

1894

**Warrant for Annual Town Meeting March 5th 1894 – No. 1 File
No. 12**

Essex SS:

To Amos G. Jones one of the Constables of the Town of Methuen in said County,

Greeting: -

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Methuen on Monday the fifth day of March next at eight o'clock in the forenoon then and there to act on the following articles, viz.: -

- Article 1 to choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- Article 2 To choose a Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, Two School Committee to serve three years in place of Josephine D. Emerson, and Harriet E. Woodbury, one Road Commissioner to serve three years in place of John Q. Hill, One Trustee of Nevins Memorial to serve two years in place of Joseph S. Howe, Constables, Auditor of Accounts, Fence Viewers, and “Yes” or “No” in answer to the question, “Shall Licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town?” Also to choose all other necessary Town officers in such manner as the Town may determine. The polls may be closed at one o'clock p.m.
- Article 3 To hear the Annual Report of the Selectmen and act thereon.
- Article 4 To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges the ensuing year and make appropriations for the same.
- Article 5 To determine the manner of collecting taxes the ensuing year, and act thereon as the Town may think proper.
- Article 6 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of taxes, of the ensuing year, or to hire money to renew, replace, or to pay any existing loan or loans, or any part thereof and to issue notes of the Town therefore.
- Article 7 To see if the Town will vote to approve and accept the list of Jurors prepared by the Selectmen for the ensuing year.

- Article 8 To hear the report of Committees and act thereon.
- Article 9 To determine what compensation the Town will grant the members of the Fire Department for their services the ensuing year.
- Article 10 To determine the manner of appropriating the amount received from dog taxes in accordance with Chapter 102 Section 107 of the Public Statutes.
- Article 11 By request of Col. William B. Greene Post 100 G.A.R., to see if the Town will vote to appropriate one hundred and twenty five dollars for the purpose of decorating the graves of our soldiers and sailors on Memorial Day, May 30th 1894, said money to be expended under the direction of the above Post.
- Article 12 To see if the Town will vote to diminish the number of school committee to three members as provided for in Chapter 44 Section 26 of the Public Statutes.
- Article 13 By request of Lorin O. Norris and others, to see if the Town will adopt a system whereby all persons employed by the Town shall receive their pay in person, or on written order, at the office of the Town Treasurer on certain days to be fixed at the discretion of the Selection.
- Article 14 By request of John H. George, to see if the Town will vote to Macadamize the piece of road over the hill near the house of G. C. Cox, before moving the crusher and appropriate one hundred and fifty dollars for the same.
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- Article 18 By request of Nathaniel M. Durrell and others, to see if the Town will vote to lower the grade of the hill on Woodland Street, near the Lawrence line, and use the gravel to raise the grade in the hollow between the hill and Elm Street and appropriate three hundred and fifty dollars for the same.

- Article 19 By request of Harry N. Dowding and others, to see if the Town will vote to extend the fire alarm on Lowell Street, from its present terminus near the house of Francis Sawyer, to a point near the house of Harry N. Dowding and appropriate one hundred and fifty dollars for the same.
- Article 20 By request of S. K. Nowell and others, to see if the Town will vote to appoint four night police officers, and appropriate three thousand dollars for the same.
- Article 21 By request of A. A. Peaslee, to see if the Town will vote to build a cesspool on the westerly side of Park Street near the house of O. A. Peaslee, and lay a drain pipe from the same across Park Street, to connect with the sewer, and appropriate one hundred dollars for the same.
- Article 22 By request of J. C. Taylor and others, to see if the Town will vote to maintain an arc light at the corner of Railroad and Union Streets, near the railroad crossing, and appropriate seventy five dollars for the same.
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- Article 24 By request of James E. Salls, to see if the Town will vote to erect a street light near the corner of East and Brook Streets, he agreeing to do the lighting if the Town will furnish the oil.
- Article 25 By request of Charles P. Titcomb and others, to see if the Town will vote to erect and maintain streets lights, on Pelham Street, one in the Willows between the houses of the estate of Patrick Donahue, and C. P. Titcomb also one at Mystic Pond Brook and appropriate thirty dollars for the same.
- Article 26 By request of George A. Hunting and others to see if the Town will vote to appropriate fifty dollars towards the building of a bank wall on the north side of Vine Street, commencing at the corner of Pleasant Street and running about one hundred feet on said Vine Street the same to be paid when the wall is completed, it being about one half the estimated cost of said wall.
- Article 27 By request of Horace Carleton and others, to see if the Town will vote to widen and straighten Pelham Street, from the corner of Barker Street to the residence of Samuel Cross, to the width of fifty feet, and appropriate one hundred dollars for the same.
- Article 28 By request of the Street Commissioners to see if the Town will vote to purchase a sprinkling wagon and appropriate four hundred and twenty five dollars for the same.

- Article 29 By request of Horace Carleton and others, to see if the Town will vote to prohibit the throwing of coal ashes or rubbish of any kind into the streets, and fix a penalty therefore.
- Article 30 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee, to employ a Superintendent of Schools for the ensuing year.
- Article 31 By request of the Board of Engineers and others to see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of fifteen hundred dollars for the purchase of four horses for use on the streets of the village under the direction of the Road Commissioners, the horses to be available for the Fire Department in case of fire.
- Article 32 To take such action in regard to the issue of water from bonds of the Town under the Acts of 1892 Chapter 310, to an amount not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars, as to the Town shall seem proper.
- Article 33 To see if the Town will vote to accept a street as laid out by the Road Commissioners, known as "Gleason Court", as a Town way.
- Article 34 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen, to put in water closets in the Town House for the use of those who hire the hall, and the tenants of the building and make an appropriation for the same.
- Article 35 By request of George M. Phippen, and others, to see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to ask for bids for the Town deposits, from at least six National Banks.

And you are hereby 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, eight days at least before said meeting.

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

Given under our hands and the seal of the Town of Methuen this twenty fourth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety four.

Selectmen

Methuen

Geo. O Marsh

Selwin A. Dodge of
Geo. A. Smith

Constable's Return

Essex SS: - Methuen, Feb. 24th 1894

To Joseph S. Howe, Town Clerk,

Greeting: -

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet as within directed, by posting up attested copies of this warrant at each of the public meeting houses and at the Town House, eight days before said meeting.

Amos G. Jones – Constable of

Methuen

A true copy of Warrant and Return

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

Record of Annual Town Meeting, March 5, 1894

Pursuant to Warrant No. 1 File 12, the Annual Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen was held at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday March 5, A.D. 1894.

The meeting was called to order at eight o'clock a.m. by Joseph S. Howe Town Clerk who read the warrant for the meeting. The polls were then opened for the choice of Moderator, the checklist being used.

Article 1 **Moderator**

Granville E. Foss received every vote cast for Moderator and was declared elected and was sworn.

Prayer was offered by Rev. George H. Spencer

At this point Hon. James O. Parker stepped to the platform and in behalf of many friends of Mr. Foss, presented him with an elegant gavel in recognition of the

faithful and impartial manner in which he had so many times discharged the duties of Moderator during the past twenty years, - the year 1874 being the first year in which he presided at an Annual Town Meeting. Mr. Foss made a happy response thanking his friends for the kindly feeling which prompted the beautiful gift, and the business of the meeting was resumed.

Article 2 **Town Officers**

The Moderator appointed the following named persons as tellers.

Alphonso C. Puffer, Republican	A. Leon Russell, Democrat
Christopher H. Rogers, Republican	Edward F. Sullivan,
Democrat	
John Ostler, Republican	Benjamin P. Cheney,
Democrat	
John McGuire, Republican	John J. Gillespie, Democrat
Edward Press, Republican	Owen A. Donahue,
Democrat	
William H. Russell, Republican	Albert L. Dame, Democrat

J. Calvin Taylor was appointed to operate the ballot box.

Alphonso C. Puffer and A. Leon Russell acted as ballot clerks and Christopher H. Rogers and Owen A. Donahue checked list at ballot box. The ballots were delivered to the ballot clerks at the ballot box. The ballots were delivered to the ballot clerks, the ballot box was opened and shown to be empty and the key delivered to Albert B. Gordon, Constable in attendance. The number on the ballot box register indicated four ciphers.

Article 12 **Reduction of School Committee**

On motion of Hon. James O. Parker it was voted to consider Article 12 of the Warrant, and by a unanimous vote it was voted to diminish the number of School Committee to three members, as provided for in Chapter 44, Section 26 of the Public Statutes.

Article 2 **Town Officers**

The meeting proceeded to ballot at about half past eight o'clock. When the ballot box register indicated 182 the box was opened and the ballots taken therefrom, counted out into blocks of fifty each, and the count began: - at about ten o'clock.

At about eleven o'clock the ballot box was gain opened and the ballots taken therefrom, and counted into blocks of fifty.

The polls were closed at ten minutes past one, having been kept open more than four hours. The number on the ballot box register indicated 812. The number of names checked on the voting lists numbered eight hundred and eleven, two of them being women. The ballots remaining in the ballot box were taken out and counted into blocks of fifty each, and in all numbered eight hundred and eleven.

Three groups of tellers continued the canvass of the ballots through the day, and the votes given in were counted and declaration thereof made and were as follows: -

For Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor

Selwin A. Dodge four hundred and fifty seven	457
Charles H. Hall five hundred and thirty seven	537
George O. Marsh five hundred and eight	508
John E. Sawyer six hundred and twelve	612
Blanks three hundred and thirteen	313
Millard F. Emerson two	2
Charles W. Mann one	1

And Charles H. Hall, George O. Marsh and John E. Sawyer were declared elected Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor and were sworn.

Town Clerk, Treasurer and Collector of Taxes

Thompson E. Gammons two hundred and nine seven	297
Joseph S. Howe four hundred and seventy three	473
Blanks forty	40

And Joseph S. Howe was declared elected Town Clerk, Treasurer and Collector of Taxes,
and was sworn into each of those offices.

Road Commissioner – Three Years

John Q. Hill three hundred and seventy six	376
Charles W. Mann four hundred and two	402
Blanks thirty two	32

And Charles W. Mann was declared elected Road Commissioner for three years and was sworn.

For School Committee – Three Years

Edward Bower one hundred and fifty six	156
William D. Hartshorne two hundred and twenty three	223
William O. Norris one hundred and seventy	170
George A. Taylor sixty seven	67
Blanks one hundred and ninety five	195

And William D. Hartshorne was declared elected School Committee for three years.

For Trustee of Nevis Memorial – Two Years

Edwin J. Castle three hundred and five	305
Joseph S. Howe four hundred and forty six	446
E. B. Homer one	1
Blanks fifty eight	58

And Joseph S. Howe was declared elected Trustee of Nevins Memorial for Two Years.

For Constables

Charles H. Emerson four hundred and eighty six	486
Maurice Flahive two hundred and ninety seven	297
Albert B. Gordon five hundred and thirty one	531
Charles Hutchins four hundred and twenty one	421
Amos G. Jones five hundred and forty three	543
George B. Millen two hundred and eighty three	283
James Spicer four hundred and sixty six	466
J. Calvin Taylor four hundred and twenty six	426
Marcus W. Keyes one	1
William Swain one	1
John S. H. Jones one	1
Geo. M. Phippen one	1
William M. Chesley one	1
Joe Sullivan one	1
James Smith one	1
Benj. F. Charles one	1
Blanks Thirteen hundred and ninety nine	1399

And Charles H. Emerson, Albert B. Gordon, Charles Hutchins, Amos G. Jones, James Spicer and J. Calvin Taylor were declared elected Constables and they were all sworn.
Albert B. Gordon filed bond as Civil Constable.

Auditor of Accounts

Lewis E. Barnes two hundred and ninety two

431 Thompson E. Gammons four hundred and thirty one
Blanks eighty seven
87 And Thompson E. Gammons was declared elected Auditor

Fence Viewers

256 William H. Brackett two hundred and fifty six
466 H. Newton Coburn four hundred and sixty six
226 John G. Low two hundred and twenty six
483 Addison P. Russell four hundred and eighty three
485 Leverett Swan four hundred and eighty five
514 Blanks five hundred and fourteen
And H. Newton Coburn, Addison P. Russell, and Leverett Swan were declared elected Fence Viewers.

