

1869

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Methuen held for the purpose of appointing a Town Clerk to hold the Office for the unexpired term - Mr. Darius Pierce was appointed and sworn.

Methuen Jan. 8th 1869

Attest

Jos. S. Howe } Selectmen
E Sawyer } of Methuen

D. Pierce Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Methuen held for the purpose of appointing a Collector for the unexpired term of Office – Mr. J. Sidney Howe was appointed and sworn.

Methuen Jan. 8th 1869

Attest

Eben. Sawyer } Selectmen
D. Pierce } of Methuen

D. Pierce Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Methuen held for the purpose of appointing a Treasurer for the unexpired term of Office – Mr. J. Sidney Howe was appointed and sworn.

Methuen Jan. 8th 1869

Attest

Eben. Sawyer } Selectmen
D Pierce } of Methuen

D. Pierce Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Methuen held for the purpose of appointing a Collector for the uncollected Taxes, left so by the resignation of Mr. Jos. S. Howe, Mr. Samuel G. Sargent was appointed and sworn to the duties of that office.

Attest

Jos. S. Howe } Selectmen
D. Pierce } of
D. T. Morrison } Methuen

S. G. Sargent Town Clerk

Methuen March 2nd 1870 – (1870 was entered by the Town Clerk in error – this appointment was made in 1869)

Essex SS.

To William H. Buttrick 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 the citizens of Methuen qualified by law to vote in Town affairs (in the manner provided by the Town) to meet at the Town Hall in said Town, on Monday the first day of March next

at ten o'clock in the forenoon, 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.
- Art. 3^d To raise such sums of money for the support of the Poor, the Schools, the Highway and Bridges, and incidental expenses of the Town, as may be deemed necessary for the year ensuing.
- Art. 4th To see if the Town will vote to abolish School Districts, as required by the fourth section of the Thirty ninth Chapter of the General Statutes.
- Art. 5th To see if the Town will authorize the several School Districts to choose their Prudential Committee, with authority to select and contract with teachers.
- Art. 6th To determine the manner of collecting taxes the ensuing year 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 if the Town will vote to purchase a steam fire Engine, or take action relating to any of the property of the Fire Department.
- Art. 9th To see if the Town will authorize the selectmen to hire money to pay any notes of the Town that may become due during the year, and empower the Treasurer to sign any notes in behalf of the Town that may be necessary.
- Art. 10th To see if the Town will approve and accept the list of Jurors, submitted by the Selectmen, as liable to serve as Jurors the year ensuing.
- Art. 11th To see if the Town will authorize the Collector of taxes to collect all delinquent Highways Taxes, the same to be appropriated in the Highway Districts to which they belong.
- Art. 12th To see what method the Town will adopt, for repairing Highways, Town ways and Bridges.
- Art. 13th To receive the Annual Report of the Selectmen, and hear the reports of Committee and act thereon.
- Art. 14th To see if the Town will vote to increase the number of the Superintending School Committee.
- Art. 15th To see if the Town will vote to increase the number of the Superintending School Committee.
- Art. 16th To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell a lot of woodland near the house of Edward Young.

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

Given under our hands this **twentieth day of February A.D. 1869.**

Jos. S. Howe } Selectmen
Eben Sawyer } of
D. Pierce } Methuen

Essex SS.

Methuen, March 1st 1869.

By virtue of the within warrant I on the twentieth day of February A.D. 1869 notified the Legal voters of said Methuen, as within required, by posting a true and attested copy of the within warrant, in the Post Office entry in said Methuen, and also by posting a true and attested copy of the within warrant at each of the three Churches in said Methuen, eight days before the time of said meeting.

A true copy

Attest

Wm H. Butrick Constable of Methuen

D. Pierce Town Clerk.

March 1, 1869 – 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 first day of March A.D. 1869, at ten o'clock A.M. agreeably to Warrant No. 2 File 9

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

Prayer was offered by Rev. N. M. Williams.

Art 2nd **Town Clerk, Treasurer and Collector** Saml. G. Sargent – sworn

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor

D. Pierce, Jos. S. Howe and D. T. Morrison – all sworn

School Committee

N. M. Williams, three years
Thomas Grassie, two years

Constables

Charles E. Goss, sworn
Auditor

William Butrick, sworn

E. B. Homer, sworn

Fence Viewers

Alfred Clark, William Jackson, G. A. Butters, all sworn

Fire Wardens

John Low, C. E. Goss, F. Ingalls, sworn

Surveyors of Lumber

J. W. Frederick, C. V. Jackman, D. Dowding, A. Gilcreaset, Jos. S. Howe, sworn, Jesse A. Towns, John Wilson, James Allen, sworn, D. H. Patterson, E. P. Morse, Ralph Clark, sworn, S. A. Harvey, sworn, J. O. Parker, sworn, F. Saunders, Jerome Cross, sworn

Surveyors of Wood and Bark

Chas. Jackson, D. Merrill 2nd, sworn, E. P. Sargent, Geo. H. Webster, James Allen, sworn, Aaron Clark, Ralph Clark, sworn, Geo. H. Wilson, sworn, Justin E. Griffin, sworn, James Ingalls, sworn, Aaron Sawyer, sworn, Abner Stevens, sworn, Jos. S. Howe, sworn, Rufus A. Griffin, sworn, Irvin Stevens, sworn, J. O. Sawyer, John Shirley, Guy Carleton, Albert Marshall, Joshua P. Hill, sworn

Voted that the Selectmen be empowered to appoint other in case of necessity also surveyors of Lumber.

Field Drivers

Chas. Howe, sworn, L. B. Mitchell, Chas A. Ropes, M. G. Smith, sworn, W. M. Rogers, Jas A. Clark, F. R. Frye, sworn, Geo. Currier, Wellington Clark, John How, James Jones, Alfred Clark, Phineas M. Griffin, sworn, Leander Batchelder, sworn, Geo. L. Gage, Joseph Hill, Andrew Stiles, Darius Taylor, Geo. Carleton, E. Dowding. *

Voted to excuse all those who have not taken the oath.

Sealers of Eights and Measures – Left with Selectmen to appoint.

Pound Keepers

S. W. Williams, Hezekiah Chadwick

Road Commissioner – Left with Selectmen to appoint.

Surveyors of Highways

John How, sworn, John Shirley, sworn, James M. Dowding, Alba A. Farr, sworn, Edmund P. Sargent, Oliver Emerson, John W. Searles, Justin E. Griffin, sworn, William B. Currier, sworn, Francis F. Kimball, sworn, Jonathan Morse, sworn, Timothy U. Neal, Joseph M. Emerson, sworn, R. K. Miller, sworn, Winslow Gorrill, Charles Richardson, sworn, Geo. H. Smith, sworn, Moses E. Kimball, Irvin Stevens, sworn, Jo. O. Sawyer, sworn

Truant Officers

Charles E. Goss, Willard Smith, Wm C. Sleeper

- Art. 3rd Voted to raise seventeen thousand seven hundred dollars, as per report of Selectmen. *
- Art. 4th Voted not to abolish the School District System.
- Art. 5th Voted the Districts to be authorized to choose their Prudential Committee, and that they have power to procure teachers.
- Art. 6th Voted that the Taxes be collected the same as last year.
- Art. 7th Voted, that the article be adopted.
- Art. 8th Voted that the article be passed over.
- Art. 9th Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to hire money to pay notes, and that the Treasurer be empowered to sign notes.
- Art. 10th Voted that the list of Jurors be accepted, with James Ingalls excused, and Cummings Messer substituted in place thereof.
- Art. 11th Voted that the Collector be empowered to collect all delinquent Highway taxes.
- Art. 12th Voted that twenty cents an hour be paid to laborers, and also that all other labor be paid for in the same rate.
- Art. 13th Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen.
- Art. 14th Voted that the pay be the same as last year for the present existing firemen.
- Art. 15th Voted that the article be passed over.
- Art. 16th Voted that the article be passed over.
- Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Attest D. Pierce Town Clerk

Report of Selectmen on Appropriations and adopted by the Town (see Art 3d) viz.:

Roads and Bridges and opening Roads	500
Road laid out by County Commissioners near house of Lydia Richardson	1200
Fie Department	800
School Committee	150

Pauper Department	1500
Interest on Town Debt	3500
Discount on Taxes	1600
Contingencies	500
Schools	4650
Repairs on Highways	2600
Town Officers	<u>700</u>
	\$17,700

Jos. S. House (Huse) } Selectmen
 Eben Sawyer } of
 D. Pierce } Methuen

Methuen March 1 1869

Town of Methuen in a/c with Chas. Shed Treas. Jany 1 1869

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By Cash in Treasurer's hands Feby 1 1868	11,906.60
Taxes Uncollected	542.90
Delinquent Highway Taxes	92.00
Tax list for 1868	18,840.26
Highway Tax list for 1868	2,764.70
Cash rec'd of State Treasurer for State aid	2,500.00
Cash rec'd for Corporation tax	330.35
Cash rec'd of C. Ropes (license)	10.00
Cash rec'd of S. H. Harris (Agent)	37.07
Cash rec'd for tax sales on liquor	15.59
Cash rec'd of G. Foot (One year's rent)	100.00
Cash rec'd of J. Low (6 month's rent)	70.00
Cash rec'd of S. S. Hunt rent of Hall	108.00
Cash rec'd of J. Burnham one pair Cattle	180.00
Cash rec'd of Town of Beverly for board of Nancy Thistle	4.00
Cash rec'd for interest on notes	4.19
Cash rec'd of A. Coleman for land sold for taxes	260.00
Cash Rec'd for interest on taxes	.61
Cash Rec'd of J. Burnham	249.00
Cash Rec'd of Abiah Richardson	150.00
Cash Rec'd of Elen Dustin	3,500.00
Cash Rec'd of J. L. Stintson	300.00
Cash Rec'd of Jos. S. How	84.00
Cash Rec'd of J. B. Barker	700.00
Cash Rec'd of H. Spencer	800.00
Cash Rec'd of Geo. Harris	900.00
Cash Rec'd of Lucy Bodwell	1200.00
Cash Rec'd of Mary M. Angell	1000.00
Cash Rec'd of J. O. Pulsifer	2000.00

Cash Rec'd of W. Ordway	1500.00
Cash Rec'd of Wm. H. Johnson	1500.00
Cash Rec'd of E. C. Currier	200.00
Cash Rec'd of Essex Savings Bank	5000.00
Cash Rec'd of K. S. Hall	1100.00
Cash Rec'd of Emeline S. Taylor	600.00
Cash Rec'd of S. H. Harris	300.00
Cash Rec'd of Merebah Stevens	700.00
Cash Rec'd of J. A. Austin	500.00
Cash Rec'd of J. W. Brock	<u>2600.00</u>
Amount brought forward	<u>\$62,648.27</u>
Cash Rec'd of Lelinda Messer	100.00
Cash Rec'd of Bay State Bank	2,000.00
Cash Rec'd of Hannah Stiles	700.00
Cash Rec'd of C. A. Dustin	2,100.00
Cash Rec'd of Mary A. Ingalls	400.00
Cash Rec'd of Grace A. Ingalls	100.00
Cash Rec'd of Theron Johnson	2,000.00
Cash Rec'd of Asa Harvey	<u>2,000.00</u>
	<u>\$72,048.27</u>

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For Cash paid Selectmen's Order	10,173.22
Cash paid State tax	2,840.00
Cash paid County tax	1,714.40
Cash paid Interest on notes	2,910.11
Cash paid Principle on notes	40,000.00
Discount on taxes	1,427.70
Collecting Taxes	195.85
Cash paid over Jos. S. Howe	10,224.16
Taxes uncollected residents	986.10
Taxes uncollected non residents	501.56
Uncollected and worked out Highway Taxes	<u>1,075.17</u>
	<u>\$72,048.27</u>

Voted to accept the following List of Jurors

John W. Bodwell, George W. Butters, George A. Butters, Moses W. Bowen, John Cluff, Daniel Currier, H. N. Coburn, E. M. Clark, Lorenzo Dow, Jeremiah M. Doe, Gilbert Emerson, Granville E. Goss, George W. Gage, Justin E. Griffin, Charles J. Griffin, Branch F. Gutterson, George Harris, Joseph Howe, R. B. Hawley, B. M. Hall, C. Messer, Charles Jackson,

Moses E. Kimball, Hazen Messer, John Mitchell, D. H. Patterson, Gorham P. Poor, German S. Phippin, Charles Pelham, Charles Smith, Albert Smith, Moses G. Smith, Franklin Saunders, E. P. Sargent, Daniel W. Tenney, George Tenney, Benj. F. Woodbury, Benj. C. Woodbury.

