to repair a culvert near his house also to see if the Town will vote to change the name of North Street to that of North Boston Street.
- Art. 15th To see what action the Town will take relative to the safe keeping of the Town Records agreeable to the General Statutes of the State Chapter 29 Section 4th.
- Art 16th To see if the Town will authorize the Prudential Committee to hire teachers the year ensuing.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town

Clerk at the time and place of meeting.

Given under our hands at **Methuen this twenty second day of Feby A.D. 1861.**

S. H. Harris } Selectmen
Chas. Shed } of
Charles F. Abbott } Methuen

Essex SS.

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the inhabitants of said Town qualified as therein required to meet at the time and place at least ten days before said meeting, by posting up a notice at each meeting house.

Dated at **Methuen A.D. March 2nd, 1861.**

Henry F. Richardson, Constable

A true Copy

Attest

Chas. Shed Town Clerk

The Annual Town Meeting – March 4th, 1861

The Annual Town Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen was held at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the Fourth day of March A.D. 1861, agreeably to Warrant No 27, File 7, at Ten O’Clock A.M.

Art. 1st Jacob Emerson Jr. was chosen **Moderator** & sworn

Prayer by the Rev. H. M. Emerson

Art 2nd Charles Shed was chosen **Town Clerk** & sworn
Charles Shed was chosen **Treasurer** & sworn
Charles Shed was chosen **Town Collector** & sworn

Selectmen chosen

Charles F. Abbott sworn – sworn as Assessor May 27, 1861
Daniel T. Morrison sworn – sworn as Assessor April 1st, 1861
John W. Frederick sworn – sworn as Assessor April 1st, 1861

School Committee

Samuel G. Sargent for 3 years
Lyman B. Gage for 2 years

Constables

Henry F. Richardson sworn
J. O. Sawyer sworn

Fire Wardens

John Low accepted
Ebenezer Sawyer
Samuel Richardson 2nd

Fence Viewers

E. G. Jackman
J. R. Putnam sworn
J. M. Doe sworn
Wheeler sworn

Alfred Clark sworn
Daniel Merrill
Christopher How sworn

Moody S.

Surveyors of Lumber

George F. Harvey sworn
Samuel Richardson
J. W. Frederick sworn
J. B. Webster
Aaron Sawyer
Ralph Clark sworn
Joseph S. How
F. Saunders appointed

Jerome Cross
Hugh Mills
J. M. Emerson sworn
John Wilson sworn
J. O. Parker
Jesse Town
Dean Emerson

Surveyors of Wood & Bark

Samuel Richardson 2nd sworn
Frederick Kimball
Nelson P. Cross
Franklin Saunders sworn
E. P. Sargent
G. W. Gage ?

Ralph Clark sworn
J. B. Webster
George F. Harvey sworn
Alfred Clark sworn
Richard How
Robert Taylor

Field Drivers

A. Gilcreast sworn
Wm. Mansur
George Burleigh sworn
J. P. Flint

Hezekiah Chadwick appointed/sworn
E. H. Griffin sworn
Hugh Mills
Stephen Hoyt

Wm. Sherwood sworn
John Blaisdell
Jacob Emerson
H. Gordon
E. A. Clark
Albert Rand
Joseph Smith
George Foot sworn
John Russ sworn
John Fry appointed

James Allen sworn
Moody S. Wheeler
L. Spear
P. J. Lucas sworn
Parker Waldo
George Townsend
Samuel Frost
Nathan B. Sargent
Andrew Thompson sworn

Sealer of Weights & Measures - Appointed by Selectmen

A. S. Hill sworn

Pound Keepers – Appointed by Selectmen

Stephen Williams

Hezekiah Chadwick

Surveyors of Highways

William Moreland
F. R. Frye
Rufus Griffin
Joseph S. Morse
La Fayette Whittier
William C. Sleeper
Stephen W. Williams
Samuel Poor
B. B. Gordon
J. M. Doe
Asa Harris

Samuel Cross
Varnum Tyler
Alpheus Boles
Dean Emerson
Jonathan Morse
Eli Wentworth
Michael Prescott
Frederick Blodgett
John Russ
Charles Richardson
R. H. Miller

- Art. 3 **Voted** to raise Thirty Five Hundred dollars to defray the Town charges the year ensuing.
- Art 4. **Voted** to raise Twenty Hundred dollars to repair highways and bridges the year ensuing
- Art. 5 **Voted** to raise Twenty Five Hundred dollars for the support of School the year ensuing.
- Art. 6 **Voted** that the Taxes be collected in the same manner as they were last year
- Art. 7 **Voted** that they be restrained
- Art. 8 **Voted** to allow Engine men twenty five cents an hour when on actual duty
- Art. 9 **Voted** to accept the Financial Report of the Selectmen

Voted to accept the Report of the Committee on By Laws of the Town, as amended

Voted that E. P. G. Marsh be a Committee to present the By Laws to the Judge of the Superior Court for his approval

Art. 10 **Voted** to accept the list of Jurymen prepared by the Selectmen Viz.:

Chas. F. Abbott	William Jackson
George W. Butters	Henry Knight
Chas. O. Barker	Leonard Morrison
Josiah Bean	Joseph S. Morse
Stephen Currier	Ebenezer Marsh
Nelson P. Cross	Hazen Messer
Ralph Clark	John W. Mann
Jonathan Cluff	D. T. Morrison
Alfred Clark	Jonathan Morse
J. M. Doe	Alfred M. Norris
Lorenzo Dow	Thomas C. Mason
Samuel F. Dearborne	James O. Parker
Gilbert Emerson	John Russ
Jacob Emerson Jr.	T. J. Richardson
J. P. Flint	Daniel C. Rollins
J. W. Frederick	Albert Smith
Chas. E. Goss	Asa Simonds

Joseph How	Edmund P. Sargent
T. P. Huse	Franklin Saunders
Chas. Haseltine	Eli Went worth
Joseph F. Ingalls	John B. Webster

Art. 11 **Voted** that the following Committee be appointed to investigate the condition of the several School Districts and report at a future meeting

District No 1 A. Jacks
District No 2 Jonathan Morse
District No 3 J. B. Barker
District No 4 J. O. Parker
District No 5 John Russ
District No 6 G. W. Gage
District No 7 Christopher How
District No 8 Joseph How
District No 9 J. M. Grosvenor

- Art. 12 **Voted** that it be divided as requested
- Art. 13 **Voted** that the undertaker be appointed by the Selectmen
- Art. 14 Indefinitely postponed
- Art. 15 **Voted** that the Selectmen provide a suitable place to keep the Records of the Town
- Art. 16 **Voted** that the Prudential Committee be authorized to hire teachers the year ensuing
- Voted** to dissolve the meeting

Attest

Chas. Shed Town Clerk

Selectmen's Report

The Selectmen have examined the Books and accounts of the Treasurer of said Town and find them correctly kept and that he has proper vouchers for payment. The following abstract will show the amount of money received and paid out during the past year and the amount now remaining in his hands.