License Vote

On the question, "Shall Licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town?" the number of ballots
Marked "Yes" was two hundred and fifty six
256
448 The number of ballots marked "No" was four hundred and forty eight
106 Blanks one hundred and six

Field Drivers

Daniel T. Morrison	George A. Closson
Bennie Hill	Charles D. Page
Fred Foster	Frank H. Clark
Sidney Poor	J. Calvin Taylor (Sworn)

Surveyors of Lumber

John H. George (sworn)	Edmund Dowding
Calvin E. Richardson (sworn)	John W. Frederick (sworn)
George M. Phippen (sworn)	Andrew J. Powell

Charles Hutchins (sworn)

George W. Copp (sworn)

Millard F. Emerson
Samuel J. Pedler (sworn)
Samuel Emerson (sworn)

James O. Parker (sworn)
George O. Marsh (sworn)

Surveyors of Wood & Bark

Eben F. Sumner
George O. Marsh (sworn)
Eben W. Powell
Millard F. Emerson
Charles Jackson
Calvin E. Richardson (sworn)
George E. Crosby (sworn)

John H. George (sworn)
Edmund Dowding
Charles Austin
George M. Phippen (sworn)
John Q. Hill (sworn)
William C. Sleeper (sworn)

Surveyors of Plastering

Lyman B. Gage
Silas K. Nowell

George W. Copp
Charles E. Russell

Pound Keepers

Stephen W. Williams

Joseph E. Buswell

Sealer of Weights and Measures

John C. Sanborn

Article 3 **Selectmen's Report**

Voted – to accept the Annual Report of the Selectmen

Article 4 **Regular Appropriations**

The estimate of the Selectmen, of the sums of money necessary to be raised to defray Town charges for the ensuing year was considered as a whole, and after amendment, was approved by a unanimous vote, and the sums voted and appropriated were as follows:

For support of schools as recommended by the School Committee, teaching,
janitorship, fuel, music and drawing. Thirteen thousand three hundred
dollars \$13,300.00
For

Supplies for schools fourteen hundred dollars	
14,000.00	
Repairs on school houses one thousand dollars	
1,000.00	
Superintendent of schools eight hundred dollars	
800.00	
Opening roads encumbered with snow fifteen hundred dollars	
1,500.00	
Highways and bridges two thousand dollars	
2,000.00	
Macadamizing eight thousand dollars	
8,000.00	
Edge stones and flagging one thousand dollars	
1,000.00	
Sidewalks five hundred dollars	
500.00	
Sewer Department five hundred dollars	
500.00	
Fire Department two thousand dollars	
2,000.00	
Street lights two thousand dollars	
2,000.00	
Contingencies two thousand dollars	
2,000.00	
Pauper Department three thousand dollars	
3,000.00	
Soldier's relief three hundred dollars	
300.00	
Town Officers fifteen hundred dollars	
1,500.00	
Military Aid five hundred dollars	
500.00	
Special Police six hundred dollars	
600.00	
Suppression illegal sale of intoxicating liquor three hundred dollars	
300.00	
Interest on Town debt three thousand dollars	
3,000.00	
	Collection of Taxes six hundred dollars
	<u>600.00</u>
	Total
\$45,800.00	

Motion – That the sums appropriated for Special Police and for Suppression of Illegal Sale of Intoxicating Liquor be expended under the

direction of the Selectmen, and it was voted that the vote be taken by show of hands – Yes 35, No. 183, and the motion was declared lost.

Voted – to raise and appropriate the sum of forty five thousand eight hundred dollars for the regular appropriations as above specified.

The appropriation recommended for payment of the services of the School Committee was stricken from the estimate after considerable debate, and no appropriation was made, the reasons given, being that the Superintendent did the work, and the actual service of the School Committee would be small.

Article 5 **Collecting Taxes**

Voted – That on all taxes remaining unpaid after October first, interest shall be paid from that date to the time of payment, at the rate of six per cent per annum.

Article 6 **Town Loans**

Voted – By a unanimous vote, that the Treasurer be authorized with the approval of the Selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of the taxes of the next ensuing year, or to hire money in anticipation of the taxes of the next ensuing year, or to hire money to renew, replace or pay any existing loan or loans or any part thereof and to issue notes of the Town therefor.

Article 7 **Jury List**

Voted – To excuse Amory N. Kimball from serving as juror, and that the name of Cummings

Messer be substituted. After the adoption of this amendment the Jury List as recommended by the Selectmen was accepted and approved.

Austin Charles	Jones Amos G.
Ayer David M.	Kimball Sylvanus G.
Bean Marshall B.	Marsh George O.
Bradley George B.	Morse James W.
Bower Edward A.	Messer James E.
Beedle Charles T.	Messer Cummings
Butters George A.	Nichols Lysander M.
Castle Edwin J.	Nichols Woodburn J.
Clark Joseph L.	Phippen German S.
Clark Clinton A.	Powell Andrew J.
Chase Elihu F.	Rollins Amos E.

Cross George L.	Russ Augustus P.
Carleton George N.	Russell Addison P.
Cox Patrick	Salls James E.
Curran James H.	Sargent Walter S.
Douglas Clarence W.	Sargent Samuel G.
Dow Homer	Shirley John A.
Edwards Joseph H.	Sawyer John E.
Emerson Millard F.	Sharkey Joseph J.
Emerson James O.	Smith Moses G.
Foss Granville E.	Smith Nathan A.
Foster Joel 1 st	Stickney William H.
Frederick John W.	Sumner Eben F.
Gordon J. Haskell	Swan Leverett
Holman Silas L.	Tapley John S.
Hall Henry N.	Tenney Daniel W.
Homer Elisha B.	Tenney George W.
Harvey Samuel A.	Webster George K.
Howe Joseph S.	Welch John
Howe Isaiah M.	Williams Stephen W.

Article 8 **Report of School Committee**

Voted – That the unexpended balances from the appropriations for new school houses in 1883, be appropriated for furnishing rooms in said school houses the ensuing year.

Article 9 **Firemen &**

Voted – That the compensation of the firemen be the same as last year, and that the compensation of Road Commissioners be two dollars per day, and use of horses one dollar and twenty five cents per day, and that the pay for use of horses on the water works be the same.

Article 10 **Dog Licenses**

Voted – That the money received from Dog Licenses be appropriated for the use of the schools.

Article 11 **Memorial Day**

Voted – To appropriate one hundred and twenty five dollars for the purpose of decorating the graves of our soldiers and sailors, on Memorial Day, May 30th 1894, said money to be expended under the direction of the above post.

Article 12 Was acted on at opening of the Town Meeting.

Article 13 **Payment of Employees**

Voted – That the Town adopt a system where by all persons employed by the Town except the school teachers, shall receive their pay weekly in person or on written order, at the office of the Town Treasurer on certain days to be fixed at the discretion of the Selectmen.

Article 14 **Macadamizing**

Voted – To Macadamize the piece of road over the hill near the house of G. C. Cox, before moving the crushers and that the expense therefor be paid from the regular appropriation for Macadamizing.

Article 15 **Pelham Avenue Sewer**

Voted – to extend the Pelham Avenue sewer from its present terminus, with a ten inch Akron pipe to the Spicket River about six hundred feet and appropriate two hundred dollars for that purpose.

Article 16 **Railroad Street Sewer**

Voted – To lay a sewer from the corner of Lowell and Railroad Streets to a cesspool on Railroad Street, a distance of about two hundred and fifty feet, and appropriate two hundred and fifty dollars for the same.

Article 17 **Sewer Arlington District**

Voted – To choose a committee to investigate the cost of constructing a sewer from a point on Merrill Street to connect with the Hampshire Street sewer in Lawrence, said committee to report at a future meeting. Also

Voted – that this committee be appointed by the Chair and the Chair appointed Messrs George A. Smith, James O. Parker and Robert Hancock as that committee.

Article 18 **Woodland Street**

Voted – to lower the grade of the hill on Woodland Street near the Lawrence line and use the gravel to raise the grade in the hollow between the hill and Elm Street and appropriate three hundred and fifty dollars for that purpose.

Article 19 **Fire Alarms Lowell Street**

Voted – to extend the Fire Alarm on Lowell Street from it present terminus near the house of Francis Sawyer to a point near the house of

Harry N. Dowding, and appropriate one hundred and fifty dollars for that purpose.

Article 20 **Night Police**

Voted – to pass over Article 20 of the Warrant.

Article 21 **Cesspool Park Street**

Voted – to build a cesspool on the westerly side of Park Street near the house of A. A. Peaslee, and lay a drain pipe from the same across Park Street to connect with the sewer and appropriate one hundred dollars for that purpose.

Article 22 **Street Light Railroad Street**

Voted – to maintain an arc light near the corner of Pelham and Barker Streets and appropriate seventy five dollars for that purpose.

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Article 26 **Wall on Vine Street**

Voted – to appropriate fifty dollars towards the building of a bank wall on the north side of Vine Street, commencing at the corner of Pleasant Street and running about 100 feet on said Vine Street, the same to be paid when the wall is completed, it being about one-half the estimated cost of said wall.

Article 27 **Pelham Street Widening**

A motion was made to pass over Article 27 of the warrant and the vote was taken by a show of hands – Yes 45, No 72, and the motion was declared lost. It was then Voted – to widen and straighten Pelham Street, from the corner of Barker Street to the residence of Samuel Cross, to the width of fifty feet, and appropriate one hundred dollars for that purpose.

Article 28 **Sprinkler**

Voted – to purchase a sprinkling wagon, and to appropriate four hundred and twenty five dollars for that purpose.

Article 29 **Coal ashes, etc.**

Voted – to refer Article 29 to the Selectmen with instructions to prepare and present a By-Law embodying the subject matter of the article, to the Town for consideration.

Article 30 **Superintendent of Schools**

Voted – to authorize the School Committee to employ a Superintendent of Schools for the ensuing year.

Article 31 **Horses for Streets & Fire Department**

A motion to pass over the article was put and declared lost. It was then Voted – to appropriate the sum of fifteen hundred dollars for the purchase of four horses, for use on the streets of the village under the direction of the Road Commissioners, the horses to be available for the Fire Department in case of fire.

Article 32 **Water Loan, Bonds & Sinking Fund**

A motion was made by D. W. Tenney, that so much of the vote passed at the Town meeting of July 25th A.D. 1893 as authorized the issue of bonds, be rescinded and annulled and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

On motion of Daniel W. Tenney it was then

Voted – by a unanimous vote, that for the purposes of paying the cost of the corporate property of the Methuen Water Company and the necessary expenses and liabilities incurred under the provisions of the Act of 1892, Chap. 310 relating

to that company, the Water Commissioners be authorized and instructed to issue the bonds of the Town for the aggregate principal sum of one hundred thousand dollars in sums of one thousand dollars each, payable to bearer thirty years after date, with interest at four per cent per annum, payable semi-annually on presentation of coupons thereto attached. The date of the said bonds to be fixed by the Water Commissioners, and the bonds to bear on their face the words "Methuen Water Loan", and to be signed by the Town Treasurer and countersigned by the Water Commissioners, and to be under the seal of the Town. The principal and interest of said bonds to be payable in lawful money of the United States, at such bank, or at the office of such Trust Company in Boston, as the Water Commissioners shall select. And a sinking fund is hereby established, and the Town shall annually contribute to such fund, a sum sufficient with the accumulations thereof, to pay the principal of the loan at maturity.

Article 33 **Gleason Court**

Voted – to accept a street as laid out by the Road Commissioners known as Gleason Court, as a Town way.

Article 34 **Town House Closets**

Voted to authorize the Selectmen to put in Water Closets in the Town House, for the use of those who hire the hall, and the tenants of the building and also that a public urinal be built and that three hundred dollars be appropriated for that purpose and that the Selectmen be instructed to ask for bids.

Article 35 Voted – to pass over Article 35 of the warrant.

Voted – that the money to be expended under Article 31 of the Warrant, be expended under the direction of the Board of Engineers.

A motion was made that the Road Commissioners be instructed to expend the money appropriated for Macadamizing on the Lowell River road commencing at the Lawrence line; an amendment was offered that \$4000 be expended on the Lowell Road and the balance on Pelham Street, and the amendment was lost, - Yes 42, No. 70.

An amendment was then offered that all the money be expended on Pelham Street and the amendment was carried and the motion as thus amended was carried.

Voted to adjourn sine die at 7:50 p.m.

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

Warrant for Special Town Meeting – June 11, 1894 - Warrant No. 2, File No. 12

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Greeting: -

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- Article 1 To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- Article 2 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money sufficient to complete its system of water works according to the provisions of Chapter 310 of the Acts of the Legislature for the year 1892 and Chapter 194 of the Acts of 1894.
- Article 3 To see if the Town will vote to issue any bonds, notes or scrip, and fix the amounts, times of payment, and rates of interest thereof, and thereon and the form thereof pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 310 of the Acts of the Legislature for the year 1892, and Chapter 194 of the Acts of 1894.
- Article 4 By request of the Road Commissioners to see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of seven hundred dollars to build the extension of Miller Street, as laid out by the County Commissioners.
- Article 5 By request of the Road Commissioners, to see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars to build Barker Street, as laid out by the County Commissioners.
- Article 6 To hear the report of the Committee chosen at the last Annual Meeting to investigate the cost of constructing a sewer from a point on Merrill Street to connect with the Hampshire Street sewer in Lawrence and act thereon.
- Article 7 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Road Commissioners to use such a part of the appropriation of \$8000.00 voted for Macadamizing Pelham Street, not exceeding one half of such appropriation, for work in and near the village; a sum equal to such an amount as shall be so used, to be taken from the appropriation that shall be made for Macadamizing for 1895 and expended for the completion of Pelham Street, or make such appropriations for said work as may seem advisable.