Attest

S. G. Sargent Town Clerk

Town of Methuen in a/c with Jos. S. Howe Treasurer Feby 1 1869

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By	Cash Received from Mr. Shed	10,224.16
	Taxes uncollected received from Mr. Shed residents	986.10
	Taxes uncollected received from Mr. Shed non residents	501.56
	Uncollected and worked out Highway Taxes	1,075.17
	Cash received from L. S. Hunt (rent of Hall)	143.00
	Cash received of Methodist Society	109.00
	Cash received of J. Low (rent)	70.00
	Cash received from County Commissioners (for licenses)	150.00
	Cash received for Tax on liquor sales	12.88
	Cash received of Isaac Kimball (Bounty)	43.00
	Cash received of Bowen F. Emerson for old hose	3.00
	Cash received of Bal. Corporation Tax	12.89
	Cash received of J. S. Howe difference in Horse	25.00
	Cash received of J. Burnham	64.41
		<u>\$13,420.17</u>

DR

For	Cash paid Selectmen's Orders	7,577.84
	Cash paid interest on notes	615.30
	Cash paid Stationary and Postage	2.78
	Cash on hand Feby. 1 1869	3,312.80
	Taxes uncollected residents	410.07
	Taxes uncollected non residents	483.33
	Highway Taxes unpaid and worked out	1,018.05
		<u>\$13,420.17</u>

Essex SS. To William H. Buttrick 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 the citizens of Methuen qualified by law to vote in Town affairs in the manner provided by the Town to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the twelfth day of April, A.D. one thousand eight hundred and sixty nine at two o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles, viz.:

- Art. 1st To choose a Moderator
- Art. 2nd To see what action the Town will take to carry out the act of the Legislature, abolishing the School Districts System, approved by the Governor March 25th A.D. one thousand eight hundred and sixty nine.
- Art. 3^d To see what action the Town will take in regard to rebuilding and widening the road near Spicket

Engine House

Art. 4th To see what action the Town will take in regard to fire matters.

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

Given under our hands **this third day of April A.D. 1869.**

Jos. S. Howe } Selectmen
D. Pierce } of
D. T. Morrison } Methuen

Essex SS. Methuen, April 12, 1869.

By virtue of the above warrant, I did notify the legal voters of said Methuen, to meet as above required by posting in the entry at the Town Hall in said Methuen on the third day of April A.D. 1869, a true and attested copy of the above warrant, and also by posting a true and attested copy of the above warrant in each of the two churches in said Methuen, eight days before time said meetings.

William H. Buttrick Constable of Methuen

A true copy Attest Samuel G. Sargent Town Clerk

April 12, 1869

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, held at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the twelfth day of April, agreeably to Warrant No. 2 File 9.

Art. 1st George W. Gage was chosen Moderator

Art. 2nd Voted that the Selectmen take possession of the School property of the Town

Voted that the Selectmen be a committee to select three persons not residents of the Town to appraise the School Property of the Town of Methuen.

Art. 3rd Voted that the article be laid upon the table for the time being

Art. 4th A motion was moved and seconded that the article be passed over.

Voted to lay that motion on the table

Voted that if a new fire company be formed, to work the Tiger engine, that the members composing it be allowed the same pay as the members of the Spicket Fire Company

Voted that a committee of three be appointed to consult with David Nevins and with the Agent of the

Woolen Mills to see what arrangement can be made in regard to the use of their water power in case of fire and report at a future meeting.

Voted that a committee of three be appointed by the chair to appoint that committee. The chair appointed Jacob Emerson Jr., W. H. Buttrick, D. T. Morrison. This committee reported the names of Eben Sawyer, Daniel Currier, James O. Parker, which were accepted.

Voted that when we adjourn we adjourn for two weeks from today at 2 o'clock P.M. A report was presented by the Selectmen giving a statement of the estimated expense of widening and repairing the road near Spicket Engine House.

Voted that the Selectmen be appointed to widen and repair the road referred to, provided the expense shall not exceed fifteen hundred dollars.

Voted to adjourn for two weeks

Attest Samuel G. Sargent Town Clerk

Met agreeably to adjournment April 26 (1869) at two O'clock P.M.

Art. 4 The Report of the committee whose duty it was to report on this article was read by chairman, E. Sawyer.

Voted that the whole subject relating to fires be passed over till the next annual meeting

Voted that the subject pertaining to fires be recommitted to the same committee and that they report at the next annual meeting.

The Report is as follows.

Your committee appointed at the last Town Meeting to consult with Mr. Nevins about the use of his force pumps in cases of fire, and to estimate the cost of laying iron pipes in different sections of the village have attended to that duty, and beg leave to report that we have seen Mr. Nevins, who expresses himself as willing to render any assistance in his power in all cases of fire in the village, by the use of his Force Pumps if the Town will lay down iron pipes to connect with his pumps.

We have consulted with some of the best Engineers and Machinists of Lawrence, about the power of force pumps, and the proper sized pipes to be used, and have come to the conclusion that 4 inch cast iron pipes in joints of eight feet in length weighing about thirty lbs per foot will be the size necessary to be laid down 3-1/2 or 4 feet deep with hydrants to come up at convenient distances on the line to connect hose. Your committee after examining all the localities of property situated in the village have come to the conclusion that there should be four lines of pipes from the Factory extending in the following directions,

First from the North Factory yard to near the residence of Mr. Dean Chase	600 feet
Second from same starting point to near Stone Church	900 feet
Third from East side of the Factory to East corner of the High School	900 feet
Fourth from West side of the Factory to Railroad Square	550 feet
Making in all about	2950 feet

Estimated Costs	
885.00 lbs castings at 4 cts per	3590.00
369 joints to be laid and packed	553.75
9 Hydrants to connect hose \$25.00 each	225.00
4 Cut off Gates @ 25.00	100.00
Digging & Filing 2950 feet @ 7 per foot	<u>206.50</u>
	\$4625.25

All of which is respectfully submitted

Eben Sawyer
James O. Parker } Committee
Daniel Currier

Voted that Article 2d be taken from the table.

Voted that the assessors be authorized to assess one half of the tax on school property this year, and the other half next year, and remit the sums to each district as directed by law.

Voted that when we adjourn it be for two weeks at the Town Hall.

Voted to adjourn till May 10 1869 at 2 o'clock P.M. to the Town Hall.

Attest

S. G. Sargent Town Clerk

Met agreeably to adjournment May 10th 1869.

Meeting called to order by Town Clerk.

Joseph Howe was chosen **Moderator**

Voted to adjourn for two weeks May 29 at 2 o'clock P.M. at Town Hall.

Attest

S. G. Sargent Town Clerk

Relating to School Property of Methuen

To W. S. Jenkins of Andover, Levi Taylor of Haverhill and W. Flanders of Lawrence. In accordance with a vote of the Town of Methuen passed on the twelfth inst, you are hereby appointed a committee to appraise the property of the several School Districts which said Districts might legally sell and convey.

And when you have performed that duty you will send the record of your doings to the Clerk of said Town of Methuen.

Joseph S. Howe } Selectmen
D. Pierce } of
D. T. Morrison } Methuen

Methuen, April 15th, 1869.

Attest

S. G. Sargent Town Clerk

To the Town Clerk of Methuen, -

Sir, -

In compliance with and order from the selectmen of Methuen to us, directed to appraise the property of the several School Districts, We hereby submit the following schedule.

District No. 1 Land and Buildings	\$450.
District No. 2 Land and Buildings	125.
District No. 3 Land and Buildings	625.
District No. 4 Land and Buildings exclusive of grading	16000.
District No. 4 Land and Buildings	2150.
District No. 5 Land \$40 School House \$275. School Furniture & Privy \$120.	935.
District No. 6 Land and Buildings	450.
District No. 7 Land and Buildings	1650.
District No. 8 Land and Buildings	650.

Methuen, April 30th 1869

W. G. Jenkins
Levi Taylor
W. Flanders

Attest

S. G. Sargent
Town Clerk

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

Greeting,-

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify the citizens of Methuen qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, in the manner provided by the Town, to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday, the twelfth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty nine, at two o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles, viz.

Article 1st To choose a Moderator to preside over said meeting

Art. 2nd To see if the Town will vote to reappraise its School District property in accordance with Section 7 of Chapter 423 of the Laws and Resolves of the present year

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

Given under our hand **this third day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand and eight hundred and sixty nine.**

Jos. S. Howe } Selectmen
D. Pierce } of
D. T. Morrison } Methuen

Essex SS. Town of Methuen July 3 1869

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 t his warrant at the Town House and at each of the public meeting houses in said Town, nine days before the time set for said meeting.

Charles E. Goss Constable of Methuen

Attest

S. G. Sargent Town Clerk

July 12, 1869

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs held at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the twelfth day of July 1869, agreeably to Warrant No. 3, File 9.

Article 1st Darius Pierce was chosen **Moderator**

Art. 2nd Voted – That the Town reappraise the School District Property and that the Assessors be the Committee to appraise it.

Voted – To adjourn.

Attest

S. G. Sargent
Town Clerk

Essex. Ss. To William H. Buttrick one of the Constables of the Town of Methuen in said County of Essex, -

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify the citizens of Methuen qualified by law to vote in Town affairs (in the manner provided by the Town) to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the ninth day of August next at two O'clock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following articles viz.

Article 1st To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting

Art. 2nd By request of Eben Sawyer and others, to see what action the Town will take in regard to widening and rebuilding the Bridge near Bowen & Emerson's Hat Factory.

Art. 3rd To see what action the Town will take in regard to relocating the road known as Factory Hill.

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

Given under our hands **this 31st day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty nine.**

Jos. S. How } Selectmen
D. Pierce } of Methuen

Essex SS. Methuen August 9 A.D. 1869.

By virtue of the within warrant I did notify the legal voters of said Methuen to meet at the Town Hall in said Methuen, this day by posting an attested copy of this Warrant in the entry of said Town Hall, and also by posting an attested copy of this Warrant at each of the churches in said Town nine days before the time of said meeting.

Wm. H. Butrick
Constable of Methuen

August 9, 1869

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, held at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the ninth day of August 1869, agreeably to Warrant No. 4, File 9.

Article 1st Jos. S. How was chosen Moderator

Article 2nd Voted – That the Town build an arch of Spicket River near Bowen and Emerson’s Hat Shop on such terms as can be agreed upon with the parties interested, under the direction of the Selectmen.

Article 3rd On motion of Charles Ingalls voted that the Selectmen be authorized to relocate the road

Voted to adjourn

Attest S. G. Sargent Town Clerk

Essex. Ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Methuen in said County of Essex,
Greeting,

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required forthwith to warn the citizens of Methuen, qualified as the law directs to vote in elections to assemble at the Town Hall, in said Methuen, on Tuesday, the second day of November next, at one o’clock in the forenoon, then and there to give in their ballots for a Governor of the Commonwealth, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor of Accounts, Attorney General, Councillor for District No. Five, One Senator for the Third Essex District, One County Commissioner, on one ballot. Also for three Representatives to the next General Court of the Commonwealth to represent District No. Three, 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 and at the Town Hall, in said Town, eight days at least before said meeting.

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

Jos. S. Howe } Selectmen
D. Pierce } of
D. T. Morrison } Methuen

Essex. Ss.

By virtue of the within warrant I did as within directed notify and warn the citizens of Methuen qualified as the Law directs to vote in elections, to meet at the Town Hall in said Methuen at the time within mentioned by posting true and attested copies of the within warrant at each of the churches in said Town and at the Town House, ten days before time of said meeting.