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For Cash Paid on Selectmen's Orders	7,189.36
For Cash Paid on County Tax	1,748.20
For Cash Paid on State Tax	467.50
For Cash Paid on Interest on Notes	1,139.30
For Cash Paid on Principal on Notes	795.00
For Cash Paid on Discount on Taxes	549.18
For Cash Paid on Collecting Taxes	83.38
For Cash Paid on Making & Distributing Tax Bills	25.00
For Collecting, Recording & Indexing Births, Marriage & Deaths	24.60
For Making Returns of Births, Marriages Deaths and Receiving Militia Roll	8.00
For Issuing Dog Licenses	11.00
For Cash Paid for Express, Stamps, Envelopes, etc.	8.07
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	\$12,048.59
Cash in Treasurer's hands Feby 20, 1861	267.53
Cash in Taxes uncollected	208.28
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	\$12,524.40

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By Cash in Treasurer's hands Feb 20 1860	2,289.87
By Cash in Taxes uncollected	319.83
By Cash Tax List for 1860	8,338.15
By Cash Rec'd for Rent of Town House	669.32
By Cash Rec'd David Gleason	400.00
By Cash Rec'd of State Treasurer School Money for 1860	95.00
By Cash Rec'd of S. Huse Admin. of S. P. Wheeler's Estate	127.75
By Cash Rec'd of J. Emerson Jr. for fines collected for Violation of Dog law	20.00
By Cash Rec'd of B. G. Gutterson	24.76
By Cash Rec'd of W. H. Wallace for Hearse Runners	5.00
By Cash Rec'd for Dog Licenses	118.00
By Cash Rec'd of City of Lawrence proportion 1860 School Tax	101.82
By Cash Rec'd of C. Shed for Fence Posts & Railing	14.90
	<u>14.90</u>
	\$12,524.40

Methuen Feby 20 1861

S. H. Harris } Selectmen
 Chas. Shed } of
 Charles F. Abbott } Methuen

A true Copy

Attest Chas. Shed Town Clerk

Essex SS. To J. O. Sawyer Constable of the Town of Methuen in said County of Essex

Greeting.

You are hereby directed in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Methuen qualified to vote in Elections to meet and assemble at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday the Thirtieth instant at Two O'Clock P.M. to act on the following Articles. Viz.:

Article 1st To Choose a **Moderator** to govern said meeting

Art. 2nd By request of a meeting of the citizens held at the Town Hall April 23rd to see what provision the Town will make for those of her citizens who have so patriotically offered their services in defence of their country, and to provide for any emergency which may arise in connection with the present alarming state of affairs which now exists.

Art. 3rd To act on any other business which may properly come before said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town

Clerk at the time and place of meeting.

Given under our hands at Methuen this twenty third day of April A.D. 1861.

Charles F. Abbott } Selectmen
D. T. Morrison } of
J. W. Frederick } Methuen

Essex SS.

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified as therein required to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned by posting up an attested copy of the warrant at each of the Public Meeting Houses, seven days before said time of meeting.

Methuen April 29, 1861

A true Copy
J. O. Sawyer Constable of Methuen
Attest Chas. Shed Town Clerk

April 30, 1861

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Elections held at the Town Hall in said Methuen on Tuesday the Thirtieth day of April A.D. 1861.

Article 1st Jacob Emerson Jr. was chosen **Moderator**

Art. 2nd Chose J. F. Ingalls, Daniel Currier, Stephen Huse, J. P. Flint, T. C. Mason as a Committee to report a subject for the meeting to act upon; said Committee reported that the sum of Five Thousand dollars be appropriated for Volunteers. (Volunteers=military)

Voted that those citizens of Methuen who have themselves in readiness to drill, be granted the use of the Town Hall for the purpose of drilling; and all the necessary expenses attending the same to be paid by the Town.

Voted that the sum of Five Thousand dollars be appropriated for the purpose of arming equipping or furnishing Volunteers

Voted that the Selectmen of the Town, and Ebenezer Sawyer, J. P. Flint, John C. Webster and Daniel

Currier, be a Committee to disburse the money.

Voted that the Treasurer be authorized to hire the money under the sanction of the Selectmen.

Voted that the Volunteers who are citizens of Methuen be paid, from the time that they enter the service, a sum of money sufficient to make the whole amount received by them equal to twenty six dollars per month, including Volunteers already gone in the two Lawrence companies.

Voted that each citizen of Methuen who shall enlist and become a member of the volunteer company and the service of the United States shall receive the sum of Fifteen dollars from the Town in addition to their monthly pay.

Voted that S. Huse, B. B. Gordon, & Ebenezer Sawyer be a Committee to enlist volunteers.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Attest Chas. Shed Town Clerk

Essex SS.

To J. O. Sawyer Constable of the Town of Methuen in said County of Essex

Greeting:

You are hereby directed in the name

of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Methuen qualified to vote in Elections to meet and assemble at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the **Twelfth day of August (1861) next at Two O'Clock P.M.** to act on the following Articles. Viz.:

Art. 1st To choose a **Moderator** to govern said meeting

Art. 2nd To see what sum of Money the Town will vote to raise to aid the families of Volunteers of this Town agreeably to the first Section of an act of the Legislature Chap 222, Approved May 23, 1861.

Art. 3rd To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer to hire whatever sum they may vote to raise.