Article 8 By request of Eben F. Sumner and others to see if the Town will vote to widen and raise the grade of Pelham Street, from the foot of the hill near the house of Geo. K. Webster to the Plains, so called, a distance of about 500 feet, and appropriate two hundred dollars for the same.

Article 9 By request of James H. Lyons and others to see if the Town will vote to establish a grade on Arnold Street and build said street to grade and appropriate five hundred dollars for the same.
And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies at each of the public meeting houses also at each of the school houses outside of the village and at the Town House eight days at least before said meeting.

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

Given under our hands and the seal of the Town of Methuen, this thirty first day of May in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and ninety four.

(seal)
Selectmen

Geo. O. Marsh

John E. Sawyer of
Chas. H. Hall

Methuen

Essex SS: Methuen, June 1st 1894

To Joseph S. Howe, Town Clerk, **Greeting: -**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet as within directed, by posting up attested copies of this warrant at each of the public meeting houses also attested printed notices of the same at each of the school houses outside of the village, and an attested copy of this warrant at the Town House, eight days before said meeting.

Amos G. Jones –

Constables of Methuen
A true copy,

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

Record of Special Town Meeting, June 11, 1894

A meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, was held in the Town Hall in said Town on Monday, June 11, 1894, at two o'clock p.m. pursuant to Warrant No. 2 File 12.

The meeting was called to order at the time named in the warrant, two o'clock by Joseph S. Howe, Town Clerk, who read the warrant for the meeting.

Art. 1 Moderator

A ballot was taken, and Granville E. Foss was chosen Moderator by a unanimous vote and was sworn.

Art. 2 Second Issue Water Bonds

On motion of Daniel W. Tenney it was –
Voted – the Town appropriate fifty thousand dollars for the purpose of continuing or completing its system of Water works, and of paying money borrowed in anticipation of its sale of bonds.
This was carried by a unanimous vote.

Art. 3 Second Issue of Water Bonds

On motion of Mr. Tenney it was voted by a unanimous vote, that for the purposes of continuing or completing its system of Water works, paying expenses already incurred, and of paying money borrowed in anticipation of the sale of its bonds as provided in Chapter 310 of the Acts of the Legislature of Mass. of 1892, and Chapter 194 of the Acts of 1894, the Water Commissioners of Methuen be authorized and instructed to issue the bonds of the Town for the aggregate principal sum of fifty thousand dollars in sums of five hundred dollars each, numbered from one to one hundred inclusive, and payable at such times as are hereinafter specified. Said bonds shall bear interest at the rate of four per cent per annum, payable semi-annually on presentation of coupons thereto attached. The date of said bonds to be fixed by the Water Commissioners, and to bear on their face the words "Methuen Water Loan", and to be signed by the Town Treasurer and counter-signed by the Water Commissioners, and to be under the seal of the Town. The principal and interest of said bonds to be payable in lawful money of the United States at such bank or at the office of such Trust Co. in Boston as the Water Commissioner shall select. The said bonds shall
be payable as follows: -

Nos. one to five inclusive eleven years after date of issue.
 Nos. six to ten inclusive twelve years after date of issue.
 Nos. eleven to fifteen inclusive thirteen years after date of issue.
 Nos. sixteen to twenty inclusive fourteen years after date of issue.
 Nos. twenty one to twenty five inclusive fifteen years after date of issue.
 Nos. twenty six to thirty inclusive sixteen years after date of issue.
 Nos. thirty one to thirty five inclusive seventeen years after date of issue.
 Nos. thirty six to forty inclusive eighteen years after date of issue.
 Nos. forty one to forty five inclusive nineteen years after date of issue.
 Nos. forty six to fifty inclusive twenty years after date of issue.
 Nos. fifty one to fifty five inclusive twenty one years after date of issue.
 Nos. fifty six to sixty inclusive twenty two years after date of issue.
 Nos. sixty one to sixty five inclusive twenty three years after date of issue.
 Nos. sixty six to seventy inclusive twenty four years after date of issue.
 Nos. seventy one to seventy five inclusive twenty five years after date of
 issue.
 Nos. seventy six to eighty inclusive twenty six years after date of issue.
 Nos. eighty one to eighty five inclusive twenty seven years after date of
 issue.
 Nos. eighty six to ninety inclusive twenty eight years after date of issue.
 Nos. ninety one to ninety five inclusive twenty nine years after date of
 issue.
 Nos. ninety six to one hundred inclusive thirty years after date of issue.

Article 4 **Miller Street – Changed to Bare Meadow**

Voted – to appropriate the sum of seven hundred dollars to build the extension of Miller Street, as laid out by the County Commissioners. 87 Yeas – 7 Noes. Also

Voted – to instruct the Road Commissioners to let out the building of said street to the lowest bidder, and that no bid be received from a non resident. Also,

Voted – that the labor required to build said street be employed from residents of Methuen. Also,

Voted – to name said street Bare Meadow Street from Milk Street to Oak Street.

Art. 5 **Barker Street**

Voted – to appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars to build Barker Street, as laid out by the County Commissioners. A motion was made to

rescind the vote whereby the Road Commissioners were instructed to let out the building of Bare Meadow Street to the lowest bidder and the motion was lost. Yeas 20 – Noes 69.

Mr. Tenney presented to the Town two deeds of the land on which the reservoir stands and of the land over which the road passes to the reservoir.

Voted – to accept from Charles W. Mann and Joel Foster the deeds of gift from them to the Town of the land on which stands the reservoir, and over which runs the road to it. Also that the hearty thanks of the Town be tendered to Mr. Mann and Mr. Foster for their generosity and public spirit in making this gift to the Town and that the Town Clerk be instructed to inform them of the action of this meeting.

Voted – that the Water Commissioners be instructed to build a suitable road to the Reservoir, to be paid for from the water loan.

Art. 6 **Sewers**

Mr. J. O. Parker, presented the Report of the Committee chosen at the last Annual Meeting to investigate the cost of constructing a sewer from a point on Merrill Street to connect with the Hampshire Street sewer in Lawrence, as follows: -

Report of Committee

To the legal voters of Methuen,

Your Committee appointed at the Annual Town Meeting in March of the current year for the purpose of ascertaining the cost of building a sewer from a point on Merrill Street in Methuen to connect with the Hampshire Street sewer in Lawrence, submit the following report.

After consulting parties familiar with such work, we find that the probably cost of excavation, furnishing materials and constructing the sewer, about 1800 feet, will be \$3000.00. This will include nine manholes and fourteen catch basins.

Immediately after the Annual Town Meeting we consulted the City Government of Lawrence as to the terms upon which the Town might connect the proposed sewer with the Hampshire sewer. The matter was referred to the Committee on Sewers and they have notified your committee that the charge for taking care of the Methuen sewerage in the manner proposed will be eighty six hundred and fifty dollars, with a yearly rental thereafter, of one hundred and twenty nine dollars, making the whole cost,

For

Excavation and construction	\$3,000.00
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Charges of the City of Lawrence	<u>8,650.00</u>
Total	11,650.00

The area to be drained is 43 acres bounded as follows: -

North by the South line of Lawrence Street; South by the East line of Merrill Street; West by the South line of Brown Street; and East by the Lawrence line about 100 feet north of Centre Street.

All of which is respectfully submitted
 June 11, 1894
 } Committee

James O. Parker
 Geo. A. Smith

Robert J. Hancock

Voted – to accept the Report of the Committee.

On motion of Mr. Parker it was voted by a unanimous vote, - That the Road Commissioners be authorized and directed to make all necessary arrangements and contracts with the owners of the land through which the sewers are to be constructed and with the City Government of Lawrence and to construct a sewer from a point on Merrill Street in Methuen, to connect with the Hampshire Street sewer in Lawrence, said sewer to be put in the present year; the construction to be by contract, with the condition that home labor shall be employed where practicable. The work to be done under the direction of the Road Commissioners. Also,

Voted – by a unanimous vote, that twelve thousand dollars be appropriated for the purpose of building a sewer and paying the City of Lawrence for entering Hampshire Street sewer in Lawrence, - from Merrill Street in Methuen to connect with the Hampshire Street Sewer in Lawrence; and that the Treasurer of the Town of Methuen be authorized with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow a sum not exceeding that amount \$12,000 for that purpose, for a term not longer than ten years and to give the note or notes of the Town therefor.

Art. 7 Highways

Voted – to pass over the first part of Article 7 down to and including the words “completion of Pelham Street”. It was then voted by unanimous vote, that the sum of three thousand dollars be appropriated, to remove and make use of stone and other material from the water pipe trenches.

Voted, - that the Road Commissioners be authorized and empowered to appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars, to be taken from this appropriation, to cut down and repair the hill near house of Rufus A. Griffin.

Art. 8 **Pelham Street**

Voted, - to widen and raise the grade of Pelham Street, from the foot of the hill near the house of George K. Webster to the "plains" so called a distance of about 500 feet, and appropriate two hundred dollars for that purpose; and that the money be taken from the appropriation for removing stone from the water pipe trenches.

Art. 9 **Arnold Street**

Voted, - to establish a grade on Arnold Street, and build said street to grade, and appropriate five hundred dollars for that purpose. A motion was made to take this sum from the appropriation for removing stone from the water pipe trenches and the motion was lost.

No other business appearing, it was voted to adjourn sine die.

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

Methuen Aug. 30, 1894

Being about to be absent from the Town of Methuen, for some days, I hereby appoint
George O. Marsh, Assistant Town Clerk of said Methuen.

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

And George O. Marsh was then sworn to the faithful performance of his duties.

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

**Record of Town Meeting held November 6, 1894
State Election**

A legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in elections, was held at the Town Hall in said Town, on Tuesday the sixth day of November A.D. 1894 at eight o'clock in the forenoon, pursuant to Warrant No. 3 File 12.

The meeting was called to order at eight o'clock a.m. by George O. marsh, Chairman of Selectmen, who read the warrant for the meeting.

John F. Ridley, Republican, and Joseph J. Sharkey, Democrat were appointed allot clerks,

and John McGuire, Republican and Charles E. Russell, Democrat were appointed deputy ballot clerks, and they were all sworn.

The Chairman appointed John F. Ridley, John McGuire, Granville E. Foss, William A. Bower and Edward Press Tellers on the part of the Republicans, and Joseph J. Sharkey, Charles E. Russell, Edward O'Sullivan, Owen A. Donahue, Charles D. Lewis, and Arthur L. Russell Tellers on the part of the Democrats, and they were all sworn.

J. Calvin Taylor was appointed to take charge of the ballot box.

The Town Clerk delivered one package of ballots to the presiding officer George O. Marsh, taking his receipt therefor, and the package was publicly broken. The sample ballots and instructions to voters had been posted about the Hall according to law, before the opening of the meeting. The ballot box was opened and show to be empty, and was then locked and the key given to Amos G. Jones, Constable in attendance. The figures on the Register of the ballot box indicated four ciphers. The polls were then opened and the ballot proceeded. At ten minutes past one, by the unanimous consent of the Selectmen and Town Clerk, the ballot box was opened and the ballots removed therefrom. The figures on the ballot box register indicated – 637. The ballots were counted audibly by the Chairman and numbered – 617. The tellers were divided into groups as follows: - Messrs Foss, Press, Sullivan and Donahue formed one group and Messrs Bower, Hall, Lewis and Arthur L. Russell formed the other group and they at once proceeded with the counting of the ballots.

At five minutes past four the polls were closed. The Register on the ballot box indicated 900.