Methuen, Nov. 2d A.D. 1869

W. H. Buttrick Constable of Methuen

A true Copy Attest

S. G. Sargent Town Clerk.

November 2, 1869

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 second day of November A.D. 1869 agreeably to Warrant No 5 File 9.

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

Whole number of votes for **Governor** was
Three Hundred and Eighty seven 387

<u>William Claflin</u> of Newton had Two Hundred and one	201
<u>John Quincy Adams</u> of Quincy had One Hundred and thirty six	136
<u>Edwin M. Chamberlain</u> of Boston had Fifty	50

Whole number of votes for **Lieut. Governor** was
Three Hundred and Eighty six 386

<u>Joseph Tucker</u> of Lenox had Two Hundred	200
<u>Samuel O. Lamb</u> of Chicopee had Two Hundred and Thirty five	235
<u>James Chattaway</u> of Springfield had Fifty one	51

For **Secretary of State**

<u>Oliver Warner</u> of Northampton had Two Hundred	200
<u>John K. Tarbox</u> of Lawrence had One Hundred and Thirty three	133
<u>Stillman B. Pratt</u> of Randolph had Fifty three	53

For **Treasurer**

<u>Jacob H. Loud</u> of Plymouth had Two Hundred	200
<u>Levi Heywood</u> of Gardner had One hundred and thirty three	133
<u>N. W. Stoddard</u> of North Bridgewater had Fifty three	53

For **Attorney General**

<u>Chas. Allen</u> of Boston had two hundred	200
<u>Josiah G. Abbott</u> of Boston One Hundred and thirty three	133

For **Auditor**

<u>Charles Endicott</u> of Canton had Two Hundred	200
<u>Phineas Allen</u> of Pittsfield had One Hundred and thirty three	133
<u>Chas. J. Goodwin</u> of Haverhill had Fifty three	53

For **Councillor**

<u>Roland G. Usher</u> of Lynn had Two Hundred	200
<u>Jonathan Nason</u> of Amesbury had One Hundred and fifty three	153
<u>Israel U. Andrews</u> of Danvers had Fifty three	53

For **County Commissioner**

<u>James Kimball</u> of Salem had Two Hundred	200
<u>Richard T. Dodge</u> of Ipswich had One hundred and thirty three	133
<u>Frederick D. Burnham</u> of Newburyport had Fifty three	53

For **Senator**

<u>Julius A. Palmer</u> of Boxford had One hundred and seventy one	171
<u>Joseph S. Howe</u> of Methuen had Two Hundred and fourteen	214

For **Representatives in District No. 3**

<u>James B. Wilder</u> of Lawrence had Two hundred and fifty four	254
<u>Fred Butler</u> of Lawrence had Two hundred and one	201
<u>Darius Pierce</u> of Methuen had Two hundred and forty eight	248
<u>John K. Tarbox</u> of Lawrence had one hundred and forty eight	148

Patrick Sweeney of Lawrence had One hundred and fourteen 114
Robert Bowers of Lawrence had One hundred and sixty eight 168

Voted to dissolve the meting

Attest S. G. Sargent
Town Clerk

Perambulation

We the subscribers, the Selectmen of the Town of Methuen, and a Delegation appointed by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Lawrence, have this day perambulated the line between Methuen and the City of Lawrence, and find it to be as follows viz.:

Beginning on the westerly line of the City of Lawrence where the lines of the Town of Methuen and Andover intersect in Merrimac River; thence northerly in a straight line passing through a stone monument on the bank of said river marked S.M. and through a stone monument marked S.M. on the Tower hill road, between the House of Asa Barker and that of Ebenezer Barker, to a stone monument northerly from the house of Jonathan Jennings near the new road, marked S. M. Thence northeasterly passing through a monument on the Currant's Hill road near the Catholic Burying Ground to a stone monument on the easterly said of Broadway (or near the Londonderry Turnpike) so called marked S. M. near the house of Abial Stevens.

Thence running North sixty one degrees east, passing through a stone monument marked S. M. on the easterly side of Lawrence Street to the easterly line of School District No. 4 to a stone monument marked S. M. there set in the ground in the field between the said Lawrence Street and the old County road.

Thence running south seventy nine degrees east in a straight line passing through a stone monument, marked S. M. on the easterly side of said County Road, also through a stone monument, marked S. M. on the westerly side of the Road leading from Lawrence by the Old Burying Ground in Methuen; also through a stone monument, marked S. M. on the easterly side of the road between the House of A .P. B. King and the house of John Russ; also through a a stone monument marked S. M. on the easterly side of the road leading from Lawrence to Haverhill near the house of Daniel Carleton, to a stone monument, marked S. M. on the bank of the Merrimack River; thence the line of the Town of No. Andover in said River. All of which has been agreed upon by the said parties as the Boundary Lines between the said Town of Methuen and City of Lawrence.

Dec. 1, 1869.

Frank Davis } Mayor &
S. M. Davis } Aldermen
Geo. Littlefield } of
Warren Bailey } Lawrence

Jos. S. Howe } Selectmen
D. Pierce } of
D. T. Morrison } Methuen

Saml. G. Sargent

Town Clerk

To the Town Clerk of Methuen,

Sir, in compliance with a vote of the Town directing the Selectmen to appraise the property of the several School Districts, we herewith submit the following report viz.

No. 1 Land & Building	8450.00
No. 2 Building	125.00
No. 3 Land & Building	625.00
No. 4 Land & Building 16000 les one & Town owns	10666.67
No. 5 Land \$90 School House 225 School Furniture & Privy 120	435.00
No. 6 Land & Building	450.00
No. 7 Land & Building	1650.00
No. 8 Land & Building	<u>650.00</u>
	17,201.07

Methuen July 17th 1869

Jos. S. Howe } Selectmen
D. Pierce } of
D. T. Morrison } Methuen

Attest

S. G. Sargent Town Clerk

1870

January 7, 1870

I S. G. Sargent do hereby certify that on the tenth day of December 1869 I made a written demand on the Heirs of Robert Rantoul Jr. (Beverly) for taxes due on lot of land known as Rantoul lot, situated on Carleton Street and Phillips Street in Methuen, Also that I made a written demand on Richard Healey (Boston) for taxes due on lot of land known as Healey lot situated on Phillips Street in Methuen

S. G. Sargent

Treasurer & Collector

Essex SS. Jan. 7 A.D. 1870.

Subscribed and sworn to before me by the above named Samuel G. Sargent, the day and year above named.

Wm. M. Rogers Justice of the Peace

Attest

S. G. Sargent
Town Clerk

Methuen Jan. 7 1870.

Land Sold for Taxes.

Feb. 5 1870 a lot of land situated on Carleton and Phillips Streets in Methuen was sold at the Collector's Office for taxes. The land was known as the Rantoul land. J. O. Sawyer and D. Pierce were the purchasers. They being the highest bidders. The land was sold for one hundred and fourteen dollars, it being eighty three dollars and 15/100 above the taxes and incidental charges.

Tax on land	\$12.60	
Surveying	7.50	
Other legal charges	<u>10.75</u>	
	\$30.85	\$114 - 30.85=\$83.15

There was also sold at the same time and place a lot known as the Healey land situated on Phillips Street in Methuen. A. C. Rollins and Henry Swallow were the purchasers, they being the highest bidders.

The land was sold for eighty four 75/100 dollars it being fifty two 10/100 dollars above the taxes and other legal charges.

Tax on the land	\$12.40	
Surveying	7.50	
Other legal charges	<u>12.75</u>	
	\$32.65	\$84.75 - \$32.65=\$52.10

All of the land was sold for one hundred and thirty five 25/100 dollars above the taxes and legal charges.

Attest S. G. Sargent Town Clerk

Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting

Essex SS. To William H. Buttrick one of the Constables of the Town of Methuen.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen, qualified as the Constitution directs to vote in Town Affairs, to meet in the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the seventh day of March at ten o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles viz.

Art. 1st To choose a **Moderator** for said meeting by written or printed ballot

Art. 2nd To choose a Town Clerk, Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the poor, Town Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Auditor, Constable, and one School Committee man to serve for three years all by written or printed ballot; also to choose all other Town officers in such a manner as the Town may determine.

- Art. 3rd To raise such sums of money for the support of the Poor, the Schools, the Highways and Bridges, Fire Department, and incidental Expenses of the Town as may be deemed necessary for the year ensuing.
- Art. 4th To determine the manner of Collecting Taxes the ensuing year, and act thereon as the Town may think proper
- Art. 5th To determine by what method the Town will appropriate its Highway money, and repair its Highways the current year
- Art. 6th To see if the Town will authorize the Collector of taxes to collect all delinquent Highway Taxes, the same to be appropriated agreeable to the vote on Art. 5th of this warrant
- Art. 7th To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to hire in behalf of the Town a sufficient sum of money to pay any notes that may become due during the year, or that may be necessary to pay all orders that may be drawn by the Selectmen, and empower the Treasurer to sign any notes in behalf of the Town that may be necessary therefore
- Art. 8th To see if the Town will vote to purchase a Steam Fire Engine with a sufficient quantity of hose, or take any action relating to the Fire Department for the ensuing year
- Art. 9th To see if the Town will approve and accept the list of Jurors, submitted by the Selectmen as liable to serve as Jurors the year ensuing
- Art. 10th To receive the annual Report the Selectmen, and hear reports of Committees and act thereon
- Art. 11th To see if the Town will vote to restrain Neat Cattle, Horses and Swine from going at large the year ensuing
- Art. 12th To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of Chapter 366 of the acts of the Legislature of 1869
- Art. 13th To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to dig one or more wells in different parts of the village and furnish them with pumps and troughs for the use of the public, and
- Art. 14th To see if the Town will appropriate the amount of money received from the dog tax for the benefit of a Public Library, agreeable to Chap. 250 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1869
- Art. 15th To see what action the Town will take in regard to grading, putting down curb stones and laying a sidewalk in front of Town House, and appropriate money for the same
- Art. 16th To see if the Town will take some definite action in regard to providing a place for the better security of the Town Records against fire, and appropriate money for the same
- Art. 17th To see if the Town will instruct the Selectmen to lay out and make public the street called George Street passing the house of S. H. Harris Jr., also the street extending from said "George Street" to the house of James O. Emerson, also the street extending from said "George Street" passing the Stone Church to Pleasant Street; also to extend the street from its present terminus Westerly past the House of Patrick Wright as far as in their judgment it may require.

Art. 18th To see if the Town will require the School Committee to appoint a Superintendent of Public Schools, and make any appropriations they may see proper to pay for such services.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Town House and at each of the Public Meeting houses in said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

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

Given under our hands **this Twenty sixth day of February A.D. 1870.**

Jos. S. Howe } Selectmen
D. Pierce } of
D. T. Morrison } Methuen

Essex s.s. Methuen, March 7th 1870

By virtue hereof as directed I have served this Warrant and notified the legal voters of Methuen to meet at the time and place above named, by posting attested copies of this warrant at the Town House and at each of the Public Meeting Houses in said Methuen nine days before time of said Meeting.

W. H. Buttrick
Constable of Methuen

A true Copy

Attest

S. G. Sargent Town Clerk

March 7, 1870 – Annual Town Meeting

The Annual Town Meeting of the inhabitants of Methuen was held at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the seventh day of March A.D. 1870 at ten o'clock A.M. agreeably to warrant No. 6 File 9.

Art. 1 Jacob Emerson Jr. was chosen **Moderator** – sworn

Prayer was offered by Rev. T. G. Grassie

Art. 2 Samuel G. Sargent was chosen **Town Clerk, Treasurer, and Collector** and sworn.
Joseph S. Howe, D. Pierce and Eben Sawyer were chosen **Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor**, and sworn.

Voted – that the surveyor of Highways in the consolidated District be chosen by ballot.