Art. 3rd **Voted** that this Article be laid on the table

Art. 4th **Voted** that this Article be passed over

Art 5th **Voted** that this Article be passed over

Art. 6th **Voted** that the Committee chosen by the Town April Thirtieth A.D. 1861 to disburse the money appropriated at that time, be instructed, to make a special and detailed Report of their doings at the next adjournment meeting

Voted to adjourn two from this day at Two O'Clock P.M.

Attest

Chas. Shed

Town Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Essex SS.

At the superior Court begun and held at Lawrence within and for the County of Essex on the third Monday of March A.D. 1861

804 By laws of the Town of Methuen.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen **March 4, 1861**, the following

By-laws were adopted, subject to the approval of the Superior Court.

1. There shall be chosen at the annual Town meeting by ballot, one or more auditors to audit the accounts of the Town, and no account shall be allowed by the Town without being examined by said auditor.
2. The Selectmen shall be a committee on finance, whose duty it shall be previous to the next annual meeting to estimate the amount of money necessary to be raised for different purposes for the ensuing financial year.
3. There shall be appointed annually by the Selectmen a road commissioner, whose duty it shall be that no encroachments are made upon the public streets, roads, or grounds, by fences, buildings or otherwise, and also to erect monuments at

suitable places on the borders of the roads or streets in Town, where the Selectmen shall think proper.

4. All petitions and requests made to the Town asking for an appropriation of money shall be accompanied with a statement of the reasons why the request should be granted, with a detailed statement of the estimated expense of the object for which said money is to be appropriated.
5. No person shall keep ashes in any wooden vessel in any building situated within one hundred feet of any building or buildings belonging to any other person on penalty of forfeiting and paying the sum of one dollar for each offence.
6. No person or persons shall coast or slide downhill, on any sled, board, or other vehicle on the following streets, viz.: house of the late Elam Dole, on High Street, between Main and Hampshire Streets, and on Osgood Street between Rail Road bridge and the bridge over the Spicket river, on penalty of forfeiting and paying fifty cents for each offence.
7. Every child in the Town of Methuen between the ages of five and sixteen years who shall be an habitual truant, every child who shall not attend school, or being without any regular and lawful occupation, or growing up in ignorance, according to Chapter 42, section 4, of the General Laws of the Commonwealth, shall be punished by fine not exceeding twenty dollars for any one breach.

A true copy

Attest Chas. Shed Clerk of the Town of Methuen

Voted that the above By-laws be presented to the Superior Court by E. P. G. Marsh for their approval.

Attest Chas. Shed Town Clerk

The foregoing By-laws are approved

J. P. Putnam, Presiding Justice

A true copy

Attest A. Huntington Clerk

A true copy

Attest Chas. Shed Town Clerk

Adjourned Meeting

Met according to the adjournment Aug 26, 1861.

Voted That the Report of the Committee to enlist Soldiers be accepted.

Voted That the Report of the Committee to disburse the money appropriated April 30th 1861 be accepted.

Voted That the Selectmen be authorized to pay the families of Volunteers, a sum of money not to exceed the amount which the Town would be entitled to receive from the State, under the provisions of the Act in aid of the families of Volunteers, Chapter 222. **Approved May 23 1861**

Voted That the Treasurer be authorized to hire such sums of money as may be necessary to carry out the previous vote, under the sanction of the Selectmen.

Voted To dissolve the meeting.

Attest Chas. Shed Town Clerk

Essex SS. To J. O. Sawyer, Constable of the Town of Methuen in said County of Essex

Greeting: You are hereby directed in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Methuen qualified by law to vote in Elections to meet and assemble at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday the Fifth day of November next at Ten O'Clock in the forenoon, then and there to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for **Governor**, Lieutenant Govern, Secretary, Treasurer & Receiver General, Attorney General, Auditor of Accounts, Councilor for District number Two, One Senator for the Third Essex District, Clerk of the Courts of said County, Register of Deeds, County Treasurer, One County Commissioner, and One Special Commissioner, for the un-expired term of three years from the fourth Tuesday of December, 1859 all on one Ballot.

Also for a Representative to the General Court for the Representative District number Fifteen composed of the Town of Methuen and the Fifth Ward of the City of Lawrence on a separate Ballot. The Polls to be kept open until Four O'Clock P.M. And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the Public Meeting houses in said Town.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves at the time and place of meeting.

Given under our hands at Methuen this twenty third day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty one.

Selectmen
Charles F. Abbott }
D. T. Morrison } of
J. W. Frederick } Methuen

Essex SS. Methuen November 5th 1861.

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen herein described to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned by posting up attested copies of this warrant at each of the public meeting houses in said Town, twelve days before the time set for said meeting.

J. O. Sawyer Constable of Methuen
A true Copy
Attest Chas. Shed Town Clerk

November 5, 1861

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified by law to vote in Elections, held at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday the Fifth day of Novr (November) A.D. 1861 agreeably to Warrant No 30 File 7.

The votes were sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made as the law directs and were as follows:

The whole number of votes for **Governor** was

Three Hundred and thirty six 336

John A. Andrew of Boston had Two Hundred and nineteen 219

Isaac Davis of Worcester had One Hundred and seventeen 117

The whole number of votes for **Lieut. Governor** was

Three Hundred and thirty four 334

John Nesmith of Lowell had Two Hundred and nineteen 219

Edwin C. Bailey of Boston had One Hundred and fifteen 115

The whole number of votes for Secretary of State was	
Three Hundred and Thirty five	335
Oliver Warner of Northampton had Two Hundred and nineteen	219
Frederick O. Prince of Winchester had One Hundred and sixteen	116
The whole number of votes for Treasurer & Receiver General was	
Three Hundred and Thirty seven	337
Henry K. Oliver of Salem had Two Hundred and twenty	220
Emery Sanford of Oxford had One Hundred and seventeen	117
The whole number of votes for Attorney General was	
Three Hundred & thirty four	334
Dwight Foster of Worcester had Two Hundred and nineteen	219
Edward Avery of Braintree had One Hundred and fifteen	115
The whole number of votes for Auditor of Accounts was	
Three Hundred and thirty five	335
Levi Reed of Abington had Two Hundred and nineteen	219
Moses Bates of Plymouth had One Hundred and sixteen	116
The whole number of votes for Councillor for Dis. No 2. was	
Three Hundred and thirty	330
Gerry W. Cochrane of Methuen had Two Hundred and fourteen	214
Daniel Saunders Jr. of Lawrence had One Hundred and sixteen	116
The whole number of votes for Senator for Third Essex Dis. Was	
Three Hundred & thirty-five	335
Christopher Tompkins of Haverhill had Two Hundred and seventeen	217
Charles Barnes of No. Andover had One Hundred and eighteen	118
The whole number of votes for Clerk of the Courts was	
Three Hundred and thirty six	336
Ashael Huntington of Salem had Two Hundred and twenty two	222
Edward H. Phillips of Lynn had One Hundred and fourteen	114
The whole number of votes for Register of Deeds was	
Three Hundred and thirty six	336
Ephraim Brown of Salem had Three Hundred and thirty six	336

The whole number of votes for **County Treasurer** was
Three Hundred and thirty six

Allen W. Dodge of Hamilton had Three Hundred and thirty six 336

The whole number of votes for **County Commissioner** was
Three Hundred and thirty five 335

Jackson B. Swett of Haverhill had Two Hundred and eighteen 218
Albert Currier of Newbury port had One Hundred and seventeen 117

The whole number of votes for **Special Commissioner** was
Three Hundred and thirty five 335

Leno A. Appleton of Hamilton had Two Hundred and nineteen 219
John Choate of Essex had One Hundred and sixteen 116

Votes for Representative to General Court for Representative District No. 15

Cyrus Williams had Two Hundred and nine votes 209
John Wilson had One Hundred and twenty four votes 124
David Gleason had five votes 5
Moses Davis had five votes 5
T. J. Richardson had one vote 1
Stephen Huse had one vote 1

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest Chas. Shed Town Clerk

Town Clerk's Office

Methuen Nov. 6 1861
At 12 O'Clock M. (M=noon)

Return of votes to the Town Clerk of Methuen from the Clerk of Ward Five of the City of Lawrence of the votes in that ward for Representative to General Court for District No. 15.

Cyrus Williams of Lawrence had Eighty votes 80
John Wilson of Methuen had Forty Eight votes 48
David Gleason of Methuen had One vote 1

A true copy Attest Chas. Shed Town Clerk

Essex SS. To J. O. Sawyer Constable of the Town of Methuen in said County of
Essex

Greeting:

You are hereby directed in the name
of the
Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Methuen
qualified
to vote in Elections, to meet and assemble at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the
sixteenth
instant at Two O'Clock P.M. to act on the following articles Viz.:

Article 1st To choose a **Moderator** to govern said meeting

Art. 2nd To hear the Report of a Committee chosen at the last annual Town meeting consisting of
A. Jacks,
Jonathan Morse, J. B. Barker, J. O. Barker, John Russ, G. W. Gage, Christopher How,
Joseph How
and J. M. Grosvenor, to investigate the condition of the several School Districts and act
thereon.

Art. 3rd To see if the Town will vote to give the use of the Town Hall, warmed and lighted for a
course of
Free Lectures, the present winter.

Art. 4th To act on any other business that may properly come before said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town
Clerk
at the time and place of meeting.

Given under our hands at Methuen this **seventh day of December A.D. 1861.**

Charles F. Abbott } Selectmen
D. T. Morrison } of
John W. Frederick } Methuen

Essex SS. Methuen December 16, 1861. Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified
the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified as therein required to meet at the time
and place and for the purposes within mentioned by posting an attested copy of this
warrant at each of the public meeting houses, and also one in the Town Hall eight days
before said time of meeting.

J. O. Sawyer, Constable of Methuen

A true copy

Attest

Chas. Shed, Town Clerk

December 16, 1861

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held at Town Hall agreeably to Warrant No 31 File 7 on Monday December the sixteenth A.D. 1861, at two O'Clock P.M.

Article 1st Stephen Huse was chosen **Moderator**

Art. 2nd **Voted** that the Report of the Committee chosen at the last annual Town meeting to investigate the condition of the several School Districts, be accepted and adopted.

The Report is as follows

Your Committee on School Districts have attended to the duty assigned them and submit the following Report, which they would recommend for your acceptance.

1st That Fractional District No 5 be annexed to No 7

2nd That the line between Districts No 4 and 7 commence at a point on East Street at the junction of Districts No 4, 5 and 7, thence running northerly across Pleasant Street to a point 85 rods west of Howe Street, on the line hereafter to be the dividing line between Districts No 5 and 7.

3rd That the line between Districts No 7 and 8 commence at the State Monument thence running easterly to the intersection of Districts No 6, 7 and 8

4th That the line between Districts No 8 and 9 commence at a point crossing Hampstead Street where the line now is thence running to a point crossing Howe Street at an elm tree about 30 rods northeast of the dwelling house of George Page thence easterly to Haverhill line.

5th That the numbering of the Districts be so changed as to correspond with the alterations recommended

6th That the combined Districts No 5 and 7 receive from the Town such a sum of money as is now credited to District No 5 after paying therefrom all legal demands of the City of Lawrence for schooling children resident of District No 5

All of which is respectfully submitted

Methuen Oct. 14, 1861.

James O. Parker
Aaron Jacks
G. W. Gage
Jonathan. Morse
J. B. Barker
Joseph How
J. M. Grosvenor

For a more particular description of the several Districts, reference may be had to a Map of the Town.

Art. 3rd **Voted** that the use of the Town Hall, warmed and lighted, be given for Lectures by citizens of the Town

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest

Chas. Shed

Town Clerk

1862

Essex SS. To J. O. Sawyer Constable of the Town of Methuen in said County of Essex **Greeting** You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said Town of Methuen qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to meet and assemble at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the Third day of March next at Ten O'Clock A.M. then and there to act on the following Articles Viz.

Article 1st To choose a **Moderator** to govern said meeting

Art. 2nd To choose all necessary Town officers for the year ensuing

Art. 4th To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise to repair Highways & Bridges the year ensuing

Art. 5th To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the support of Schools the year ensuing.