The checks on ballot clerk's list numbered	859
The checks on list used at ballot box numbered	859
The ballots counted eight hundred and fifty nine	859

The remaining ballots were counted audibly by the presiding officer and the total number of ballots cast was eight hundred and fifty nine
859

All the ballots were counted into blocks of fifty each, verified and placed in envelopes, and the votes were counted recorded and declaration thereof made and were as follows: -

The whole number of ballots cast for the several persons voted for was eight hundred and fifty nine
859

For **Governor**

George H. Cary of Lynn thirty	30
Frederic T. Greenhalge of Lowell five hundred and sixty three	563
Alfred W. Richardson of Springfield twenty	20
John E. Russell of Leicester two hundred and fifteen	215
David Taylor of Boston nine	9
Blanks twenty two	22

For Lieutenant Governor

Wilbert O. Dwinell of Danvers thirty six	36
Moritz E. Ruther of Holyoke nine	9
Samuel B. Shapleigh of Boston one hundred and twenty seven	127
Charles E. Stratton of Boston two hundred and fifteen	215
Roger Walcott of Boston four hundred and thirty seven	437
Blanks thirty five	35

For Secretary

Charles A. DeCoursey of Lawrence two hundred and twelve	212
Wilbert D. Farnham, Jr. of Somerville eighteen	18
Joseph F. Malloney of Lynn ten	10
William M. Olin of Boston five hundred and fifty six	556
Isaac W. Skinner of Brockton twenty seven	27
Blanks thirty six	36

For Treasurer

Emil Auerback of Adams thirteen	13
John M. Fisher of Attleborough twenty	20
James S. Grinnell of Greenfield two hundred and sixteen	216
Martin W. Moran of Boston thirty six	36
Henry M. Phillips of Springfield five hundred and twenty five	525
Blanks forty nine	49

For Auditor

John W. Kimball of Fitchburg five hundred and fifty five	555
Maurice W. Landers of Pittsfield thirty four	34
Wilbur M. Purrington of Williamsburg fifteen	15
Charles N. Wentworth of Lynn eleven	11
Alfred C. Whitney of Boston one hundred and ninety five	195
Blanks forty nine	49

For Attorney General

Frank M. Forbush of Natick fourteen	14
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Henry F. Hurlburt of Lynn two hundred and seven	207
Hosea M. Knowlton of New Bedford five hundred fifty one	551
Frederick August Nagler of West Springfield nine	9
James Sumner of Milton thirty one	31
Blanks forty seven	47

For Councillor Sixth District

Edwin F. Carr of Lawrence forty five	45
John M. Harlow of Woburn five hundred and fifty three	553
Frank J. Simonds of Lowell one hundred and ninety three	193
Blanks sixty eight	68

For Senator Sixth Essex District

Fred C. Beal of Bradford thirty five	35
Thomas A. Brooks of Lawrence two hundred	200
George L. Gage of Lawrence five hundred and sixty nine	569
William S. Searle of Lawrence twenty three	23
Blanks – thirty two	32

For Representatives in General Court

James F. Carey of Haverhill thirty four	34
Charles W. Chandler of Bradford fourteen	14
Edward J. Donahue of Haverhill two hundred and eleven	211
Levi A. Drury of Bradford four hundred and sixty five	465
Fred E. Eastman of Haverhill twenty seven	27
James O. Parker of Methuen three hundred	300
Robert A. Richardson of Haverhill four hundred and seventy	470
George L. Williams of Haverhill thirteen	13
G. E. Steigler two	2
T. T. Fairbain two	2
Blanks – one hundred and eighty	180

For County Commissioner

Edward B. Bishop of Haverhill five hundred and forty five	545
Benjamin Potter of Swampscott forty eight	48
Edward P. Wildes of Georgetown one hundred and ninety tow	192
Katy A. O’Keefe one	1
Blanks seventy three	73

For County Treasurer

Francis H. Caskin of Danvers had forty seven	47
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E. Kendall Jenkins of Andover five hundred and fifty four	554
John C. Sanborn of Lawrence one hundred and ninety three	193
Blanks sixty five	65

For Register of Deeds – Northern Essex District

John J. Donovan of Lawrence two hundred and twenty one	221
Aretas R. Sanborn of Lawrence five hundred and seventy five	575
Blanks – sixty three	63

For Representative in Congress – Fifth District

Hiram W. K. Eastman of Lawrence thirty four	34
George W. Fifield of Lowell two hundred and sixteen	216
William S. Knox of Lawrence five hundred and fifty nine	559
Warren F. Taylor of Lawrence seventeen	17
Blanks thirty three	33

Amendment to the Constitution

Shall the proposed amendment to the Constitution relative to Commissioners of insolvency be approved and ratified.

Yes – two hundred and seventy one	271
No – sixty six	66
Blank – five hundred and twenty two	522

The vote was declared at seven o'clock. The returns of the votes cast for the several officers balloted for were made up, properly certified, sealed, and delivered to the Town Clerk, and the ballots cast were also sealed up in an envelope and delivered to the Town Clerk. The check lists used were also sealed up and delivered to the Town Clerk. The seal was retained by the presiding officer George O. Marsh, and the meeting was adjourned at eight o'clock p.m.

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

Record of Meeting of City and Town Clerks, Nov. 16, 1894

City of Haverhill, Massachusetts

City Clerk's Office, November 10, 1894

At a meeting of the City Clerk of Haverhill, the Town Clerk of Methuen, and the Town Clerk of Bradford, said towns and Wards 3 & 5 of the said City of Haverhill forming the Third Essex Representative District held at noon this day in accordance with the provisions of Section 195 Chapter 417, Acts of 1893, upon comparing the transcripts of the returns the following appears as the result of the balloting for Representatives to the General Court for said district, at the meetings held on Tuesday November 6, 1894.

		To wit.		Haverhill		
		Methuen	Bradford	3	5-1	5-2
5-3	Total					
	James Carey of Haverhill	4	58	82	56	
	45 65 340					
	Charles W. Chandler of Bradford	14	22	17	13	
	9 9 84					
	Edward J. Donahue of Haverhill	211	193	347	131	
	88 243 1213					
	Levi A. Drury of Bradford	465	408	114	173	
	197 111 1468					
	Fred E. Eastman of Haverhill	27	32	33	29	
	25 36 182					
	James O. Parker of Methuen	300	133	201	75	
	56 157 922					
	Robert A. Richardson of Haverhill	470	382	148	256	
	242 144 1642					
	George L. Williams of Haverhill	13	15	14	14	
	9 12 77					
	G. E. Steigler	2				
	2					
	T. T. Fairbain	2				
	2					
	Blanks	180	147	138	95	
	81 117 758					

Haverhill,

November 16, 1894

In accordance with the foregoing returns, certificates of Election were this day issued to the two persons having

The highest number of votes for Representatives to the General Court for the Third Essex District.

To wit:

Robert A. Richardson of Haverhill and Levi A. Drury of Bradford.

Attest,

William W. Roberts, City Clerk of Haverhill
Jos. S. Howe, Town Clerk of Methuen
William A. Kimball, Town Clerk of Bradford

A true copy,

Attest, Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk of Methuen

Perambulation Town Line between Methuen and Salem, N.H.

The subscribers Selectmen of the towns of Salem N.H. and Methuen, Mass. met on Monday November 26 1894 and perambulated the line between said towns and found the bounds substantially

set and the courses from one bound to the other as follows viz.: - Commencing at the northeasterly corner of Methuen, at Haverhill line at a stone monument set in the ground thence running south 49 degrees – 56 feet west ninety three rods to a stone monument set in the ground a few rods south of the house of the late Aaron G. Wilson; thence south 10 degrees – 20 feet west eleven hundred and fifty nine rods to a stone monument set in the ground in Strongwater Meadow a few rods northerly from the house

of Richard Irvin on Summer Street Methuen; thence south 62 degrees – 18 feet west six hundred ninety one and one half rods crossing the Turnpike so called to a stone monument set in the ground east of the house of George W. Noyes; thence north 87 degrees – 53 feet west two hundred and twenty six rods crossing the road in front of the said Noyes' house to a stone monument set in the ground the south 79 degrees – 19 feet west one hundred and thirty seven rods to a stone monument set in the ground at the corner of Salem and Pelham, N.H. and they find stone monuments substantially set at the several points where the Town line crosses the public roads.

Geo. O. Marsh } Selectmen
John E. Sawyer } of Methuen

Frank D. Wilson } Selectmen
Willis Hutchins } of
Charles P. Maxwell } Salem, N.H.

A true copy

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

1895

Warrant for Annual Town Meeting March 4th 1895 – No. 4 File 12

Essex SS: -

To Amos G. Jones, one of the Constables of the Town of Methuen in said County:

Greeting: -

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify, the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Methuen on Monday the fourth day of March, next at eight o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, viz.:

Article 1 To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2 To choose a Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, one School Committeeman to serve three years in place of Edward F. Johnson and Aaron H. Clark, one Road Commissioner to serve two to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Charles W. Mann one Road Commissioner to serve three years in place of James S. Blodgett, one Water Commissioner

Warrant for State Election, Nov. 6, 1894 – File 12 No. 3

Essex SS:– To Amos G. Jones one of the Constables of the Town of Methuen in said County: -

Greeting: -

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required forthwith to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote as the law directs to assemble at the Town Hall on Tuesday the sixth day of November next at eight o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to give in their ballots for Governor of the Commonwealth, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor, Attorney General, Representative in Congress for the Fifth District, Councillor for the Sixth District, Senator for the Sixth Essex District, two Representatives to represent the Third Essex District in the next Legislature to represent the Third Essex District in the next Legislature, one County Commissioner, County Treasurer, Register of Deeds for the Northern District of Essex, and “Yes” or “No” upon the following Article of Amendment to the Constitution relative to

Commissioners of Insolvency: - "So much of article nineteen of the articles of amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth as is contained in the following words "Commissioners of Insolvency" is hereby annulled. All to be voted for on one ballot. The polls may be closed at four o'clock p.m.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Town House, and each of the public meeting houses 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 and the seal of the Town of Methuen this twenty sixth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety four.

Geo. O. Marsh Selectmen
John E. Sawyer of Methuen

Essex SS: - Methuen, Oct. 27, 1894.
Selectmen of Methuen, **Greeting: -**

To the Honorable Board of

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in elections to meet as within directed by posting up attested copies of this warrant at the Town House and at each of the public meeting houses eight days before said meeting.

Amos G. Jones, Constable of

Methuen

Record of Town Meeting held November 6, 1894 State Election

A legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in elections, was held at the Town Hall in said Town, on Tuesday the sixth day of November A.D. 1894 at eight o'clock in the forenoon, pursuant to Warrant No. 3 File 12.

The meeting was called to order at eight o'clock a.m. by George O. Marsh, Chairman of Selectmen, who read the warrant for the meeting.

John F. Ridley, Republican and Joseph J. Sharkey, Democrat were appointed ballot clerks, and John McGuire, Republican and Charles E. Russell, Democrat were appointed deputy ballot clerks, and they were all sworn.

The Chairman appointed John F. Ridley, John McGuire, Granville E. Foss, William A. Bower and Edward Press Tellers on the part of the Republicans, and Joseph J. Sharkey, Charles E. Russell, Edward O'Sullivan, Owen A. Donahue, Charles D. Lewis, and Arthur L. Russell Tellers on the part of the Democrats, and they were all sworn.

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Hiram W. K. Eastman of Lawrence thirty four	34
George W. Fifield of Lowell two hundred and sixteen	216
William S. Knox of Lawrence five hundred and fifty nine	559
Warren F. Taylor of Lawrence seventeen	17
Blanks thirty three	33

Amendment to the Constitution

Shall the proposed amendment to the Constitution relative to Commissioners of Insolvency be approved and ratified.

Yes – two hundred and seventy one	271
No – sixty six	66
Blank – five hundred and twenty two	522

The vote was declared at seven o'clock. The returns of the votes cast for the several officers balloted for were made up, properly certified, sealed, and delivered to the Town Clerk and the ballots cast were also sealed up in an envelope and delivered to the Town Clerk. The checklists used were also sealed up and delivered to the Town Clerk. The seal was retained by the presiding officer George O. Marsh and the meeting was adjourned at eight o'clock p.m.

Attest, Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

Record of Meeting of City and Town Clerk, November 16, 1894

City of Haverhill,
Massachusetts
City Clerk's Office, November
10, 1894

At a meeting of the City Clerk of Haverhill, the Town Clerk of Methuen and the Town Clerk of Bradford, said Towns and Wards 3 & 5 of the said City of Haverhill forming the Third Essex Representative District held at noon this day in accordance with the provisions of Section 195 Chapter 417, Acts of 1893, upon comparing the transcripts of the returns, the following appears as the result of the balloting for Representatives to the General Court for said district, at meetings held on Tuesday November 6, 1894.

To wit.