Rev. C. A. Bradley was chosen **School Committee for three years**

Constables

Charles E. Goss and William H. Buttrick – both sworn

Auditor

E. B. Homer, sworn

Fence Viewers

Alfred Clark, sworn, William Jackson, G. A. Butters, sworn

Surveyor of Consolidated District

George A. Butters, sworn

Field Drivers

John E. Sawyer, J. O. Sawyer, Charles Titcomb, sworn, W. F. Sawyer

William M. Rogers, sworn, James A. Clark, sworn, W. C. Sleeper, George Currier, sworn, John O. Clark, John Howe, sworn, Matthew Messer, sworn, Alfred Clark, sworn, Edmund Dowding, Geo. W. Whittier, sworn, Geo. L. Gage, sworn, Joseph Hill, sworn, Andrew Stiles, sworn, Darius Taylor, James Allen, sworn, Lorain Sawyer, Samuel C. Crosby, sworn, appointed by Selectmen

Sealer of weights and measures, **Voted** to leave with the Selectmen

Pound Keepers

S. W. Williams and Hezekiah Chadwick

Road Commissioner

Voted – That it be left with the Selectmen to appoint

Surveyors of Highways

Charles Howe, Willard Carleton, sworn, Chas. M. Sawyer, sworn, Joseph Buswell, sworn, W. C. Sleeper, John Spurr, sworn, J. E. Farrington, George N. Carleton, John Patterson, sworn, Hazen A. Lowell, Jonathan Moise, sworn, T. U. Neal, Joseph H. Young, R. K. Miller, sworn, John Russ, sworn, Rufus A. Griffin, sworn, Samuel Cross, Geo. K. Webster, sworn, John Cluff, sworn, Ralph Clark, sworn, G. A. Butters, sworn

Truant Officers

William H. Buttrick, sworn, Willard Smith, W. C. Sleeper

Fence Viewers

Alfred Clark, sworn, William Jackson, George A. Butters

Fire Wardens

John Low, W. H. Butters, sworn, Frank Ingalls, sworn, Aaron Gilcreast, sworn

Surveyors of Lumber

J. W. Frederick, Ralph Clark, sworn, J. M. Emerson, sworn, S. A. Harvey, sworn, E. P. Morse, sworn, Oliver Kimball, Aaron Gilcreast, sworn, J. S. Howe, sworn, J. O. Parker, sworn, John Wilson, D. H. Patterson, Franklin Saunders, James Allen, sworn, J. A. Towne, Jerome Cross

Surveyors of Wood and Bark

Charles Jackson, Daniel Merrill 2nd, sworn, E. P. Sargent, Geo. H. Wilson, James Allen, sworn, George Messer, Ralph Clark, sworn, Eben sawyer, Leverett Swan, sworn, Jacob Emerson Jr., sworn, James Ingalls, Abner Stevens, sworn, Joseph S. Howe, sworn, Rufus A. Griffin, sworn, Irvin Stevens, sworn, Charles Ingalls, sworn, J. O. Sawyer, Guy Carleton, S. H. Harris Jr., J. P. Hill, sworn, E. P. Morse, sworn, T. J. Richardson, Horace Carleton, sworn

Geo. A. Butters appointed **Street Commissioner** and sworn

Art. 3rd Voted to raise the following sums of money

For Roads and Bridges, five hundred dollars	500.00
For School Committee two hundred dollars	200.00
For Pauper Department seventeen hundred dollars	1700.00
For Interest on Town Debt forty five hundred dollars	4500.00
For Discount on Taxes twenty five hundred dollars	2500.00
For Contingencies five hundred dollars	500.00
For School Department seven thousand dollars	7000.00
For Repairs on Highways three thousand dollars	3000.00
For Town Officers one thousand dollars	<u>1000.00</u>
	20,900.00

Art. 4th Voted to collect taxes the same as last year

Art. 5th Voted that the Highway money be appropriated and worked the same way as last year

Voted that a committee be appointed from each highway District, by the Selectmen, to take into consideration the whole matter of Highways and report at the next annual Meeting.

Art. 6th Voted that the Treasurer be authorized to collect all delinquent highway taxes and that the same be appropriated in accordance with the vote on Article five of this warrant

Art. 7th Voted that the Selectmen be authorized, to hire in behalf of the Town, a sufficient sum of money to pay any notes that may become due during the year, or that may be necessary to pay all orders that may be drawn by the Selectmen

Also Voted that the Treasurer be empowered to sign any notes in behalf of the Town that may be necessary therefore

- Art. 8th **Voted** that a committee of five be appointed by the Selectmen to take into consideration the subject of the Fire Department including the purchase of a Steam Fire Engine and report at an adjourned meeting.
- Art. 9th Voted to accept the list of Jurors submitted by the Selectmen
- Art. 10th Voted to accept the Selectmen's Report
- Voted that the Baptist Society pay on what is now due the Town from them for use of Town Hall, only the actual cost as near as can be ascertained
- Art. 11th Voted that the same action be taken in regard to cattle, horses and swine running at large, as was taken last year
- Art. 12th Voted to adopt the provisions of chapter 366 of the acts of the Legislature of 1869
- Art. 13th Voted to pass over the article
- Art. 14th Voted that the money received from the dog tax be appropriated to the Common Schools
- Art. 15th Voted that the article be passed over
- Art. 16th Voted that Articles 13, 15, & 16, be referred to the committee having Article 8 under consideration and report at an adjourned meeting. The Selectmen appointed for that Committee Charles E. Goss, Jacob Emerson Jr., and Joseph F. Ingalls, Moses G. Smith and James O. Parker
- Art. 17th Voted that the Selectmen be instructed to lay out and make public the Street called "George Street" passing the House of S. H. Harris, Jr., Also the street extending from said "George Street" to the House of James O. Emerson. Also the street extending from said George Street passing the stone church to pleasant street, provided it can be done without any expense to the Town.
- Voted that the matter referring to the street passing the house of Patrick Wright, be referred to the Selectmen.
- Art. 18th Voted that this article be passed over till the adjourned meeting
- Voted to instruct the Selectmen to let the Town Hall to the Methodist Society for one dollar per Sabbath during the coming year

The following Resolution was passed.

Resolved – that a Committee of three be appointed by the chair to take into consideration the subject of funding the Town debt with instructions to report at the adjournment of this Meeting.

The Committee appointed by the chair was Joseph Howe, Jr. F. Ingalls and Charnels E. Goss.

Voted that the Selectmen be instructed to put each person's tax, persona and real into the next Annual Report.

Voted to adjourn until the twenty eighth day of March eighteen hundred and seventy at two O'clock P.M.

Attest

S. G. Sargent

Town Clerk

Methuen March 9, 1870

The following is the List of Jurors submitted by the Selectmen..

John w. Bodwell, S. D. Chase, Amos Currier, John Cluff, H. N. Coburn, E. M. Clark, J. L. Dodge, Lorenzo Dow, Jeremiah M. Doe, Gilbert Emerson, Granville E. Foss, Geo. W. Gage, Justin E. Griffin, Charles J. Griffin, Branch G. Gutterson, George A. Harris, Joseph Howe, R. B. Hawley, B. M. Hall, Charles Jackson, Cummings Messer, Hazen Messer, John Mitchell, Gorham P. Poor, German S. Phippen, Charles Pelham, Charles Smith, Albert Smith, Moses G. Smith, Franklin Saunders, E. P. Sargent, Walter E. Stevens, J. O. Sawyer, Daniel W. Tenney, George Tenney, Benj. H. Woodbury, Stephen W. Williams.

Joseph S. Howe } Selectmen
D. Pierce } of
D. T. Morrison } Methuen

Methuen Feb. 29, 1870

Attest

S. G. Sargent

Town Clerk.

Samuel G. Sargent Treasurer in Account with the Town of Methuen - Dr.

To Cash in Treasury, February 1 st 1869	3,312.80
To Taxes uncollected, received from Mr. Howe (resident)	410.07
To Taxes uncollected received from Mr. Howe (non-resident)	483.33
Tax List for 1869	21,117.53
Highway Tax List for 1869	2,789.74
Cash received from State Treasurer for State Aid	1,800.00
Cash received from State Treasurer for Corporation Tax	588.37
Cash received from C. Ropes for license	10.00
Cash received from George Foot rent	100.00
Cash received from John Low rent	140.00
Cash received from S. S. Hunt rent of Hall	275.00
Cash received from Methodist Society, rent	68.00
Cash received from interest on notes	1.20
Cash received from interest on taxes	15.39
Cash received from delinquent highway taxes	66.71

Cash received from tax on liquor sales	17.72
Cash received from G. E. Foss Treasurer District No. 4	84.78
Cash received from City of Salem	177.50
Cash received from State Treasurer, School Fund 1868	170.45
Cash received from State Treasurer, School Fund 1869	190.10
Cash received from Joseph Walker	48.00
Cash received from Varnum Corliss	12.34
Cash received from John Burnham	350.00
Cash received from John Burnham interest	9.03
Cash received from J. O. Sawyer interest	14.29
Cash received from E. B. Homer note	500.00
Cash received from L. S. Blodgett on note	485.00
Cash received from Lawrence Savings Bank on note	1,000.00
Cash received from A. P. Silloway	800.00
Cash received from P. J. Lucas	500.00
Cash received from Pemberton Bank	3,000.00
Cash received from H. G. Hall	1,200.00
Cash received from Emeline S. Taylor	700.00
Cash received from S. G. Sargent	100.00
Cash received from Charlotte A. Duston	2,100.00
Cash received from Eben Duston	2,500.00
Cash received from Bay State Bank	1,963.83
Cash received from Runals and Hayden	4,000.00
Cash received from Geo. Harris	200.00
Cash received from Salisbury Savings Institution, on note	5,000.00
Cash received from Mrs. Samuel Harvey	1,200.00
Cash received from Merrimack Insurance Co.	3,000.00
Cash received from Frank T. Johnson	<u>625.00</u>
	61,126.18

Samuel G. Sargent Treasurer in Account with the Town of Methuen – CR.

By Cash paid Selectmen's orders as follows:

By Cash paid School Department	4,726.26
By Cash paid Highway Department	1,793.70
By Cash paid Fire Department	463.55
By Cash paid Roads and Bridges	4,420.35
By Cash paid State Aid	1,691.00
By Cash paid A. Coleman trust money	260.00
By Cash paid Sundry Departments, as per report	<u>5,150.53</u>
By Cash paid Total (265 Orders)	18,505.39
By Cash paid State Tax	3,550.00
By Cash paid County Tax	1,490.80
By Cash paid Notes	26,059.00
By Cash paid Interest on Notes	4,339.87
By Cash paid Discount on Taxes	1,617.17
By Cash paid Collecting taxes	239.07
By Cash paid Making and distributing tax bills	30.00

By Cash paid Treasurer's Salary	75.00
By Cash paid Taxes uncollected (resident and non resident)	552.20
By Cash paid Highway taxes unpaid and worked out Feb. 1 st 1870	1,015.92
Cash in Treasury, February 1 st , 1870	<u>3,656.76</u>
	61,126.18

Methuen March 28, 1870.

Meeting assembled according to adjournment.

Called to order by the **Moderator**.

Record of last meeting referring to adjournment was read by the Clerk.

Report of Committee to whom Articles 8.13.15-16 was read by J. O. Parker.

Art. 8th Voted to purchase a steam Fire Engine of the class referred to in the report, also one thousand feet of leading hose

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to purchase one large or two small hose carriages just as in their judgment they shall deem best, with the engine

Voted that the Town appropriate five thousand dollars for the purchase of the steam Fire Engine, and that the money be borrowed to pay for the same

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to prepare the basement of the Town House for the reception of the steam Fire Engine, also build a tower for drying the hose.

Art. 13th Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to dig two wells, one near the hay scales, and one in rail road square.

Art. 15th Voted that the article be laid upon the table

Art. 16th Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to secure a safe place for the keeping of the Town records

Voted to reconsider the vote whereby the Town Voted to appropriate seven thousand dollars for schools

Voted that five thousand dollars be appropriated for schools

Art. 18th Constable of Methuen to pass over the article

Voted that the Selectmen and the School Committee fill the vacancy in the board of School Committee.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Attest

S. G. Sargent

Town Clerk.

Report of the Committee to report on articles No. 8th, 13th-15th-16th in the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.

Have carefully considered and investigated the several subjects introduced by said articles, and have unanimously agreed to submit the following report.

First, article 8th relating to the purchase of a steam fire Engine, and all other matters pertaining to the Fire Department.