- Art. 6th To determine the manner of collecting Taxes the year ensuing and act thereon as the Town may think proper
- Art. 7th To see if the Town will vote to restrain Neat Cattle, Horses, and Swine from going at large the year ensuing
- Art. 8th To see what pay the Town will allow the members of the Engine Company the year ensuing
- Art. 9th To hear the Annual Report of the Selectmen, and all Committees which are to report at this meeting, and act thereon
- Art. 10th To act on List of Jurors as reported by the Selectmen
- Art. 11th To see if the Town will authorize the Prudential Committee to hire teachers the year ensuing
- Art. 12th By request of Washington Merrill to see what action the Town will take in relation to refunding to what has been known as the fragmentary School District No 5, the value of the School House of which it was deprived by the division line between Lawrence and Methuen
- Art. 13th To see if the Town will authorize their Selectmen to lay out an enlargement of the School House Lot of District No 7 and to appraise the damages therefore under General Statutes Chap. 38 in accordance with the petition of Joseph How and C. L. Tozier to them presented.
- Art. 14th By request of Gilman H. Smith to see if the Town will vote to repair the fence around and clear off the bushes in the Burying ground near Asa Whittier's
- Art. 15th By request of William G. Rogers to see if the Town will vote that he may work his highway tax on his private way
- Art. 16th To see if the Town will provide a place for the safe keeping of their Records and a vault for the convenience of the Town house, and choose a Committee to carry the same into effect.
- Art. 17th To see if the Town will vote to divide the Village Highway District by Rail Road making a Highway District on each side of said Rail Road by request of George E. Carleton

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to
the Town Clerk
at the time and place of meeting.

Given under our hands at Methuen this **twenty first day of February A.D. 1862**

Charles F. Abbott } Selectmen
D. T. Morrison } of
John W. Frederick } Methuen

Essex SS. Methuen March 3rd 1862

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen herein described to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned by posting up attested copies of this warrant at each of the Public Meeting Houses in said Town, ten days before the time set for said meeting

J. O. Sawyer Constable of Methuen

A true Copy

Attest

Chas. Shed Town Clerk of Methuen

March 3, 1862 – Annual Town Meeting

The Annual Town Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen was held at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the Third day of March A.D. 1862 agreeably to Warrant No 32 File 7 at Ten O’Clock A.M.

Art. 1st Jacob Emerson Jr. was chosen and sworn as **Moderator**
Prayer By Rev. C. H. Harding

Art. 2nd Charles Shed was chosen **Town Clerk** and sworn
Charles Shed was chosen **Treasurer & Collector** and sworn

Selectmen chosen

Charles F. Abbott sworn
D. T. Morrison sworn
John W. Frederick sworn

School Committee

H. M. Emerson for three years.

Constables

Charles E. Goss sworn
Charles O. Barker sworn

Auditor

Jacob Emerson Jr.

Fire Wardens

John Low accepted
Chas. E. Goss accepted
Lorenzo Dow accepted

Fence Viewers

E. G. Jackman, A. A. Farr sworn, Wm. H. Wallace, Moody S. Wheeler sworn,
Alfred Clark sworn, Daniel Merrill, Christopher How sworn

Surveyors of Lumber

J. B. Webster	Aaron Sawyer sworn	Ralph Clark sworn
Joseph S. How sworn	Jerome Cross	Hugh Mills
A. C. Moody sworn	John Wilson sworn	J. O. Parker
Jesse Town sworn	Amos Currier	F. Saunders sworn
George F. Harvey sworn	Samuel Richardson	J. W. Frederick sworn

Surveyors of Wood and Bark

Voted that one from each School District and Four additional in the village, be appointed by the Selectmen.

sworn	Samuel Richardson 2 nd sworn	Franklin Saunders sworn	Enoch A. Merrill
	Enoch A. Merrill sworn	Ralph Clark sworn	L. H. Patterson
	Daniel Merrill 3 rd sworn	Frederick Kimball sworn	Joseph S. Howe
	G. W. Gage sworn	Joshua P. Hill sworn	Justin C. Griffin
sworn	John B. Webster		

Field Drivers

Chas. Ingalls sworn	John Davis
Ebenezer Sawyer sworn	Sylvester Smith sworn
Jacob Emerson Jr.	Samuel Crosby sworn
H. C. Richardson sworn	Cyrus B. Gage sworn
George F. Harvey sworn	T. B. Currier
Joseph Currier	James Allen sworn
John Merrill sworn	E. B. Currier

George Messer sworn
Walter Stevens sworn
Stephen Hoyt
John Fry sworn

M. Prescott sworn
George Harris
S. R. Frye sworn
Asa Whittier sworn

Sealer of Weights & Measures – Appointed by Selectmen

F. J. L. Boynton sworn

Pound Keepers

Stephen W. Williams

Hezekiah Chadwick

Surveyors of Highways

A. S. Hill
E. M. Walton
Daniel Dowding
Albert Butters
Joshua Hill

Samuel Cross
Elbridge Farrington
Joseph Gardner
Amos Currier
Jonathan Morse

James C. Jackson
George W. Rand
Chas. Merrill
John Carleton
S. D. Chase
Walter E. Stevens
Ebenezer Sawyer

Gorham Poor
Benjamin Mills
B. M. Hall
Leonard Morrison
Charles Richardson
John Sands

Art. 3rd **Voted** to raise Four Thousand dollars to defray the Town Charges the year Ensuing

Art. 4th **Voted** to raise Two Thousand dollars to repair the Highways and Bridges the year ensuing

Art. 5th **Voted** to raise Twenty five Hundred dollars for the support of Schools the year ensuing

Art. 6th. **Voted** that the Taxes be collected in the same manner, as they were last year

Art. 7th **Voted** that they be restrained

Art. 8th **Voted** that the Engine Men be allowed Twenty five cents an hour when on actual duty

Art. 9th **Voted** to accept the Financial Report of the Selectmen and Report of School Committee

Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to lay the subject before the Legislature to see if the money expended on Volunteers will be refunded

Art. 10th **Voted** to accept the following **List of Jurors** prepared by the Selectmen