	Methuen	Bradford	3	Haverhill		
				5-1	5-2	5-3
	Total					
James F. Carey of Haverhill 340	34	58	82	56	45	65
Charles W. Chandler of Bradford 84	14	22	17	13	9	9
Edward J. Donahue of Haverhill 1213	211	193	347	131	88	243
Levi A. Drury of Bradford 1468	465	408	114	173	197	111
Fred E. Eastman of Haverhill 182	27	32	33	29	25	36
James O. Parker of Methuen 922	300	133	201	75	56	157
Robert A. Richardson of Haverhill 1642	470	382	148	256	242	144
George L. Williams of Haverhill 77	13	15	14	14	9	12
G. E. Steigler 2	2					
T. T. Fairbain 2	2					
Blanks 758	180	147	138	95	81	117

**Haverhill,
November 16, 1894**

In accordance with the foregoing returns, certificates of Election were this day issued to the two persons having the highest number of votes for Representatives to the General Court for the Third Essex District.

To wit

Robert A. Richardson of Haverhill and Levi A. Drury of Bradford.

Attest,

William W. Roberts, City Clerk of Haverhill
Jos. S. Howe, Town Clerk of Methuen
William A. Kimball, Town Clerk of Bradford

A true copy,

Attest, Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk, Methuen.

**Perambulation
Town Line between Methuen and Salem, N.H.**

The subscribers Selectmen of the towns of Salem, N.H. and Methuen, Mass. met on Monday Nov. 26, 1894 and perambulated the line between said towns and found the bounds substantially set and the courses from one bound to the other as follows viz.:

Commencing at the northeasterly corner of Methuen, at Haverhill line at the stone monument set in the ground, thence running South 49 degrees 56 feet west ninety three rods to a stone monument set in the ground a few rods south of the house of the late Aaron G. Wilson; thence South 10 degrees 20 feet west eleven hundred and fifty nine rods to a stone monument set in the ground in Strongwater Meadow a few rods northerly from the house of Richard Irvin on Summer Street Methuen; thence south 62 degrees 18 feet west six hundred ninety one and one half rods crossing the Turnpike so called, to a stone monument set in the ground east of the house of George W. Noyes; thence north 87 degrees 53 feet west two hundred and twenty six rods crossing the road in front of the said Noyes' house to a stone monument set in the ground the south 79 degrees 19 feet west one hundred and thirty seven rods to a stone monument set in the ground at the corner of Salem and Pelham N.H. And they find stone monuments substantially set at the several points where the Town line crosses the public roads.

Geo. O. Marsh } Selectmen
John E. Sawyer } of Methuen
Frank D. Wilson } Selectmen
Willis Hutchins } of
Charles (?) Maxwell } Salem N.H.

A true copy

Attest, Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk.

1895

Warrant for Annual Town Meeting March 4th 1895 No. 4 File 12

Essex SS.:

To Amos G. Jones, one of the Constables of the Town of Methuen in said County:

Greeting: -

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify, the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Methuen on Monday the fourth day of March, next at eight o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, viz.:

- Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- Article 2. To choose a Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, one School Committee man to serve three years in place of Edward F. Johnson and Aaron H. Clark, one Road Commissioner to serve two years to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Charles W. Mann, one Rod Commissioner to serve three years in place of James S. Blodgett, one Water Commissioner to serve three in place of Charles W. Mann, one Trustee of Nevins Memorial to serve two years in place of Lewis Barnes, Constables, Auditor of Accounts, Fence-Viewers and "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town?"
- Also to choose all other necessary Town officers, in such manner as the Town may determine.
The polls may be closed at one o'clock p.m.
- Article 3. To hear the Annual Report of the Selectmen and act thereon.
- Article 4. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges the ensuing year and make appropriations for the same.
- Article 5. To determine the manner of collecting taxes the ensuing year and act thereon as the Town may think proper.
- Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to hire money in anticipation of taxes of the ensuing year, or to hire money to renew, replace or pay any existing loan or loans or any part thereof, and to issue notes of the Town therefor.
- Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to approve and accept the list of Jurors prepared by the Selectmen for the ensuing year.
- Article 8. To hear the report of Committees and act thereon.

- Article 9. To determine what compensation the Town will grant the number of the Fire Department for their services the ensuing year.
- Article 10. To determine the manner of appropriating the amount received from dog taxes in accordance with Chapter 102 Section 107 of the Public Statutes.
- Article 11. By request of Col. William B. Greene Post 100 G.A.R. to see if the Town will vote to appropriate one hundred and twenty five dollars for the purpose of decorating the graves of our soldiers and sailors on Memorial Day May 30th 1895, said money to be expended under the direction of the above post.
- Article 12. By request of William C. Sleeper to see if the Town will vote to change the date when interest shall be charged on taxes from October 1st to January 1st.
- Article 13. By request of G. C. Cox and others, to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Road Commissioners to sell crushed stone to any of the inhabitants of the Town at cost, of stone and crushing.
- Article 14. By request of Eben F. Sumner and others to see if the Town will vote to restrict the Road Commissioners, to the use of one team of their own, to work on the streets.
- Article 15. By request of Joseph E. Buswell and others to see if the Town will vote to widen Prospect Street from Swan Street to Lawrence line and build sidewalk side of same, and appropriate three hundred dollars therefor.
- Article 16. By request of George M. Cole and others, to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Water Commissioners to continue the water main from the corner of Arnold and Lowell Streets through Lowell, Elm and Orchard Streets, to Columbia Park (so called) and make an appropriation for the same, provided that the petitioners on the proposed line will guarantee the interest on the same.
- Article 17. By request of John McGuire and others, to see if the Town will vote to extend the water pipes up Mystic Street about eighteen hundred feet, and appropriate twelve hundred dollars for the same.
- Article 18. By request of Francis A. Fielden and others, to see if the Town will vote to extend the water pipe from a point on Howe Street near the reservoir to or near the corner of Currier Street (so called), and make an appropriation for the same.

- Article 19. To see what disposition the Town will vote to make of the amount received as premium and accrued interest, on the sale of bonds.
- Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of six thousand dollars for interest on water bonds and thirty five hundred dollars for maintenance of the water works.
- Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Water Commissioners to remove the Town pumps corner of Hampshire Street and Broadway, and corner of Lowell and Pelham Streets, cover the wells, remove guideboards and posts, transplant trees if necessary, arrange for moving scales, and do such work on the streets and sewers as may be necessary, to prepare for setting the stone fountains presented by Mr. C. H. Tenney.
- Article 22. By request of S. W. Young and others, to see if the Town will vote to appoint a committee of three to investigate the expenditures made by the Road Commissioners for the past year, said Committee to report at a future Town meeting.
- Article 23. By request of Kirk F. Brown and others, to see if the Town will vote to revoke the acceptance of the provisions of Sections 74, 75, 76, and 77, of Chapter 27 of the Public Statutes, relative to Road Commissioners, which acceptance was voted at a Town meeting held January 29th 1891.
- Article 24. By request of Robert Hoffman and others to see if the Town will vote to widen Oak Street from a point near the house of John Harrington to a point below the place of Mrs. Harnisch, and appropriate five hundred dollars for the same.
- Article 25. By request of Edward E. Pinney and others, to see if the Town will vote to finish macadamizing Pelham Street and appropriate five thousand dollars for the same.
- Article 26. By request of Frank W. Bodwell and others, to see if the Town will vote to build a reservoir near Marsh's Cornier and appropriate three hundred and fifty dollars for the same.
- Article 27. By request of the Road Commissioners to see if the Town will vote to move a barn
on Arnold Street, owned by John H. Freeman, back to the line of the street about seven feet, and appropriate one hundred dollars for the same.
- Article 28. By request of Frank Remick and others, to see if the Town will vote to locate and maintain an electric arc light at the corner of High and Gage Streets and appropriate seventy five dollars for the same.
- Article 29. By request of William E. May and others to see if the Town will vote to use the rooms now occupied by Samuel H. Harris Jr. in the Town

building, for offices for Town officers, and appropriate three hundred dollars to prepare the same.

- Article 30. By request of Lorin O. Norris and others, to see if the Town will vote to employ two night watchmen, and appropriate twelve hundred dollars for the same.
- Article 31. By request of Wallace McLeod and others to see if the Town will vote to build a sewer on Camden Street from Centre to Lawrence Streets to connect with the main sewer and make an appropriation for the same.
- Article 32. By request of Harry E. Moore and others to see if the Town will vote to locate and maintain an electric arc light on Stevens Street, near the house of Joseph S. Howe, and appropriate seventy five dollars for the same.
- Article 33. By request of John S. Tapley and one hundred and fourteen others, to see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen not to grant the Lowell, Lawrence and Haverhill Street Railway Company, or other corporations, any more rights or privileges, without the consent of the voters of the Town at a legal Town meeting.
- Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to accept as public or Town ways, the private ways known as Oakland Avenue, Craven Street, and Almont Street, as laid out by the Road Commissioners.
- Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public or Town way a street laid out by the Road Commissioner running northerly from Union Street to the "old road", so called.
- Article 36. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public or Town way a street known as Swan Street, running from East Street to Jackson Street, as laid out by the Road Commissioners.
- Article 37. To see if the Town will vote, to pay Charles F. Jackman one hundred dollars to compensate him for injuries received on one of the public highways of the Town.
- Article 38. To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow money to pay for the construction of sewers built under a vote of the Town in the year 1894.
- Article 39. By request of H. E. Wood and others, to see if the Town will vote to extend the fire alarm system up Broadway to a point near the house of H. E. Wood and appropriate one hundred and fifty dollars for the same.

- Article 40. By request of the Board of Engineers, to see if the Town will vote to purchase twenty five hundred feet of rubber lined hose and appropriate fifteen hundred dollars for the same.
- Article 41. By request of Silas L. Holman and others to see if the Town will vote to locate and maintain an electric arc light at the corner of Arnold and Lowell Streets and appropriate seventy five dollars for the same.
- Article 42. By request of John E. Dustin and others, to see if the Town will vote to locate and maintain, four electric lights at the following named places: viz.: - corner of Prospect and East Streets, corner of Swan and Jackson Streets, corner of East and Jackson Streets, corner of Brook and Jackson Streets, and appropriate one hundred dollars for the same.

And you are hereby 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, eight days at least before said meeting.

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

Given under our hands and the seal of the Town of Methuen this twenty third day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety five.

George O. Marsh } Selectmen
 John E. Sawyer } of
 Charles H. Hall } Methuen

Constable Return.

Methuen, Feb. 23,

1895

Essex SS: -

To Joseph S. Howe, Town Clerk,

Greeting: - In

the name of the
 Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I have notified the inhabitants of the
 Town of Methuen,
 qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet as within directed
 by posting up
 attested printed copies of this warrant at each of the public meeting
 houses, and at the Town,
 eight days before said meeting.

Amos G. Jones, Constable of

Methuen

A true copy of warrant and return

Attest, Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk
Record of Annual Town Meeting, March 4, 1895 – No. 4 File 12

**Pursuant to Warrant No. 4 File 12, the Annual Meeting of the
Inhabitants
of the Town of Methuen was held at the Town Hall in said Town on
Monday March 4th
A.D. 1895.**

Art. 1 Moderator

The meeting was called to order at eight o'clock a.m. by Joseph S. Howe,
Town
Clerk who read the warrant for the meeting. The polls were then opened
for the
choice of Moderator, the checklist being used. The polls were closed at
fifteen
minutes past eight, thirteen votes having cast for Moderator. Granville E.
Foss
had every vote cast, and was declared elected and was sworn.

Art. 2 Town Officers

The Moderator appointed the following named persons as tellers: -

Malcolm H. T. Gall, Republican	Joseph Martin, Democrat
Alphonse C. Puffer, Republican	James H. Curran, Democrat
Edward Press, Republican	Horace W. French, Democrat
George F. Johnson, Republican	Andrew Lawton, Democrat
Augustus W. Messer, Republican	Benjamin P. Cheney, Democrat
Willard F. Emerson, Republican	Edward F. Sullivan, Jr., Democrat

And they were all sworn.

The Selectmen had appointed Edward B. Davis, Republican and Thomas
Skinner, Democrat, as Ballot Clerks, and they were sworn.

J. Calvin Taylor had charge of the ballot box.

Alphonse C. Puffer and Joseph Martin had charge of the checklists.

The ballots were delivered to the ballot clerks, the ballot box was opened
and shown
to be empty, and the key delivered to Albert B. Gordon, Constable in
attendance. The number on the ballot box register indicated four ciphers.
The meeting proceeded to ballot at about half past eight o'clock and

continued without interruption until one o'clock when the polls were closed having been kept open more than four hours.

The number on the ballot box register indicated 776. The number of names checked on the voting lists was seven hundred and seventy four. The ballots were taken out of the ballot box, counted audibly by the Moderator, separated into blocks of fifty each, and put in envelopes, and numbered seven hundred and seventy four.