You committee have endeavored to ascertain the condition of our present Fire Engines, Hose etc the outlay that would be necessary to fix them for efficient use, and also the annual cost for maintaining companies and incidental expense. We have estimated that it will cost the Town for Fireman's services and incidental expenses \$900. per annum both engines properly manned, and \$600 a year for the Spiggot alone. We estimated that both engines can be put in good order for use for twenty five dollars. The suction hose appears to be in fair condition. There is no leading hose reliable except about one hundred feet of linen. In the opinion of your committee five hundred feet of hose must be purchased at an expense of one 00/100 dollars per foot, amounting to seven hundred and fifty dollars.

The cost of a 3d class Amoskeag Steam Fire Engine would be	3750
800 feet of hose	1280
2 Hose carriages	500
Hose Tower	<u>300</u>
Total	5830

We further estimate that the present engine property could be sold for
1200
Making an actual expenditure of \$4660

This includes the engine house and both engines.

Using the basement of the Town House for the engine.

We estimate that a Steam Fire Engine can be kept in good order and operated for \$280. per annum.

Difference in expense of operating a Steamer and our present Engines about as follows.

Cost of operating both hand engines per annum	\$ 900
Cost of operating both Steamers	280
Leaving a difference of	\$ 620

Or the interest at 7 per cent on nearly nine thousand dollars.

The difference in required appropriations for immediate use would be about as follows.

Cost of steam fire engine including deductions on account of property that may be sold	\$4630
Cost of putting hand engines in order with 500 feet of hose	<u>775</u>
A difference of	3855

In considering article 10th in relation to digging wells. We have estimated the cost about as follows.

The cost of digging two wells 20 feet in depth and 6 feet in diameter furnished with pumps and troughs for the same would be \$125 each \$250 for the two.

The proper location in our judgment would be one near the hay scales and the other near the store of G. W. Sawyer.

In reporting upon article 16 we would make the following report as to cost.

127 feet of curbstone at 50 cents per foot	\$63.50
Setting the same	20.00
3 stone posts and setting	30.00
65 yards concrete pavement and grading at 75 cents per yard	<u>48.75</u>
Making a total expenditure of	\$162.25

In considering article 16th with the present occupancy of the Town Hall Building we find no suitable place for a fire proof brick vault, and find that the Town can purchase two fire proof Iron safes at an expense of \$525. Such safes would be of sufficient capacity to contain all the records and the most important of the public documents reports and so forth belonging to the Town.

Having attended to the duties assigned us we leave the matter for your consideration.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Charles E. Goss	}	
Joseph T. Ingalls	}	Committee
Jacob Emerson Jr.	}	
James O. Parker	}	

S. G. Sargent
Town Clerk.

Essex SS. To Wm. H. Buttrick one of the Constables of the Town of Methuen.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified as the Constitution directs, to vote in Town affairs to meet in the Town Hall in said Town, on Saturday the sixteenth day of April at two o'clock in the afternoon, to act on the following articles. Viz.

- Art. 1st To choose a **Moderator** for said meeting by written or printed ballot
- Art. 2nd To see if the Town will reconsider the vote whereby they instructed the Selectmen to prepare the basement of the Town House for the Steam Fire Engine.
- Art. 3rd To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to make all necessary change in the Spiggot Engine House for the use of the Steamer at an expense not exceeding the estimate made by the committee for the basement of Town House.
- Art. 4th To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to dispose of so much of the property of the Fire Department as they, in their judgment, may deem for the best interests of the Town.
- Art. 5th To see what action the Town will take in regard to providing better facilities for the escape (in case of fire from the new School House in the village, and appropriate money for the same.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Town House, and at each of the public Meeting Houses in said Town seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hand this **seventh day of April A.D. 1870.**

Jos. S. Howe } Selectmen
D. Pierce } of
Eben Sawyer } Methuen

Essex S.S. Methuen April 16 1870

By virtue hereof I did as directed notify the inhabitants of Methuen qualified, as the Constitution directs to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the time and place above named and I have also served this warrant as directed by posting attested copies thereof at the Town House and at each of the public Meeting Houses in said Methuen eight days before time of said meeting.

A true Copy Attest

W. H. Buttrick - Constable of Methuen

S. G. Sargent Town Clerk

April 16, 1870

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, held at the Town Hall in said Town on Saturday the sixteenth day of April 1870 agreeably to Warrant No 7 File 9.

Art. 1st James O. Parker was chosen **Moderator**

Art. 2nd Voted to reconsider the vote referred to in this article

Art. 3rd Voted to instruct the Selectmen to make all changes in the Spiggot Engine House, needful for the accommodation of the Steam Fire Engine

G. W. Gage presented a paper expressing the thanks of the First Baptist Society of Methuen to the Town of Methuen for the free use of the Town Hall for religious services, during the time said society were without a House of Worship, which paper reads as follows.

Voted that the thanks of the First Baptist Society of Methuen be and hereby are presented to the Town of Methuen, for their liberality in giving them the use of their Hall on the Sabbath during the time, said Society was without a House of Worship.

Dated at **Methuen, March 26, 1870.**

Art. 4th Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to dispose of as much of the property of the Fire Department as in their judgment the best interests of the Town require.

Art. 5th Mr. E. Sawyer moved that the School Committee be authorized to construct a similar fire escape to the one on the Lawrence Grammar School Building. Mr. J. E. Buswell moved an amendment that the Selectmen be authorized to provide a suitable fire escape for the building. The amendment was carried. No action on the original motion.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Attest S. G. Sargent

Town Clerk

Essex S.S.

To Wm H. Buttrick one of the Constables of the Town of Methuen in said County of Essex.

Greeting, -

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified as the constitution directs to vote in Town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday the eighth day of November next at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to give in their ballots for a **Governor** of the Commonwealth, Lieutenant **Governor**, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General, Attorney General, Auditor of Accounts, Councillor for District Number Five, One Senator for the Third Essex District, Clerk of Courts (to fill an existing vacancy), County Commissioner, County Treasurer, Register of Deeds for the Northern District of Essex. Also one Representative to represent the Sixth Congressional District of the Commonwealth in the next Congress of the United States all on one Ballot.

Also for Three Representatives to the next General Court of the Commonwealth to represent Essex District Number Three 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 and at the Town House in Said Town eight days at least before said meeting.

There of fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves at the time and place of said Meeting.

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

Joseph S. Howe } Selectmen
D. Pierce } of
Eben Sawyer } Methuen

Essex S.S. Methuen Nov. 8 1870.

By virtue hereof I have as within directed notified the inhabitants of Methuen to meet at the time, place and for the purpose within mentioned and I have served this warrant by posting attested

copies thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses in said Methuen nine days before time of said meeting.

W. H. Butrick

A true Copy
Attest

Constable of Methuen

S. G. Sargent Town Clerk

November 8, 1870

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 eighth day of November A.D. 1870, agreeable to Warrant No 8 File 9.

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

Whole number of votes for **Governor** was three hundred and ninety four 394

William Claflin of Newton had Two hundred and thirty 230

John Quincy Adams of Quincy had One hundred and forty four 144

Wendel Phillips of Boston had Twenty 20

Whole number of votes for **Lieut. Governor** was four hundred and one 401

Joseph Tucker of Lenox had Two hundred and thirty 230

Eliphalet Trask of Springfield had eleven 11

James Chattaway of Springfield had one hundred and forty nine 149

Henry W. Bishop of Lenox had eleven 11

Whole number of votes for **Secretary of State** was four hundred and thirty

Oliver Warner of Northampton had two hundred and thirty 230

Stephenson Jr. of Hingham had one hundred and forty nine 149

George S. Ball of Upton had nine 9

Stilman B. Pratt of Randolph had eleven 11

Whole number of votes for **Attorney General** was four hundred and one 401

Charles Allen of Boston had two hundred and thirty two 232

William W. Warren of Brighton had one hundred and forty nine 149

Whiting Griswold of Greenfield had nine 9

E. C. Peabody of Groveland had eleven 11

Whole number of votes for **Auditor of Accounts** was four hundred and one 401

Charles Endicot of Canton had two hundred and thirty two 232

Phineas Allen of Pittsfield had one hundred and forty nine 149

Lyman W. Daggett of Attleboro had nine	9
Charles Cowley of Lowell had eleven	11
Whole number of votes for Treasurer and Receiver General was	
Four hundred and one	401
Charles Adams Jr. of North Brookfield had two hundred and thirty two	232
Levi Heywood of Gardner had one hundred and forty nine	149
John J. Baker of Beverly had nine	9
N. W. Stoddard of North Bridgewater had eleven	11
Whole number of votes for Member of Congress in District No. 6 was	400
Nathaniel P. Banks of Waltham had two hundred and forty two	242
John E. Tarbox of Lawrence had one hundred and fifty	150
Oliver R. Clark of Winchester had eight	8
Whole number of votes for Councillor in District No. 5 was	389
John F. Harris of Marblehead had two hundred and thirty two	232
Israel W. Andrews of Danvers had one hundred and forty eight	148
Cyrus Story of Gloucester had nine	9
Whole number of votes for Senator in District No. 3 was four hundred and four	404
Nathan S. Kimball of Haverhill had two hundred and seven	207
Albert E. Johnson of Haverhill had three	3
Joseph S. Howe of Methuen had one hundred and eighty eight	188
J. C. Bowker of Lawrence had six	6
Whole number of votes for County Commissioner was three hundred and ninety	390
Jackson B. Sweet of Haverhill had two hundred and thirty two	232
Benjamin A. Ward of Lynn had one hundred and forty nine	149
Benjamin K. Prentiss of Lynn had nine	9
Whole number of votes for Clerk of Courts was four hundred and ninety one	491
Alfred A. Abbott of Peabody had two hundred and seven	207
Aretas R. Sanborn of Lawrence had one hundred and eighty six	186
John W. Berry of Lynn had eight	8
Whole number of votes for County Treasurer was three hundred and ninety	390
Allen W. Dodge of Hamilton had two hundred and seven	207
John Hobbs of Ipswich had one hundred and forty nine	149
James H. Kidder of Lawrence had four	4

Whole number of votes for **Register Deeds** in Northern District was four hundred 400

Gilbert E. Hood of Lawrence had two hundred and forty six	246
Abial Morrison of Lawrence had one hundred and forty nine	149
Nathaniel Ambrose of Lawrence had five	5

Whole number of votes for **Representatives in District No. 3** was [left blank]

George E. Davis of Lawrence had two hundred and fifty two	252
Andrew C. Stone of Lawrence had two hundred and twenty one	221
James Payne of Lawrence had two hundred and twenty one	221
John K. Tarbox of Lawrence had one hundred and fifty eight	158
Patrick Sweeney of Lawrence had one hundred and forty one	141
Robert Bower of Lawrence had one hundred and fifty seven	157
Daniel Hardy of Lawrence had fourteen	14
James L. Barrie of Lawrence had one	1
Asa Simons of Methuen had seventeen	17

Attest S. G. Sargent Town Clerk

Representatives had votes as follows

John K. Tarbox of Lawrence had fourteen hundred and forty two	1442
Robert Bower of Lawrence had fourteen and sixty one	1461
George E. Davis of Lawrence had twelve hundred and sixty six	1266
James Payne of Lawrence had twelve hundred & thirty	1230
Patrick Sweeney of Lawrence had twelve hundred & sixty four	1264
Andrew C. Stone of Lawrence had nine hundred and sixty one	961
Daniel Hardy of Lawrence had one hundred & seventeen	117
James S. Barrie of Lawrence had one hundred & seventeen	117
Asa Simons of Methuen had ninety one	91
Daniel Saunders of Lawrence one	1
Scattering in ward one (names not given) seven	7
J. B. Willis of Lawrence had one	1
Archibald McFarland of Lawrence one	1

N. P. H. Melvin	} Mayor and
Marcus S. Dody	} Aldermen
William Bower	} of the
John Hart	} of
James Payne	} Lawrence

Attest

Geo. R. Rowe City Clerk.

1871

Essex s.s. To William H. Buttrick one of the Constables of the Town of Methuen

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Election and Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in Methuen on Monday the sixth day of March next at ten o'clock in the forenoon then and there to act on the following articles.