Charles F. Abbott	Moses G. Smith	George W. Butters	
Franklin Saunders	Charles O. Barker	Asa Simonds	
Josiah Bean	Edmund P. Sargent	Nelson P. Cross	
Albert Smith	Stephen Currier	Joseph Smith	
James O. Parker	John Russ	Samuel F. Dearborn	
John B. Webster	Alfred Clark	Henry Knight	
Jacob Emerson Jr.	David W. Noyes	Charles Haseltine	
Stephen W. Williams	Ralph Clark	Joseph S. How	
John W. Frederick	Isaac L. Hibberd	Joseph F. Ingalls	
Charles Jackson	Gilbert Emerson	John Low	
Hazen Messer	Benjamin F. Woodbury	Daniel T. Morrison	
B. G. Gutterson	Leonard Morrison	David Gleason	
Joseph S. Morse	George Harris	Alfred M. Norris	Samuel
Cross			

Art. 11th **Voted** to authorize the Prudential Committee to hire teachers

Art. 12th **Voted** that Stephen Huse, Chas. Ingalls, and Jo. O. Parker be a Committee to investigate and report at some future meeting.

Art. 13th **Voted** that the Selectmen be authorized to lay out said lot and appraise the damages on the same

Art. 14th **Voted** that the subject be referred to the Selectmen for them to act as they may think proper

Art. 15th **Voted** that the prayer of the petitioner be granted

Art. 16th **Voted** that this article be passed over

Art. 17th **Voted** that the prayer of the petitioner be granted

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest

Chas. Shed

Town Clerk

Dr Town of Methuen Account with Chas. Shed Treasurer

For Cash paid Selectmen's Orders	\$14,183.86
For Cash paid County Tax	1,881.18
For Cash paid State	471.00
For Cash paid Interest on Notes	818.26
For Cash paid Principal on Notes	1,975.00
For Discount on Taxes	550.69
For Collecting Taxes	85.14
For Making out & distributing Tax Bills	25.00
For Services as Treasurer	30.00
For Cash Paid Express, P.O. Bill, Stamps & Envelopes, etc.	<u>15.32</u>
	\$20,068.25
Cash in Treasurer's Feby 20 1862	474.93
Taxes uncollected	<u>296.32</u>
	\$20,839.50

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By Cash in Treasurer's hands Feby 20, 1861	\$ 267.53
Taxes uncollected	208.28
Tax List for 1861	8,514.02
Cash Received of Frederic Davis	700.00
Cash Received of David Gleason	1,000.00
Cash Received of F. Blodgett	300.00
Cash Received of Ben. Richardson	200.00
Cash Received of Lucy Bodwell	500.00
Cash Received of Mary Angel	300.00
Cash Received of E. E. Brock	2,300.00
Cash Received of Daniel Gleason	120.00
Cash Received of Wm. H. Johnson	750.00
Cash Received of Spicket Falls Bank	500.00
Cash Received of S. D. Chase	1,000.00
Cash Received of J. O. Pulsifer	500.00
Cash Received of David Gleason	500.00
Cash Received of Spicket Falls Bank	1,000.00
Cash Received of Spicket Falls Bank	1,000.00
Cash Received of Rent of Town House	447.26
Cash Received of State Treasurer School Money 1861	89.51
Cash Received of B. G. Gutterson Liquor Agent	192.97
Cash Received of Butler & Merrill	287.47
Cash Received of Dog Licenses	100.00
Cash Received of H. E. Hill Note & Int.	37.56
Cash Received of Check on Suffolk Bank	9.25
Cash Received of Town of Dracut ½ expense of Monument	7.00

Cash Received of J. B. Wardwell	8.50
Cash Received of Map of Town	<u>.20</u>
	\$20,839.50

NOTICE

The Selectmen and Superintending School Committee of the Town of Methuen are requested to meet at the Selectmen's Room on Saturday, **May 17th (1862)** At 2 O'Clock P.M. to vote for a person to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of The Rev. H. M. Emerson as the third member of the board of Superintending School Committee of the Town of Methuen.

May 10, 1862	Charles F. Abbott	} Selectmen
	Daniel T. Morrison	} of
	John W. Frederick	} Methuen

The Selectmen and Superintending School Committee met agreeably to the above notice at the time and place specified and made choice of Rev. Edwin Davis by a unanimous vote to fill the vacancy of the Rev. H. M. Emerson.

Charles F. Abbott	} Selectmen
Daniel T. Morrison	} of
John W. Frederick	} Methuen

Methuen May 17, 1862.

Attest
Chas. Shed Town Clerk

Essex SS.

To Charles E. Goss Constable of the Town of Methuen in said County of Essex **Greeting:**

You are hereby directed in the name

Commonwealth

of Massachusetts to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town qualified by law to vote in elections to meet and assemble at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the twenty first day of July current at Two O'Clock P.M. to act on The following Articles Viz:

Article 1st To choose a **Moderator** to govern said meeting

Art. 2nd To see what action the Town will take by offering Bounty and raising money or otherwise to procure the immediate enlistment of Volunteers in response to General Order No. 26 of his Excellency the **Governor**.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to
the Town
Clerk at the time and place of meeting.

Given under our hands at Methuen this **Twelfth day of July A.D. 1862.**

D. T. Morrison } Selectmen
John W. Frederick } of Methuen

Essex SS. Methuen July 21st 1862.

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants
within described to meet and assemble at the time and place and for the purposes within
mentioned by posting up an attested copy of this warrant upon the Town House and upon
each of the meeting Houses in said Town, eight days before the time within mentioned
for holding said meeting

Charles E. Goss Constable of Methuen

A true copy

Attest

Chas. Shed

Town Clerk

July 21, 1862

**At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held at the Town Hall
in said Town July 21st 1862 at 2 O'Clock P.M. agreeably to Warrant No 33, File 7.**

Article 1st Stephen Huse was chosen **Moderator**

Art. 2nd **Voted** unanimously to pay One Hundred dollars to each Volunteer when mustered into
the
United Service

Voted that the Treasurer be authorized under the direction of the Selectmen to hire, if
necessary, the sum of Five Thousand dollars to be paid by the Treasurer, under the
direction
of the Selectmen, as bounty to Volunteers under the call of the Government, and for other
expenses attending their enlistment

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to appoint one or more recruiting officers

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Attest Chas. Shed Town Clerk

Essex SS. To Charles E. Goss Constable of the Town of Methuen in said County of Essex

Greeting:

You are hereby directed in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Methuen qualified by law to vote in Elections, to meet and assemble at the Town Hall in said Town on Saturday the second day of August next at Two O'Clock P.M. to act on the following Articles Viz.:

Article 1st To Choose a **Moderator** to govern said meeting

Art. 2nd To see if the Town will vote to raise the bounty of Volunteers from One Hundred, to the sum of One Hundred and twenty five dollars or more, and make the necessary appropriations for the same.