The tellers were divided into three groups and proceeded to canvass and count the ballots, and the votes given in were counted and declaration thereof made, and were as follows:

For Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor

John W. Frederick three hundred and ninety	390
John H. George three hundred and fifty six	356
Charles H. Hall four hundred and eighty nine	489
George O. Marsh three hundred and seventy two	372
William M. Rogers two hundred and thirty seven	237
Addison P. Russell three hundred and thirty seven	337
Blanks one hundred and thirty five	135
Jason Ingalls one	1
Stephen Hoyt one	1
Madison Doe one	1
John Bracket one	1
Millard Emerson two	2

And John W. Frederick, Charles H. Hall and George O. Marsh were declared elected Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor and were sworn.

For Town Clerk, Treasurer and Collector of Taxes

George G. Frederick two hundred and fifty three	253
Joseph S. Howe four hundred and ninety seven	497
Blanks – twenty two	22
Dennis Lahan one	1
J. S. Tapley one	1

And Joseph S. Howe was declared elected Town Clerk, Treasurer, and Collector of Taxes and was sworn into each of those offices.

For School Committee – Three years

George W. Copp five hundred and twelve	512
Blanks two hundred and fifty one	251
John J. Bunker one	1
James Peirce five	5
Pierce two	2
J. C. Taylor one	1
Mrs. R. A. Swain one	1
J. O. Parker one	1

And George W. Copp was declared elected School Committee for three years.

For Road Commissioners – Three years

Samuel Emerson four hundred and forty six	446
Charles E. Richardson two hundred and thirteen	213
Blanks one hundred and fourteen	114
Tracy one	1

For Road Commissioners – two years

John Q. Hill five hundred and forty three	543
Michael Tracy one hundred and fifty three	153
Blanks seventy eight	78

The office of Road Commissioner had been abolished by vote of the Town meeting before the declaration of the vote.

For Water Commissioner – Three years

John E. Dustin four hundred and fifty six	456
James O. Parker two hundred and eighty two	282
Blank thirty six	36

And John E. Dustin was declared elected Water Commissioner for three years and was sworn.

For Trustee of Nevins Memorial – Two years

Lewis E. Barnes five hundred and fourteen	514
Blanks two hundred and fifty three	253
James Peirce three	3
John S. Tapley two	2
L. O. Norris one	1
Stephen Currier one	1

And Lewis E. Barnes was declared elected Trustee of Nevins Memorial for two years.

For Fence Viewers

George B. Bradley two hundred and eighty four	284
Daniel T. Morrison four hundred and ninety eight	498
Addison P. Russell four hundred and fifty four	454
Leverett Swan four hundred and seventy eight	478
Blanks six hundred and seven	607
Dennis Lahan one	1
And Daniel T. Morrison, sworn; Addison P. Russell, sworn; and Leverett Swan	

were declared elected Fence Viewers.

For Constables

George E. Blanchard four hundred and seventy two	472
George A. Closson four hundred and seven	407
Charles H. Emerson four hundred and twenty	420
Maurice Flahive one hundred and eighty nine	189
Charles H. Foss two hundred and sixty six	266
Albert B. Gordon four hundred and eighty	481
Charles E. Goss one hundred and sixty	160
Amos G. Jones four hundred and seventy two	472
George B. Millen three hundred and fifty eight	358
Woodburn J. Nichols one hundred and seventy seven	177
Jeremiah O'Brien one hundred and twenty eight	128
William H. Silver one hundred and seventy nine	179
Blanks nine hundred and thirty	930
N. Bailey one	1
Patrick Hogan one	1
Fred C. Wagg one	1
Augustus Messer one	1
Nathan Bailey one	1
And George E. Blanchard, sworn; George A. Closson, sworn; Charles H. Emerson, Albert B. Gordon, sworn; Amos G. Jones, sworn; and George B. Millen, sworn	

were declared elected Constables.

License Vote

On the question "Shall Licenses be granted for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors in this Town?" the number of ballots marked "Yes" was two hundred and sixty four 264
The number of ballots marked "no" was four hundred and twenty six 426

Blanks eighty four
84

Field Drivers

Daniel T. Morrison	William H. Buswell
Charles Hutchins	Charles E. Allen
Harry W. Moore	Edwin J. Castle

Surveyors of Plastering

Lyman B. Gage	Silas K. Nowell
George W. Copp	Aaron Huse
Nahum P. Winn	Charles E. Russell

Surveyors of Lumber

John H. George	Charles E. Richardson	George M.
Phippen		
Charles Hutchins	Samuel J. Pedler	Samuel
Emerson		
John W. Frederick	George W. Copp	James O.
Parker		
George O. Marsh		
All sworn and	Millard F. Emerson	

Surveyors of Wood & Bark

George O. Marsh	Eben W. Powell	George E.
Crosby		
John H. George	Charles E. Richardson	Walter
Sargent		
Charles A. Stevens	John S. Tynie	
All sworn and	John Q. Hill	Wm. C.
Sleeper		

Pound Keepers

Stephen W. Williams	Joseph E. Buswell
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Sealer of Weights and Measures

John C. Sanborn

Art. 3 Selectmen's Report

Voted – To accept the Report of the Selectmen

Art. 4 It was voted to take up the estimate of the Selectmen of the sums of money necessary to be raised to defray Town charges for the ensuing year item by item. After amendment the estimate was approved and the sums voted and appropriated were as follows.

For support of schools as recommended by the School Committee
Teaching, janitorship, fuel and music.

Fourteen thousand dollars	\$14,000.00
Supplies for Schools, twelve hundred dollars	1,200.00
Repairs on schoolhouses, eleven hundred dollars	1,100.00
Superintendent of schools, eight hundred dollars	800.00
Opening roads, encumbered with snow, fifteen hundred	1,500.00
Highways and bridges, three thousand dollars	3,000.00
Macadamizing, five thousand dollars	5,000.00
Sidewalks, one thousand dollars	1,000.00
Edgestone & Flagging, one thousand dollars	1,000.00
Sewer Department, six hundred dollars	600.00
Fire Department, two thousand dollars	2,000.00
Forest fires, two hundred dollars	200.00
Town Teams, one thousand dollars	1,000.00
Street Lights, twenty one hundred dollars	2,100.00
Contingencies, two thousand dollars	2,000.00
Pauper Department, four thousand dollars	4,000.00
Soldiers Relief, three hundred dollars	300.00
Town Officers, fifteen hundred dollars	1,500.00
Military Aid, five hundred dollars	500.00
Special Police, seven hundred dollars	700.00
Suppression illegal sale of liquor, three hundred dollars	300.00
Interest on Town debt, thirty five hundred dollars	3,500.00
Collection of taxes, six hundred and fifty dollars	<u>650.00</u>
	\$48,250.00

Voted that all money received by the Town Treasurer for Police service, and all money received from fines and criminal fees, be credited to the Police Department and become a part of the appropriation for Special Police.

On motion of Charles M. Sawyer, it was –

Voted – that a committee of three be appointed by the chair to investigate and report on the best method of repairing Lowell Street from Lawrence line to Dracut line, also cost and source of material.

The Chair subsequently appointed as that committee, Messrs. Charles M. Sawyer, Daniel W. Tenney and John Q. Hill.

Art. 22 **Investigating Committee**

By a unanimous consent Article 22 of the Warrant was taken up for consideration and it was voted –

That a committee of three be appointed to investigate the expenditures made by the Road Commissioners for the past year, said committee to report at a future Town meeting.

Voted – 144 to 75, that a committee of five be appointed by the chair to select a committee of three to investigate the accounts of the Road Commissioners.

Voted, that hereafter the Road Commissioners be instructed to make a detailed statement concerning the expenses and the work carried on under their supervision.

Art. 23 **Road Commissioners**

Voted – to take up Article 23 of the Warrant for consideration.

Voted – to revoke the acceptance of the provisions of Sections seventy four, seventy five, seventy six and seventy seven of Chapter twenty seven, of the Public Statutes, relating to Road Commissioners which acceptance was voted at a Town meeting held January 29, 1891 and to abolish the Board of Road Commissioners.

Voted – That the Superintendent of streets to be appointed by the Selectmen, be entitled to receive three dollars per day for his services. Before the vote was taken an amendment was offered that the salary be one thousand dollars per annum and that the Superintendent of Streets devote his whole time to the office. The amendment was lost – 133 yes and 163 no. A motion was made that the pay for horses be one dollar and a half per day, lost by a vote of 96 yeas to 133 noes.

Hon. Jacob Emerson made the following motion which was carried by a unanimous vote.

That the Town grant to the First Cong. Church of Methuen, the privilege of repairing, improving and beautifying as they may be able, the Old Burying Ground and the common west of the same, on Meeting House Hill, at the junction of East Brook, south and Berkeley (formerly Tarbox) Streets, together with the public ground and drives adjoining and to give

to the same perpetual care; with the right to make such rules and regulations as shall tend to preserve the old gravestones and monuments from injury and prevent any abuse of the premises, without encroaching in any way upon any public rights, or any proper use of the same.

Voted – by a unanimous vote – That a vote of thanks be extended to Charles H. Tenney Esq. for the drinking fountains furnished by him for public use. Also,

Voted – That a vote of thanks be extended to Edward F. Searles, Esq. for the money contributed for him to defray the expense of searching for a water supply.

Voted – to accept the Report of the Board of Engineers.

Voted – that the Superintendent of Streets shall have full charge of the Town Teams, except in case of alarm of fire, when the Engineers shall have charge of same.

Voted – unanimously, that a committee of three be appointed by the chair to co-operate with the Board of Engineers to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen this day elected, and to re-organize the Fire Department and place it on a basis corresponding to the needs of the Town.

Art. 29

S. H. Harris

Voted – to take up Article 29 of the Warrant for consideration.

Voted to pass over the Article, yes 157, no 62.

Voted that the further consideration of the Articles in the warrant be postponed until Saturday, March ninth at two o'clock p.m. and that when this meeting adjourns it adjourn to that time. This vote was taken about 6 o'clock p.m. The Moderator announced the committee appoint a committee to investigate the accounts of the Road Commissioners as follows: -

Frank Buckminster, Lewis E. Barnes, George W. Tenney, Silas L. Holman and George O. Marsh.

The committee appointed to cooperate with the Board of Engineers was constituted as follows:

Kirk F. Brown, John E. Dustin and Edward F. Russell.

The result of the balloting for Town Officers was declared about nine o'clock. The ballots cast were sealed up and also the checklists used, and

were taken by the Town Clerk. The seal was retained by the Moderator, and the meeting adjourned about half past nine.

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

Record of Adjourned Town Meeting, March 9, 1895

The Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen met according to adjournment, at the Town Hall in said Town on Saturday March ninth at two o'clock p.m. the Moderator, Granville E. Foss in the Chair.

Voted – to take from the table that part of the warrant not already acted upon.

Art. 5 Collection of Taxes

Voted that the manner of collecting taxes be the same as last year.

Art. 6 Loan

Voted – unanimously – that the Town Treasurer is hereby authorized with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of the taxes of the present municipal year, or to borrow money in anticipation of the taxes of the present municipal year, or to borrow money to renew, replace or pay any existing loan or loans, or any part thereof, and to execute and deliver the note or notes of the Town therefor.

Art. 7 Jury List

The Jury List for the current year is as follows. –

Austin Charles	Lumber dealer	Jones Amos G.
Stonemason		
Bradley George B.	Farmer	Kimball Sylvanus G.
Farmer		
Beedle Charles T.	Carpenter	Lowell Levi U.
Clerk		
Butters George A.	Farmer	Marsh George O.
Farmer		
Castle Edwin J.	Druggist	Messer Cummings
Laborer		
Clark Joseph L.	Baker	Morse James W.
Machinist		

Farmer	Clark Clinton A.	Grocer	Morse William P.
Shoemaker	Chase Elihu G.	Real Estate	Nichols Lysander M.
Carpenter	Cross George L.	Farmer	Nichols Woodburn J.
Mason	Carleton George N.	Traveling Salesman	Nowell Silas K.
Farmer	Coburn Tristram W.	Watchman	Phippen German S.
Butcher	Cox Patrick	Butcher	Pierce Darius
Farmer	Douglas Clarence W.	Undertaker	Powell Andrew J.
Poultry Food	Dow Homer	Farmer	Rollins Amos E.
Shoemaker	Edwards Joseph U.	Butcher	Russ Augustus N.
Farmer	Emerson Millard F.	Farmer	Russell Frederick A.
Farmer	Emerson James O.	Janitor	Salls James E.
Laborer	Foss Granville E.	Manufacture	Sargent Walter S.
Real Estate	Foster Joel 1 st	Farmer	Sargent Samuel G.
Grocer	Frederick John W.	Carpenter	Sawyer John E.
Farmer	Frederick George G.	Druggist	Sawyer Charles M.
Farmer	Gordon J. Haskell	Farmer	Shirley John A.
Contractor	Hall Henry N.	Provisions	Smith Moses G.
Farmer	Hall Charles H.	Gardener	Stickney William H.
Farmer	Harvey Samuel A.	Carpenter	Swan Leverett
Hatter	Holman Silas L.	Dry Goods	Tapley John S.
Manufacturer	Homer Elisha B.	Stoves & Tin ware	Tenney Daniel W.
Farmer	Howe Joseph S.	Civil Engineer	Webster George K.
Hatter	Howe Isaiah M.	Farmer	Welch John

Irish Clarence Farmer Williams Stephen W.
Farmer

Art. 8 Reports of Committees

The Selectmen reported a By-Law draw according to instructions given by the Town at the last Annual Town Meeting in relation to ashes and rubbish thrown into the streets. The report of Committee was accepted, and the subject was indefinitely postponed. The Committee appointed on Monday to select a committee to investigate the expenditures made by the Road Commissioners, reported – that they had appointed as that Committee Messrs. John E. Sawyer, George W. Tenney and Lewis E. Barnes, Mr. Sawyer of the Committee reported that they had examined the bills and vouchers, and made the following Report –
To the Taxpayers of the Town of Methuen,

Your Committee chosen to investigate the accounts and expenditures of the Road Commissioners for 1894 have attended to their duties and submit the following report.