- Art. 1 To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting
- Art. 2 To choose a Town Clerk, Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Auditor, Constables, One School Committeeman to serve for three years in place of Rev. T. G. Grassie, whose term expires, and one School Committeeman to serve one year in place of Rev. N. M. Williams resigned, all upon one written or printed ballot. The Polls to be kept open until 12 and ½ o'clock P.M. also to choose other Town Officers by ballot or in such a manner as the Town may determine.
- Art. 3d To hear the Annual Report of the Selectmen and act thereon.
- Art. 4th To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations for the same.
- Art. 5th To determine the manner of collecting taxes the ensuing year and act thereon as the Town may think proper
- Art. 6th To determine by what method the Town will appropriate its Highway taxes and repair its Highways the ensuing year
- Art. 7th To see if the Town will authorize the Collector of Taxes to collect all delinquent Highway taxes the same to be appropriated agreeably to the vote on Art. 6 of this Warrant
- Art. 8th To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to hire in behalf of the Town a sufficient sum of money to pay any notes that may become due during the year, or that may be necessary to pay orders drawn by the Selectmen, and empower the Treasurer to sign such notes in behalf of the Town.
- Art. 9th To see if the Town will approve and accept the list of Jurors submitted by the Selectmen as liable to serve as Jurors the year ensuing
- Art. 10th To hear reports of Committees and act thereon
- Art. 11th To determine what compensation the Town will grant to members of the fire department for their services the ensuing year.
- Art. 12th To see if the Town will vote to restrain neat cattle, horses and swine from going at large the year ensuing
- Art. 13th To determine the manner of appropriating the amount received from the dog tax agreeably to Chapter 250 of the acts of the Legislature of 1869
- Art. 14th To see if the Town will vote to build a school house in the so called Bartlett District and make an

appropriation for the same, and also to make necessary repairs on the school house in the so called Morse District and make the necessary appropriation.

- Art. 15th To see what action the Town will take as regards the proposed Bridge over Gage's Ferry
- Art. 16th To see what action the Town will take in relation to purchasing the modern improved seats and desks similar to those in the High School, and placing them in the several School Houses in Town and pass such votes thereon as the Town may deem proper.
- Art. 17th To see what action the Town will take in regard to the claim of Mr. Washington Merrill to the School House in Marston District.
- Art. 18th By request of J. O. Parker to see if the Town will vote to raise a sum of money to pay Samuel McNeil of Salem N. H. for injuries received near the Town House in Methuen on the 17th day of October 1867, and if the Town should so vote, to determine the amount.
- Art. 19th To see if the Town will vote to do away with article 4 of the By Laws of the Town by request of German S. Phippen.
- Art. 20th To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Collector of Taxes to print a list of delinquent Tax Payers in the Town Report.
- Art. 21st To see if the Town will vote to adopt Chapter 366 of the acts of 1869 Entitled an act concerning the Impounding of Cattle, or take any action concerning the Pounds owned by the Town.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Town House, and at each of the Public Meeting Houses in said Town seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

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

Given under our hands **this Twenty Fifth Day of February A.D. 1871.**

Jos. S. Howe } Selectmen
D. Pierce } of
Eben Sawyer } Methuen

Essex S.S. Methuen March 6, 1871.

By virtue hereof I did as directed notify the inhabitants of Methuen qualified, as the Constitution directs to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the time and place above named and I have also served this warrant as directed by posting attested copies thereof at the Town House and at each of the public Meeting Houses in said Methuen eight days before time of said meeting.

W. H. Buttrick
Constable of Methuen

A true Copy Attest

Saml. G. Sargent Town Clerk

March 6, 1871 – Annual Town Meeting

The Annual Town Meeting of the inhabitants of Methuen was held at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the sixth day of March A.D. 1871 at ten o'clock A.M. agreeably to warrant No. 9 File 9.

Art. 1 Jacob Emerson Jr. was chosen **Moderator** – sworn

Prayer was offered by Rev. C. A. Bradley

Art. 2d Voted to adopt the method of voting for Town Officers recommended in the warrant

Samuel G. Sargent was chosen **Town Clerk, Treasurer and Collector of Taxes** and sworn.

Darius Pierce, John C. Webster and Edmund P. Sargent were chosen **Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor** and sworn.

Auditor

E. B. Homer was chosen Auditor

Constables

Charles E. Goss, William H. Butrick were chosen Constables and sworn.

School Committee

3 years Thos. G. Grassie

1 year Charles E. Goss

Fence Viewers

Alfred Clark, George A. Butters, William Jackson, all sworn

Surveyors Highways & of Consolidated District – Passed over

Field Drivers

Enoch H. Griffin, S. O. Norris, James N. Dowding, John D. Harris, James Allen all sworn except John Searles who was also chosen.

Sealers of Weights and Measures – To be appointed by Selectmen

E. B. Homer appointed March 11 1871

Pound Keepers

Stephen W. Williams, Hezekiah Chadwick

Road Commissioner – Appointed by Selectmen

Truant Officers

William H. Butrick, Chas. E. Goss, William C. Sleeper – all sworn

Fire Wardens – “abolished”

C. E. Goss, William H. Butrick, H. C. Richardson, Gilbert Brown – all sworn

Surveyors of Lumber

Ralph Clark, sworn; E. P. Morse, sworn; Oliver Kimball, sworn; J. S. Howe, sworn; J. O. Parker, sworn; John Wilson, D. K. Patterson, Franklin Saunders, James Allen, sworn; Jesse A. Towne, Jerome Cross, sworn.

Surveyors of Wood and Bark

Daniel Merrill 2nd, E. P. Sargent, Geo H. Wilson, sworn; James Allen, sworn; Ralph Clark, sworn; Eben Sawyer, Leverett Swan, sworn; James Ingalls, Jos. S. Howe, sworn; Rufus A. Griffin, sworn; Walter T. Sawyer, Guy Carleton, Moses E. Kimball, S. H. Harris Jr., J. O. Sawyer, E. P. Morse, sworn; E. A. Archibald, sworn, Horace Carleton, sworn, Jonathan Cluff.

Art. 3 Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen.

Art. 4 Voted to raise the amount of money recommended by the Selectmen as necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year, also appropriated the same as recommended in the following report.

The Selectmen of Methuen submit the following estimate of the amount required to be raised by taxations to defray Town charges for the ensuing year.

For support of Schools six thousand dollars	\$6,000.00
Incidental repairs on School Houses & supplies	300.00
Repairs on Highways three thousand dollars	3,000.00
Roads and Bridges and opening roads seven hundred	700.00
New Road on Clover Hill three hundred dollars	300.00
Fire Department four hundred dollars	400.00
Pauper Department seventeen hundred	1,700.00
Town Officers eight hundred dollars	800.00
School Committee two hundred dollars	200.00
Contingencies five hundred dollars	500.00
Interest on Town debt forty five hundred dollars	4,500.00
Discount on Taxes two thousand dollars	2,000.00
Percentage for Collecting	<u>300.00</u>

All of which is respectfully submitted. Total \$20,700.00

Jos. S. Howe } Selectmen
D. Pierce } of
Eben Sawyer } Methuen

Methuen March 6 1871

Voted in addition to the above to appropriate fifteen hundred dollars to build Bartlett School House & \$500 to repair Morse School House.

Art. 5 Voted to collect taxes in the same manner as last year

Art. 6 Voted to amend the report submitted by the committee appointed by the Selectmen to take into consideration the subject of highways, by substituting from in the place of where it reads for the west part and for the village, as amended the report will read from the west part and from the village.

Voted that the report as amended be adopted and the Selectmen as therein recommended appoint three commissioners, who shall have the general supervision of the repairs of highways and bridges.

Methuen Jan. 21 1871

Report

The Committee who were appointed by the Selectmen to take into consideration the subject matter of highways and the manner of raising and expending money for the repair of highways, - present the following Report they would recommend that the Selectmen be authorized to appoint a committee of three to act as road commissioners one from the east part of the Town, one for the west part and one for the village, who shall have the general supervision of the repairs of highways and bridges; and that all highway taxes be paid in money to the Town Treasurer and that the said committee be instructed to employ in such repairs, persons living in the immediate vicinity of such repairs, provided the services of such persons can be procured on terms equally as favourable as can be obtained elsewhere; and that all bills for labor be approved by the said Committee before being paid by the Selectmen.

Art. 7 Voted that the Collector of taxes be authorized to collect all delinquent highway taxes, the same to be appropriated agreeably to the vote on Article 6 of this Warrant.

Art. 8 Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to hire in behalf of the Town a sufficient sum of money to pay any notes that may become due during the year, or that may be necessary to pay orders drawn by the Selectmen, and that the Treasurer be empowered to sign such notes in behalf of the Town.

Art. 9 Voted to approve and accept the list of Jurors submitted by the Selectmen, as liable to serve as Jurors the year ensuing.

The following is the list of names presented by the Selectmen to serve as Jurors.

John W. Bodwell, Charles Jackson, Amos Currier, William Jackson, John Cluff, Cummings Messer,

H. N. Coburn, Hazen Messer, E. M. Clark, John Mitchell, S. D. Chase, Daniel T. Morrison, James S. Dodge, German S. Phippen, Lorenzo Dow, Charles Pelham, Gilbert Emerson, Moses G. Smith, Granville E. Foss, Franklin Saunders, Geo. W. Gage, Justin E. Griffin, J. O. Sawyer, Chas. J. Griffin, Albert Smith, Branch G. Gutterson, Daniel W. Tenney, Geo. A. Harris, George Tenney, Joseph Howe, Amos C. Rollins, R. B. Hawley, Benj. F. Woodbury, Benj. H. Woodbury, Benj. M. Hall, Charles Haseltine, Stephen W. Williams, E. B. Homer, Gorham P. Poor, Walter E. Stevens, Albert Smith

Joseph S. Howe	} Selectmen
D. Pierce	} of
Eben Sawyer	} Methuen

Methuen Feb. 18 1871.

- Art. 10 Report of Selectmen on roads was read
Voted to accept said report.
The report referred to above will be found recorded in Records/Roads.
- Art. 11 Voted that each member of the Fire Department receive fifty cents per month, also fifty cents per hour for actual labor at fires, and that the engineer and Steward each receive twenty five dollars in addition.
- Art. 12 Voted to restrain neat cattle, horses, and swine from going at large the year ensuing.
- Art. 13 Voted to appropriate in addition to what has already been appropriated for Schools, the amount the Town may receive on account of Dog tax.
- Art. 14 Voted to build a school house in what is known as Bartlett District, and appropriated five hundred dollars to be laid out in repairs on Morse School House.
- Art. 15 Voted to accept the following Resolutions offered by Joseph E. Buswell.
Resolved – That the Town of Methuen in Town Meeting assembled think it unnecessary to build a bridge across the Merrimac River at Gage’s Ferry.

Resolved – That a committee consisting of three citizens of Methuen appointed by the Moderator express the above view to the Legislative Committee at their next hearing on the subject. The Committee appointed were, Joseph E. Buswell, Joseph S. Howe & John Russ.
- Art. 16 Voted not to put new seats and desks in the school houses.
- Art. 17 Voted that the whole subject be left with the Selectmen and that they act as they deem expedient in the case.

On motion of Geo. W. Gage, voted that thirty four dollars and 50/100 of the claim against the Methodist Society, it being sent for the Town Hall for the purpose of Public workshop, he and is hereby abated.
- Art. 18 Voted that the article be passed over
- Art. 19 Voted not to do away with the fourth article of the by-laws of the Town.

- Art. 20 Voted that the Collector of Taxes be authorized to print a list of delinquent tax payers in the Town Report.
- Art. 21 Voted that the Collector of Taxes be authorized to print a list of delinquent tax payers in the Town Report.
- Art. 22 Voted to adopt chapter 366 of the acts of 1869 entitled an act concerning the impounding of cattle.

Voted to have the matter of selling the Pound near Mr. Chadwick's with Selectmen.

Voted to adjourn.

Attest Saml G. Sargent Town Clerk

Samuel G. Sargent, Treasurer in Account with the Town of Methuen – DR.