Art. 3rd To take any other measures they may think proper to procure the immediate enlistment of the quota of Volunteers required of this Town by the **Governor**.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting.

Given under our hands at **Methuen this Twenty Fifth day of July A.D. 1862.**

Charles F. Abbott } Selectmen
John W. Frederick } of Methuen

Essex SS. Methuen August 2nd 1862

By virtue of this warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants within described, to meet and assemble at the time and place, and for the purposes within mentioned, by posting up an attested copy of this warrant upon the Town House, and upon each of the Meeting Houses in said Town, Eight days before the time mentioned for holding said meeting.

Charles E. Goss Constable of Methuen

A true copy,

Attest Chas. Shed

Town Clerk

August 2, 1862

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held at the Town Hall in said Town August 2nd 1862, at 2 O'Clock P.M. agreeably to Warrant No 34 File 7

Article 1st Stephen Huse was chosen **Moderator**

Art. 2nd **Voted** to pay the Forty Seven Volunteers who shall enlist to fill the quota required by Government of this Town the sum of Two Hundred dollars in addition to the bounty already voted to be paid them at a previous meeting whenever they shall be mustered into the service of the United States.

Voted To adopt the following Preamble and Resolutions.

Whereas the rebellion still exist in all its deformity and the President is calling for men to quell it, and

Whereas the citizens of Methuen are determined to do their whole duty, and if possible raise their quota of troops promptly, therefore

Resolved, that we pay each volunteer for this Town the sum of Two Hundred dollars in addition to the bounty already voted, to be paid after each person so volunteering shall be mustered into the service of the United States.

Resolved that the Town Treasurer (under the direction of the Selectmen) be and is hereby authorized to borrow the sum of Ten Thousand dollars in addition to the sum already Voted by the Town to be expended in paying said bounty and other expenses attending the enlistment of said volunteers. Provided however that the number so paid shall not exceed 42 (47), and that no more money shall be borrowed than is necessary to pay the number that shall enlist for this Town, within eight days from the second day of August A.D. 1862.

Resolved that from and after the ninth day of August current we will not pay any bounty whatever, and the vote passed the 21st of July last is hereby reconsidered after that date.

Resolved that from and after the ninth day of August current we will not pay any bounty whatever, and the vote passed the 21st of July last is hereby reconsidered after that date.

Resolved that one person from each school district in Town be appointed to assist the recruiting officer in obtaining recruits.

The following persons were appointed to assist the recruiting officer.

J. R. Bodwell	J. E. Griffin	C. F. Abbott	E. Sawyer
J. F. Ingalls	S. Merrill	J. S. How	A. Currier

Voted to adjourn the meeting until one week from next Monday at Two O'Clock P.M.

Attest Chas. Shed Town Clerk

Methuen August 11 1862

Met agreeably to adjournment at the Town hall at Two O'Clock P.M.

Voted that the number 42 be altered to 47 in the Resolution adopted at the last meeting.

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest
Chas. Shed
Town Clerk

Essex SS. To Charles E. Goss Constable of the Town of Methuen in said County of Essex

Greeting.

you are hereby directed in the name of the Commonwealth Of Massachusetts to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Methuen qualified by law to vote in Elections by posting up attested copies of this Warrant at each of the Meeting Houses in said Methuen and also at the usual place of posting notices at the Town House at least eight days before said meeting, to meet and assemble at the Town Hall in said Town on **Tuesday the 19th inst.** At 2 O'Clock P.M. to

Resolved that the Town pay the sum of One Hundred Dollars to each person who shall volunteer and be mustered into the service of the United States and shall finally be accepted by the proper authorities to make up the quota which may be hereafter apportioned to this Town and under a call from the War Department dated Aug. 4th 1862 for Three Hundred Thousand drafted Militia

Voted that one person from each School District be appointed by the **Moderator** to assist in recruiting.

The following persons were appointed,

J. R. Bodwell	Justin E. Griffin	Chas. F. Abbott	E.
Sawyer			
J. F. Ingalls	G. W. Gage	J. S. How	Amos
Currier			

Voted to add Fifty Dollars to the amount voted in the Resolution already adopted.

Voted to adjourn the meeting until August 27 inst at 2 O'Clock P.M.

Attest

Chas. Shed
Town Clerk

Methuen August 27th 1862.

Met agreeably to adjournment at 2 O'Clock P.M.

Voted to adjourn for 15 Minutes

Met agreeably to adjournment.

Voted to add Fifty Dollars to the amount voted at the meeting held August 19th 1862, for the pay of Volunteers.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Attest

Chas. Shed Town Clerk

Essex SS.
County of Essex

To Charles E. Goss Constable of the Town of Methuen in said

Greeting.
Massachusetts

You are hereby directed in the name of the Commonwealth of

to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Methuen qualified by law to vote in Elections, by posting up attested copies of this warrant at each of the meeting Houses in said Methuen and also at the usual place of posting notices at the Town House, at least eight days before said meeting to meet and assemble at the Town Hall in said Town on **Wednesday the 27th inst. At ½ past Two O'Clock P.M.** to act on the following Articles Viz.:

Article 1st To choose a **Moderator** to govern said meeting

Article 2nd To see if the Town will vote to make the necessary appropriation to pay the bounty to volunteers voted by the Town, August 19th 1862, or which may be voted for the same object at the adjourned meeting and other necessary expenses attending the same.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting.

Given under our hands at Methuen this **Nineteenth day of August A.D. 1862.**

Charles F. Abbott } Selectmen
D. T. Morrison } of
John W. Frederick } Methuen

Essex SS. Methuen August 27 1862.