Recapitulation

	L. E.					Mann/ Powell/	
Dept.	Lawrence	Hill	Mann	Powell	Blodgett	Powell	Blodgett
Deed Thurston	Total						
Sewers	\$160.50	29.34	177.41	69.25		89.29	
	529.79						
Pelham St. Widening						35.25	33.72
63.97				65.99			
Barker St. 65.99							
RR St. repairs 157.98			59.74	3.50		94.74	
Cyclone			6.00			194.67	
	200.67						

Park St. sewer	35.95	27.18				
63.13						
Woodland St.		343.80				
343.80						
Arnold St.		457.27		42.17		
499.44						
RR St. sewer	272.71			6.35		
279.06						
Pelham Ave. sewer	81.50			104.84		
186.34						
Sidewalks	94.14	583.61		435.76		
1113.51						
Edgestone & flagging		343.68	334.20	243.41	6.00	
927.29						
Sanding sidewalks						
Opening Roads	731.75		561.36	205.53		
1498.64						
Macadam.	1039.46	225.84	14.83	6095.84	611.79	
7987.76						
Merrill St. sewer	8703.75	2542.73	23.00	686.85	38.50	
11,994.83						
Street Dept.	27.67	377.30	577.44	582.15	2503.76	393.29
15.00	4,476.61					
	8864.25	788.76	5030.62	3272.44	802.51	10,527.93
15.00	30,389.81					10,49.58 33.72

In regard to the appropriation for Macadamizing Pelham Street, on investigation we find that from the sum of \$7987.76 supposed to be expended there should be deducted the following sums: -

Cost of preparing crushed stone on hand	\$244.00
Cost of handling rough stone on hand	640.00
Cost of New Elevator	598.00
Repairs on crushing machinery and roller	<u>400.00</u>
	\$1882.00

Leaving a balance of 6105.76 to be expended on the roadbed.

From the information we were able to obtain, the work done on Broadway north of the village, East Street, Hampstead Street, Washing Street and Pleasant Valley Street was done from the appropriation for Highways and Bridges.

We wish also to say a word in regard to one of the Commissioners purchasing tools etc for the Town, and having them billed in his own name. This matter has been looked into and we find that the Town has received the benefit of the discount usually allowed larger dealers.

Your Committee also wish to say that they are entirely out of sympathy with the matter of the Commissioners making two reports to the Town, thereby showing there was a serious division in the board, also in regard to the majority report, we wish to record our utter condemnation of t his, from the fact that they evidently wished the taxpayers of this Town to understand that there is more than \$1100.00 that is not accounted for, when at the time this report was made, the bills approved by one or more of their number were on file in the office of the Selectmen, accounting for the entire amount.

This report is not only for our own people, but will be sent to many towns in this vicinity and will be examined, the result of which will be a dark spot will be found on the fair name of Methuen which does not exist.

Respectfully submitted

Lewis E. Barnes
George W. Tenney } Committee
John E. Sawyer

Voted – That the Report of the Committee be accepted, and that it be printed in the Annual Report for next year.

Voted – To instruct the Selectmen to pay no bills unless approved by two members of the Board having charge of the expenditure.

The Report of the Water Commissioners was considered by unanimous consent.

Voted – That the Town Treasurer collect and receive all water rates due from consumers.

Voted – To increase the salary of the Town Clerk and Treasurer three hundred dollars to enable him to employ clerical assistance. By unanimous consent. Article 4 was taken up and the appropriation for Town Officers was increased three hundred dollars.

Mr. Parker moved “That in all cases where meters are in use the test of amount used shall be taken once in six months, and water takers shall be allowed to use 4000 cubic feet for the entire year without additional cost, and in case of excess used over 4000 cubic feet for the year, the amount charged for such excess shall be 20 cents per hundred cubic feet; and after this year the water bills be made out and collected semi-annually in advance.”

After considerable debate the vote was taken and was declared lost – Yes 79 - No

Art. 8 **Reports of Committees**

The Report of the Water Commissioners was then accepted.
The Report of the School Committee was accepted.

Art. 9 **Fire Department**

Voted – That the compensation of the members of the Fire Department for their services be the same as last year.

Art. 10 **Dog Licenses**

Voted – That the money received from Dog Licenses be appropriated for the use of the Schools.

Art. 11 **Memorial Day**

Voted – To appropriate the sum of one hundred and twenty five dollars for the purpose of decorating the graves of our soldiers and sailors, on Memorial Day, May 30th 1895, said money to be expended under the direction of the above Post.

Art. 12 **Interest on Taxes**

Voted – to change the date when interest shall be charged on Taxes, from Oct. 1st to Jan. 1st, and also that, on all taxes remaining unpaid after January first interest shall be paid from that date to the time of payment, at the rate of six per cent per annum.

Art. 13 **Crushed Stone**

Voted – That the Town authorize the Superintendent of Streets to sell crushed stone to any of the inhabitants of Town at cost of stone and crushing.

Art. 14 **Use of Teams**

Voted – To pass over Article 14 of the Warrant.

Art. 15 **Prospect Street**

Voted to widen Prospect Street from Swan Street to Lawrence line, and build sidewalk side of same and appropriate three hundred dollars therefore, also

Voted – that the appropriation be expended under the direction of Joseph E. Buswell.

Art. 16-17 **Extension of Water Pipes**
& 18

Voted – to consider Articles 16, 17 and 18 together as one article.
Mr. George moved that the Water Commissioners be authorized to extend the water pipes in any direction, where the inhabitants on the lines called for will guarantee the interest on the cost of construction at four per cent. Amendments were offered that no guaranty be required, and also that the subject be referred to the Water Commissioners. Both amendments were lost and the original motion was declared carried. The commissioners reported the estimated cost of the extensions as follows:

Columbia Park	\$65000.00
Howe Street	\$6500.00
Mystic Street	\$1200.00

Voted – that the Water Commissioners be instructed to petition the Legislature for authority to used additional water bonds to the amount of twenty five thousand dollars.

Art. 19 **Premium on Bonds**

Voted – That the Town appropriate the sum of six thousand dollars of the premium and accrued interest derived from the sale of its water bonds, for the purchase of twelve of its water bonds of the second issue, dated August 1, 1894.

Said bonds being numbered as follows: 9 to 10 payable August 1st 1906, 11 to 15 inclusive, payable August 1st, 1907, 16 to 20 inclusive, payable August 1st 1908.

Such purchase to be made by the Sinking Fund Commissioners and the bonds above described, and so purchased, placed in the sinking fund required to be established for the payment of the Town's first issue of water bonds, dated May 1st, 1894, and payable May 1st 1924, and that the sum of \$2981.25 the balance remaining of the premium and accrued interest be applied towards the payment of the interest on its water bonds for the current year.

Art. 20 **Water Works Appropriations**

Voted – To appropriate the sum of six thousand dollars for interest on Water Bonds and thirty-five hundred dollars for maintenance of the Water Works.

Art. 21 **Fountains**

Voted – that the Water Commissioners be authorized to remove guideboards and posts, arrange for moving scales, and do such work on the streets and sewers as may be necessary to prepare for setting the stone fountains presented by Mr. C. H. Tenney.

Art. 24 **Oak Street**

Voted – To widen Oak Street from a point near the house of John Harrington to a point below the place of Mrs. Harnisch, and appropriate five hundred dollars for the same.

Art. 25 **Pelham Street**

Voted – To expend the appropriation for Macadamizing already made, on Pelham Street.

Art. 26 **Reservoir**

Voted – To refer Article 26 to the next Annual Town Meeting, and that the Superintendent of Streets be requested to examine the location and estimate the cost of constructing a reservoir proposed in said Article.

Art. 27 **J. H. Freeman Barn**

Voted – To pass over Article 27 of the Warrant.

Art. 28 **Electric Light**

Voted – To locate and maintain an electric arc light at the corner of High and Gage Streets, and appropriate seventy five dollars for the same.

Art. 30 **Night Watchmen**

Voted – To pass over Article 30 of the Warrant.

Art. 31 **Sewer Camden Street**

Voted to build a sewer on Camden Street, from Centre to Lawrence Streets, to connect with the mains sewer, and appropriate twelve hundred dollars for the same.

Art. 32 **Street Light**

Voted – To pass over Article 32 of the warrant.

Art. 33 **Corporations**

Voted – To instruct the Selectmen not to grant the Lowell Lawrence & Haverhill Street Railway Company, or other corporations, any more rights or privileges, in the streets or highways of the Town, without the consent of the voters of the Town at a legal Town meeting.

Art. 34 **Oakland Avenue, Craven & Almont Streets**

Voted – To accept as a public or Town way, the private ways known as Oakland Avenue, Craven Street and Almont Street as laid out by the Road Commissioners.

Art. 35 **Private Way**

Voted to pass over Article 35 of the warrant.

Art. 36 **Swan Street**

Voted – To accept as a public or Town way, a street known as Swan Street running from East Street to Jackson Street, as laid out by the Road Commissioners.

Art. 38 **Sewer Loan**

Voted – unanimously That the sum of nine thousand dollars be appropriated for the purpose of building a sewer in the Arlington District, from Merrill Street to connect with the Hampshire Street sewer in Lawrence; and that the Town Treasurer be authorized with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow a sum not exceeding that amount, for a time not longer than ten years, and to give the note or notes of the Town therefore.

Art. 37 **C. F. Jackman**

Voted – to pay Charles F. Jackman one hundred dollars to compensate him for injuries received upon one of the public highways of the Town and that his taxes be paid from that sum.

Art. 39 **Fire Alarm**

Voted – To pass over Article 39 of the warrant.

Art. 40 **Hose**

Voted – To purchase twenty five hundred feet of rubber lined hose and appropriate Fifteen hundred dollars for the same.

Art. 41 **Electric Light**

Voted – To locate and maintain an electric arc light at the corner of Arnold and Lowell Streets, and appropriate seventy five dollars for the same.

Art. 42 **Electric Lights**

Voted – To locate and maintain four electric lights at the following named places, viz.: - corner of Prospect and East Streets, corner of Swan and Jackson Streets, corner of East and Jackson Streets, and corner of Brook and Jackson Streets, and appropriate one hundred dollars for the same.

Voted – That a Committee of three be appointed by the Chair to investigate and report the advisability and the cost of establishing an electric light plant in the Town and report at the next Annual Town Meeting.

The Chair appointed – Frank Buckminster, Kirk F. Brown and Jos. S. Howe, as that Committee.

A motion was made that the Selectmen be instructed to grant no druggist license, the ensuring year. After some discussion the vote was taken and the vote was lost.

At five minutes past seven p.m. it was voted to adjourn sine die.