To cash in Treasury, February 1 st 1870	\$3,656.76
Taxes uncollected, resident and non-resident	552.26
Highway Taxes uncollected and worked	1,029.23
Tax List for 1870	30,368.66
Highway Tax List for 1870	3,149.05
Cash received from State for State Aid	1,687.80
Cash received from State for Corporation tax	631.92
Cash received from State for school fund	234.91
Cash received from State for State pauper tax	79.28
Cash received from County for dog tax	194.20
Cash received from City of Haverhill on account of Hugh Lee	70.00
Cash received from S. S. Hunt, rent of Hall	277.00
Cash received from Methuen National Bank, rent of	100.00
Cash received from John Low rent of store	140.00
Cash received from for interest on taxes	9.02
Cash received from H. G. Durgas & G. W. Merrill for oxen	240.00
Cash received from G. A. Butters interest on highway money	12.00
Cash received from City of Lawrence one half of boundary stone	2.68
Cash received from John Burnham	550.00
Cash received from L. S. Blodgett	400.00
Cash received from Lucy Bodwell	1,200.00
Cash received from Methuen National Bank	20,000.00
Cash received from Joel Richardson	500.00
Cash received from Mrs. S. A. Harvey	<u>2,400.00</u>
	67,486.71

Samuel G. Sargent Treasurer, in account with the Town of Methuen – CR.

By Cash paid Selectmen's orders	22,579.41
By Cash paid State tax	3,550.00

By Cash paid County tax	1,789.90
By Cash paid Sundry notes	19,389.00
By Cash paid interest on notes	5,387.10
Collecting taxes	335.17
Making and distributing tax bills	30.00
Remittances paid School Districts	7,007.74
Highway taxes worked out	1,635.56
Unpaid on 1869 \$38.88	
Unpaid on 1870 352.42	391.30
Taxes uncollected resident and non-resident	1,007.04
Cash in Treasurer Feb. 1 1871	<u>2,644.71</u>
	67,486.71

Methuen, March 24 1871

I S. G. Sargent hereby certify that I made a written demand of J. C. Martin, Cambridge, for taxes due on land in Methuen, taxed to him Jan. 20th 1871.

Also on 29th Jan. 1871 made a written demand of Anthony Brackett, Cambridge, for tax due on land taxed to him; said land in Methuen.

Also on 20th Jan. 1871 made a written demand on William J. Swinburn, Boston, for tax due on land taxed to him said land in Methuen.

Also on 20th Jan. 1871 made a written demand on Jeremiah Tucker, Chelsea, for tax due on land taxed to him; said land in Methuen.

Also made on 20th Jan. 1871 a written demand on Robert Blake of Boston, Thomas D. Talton, Boston, William Merritt Boston, William Forbes, Newburyport, James S. Robinson, Portsmouth, N.H. for taxes due on land taxed to them; said land is situated in Methuen.

Samuel G. Sargent, Collector

Essex S.S. March 24th 1871

Then personally appeared the above named Samuel G. Sargent and made oath that the above statement by him made is true, Before me

Jacob Emerson Jr.
Justice of the Peace.

True copy Attest

S. G. Sargent Town Clerk

Land Sold For Taxes

March 25 1871 a lot of land situated on Lawrence and Grove Streets in Methuen, was sold at the Collector's Office for taxes. The land was known as land of J. C. Martin Lots No. 204 & 226

Daniel T. Morrison was the purchaser. He being the highest bidder. The land was sold for one hundred and seventeen dollars, it being one hundred and seven dollars & 7/100 above the taxes and incidental charges.

Tax on land and interest	\$2.28	
Other legal charges	<u>7.65</u>	
	\$9.93	117.00 – 993=107.07

There was also sold at the same time and place a lot of land known as the land of Anthony Brackett Lots No 139-141-143-145-147-149-151-153-155 situated on Tenney Street.

Daniel T. Morrison was the purchaser, he being the highest bidder. The land was sold for eighty one dollars, it being sixty seven dollars 43/100 above the taxes and legal charges.

Tax on land and interest	\$5.92	
Other legal charges	<u>7.65</u>	
	13.57	81.00-13.57=\$67.43

There was also sold at the same time and place a lot of land known as land of William J. Swinburn. Lots No. 170-171-172-173-174-175-176-177-178-179-180-181 situated on Tenney Street. D. H. Patterson was the purchaser, he being the highest bidder. The land was sold for three hundred dollars: it being two hundred and eighty four dollars & 95/100 above the taxes and legal charges.

Tax on land and interest	\$7.40	
Other legal charges	<u>7.65</u>	
	15.05	300-15.05=284.95

There was also sold at the same time and place a lot of land known as land of Jeremiah Tucker Lot No. 160 situated on Phillips Street. Henry Swallow was the purchaser, he being the highest bidder. The land was sold for twenty dollars, it being nine dollars and 50/100 above the taxes and legal charges.

Tax on land and interest	\$3.35	
Other legal charges	<u>7.65</u>	
	11.0	20.50-11.00=9.50

There was also sold at the same time and place two lots of land known as land of Robert Blake et al Lot No. 43 situated on Pine and Lawrence Streets, Lot 238 situated on Maple Street, John R. Jones was the purchaser, he being the highest bidder. The land was sold for forty dollars: it being twenty eight dollars & 13/100 above the taxes and legal charges.

Tax and interest	3.22	
Other legal charges	<u>8.65</u>	
	11.87	40.00-11.87=28.13

All of the above land, situated in Methuen, was sold for four hundred and ninety seven and 08/100 dollars above. The taxes and legal charges.

S. G. Sargent Town Clerk

The lots, bought by John R. Jones were found to be in Lawrence, therefore the land was sold for forty dollars less than four hundred and ninety seven and 68/100 dollars, which leaves a balance of four hundred and fifty seven and 08/100 dollars. \$457.00 08/100

Attest S. G. Sargent Town Clerk

Essex S.S. To William H. Butrick one of the Constables of the Town of Methuen.

Greeting,

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Methuen, on Monday the twenty second day of May at two o'clock P.M. to act on the following Articles.

- Art. 1 To choose a Moderator to preside over said Meeting.
- Art. 2 To see if the Town will approve the rules and regulations established by the board of Engineers appointed by the Selectmen agreeable to Chapter 24 Sections 23 to 32 inclusive of the General Statutes and direct how the same shall be published.
- Art. 3 To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to establish and maintain street lamps in the village of Methuen and in the vicinity of said village, and make appropriations for the same.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Town House and at each of the Public Meeting houses in said Town seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

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

Given under our hand **this fifteenth day of May A.D. 1871.**

D. Pierce } Selectmen of
John C. Webster } Methuen

Essex S.S. Methuen May 22, 1871

By virtue hereof I have as directed notified the inhabitants of Methuen to meet at the time and place, and for the purpose above mentioned, and I have served this warrant as directed by posting attested copies thereof at the Town House and at each of the Public Meeting Houses in said Methuen seven days before the time of said meeting.

W. H. Butrick
Constable of Methuen

A true copy Attest S. G. Sargent Town Clerk

May 22, 1871

A legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen was held at Town Hall in Said Town on Monday the twenty second day of May A.D. 1871 at 2 o'clock P.M. agreeably to Warrant No. 10 File No. 9.

- Art. 1 Jacob Emerson Jr. was chosen **Moderator** & sworn
- Art. 2 Voted that the Town approve the rules and regulations established by the board of Engineers appointed by the Selectmen and that they be published under the direction of the Board of Engineers.
- Art. 3 Voted to appropriate one hundred and fifty dollars for Lighting the Street of the village, the same to be laid out under the direction of the Selectmen.

Voted to Adjourn.

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**Rules And Regulations of the Methuen Fire Department
Adopted May 2, 1871 and approved by the Town May 22nd 1871**

- Art. 1 The Engineers, as soon as practicable after their appointment, shall meet and organize themselves into a Board of Engineers, by the choice of a Chief Engineer, Assistant and a Clerk, who shall hold their respective offices for the year ensuing and until others are elected in their stead.
- Art. 2nd The Chief Engineer may call meetings of the Board whenever he may deem it expedient, and by the request of two members of the Board.
- Art. 3rd A majority of the Board shall be present at any of the meetings in order to constitute a quorum. The Chief shall preside at all meetings of the Board when he shall be present, also give the casting vote in case of a tie, and in his absence the Assistant Engineer present shall be the presiding officer.
- Art. 4th The Engineers shall have general superintendence and control of all the Engine and other houses used for the purpose of the Fire Department, and of all the furniture and apparatus thereto belonging; and of the Engines, and all other apparatus belonging to the Town.
- Art. 5th It shall be the duty of the Chief Engineer to visit or cause to be visited by one of his assistants, all the companies belonging to the Fire Department, at their regular monthly meetings, for the purpose of ascertaining the condition of the apparatus, and for furnishing all necessary supplies; also, to ascertain the number and standing of its numbers.
- Art. 6th It shall be the duty of said Engineers whenever a fire shall break out in the Town, to repair forthwith to, or near the place where the fire may be, to take proper measures that the several Engines and other apparatus be arranged in the most advantageous situations, and duly worked for the extinguishment of the fire; and to require and compel assistance from all other persons, as well as members of the Fire Department, in extinguishing the fire or moving furniture, goods and other merchandise, from the buildings on fire, or in danger thereof, and to appoint guards for the security of the same; also to require and compel assistance in pulling down and demolishing buildings if necessary, and in suppressing all tumults and disorders, that may occur at a fire.
- Art. 7 The Chief Engineer shall have the sole command of fires over all other Engineers, all members of the

Fire Department, and all other persons who may be present at fires, provided, however, that no building shall be pulled down or demolished without the concurrence of at least three Engineers.

- Art. 8 In the absence of the Chief Engineer, the Assistant shall execute the duties of his office, with full powers.
- Art. 9th It shall be the duty of the Chief Engineer, to keep or cause to be kept a record of all fires which may happen in the Town during the year, with the probable causes of the same, and a description of the buildings and property destroyed and injured, together with the names of the owners and occupants of such buildings; also, make an annual report of the same, together with the condition of the fire apparatus once a year, at the annual Town meeting.
- Art. 10th If any Engine or fire apparatus be so damaged that immediate repairs are necessary, it may be taken forthwith to a suitable person to be repaired; but no repairs shall be made until information of such damage is given to the Chief Engineer, that he may order or superintend such repairs, provided, that in case such information cannot readily be given to the Chief Engineer, it may be given to any other Engineer. All bills of any kinds are to be presented to the Chief Engineer immediately after the work is delivered.
- Art. 11th It shall be the duty of the Clerk to give notice of all meetings to each of the members, and to keep a true record of all business transacted at the meetings of the Board of Engineers; to notify persons of their appointment as members of the several companies; also, to send them a certificate of members signed by the Chief and Clerk of the Board of Engineers.
- Art. 12th The members of the several fire companies are strictly forbidden to assemble at any of the Engine houses on Sunday, except, in case of fire, or without the permission of an Engineer, and no repairs or work of any kind will be allowed on that day, without the consent of the Chief Engineer.
- Art. 13th It shall be the duty of the Foreman of the several companies, to demand of the company the discharge of any member who may be guilty of any disorderly or improper conduct, or use any disrespectful language to the Board of Engineers or officers of the company, and in case they refuse to discharge such members the Foreman shall at once report the same to the Board.
- Art. 14th Any member who shall be absent from three consecutives fires or meetings, unless detained by sickness of himself or family, shall be liable to be discharged from the Department.
- Art. 15th No person whose business is not within the limits of the Town of Methuen will be allowed to become or remain a member of the Fire Department.

Section II

- Art. 1st Each of the Fire Engine companies formed and appointed by the board of Engineers, shall have a Foreman, Assistant, Foreman and Clerk, who shall constitute the Officers of said Company, all of whom shall be chosen annually, and in the month of May, by written votes of their respective companies, at a special meeting held for that purpose; also at such time as vacancies may occur, and report the same to the Board of Engineers.