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the inhabitants of said Town of Methuen within described to meet and assemble at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned, by posting up an attested copy of the within warrant at the usual place for posting notices at the Town House, and at each of the Meeting Houses in said Town, eight days before the time mentioned within for holding said meeting.

Charles E. Goss Constable of Methuen

August 27, 1862

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen, held at the Town Hall in said Town August 27th 1862 at ½ past Two O'Clock P.M. as per Warrant No 36, File 7

Article 1st Chose Stephen Huse **Moderator**

Article 2nd **Voted** that the Town Treasurer under the direction of the Selectmen be authorized to borrow a

sufficient amount of money, to pay the bounty and other necessary expenses **Voted** by the Town August 19th and 27th to volunteers who shall enlist into the service of the United States under the call from the war department dated August 4th 1862.

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest

Chas. Shed Town Clerk

Essex SS. To Charles O. Barker Constable of the Town of Methuen in said County of Essex

Greeting:

You are hereby directed in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Methuen qualified by law to vote in Elections to meet and assemble at the Town Hall in said Town, on Tuesday the **Fourth day of November (1862)** next, at Ten O'Clock in the forenoon, then and there to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for **Governor**, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor of Accounts, Councilor for District No. 2, One Senator for the Third Essex District, District Attorney, Sheriff of Essex County, Three Commissioners of Insolvency, One Representative to Congress, One County Commissioner and Two Special Commissioners for the said Essex County, all on one Ballot.

Also for Representative to the General Court for the Representative District number Fifteen composed of the Town of Methuen and the Fifth Ward of the City of Lawrence, on a separate Ballot.

The Polls to be kept open until Four O'Clock P.M.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant b posting up attested copies thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses and at the usual place of Posting Notices in the Town House in said Town.

Hereof fail not and make due return of the warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves at the

time and place of meeting.

Given under our hands at Methuen **this twenty fourth day of October in the year of our Lord One Thousand eight hundred and Sixty two.**

Charles F. Abbott } Selectmen
D. T. Morrison } of
John W. Frederick } Methuen

Essex SS. Methuen Nov. 4 1862 I have served the within warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at each of the Public Meeting Houses in said Town and at the Town House, nine days before the time of holding this meeting.

Chas. O. Barker Constable of Methuen

A true Copy,

Attest

Chas. Shed

Town Clerk

November 4, 1862

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified by law to vote in Elections held at the Town Hall in said Town, on Tuesday the Fourth day of November A.D. 1862, agreeably to Warrant No 37 File 7.

The whole number of votes **for Governor** was
Four Hundred and Sixty seven 467

John A. Andrew of Boston had Two Hundred and fifty six 256
Gen. Chas. Devens Jr. of Worcester had Two Hundred and One 201

The whole number of votes **for Lieut. Governor** was 455

Joel Hayden of Williamsburg had Two Hundred and Fifty four 254
Thomas F. Plunkett of Adams had Two Hundred and One 201

The whole number of votes **for Secretary of State** was
Four Hundred and Fifty five 455

Oliver Warner of Northampton had Two Hundred and Fifty four 254

N. B. Shurtleff of Boston had Two Hundred and One	201
The whole number of votes for Treasurer & Receiver General was Four Hundred and Fifty four 454	
Henry K. Oliver of Salem had Two Hundred and fifty three	253
Daniel Saunders Jr. of Lawrence had Two Hundred and One	201
The whole number of votes for Attorney General was Four Hundred and fifty five 455	
Dwight Foster of Worcester had Two Hundred and fifty four	254
Henry W. Paine of Cambridge had Two Hundred and One	201
The whole number of votes for Auditor of Accounts was Four Hundred and fifty five 455	
Levi Reed of Abington had Two Hundred and fifty four	254
Charles Kimball of Ipswich had Two Hundred and One	201
The whole number of votes for Councillor for Dis. No. 2. was Four Hundred and sixty two 462	
Gerry W. Cochrane of Methuen had Two Hundred and fifty four	254
Stephen B. Ives Jr. of Salem had Two Hundred and eight	208
The whole number of votes for Senator for Third Essex Dis. Was Four Hundred and sixty two 462	
Thomas Wright of Lawrence had Two Hundred and fifty One	251
George D. Cabot of Lawrence had Two Hundred and eleven	211
The whole number of votes for County Commissioner was Four Hundred and fifty five 455	
Abram D. Waitt of Ipswich had Two Hundred and fifty four	254
Levi Patch of Gloucester had Two Hundred and one	201
<u>Votes for Special Commissioners</u>	
John Danforth Jr. of Lynnfield had Two Hundred and fifty four	254
John B. Jenkins of Andover had Two Hundred and fifty four	254
Moses Carr of West Newbury had Two Hundred and One	201
Jerome Davis of Saugus had Two Hundred and One	201

Votes for District Attorney

Alfred A. Abbott of South Danvers had
Four Hundred and fifty one 451

Votes for Sheriff

James Cary of Lawrence had Two Hundred and forty eight 248
Moses Tenney of Georgetown had One Hundred and ninety nine 199

Votes for Commissioners of Insolvency

George F. Choate of Salem had Two Hundred and fifty four 254
W. H. P. Wright of Lawrence had Two Hundred and fifty four 254
Benj. H. Smith of Gloucester had Two Hundred and fifty four 254
William C. Binney of Amesbury had Two Hundred and One 201
W. E. P. Smythe of Lynn had Two Hundred and One 201
Alfred Kitredge of Haverhill had Two Hundred and One 201

Votes for Representative to Congress Dis. No 6.

D. W. Gooch of Melrose had Two Hundred and fifty four 254
Oliver Hazard Perry of Andover had Two Hundred and ten 210

Votes for Representative to General Court in Dis. No 15

Jacob Emerson Jr. of Methuen had Two Hundred and forty eight 248
Alvah Bennett of Methuen had Two Hundred and eighteen had 218

Votes in Ward Five Lawrence

Jacob Emerson Jr. of Methuen had Sixty One 61
Alvah Bennett of Methuen had Eighty two 82

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Attest

Chas. Shed

Town Clerk