- Art. 2nd Each of the Steam Fire Engines shall have an Engineman, Assistant Engineman, Fireman and Steward, all of whom shall be appointed by the Board of Engineers, and shall hold their office until removed by the said Board.
- Art. 3rd Each of the Hose and Hook and Ladder companies, formed and appointed by the Board of Engineers, shall have a Foreman, Assistant Foreman, Clerk and Steward, all of whom shall be chosen annually, and in the month of May, by the written votes of their respective companies at a special meeting held for that purpose; also at such times as vacancies may occur, and report the same to the Board of Engineers.
- Art. 4th It shall be the duty of the Foreman of each of the companies of the Fire Department respectively, to see that the buildings entrusted to his care are kept clean and in order; to preserve order and discipline at all times, and to require and enforce a strict compliance with the rules, regulations and orders of the Board of Engineers.
- Art. 5th It shall be the duty of the Clerks of the respective companies, to notify members of all meetings; to keep an exact roll, specifying the time of admission and discharge of each member of their respective companies, and report the same within five days from the performance or said duty, to the Chief Engineer.
- Art. 6th The Enginemen of the steamers shall have sole care of their respective Engines, under the direction of the Board of Engineers. They shall be held responsible for the care and good order of the same, and see that they are at all times in condition for immediate use. The Enginemen shall run the Engines at fires or at other times when required; in their absence the Assistant Enginemen shall perform said duty. The Enginemen may have the privilege of recommending their Assistant.
- Art. 7th The Firemen shall be under the direction of the Enginemen while on duty. They shall prepare the fuel for the Engines, and have it at all times ready for use. In the absence of the Firemen the Foreman shall appoint a suitable person.
- Art. 8th It shall be the duty of the Steward to keep clean the house, hose, or other apparatus which may belong to the company; to clean the snow from the sidewalks connected with the house in winter, and perform such other duties as are incumbent on him.
- Art. 9th On the return of the Engines and other apparatus either from fires or drill, they shall by their Enginemen and Stewards, respectively, be well washed, cleaned, oiled, and securely housed; once in every month, said companies shall meet for the purpose of examining the state of their respective engines and other apparatus, and see that the same is in good order and fit for use, and to transact any business that may come before them.
- Art. 10th No company will be permitted to take their Engine or other apparatus out of Town without the permission of the Chief Engineer, or in his absence, the next in command.
- Art. 11th The Enginemen of each Company shall have the control of the engine, under the direction of the Engineers and the apparatus is not to be handled, used in any manner, or meddled with by members of that, or any other company, unless by permission of the Enginemen or of the Board of Engineers.

- Art. 12th If any member of either of the several companies shall willfully neglect or refuse to Discharge his duty, or shall be guilty of disorderly conduct, or disobedience to any officer, or to any Engineer, he shall, for such offence, be discharged from the Fire Department.
- Art. 13th No person shall be permitted to engage to serve in the Fire Department for a shorter period than three months, and if he shall be dismissed from his company before the expiration of the same, except it be on account of sickness or some other circumstances beyond his control, he shall forfeit all compensation which may have become due to him.
- Art. 14th The members of the several companies shall be furnished with a copy of the rules and regulations of the Fire Department. There shall also be a copy framed, and placed in the halls of the respective Engine houses.

Section III

- Article 1st It shall be the duty of the officers and members of the Fire Department, when an alarm of fire is sounded, to repair forthwith to the locality from which the alarm came, and if there proves to be a fire, they will conform to the directions of the Chief, and other Engineers, and exert themselves in the most orderly manner possible, in running and managing the Engines, Hooks and Ladders, and other apparatus, and in performing any other duty they may be called upon to do by an Engineer; and upon permission of the Chief or other Engineer, they shall, in an orderly and quiet manner, return said Engine and other apparatus to their respective houses, provided that, in the absence of all the Engineers, such direction and permission shall be given by the Foreman of the respective companies.
- Art. 2nd As a general rule it is recommended not to open the windows or doors of a building in which a fire may be, until a supply of water is obtained, and then carefully to abstain from injuring goods or furniture by its injudicious application.
- Art. 3rd The first Engines, on arriving at a fire, are to be drawn to the nearest supply of water, and there set in such a manner as will be satisfactory to the Chief or one of the Assistant Engineers the other Engines on arriving, to be placed in the same manner.
- Art. 4th Each Engine Company is to carry not less than four hundred feet of leading hose, the Hose Companies not less than six hundred feet.

Charles E. Goss, Chief Engineer

Henry C. Richardson
William H. Butrick } Assistants
Gilbert Bowen

A true Copy Attest

S. G. Sargent Town Clerk

Methuen May 22 1871

Essex S.S. To Wm. H. Butrick one of the Constables of the Town of Methuen in said County, -
Greeting,

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday the Seventh day of November next at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to give in their ballots for a Governor of the Commonwealth, Lieutenant Governor, Councillor for District No. (5) Five, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor of Accounts, Attorney General, One Senator for the Third Essex District, District Attorney, Clerk of the Courts, Sheriff, Three Commissioners of Insolvency, One County Commissioner and Two Special County Commissioners all to be balloted for on one ballot. Also three Representatives to represent Essex District No. (3) Three, in the next General Court of the Commonwealth, on a separate ballot.

The polls to be kept open until 4 o'clock P.M. and no longer. And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting Houses, and at the Town House in said Town Eight days at least before said Meeting.

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

Given under our hands at Methuen this **Twenty Eighth day of October in the year of our Lord one Thousand Eight hundred and Seventy one.**

D. Pierce	} Selectmen
John C. Webster	} of
E. P. Sargent	} Methuen

Methuen Nov. 7 1871.

Essex s.s. By virtue hereof I have as within directed notified the legal voters of Methuen to meet at the time place and for the purpose within mentioned, and as directed, I have served this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Town House and at each of the public Meeting Houses in said Methuen eight days before the time of said meeting.

William H. Butrick
Constable of Methuen

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November 7, 1871

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of Methuen, qualified by law to vote in Elections, held at the Town Hall in said Methuen on Tuesday the seventh day of

November A.D. 1871 agreeable to Warrant No. 11 File No. 9.

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

Whole number of votes for **Governor** was four hundred and fifty eight. 458

William B. Washburn of Greenfield had Two hundred and sixty six	266
John Quincy Adams of Quincy had one hundred and seventy three	173
Edward Chamberlin of Boston had eleven	11
Robert C. Pitman of New Bedford had seven	7
Benjamin F. Butler had one	1

Whole number of votes cast for Lieutenant **Governor** was
Four hundred and fifty three 453

Joseph Tucker of Lenox had two hundred and sixty four	264
Samuel O. Lamb of Greenfield had one hundred and sixty nine	169
Allen Dean of Westfield had twelve	12
Eliphalet Trask of Springfield had eight	8

Whole number of votes for Secretary of State was four hundred and fifty four 454

Oliver Warner of Northampton had Two hundred and sixty five	265
Luther Stevenson Jr. of Hingham had one hundred and seventy	170
Henry B. Naglathlin of Duxbury had twelve	12
George S. Ball of Upton had seven	7

Whole number of votes cast for Treasurer and Receiver General was
Four hundred and fifty four 454

Charles Adams Jr. of North Brookfield had Two hundred and sixty five	265
Levi Heywood of Gardner had one hundred and seventy.	170
Henry T. Delano of Charlestown had twelve	12
John I. Baker of Beverly had seven	7

Whole number of votes cast for Auditor of Accounts was
Four hundred and fifty four 454

Charles Endicot of Canton had Two hundred and sixty five	265
Phineas Allen of Pittsfield had one hundred and seventy	170
George P. Sanderson of Lynn had Twelve	12
Ezra S. Conant of Randolph had seven	7

Whole number of votes cast for Attorney General was Two hundred and fifty four 454

Charles R. Train of Boston had Two hundred and sixty two	262
William W. Warren of Brighton had one hundred and seventy	170

George L. Ruffin of Boston had twelve	12
Samuel T. Field of Shelburn had seven	7
Whole number of votes cast for Councillor from the Fifth District was four hundred and fifty four	454
John F. Harris of Marblehead had Two hundred and sixty five	265
John W. Russell of Salem had one hundred and seventy	170
I. A. Andrews of Danvers had twelve	12
Byrus Storz Jr. of Gloucester had seven	7
Whole number of votes for Sheriff was four hundred and fifty two	452
Horatio G. Herrick of Lawrence had two hundred and eighty seven	287
William C. Binney of Amesbury had one hundred and fifty nine	159
Jonathan Osgood of Amesbury had six	6
Whole number of votes cast for Senator in the 3 rd District was Four hundred and sixty three	463
Nathan S. Kimball of Haverhill had Two hundred and seventy nine	279
John K. Tarbox of Lawrence had one hundred and seventy nine	179
James H. Kidder of Lawrence had five	5
Whole number of votes cast for District Attorney was four hundred fifty three	453
Edgar J. Sherman of Lawrence had Two hundred and seventy six	276
Henry N. Merrill of Haverhill had one hundred and seventy	170
John W. Berry of Lynn had seven	7
Whole number of votes cast for Clerk of Courts was four hundred and fifty four	454
Alfred A. Abbott of Peabody has two hundred and eighty	280
Jeremiah P. Jones of Georgetown had one hundred and sixty seven	167
Albin M. Dudley of Peabody had seven	7
Whole number of votes cast for County Commissioners was Four hundred and fifty four	454
Charles P. Preston of Danvers had two hundred and sixty six	266
Benjamin A. Ward of Lynn had one hundred and eighty one	181
Nathaniel Ambrose of Lawrence had seven	7
Whole number of votes cast for Special Commissioners was four hundred and thirteen	413
Aaron Sawyer of Amesbury and Nehemiah Burnham of Essex	

Had each two hundred and twenty four	224
Robert W. Burnham of Essex and H. E. Monroe of Lynn Had each one hundred and eighty two	182
John W. Crossman of Swampscott and Jesse Simmonds of Haverhill Had each seven	7
Whole number of votes cast for Commissioners of Insolvency was Four hundred and one	401
William L. Thompson of Lawrence and Dean Peabody of Lynn and N. J. Holden of Salem had each two hundred and twenty four	224
John R. Baker of Ipswich and J. C. Sanborn of Lawrence and C. O. Morse of Newburyport had each one hundred and seventy	170
H. K. Phillips of Lawrence and George E. Lewis of Peabody and Charles Moulton of Beverly had each seven	7
Whole number of votes cast for Representatives at General Court was as follows viz. (District No. 3)	
George E. Davis of Lawrence had two hundred and ninety	290
Robert Bower of Lawrence had two hundred and seventeen	217
David H. Patterson of Methuen had two hundred and eighty one	281
Joseph S. Howe of Methuen had two hundred and two	202
Patrick Murphy of Lawrence had one hundred and fifty seven	157
Horace C. Bacon of Lawrence had one hundred and sixty one	161
George S. Weaver of Lawrence had six	6
S. W. Knight of Lawrence had one	1
Daniel Hardy of Lawrence had sixteen	16
Chas. R. Ayer of Methuen had seven	7
The following are the persons balloted for in Lawrence for Representatives, viz.	
Joseph S. Howe of Methuen had Thirteen hundred and thirty nine votes	1339
Patrick Murphy of Lawrence had thirteen hundred and forty six votes	1346
Horace C. Bacon of Lawrence had thirteen and eighty votes	1380
George E. Davis of Lawrence had twelve hundred and five votes	1205
Robert Bower of Lawrence had ten hundred and twenty eight votes	1028
David H. Patterson of Methuen had eleven hundred and seventy two votes	1172
Geo. S. Wever of Lawrence had one hundred and thirty two votes	132
L. W. Knight of Lawrence had one hundred and twelve votes	1112
Daniel Hardy of Lawrence had one hundred and sixteen votes	116
James Jones had three votes	3
W. W. Wood Hiram, F. Mills, John Harris and C. R. Davis had one vote each	1
Whole number of votes	2724

S. B. W. Davis } Mayor
James Payne } and
A. A. Currier } Aldermen
H. Plummer } of
James A. Treat } the
George Smaley } City of Methuen
Wm. F. Cutter } Lawrence

Attest George R. Rowe City Clerk

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Voted to adjourn

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