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe – Town

Clerk

**Warrant for Special Town Meeting, June 27, 1895 – File 12 Warrant
No. 5**

Essex SS: - To Amos G. Jones, one of the Constables of the Town of Methuen, in said County,

Greeting: -

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet at the Town hall in said Methuen, on Thursday the twenty seventh day of June instant at seven and one half o'clock p.m. then and there to act on the following articles, viz.: -

- Article 1 To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- Article 2 To see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 395 of the Acts of 1895, entitled "An Act to authorize the Town of Methuen to make an additional water loan".
- Article 3 To take such action in regard to the issue of water loan bonds of the Town, under the Acts of 1895 Chapter 395, to an amount not exceeding twenty five thousand dollars, as to the Town shall seem proper.
- Article 4 To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow a sum of money not exceeding nine thousand dollars, to pay for the construction of a sewer, extending from Carleton Street to Hampshire Street in the City of Lawrence.
- Article 5 To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of taxes of the current municipal year, and to issue notes of the Town therefor.
- Article 6 To see if the Town will vote to authorize Edward F. Searles to widen Lawrence Street in front of the High School Building, by moving the fence about seven feet nearer the building, in consideration of which he will donate the use of the Messer Lot for the enlargement of the school yard.
- Article 7 To see if the Town will vote to accept from Edward F. Searles, a piece of land for a park, located near Marston Corner, and bounded by Howe, Washington and Pleasant Valley Streets on condition that there will be no buildings erected thereon.
- Article 8 By request of David Peel and others to see if the Town will vote to build a sewer on Tenney Street, from Lawrence to Centre Streets, and make an appropriation for the same.
- Article 9 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell the reservoir lots on Railroad and Central Streets, and execute deeds in behalf of the Town therefor.
- Article 10 By request of Silas L. Holman and others to see if the Town will vote to move a barn on Arnold Street owned by John H. Freeman, back to the

line of the street about seven feet, and appropriate one hundred dollars for the same.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Town House, at each of the public meeting houses and at the several school houses outside of the Village 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 the Town Clerk at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands and the seal of the Town of Methuen, this fifteenth day of June, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and ninety five.

[Seal of Town]

John W. Frederick } Selectmen
George O. Marsh } of
Chas. H. Hall } Methuen

Methuen,

June 18th 1895

Essex SS: -

To Joseph S. Howe, Town Clerk

Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet as within directed by posting up attested printed copies of this warrant at the Town House, at each of the public meeting houses, also at each of the school houses outside of the village in said Town, eight days before said meetings.

Amos G. Jones – Constable of Methuen

A true copy of warrant and Constables' Return

Attest

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

Record of Special Town Meeting, June 27, 1895

**A meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified
to vote in elections
and in Town affairs, was held in the Town Hall in said Town on Thursday,
June twenty seventh
A.D. 1895, at seven o'clock and thirty minutes p.m. pursuant to Warrant No.
5 File 12.**

Art. 1 **Moderator**

A ballot was taken and Granville E. Foss was chosen Moderator by a
unanimous vote and
was sworn.

Art. 2 **Acceptance Act of Legislature**

It was voted by unanimous vote to accept Chapter 395 of the Acts
of 1895 entitled "An Act to Authorize the Town of Methuen to
make an additional Water Loan."

Art. 3 **Water Bonds**

Under Article 3 it was moved by Mr. Tenney and
Voted – by a unanimous vote, that for the purpose of extending and
completing the Methuen
system of waterworks, as provided in Chapter 395 of the Acts of 1895, the
Water

Commissioners be authorized and instructed to issue the bonds of the
Town for the aggregate principal sum of twenty five thousand dollars, in
sums of one thousand dollars each, payable to bearer thirty years after
date, with interest at four per cent per annum payable semi-annually, on
presentation of coupons thereto attached. The date of the said bonds to be
fixed by the Water Commissioners, and the bonds to bear on their face the
words "Methuen Water Loan", and to be signed by the Town Treasurer,
and countersigned by the Water Commissioners and to be under the seal
of the Town.

The principal and interest of said bonds to be payable in lawful money of
the United States, at such bank, or at the office of such Trust Company in
Boston as the Water Commissioners shall select. And a sinking fund is
hereby established, and the Town shall annually contribute to such fund a
sum sufficient with the accumulations thereof, to pay the principal of the
loan at maturity.

Art. 4 **Sewer Loan**

The action on Article 4 was as follows: -

Voted – by a unanimous vote, that for the purpose of paying for the construction of a sewer, extending from Carleton Street in Methuen, to Hampshire Street in the City of Lawrence, the Town Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to borrow with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, the sum of nine thousand dollars and to execute and deliver the note or notes of the Town therefor, payable in ten years from the date of issue, with thereon at the rate of four per cent per annum payable semi-annually.

Art. 5 **Notes in Anticipation of Taxes**

Voted – unanimously that for the purpose of procuring a temporary loan to and for the use of the Town of Methuen in anticipation of the taxes of the present municipal year, the Town Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to borrow from time to time, with the approval of the board of selectmen, a sum or sums in the aggregate amounting to fifty thousand dollars and to execute and deliver the note or notes of the Town therefor, payable within one year from the time the loan is made, with interest thereon at a rate not exceeding five per cent per annum. Any debt or debts incurred by a loan or loans to the Town under this vote shall be paid from the taxes of the present municipal year.

Art. 6 **Lawrence Street Widening**

Voted – unanimously that Edward F. Searles be authorized to widen Lawrence Street in front of the High School building by moving the fence about seven feet nearer the building, in consideration of which he will donate the use of the Messer lot for the enlargement of the school yard.

Art. 7 **Land for Park**

Voted – by unanimous vote that the Town will accept from Edward F. Searles a piece of land for a Park, located near Marston Corner and bounded by Howe, Washington and Pleasant Valley Streets, on condition that there shall be no building erected thereon.

Resolution

After the passage of the last vote, Hon. Jacob Emerson offered the following resolution which was unanimously passed by a rising vote.

Resolved: - That the thank of the Town be and are hereby presented to Mr. Edward F. Searles for his generous gift of the two parcels of land which

he has this day presented to the Town, and for the interest which in many ways, he manifests in the welfare of our community.

Resolved – That the Clerk be instructed to forward a copy of these resolutions to Mr. Searles.

Art. 8 **Tenney Street Sewer**

Voted – by unanimous voted to build a sewer on Tenney Street from Lawrence to Centre Street.

Voted – to appropriate fourteen hundred dollars (\$1400.) for that purpose.

Art. 9 **Sale of Reservoir Lots**

Voted – that the Selectmen be authorized to sell the Reservoir Lots on Railroad and Central Streets, and that they be authorized to execute and deliver deeds in behalf of the Town therefor.

Art. 10 **Moving Barn on Arnold Street**

Voted – that the Selectmen be authorized to move a barn on Arnold Street owned by John H. Freeman, back to the line of the street, about seven feet. Also

Voted – that one hundred dollars be appropriated for that purpose.

No other business appearing, the meeting was adjourned sine die, at eight o'clock and thirty five minutes.

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

Warrant for State Election Nov. 5, 1895 – File 12, Warrant No. 6

Essex SS:

To Amos G. Jones one of the Constables of the Town of Methuen in said County,

Greeting: -

In the name of the Commonwealth of

Massachusetts

you are hereby required forthwith to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote

as the law directs, to assemble at the Town Hall, on Tuesday, the fifth day of November next, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to give in their ballots for Governor of the Commonwealth, Lieutenant Governor, Councilor for the Sixth District, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, Attorney-General, Senator for the Sixth Essex District, two Representatives to represent the Third Essex District in the next Legislature, District Attorney, Sheriff, one County Commissioner, two Special Commissioners, "Yes"

or “No” to the question “Is it expedient that municipal suffrage be granted to women?” All to be voted for on one ballot. The polls may be closed at four o’clock p.m. And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Town house and each of the public meeting houses 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 and the seal of the Town of Methuen, this twenty fifth day of October in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and ninety five.

[Seal] John W. Frederick } Selectmen
Geo. O. Marsh } of
Chas. H. Hall } Methuen

**Methuen, October 26,
1895**

Essex SS:

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen of Methuen

Greeting: -

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet as within directed by posting up attested printed copies of this warrant at each of the public meeting houses, also at the Town house, eight days before said meeting.

Amos G. Jones –

Constable of Methuen
A true copy of Warrant and Return
Clerk

Attest

Jos. S. Howe – Town

**Record of State Election held November fifth A.D. 1895 Warrant No. 6 File
12**

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in elections, was held at the Town Hall in said Town, on Tuesday the fifth day of November A.D. 1895 at eight o’clock in the forenoon, pursuant to Warrant No. 6 File 12.

The meeting was called to order at eight o’clock a.m. by John W. Frederick, Chairman of Selectmen, who read the warrant for the meeting. Charles Press, Republican and Arthur L. Russ, Democrat were appointed tellers and designated as ballot clerks, and were sworn. Aaron H. Clark, Alphonso C.

Puffer, John T. Mannifield and Christopher H. Rogers, on the part of the Republicans, and Edward Feeney, Thomas Collins, Charles E. Marsh and Albert L. Dame on the part of the Democrats, were appointed tellers, and they were all sworn. Thompson E. Gammons was appointed to take charge of the ballot box. The Town Clerk delivered one package of ballots to the presiding officer John W. Frederick, taking his receipt therefor, and the package was publicly broken. The sample ballots and instructions to voters had been posted about the hall according to law, before the opening of the meeting.

The ballot box was opened and shown to be empty and was then locked and the key given to Amos G. Jones, Constable in attendance. The figures on the Register of the ballot box indicated four ciphers. The polls were then opened and the ballot proceeded. At ten o'clock and fifty minutes, by the unanimous consent of the Selectmen and Town Clerk, the ballot box was opened and the ballots removed therefrom.

The figures on the ballot box register indicated 206

The ballots were counted audibly by the chairman and numbered 206

The tellers were divided into groups as follows: -

Messrs. Puffer & Rogers, Feeney and Collins and Clark & Mannifield and Dame & Marsh, and they at once proceeded with the counting of the ballots. At two o'clock p.m. the ballot box was

again opened by the unanimous consent of the Selectmen and Town Clerk.
The figures on the ballot box register indicated 608

The ballots were counted audibly and added to those already
Removed numbered 608

At four o'clock the polls were closed.
The register on the ballot box indicated 736

The checks marked on both checklists numbered seven hundred and thirty six.
The remaining ballots were counted audibly by the presiding officer and the total number of ballots cast was seven hundred and thirty six.

736

All the ballots were counted into blocks of fifty each, verified and placed in envelopes and the votes were counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made and were as follows:

The whole number of ballots cast for the several persons voted for was
Seven hundred and thirty six 736

For Governor

Elbridge Gerry Brown of Brockton twenty three	23
Frederic T. Greenhalge of Lowell four hundred and ninety	490
Edward Kendall of Cambridge thirty eight	38
Moritz E. Ruther of Holyoke twelve	12
George Fred Williams of Dedham one hundred and fifty nine	159
Blanks – fourteen	14

For Lieutenant Governor

Thomas C. Buddington of Springfield nineteen	19
James S. Grinnell of Greenfield one hundred and sixty three	163
Patrick F. O'Neil of Boston fifteen	15
Edward S. Rogers of Lee thirty six	36
Roger Wolcott of Boston four hundred and seventy three	473
Blanks – thirty	30

For Secretary

Edward J. Flynn of Boston one hundred and fifty	150
Joseph F. Maloney of Lynn eleven	11
Charles D. Nash of Whitman twenty two	22
William M. Olin of Boston four hundred and eighty six	486
Willard O. Wylie of Essex twenty nine	29
Blanks – thirty eight	38

For Treasurer

Martin W. Moran of Boston eighteen	18
Wilbur M. Purrington of Williamsburg twenty five	25
Edward P. Shaw of Newbury port four hundred and ninety two	492
Eben S. Stevens of Dudley one hundred and fifty two	152
Charles N. Wentworth of Lynn twelve	12
Blanks – thirty seven	37

For Auditor of Accounts

John W. Kimball of Fitchburg four hundred and ninety seven	497
Frederick A. Nagler of West Springfield twelve	12
Andrew H. Paton of Danvers eleven	11
Herman T. Regnell of Attleborough eighteen	18
Alfred C. Whitney of Boston one hundred and fifty seven	157
Blanks – forty one	41

For Attorney General

Frank M. Forbush of Natick twenty	20
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Henry F. Hurlburt of Lynn one hundred and sixty	160
Hosea M. Knowlton of New Bedford four hundred and ninety	490
Squire E. Putney of Somerville eleven	11
Conrad Reno of Boston thirteen	13
Blank – forty two	42

For Councilor – Sixth District

John M. Harlow of Woburn five hundred and eight	508
Oliver A. Libby of Lowell one hundred and fifty five	155
James H. Shirth three	3
Blanks – seventy	70

For Senator – Sixth Essex District

Thomas A. Brooks of Lawrence one hundred seventy three	173
James H. Berbyshire of Lawrence four hundred ninety five	495
Thomas T. Fairbairn of Lawrence thirty two	32
Blanks – thirty six	36

For Representative in General Court – Third Essex District

Levi A. Drury of Bradford four hundred and fifty one	451
Fred A. Haynes of Haverhill one hundred and fifty five	155
Edgar L. Kimball of Bradford one hundred and forty six	146
Will Hall Poore of Bradford forty one	41
Jackson Webster of Haverhill four hundred and seventy two	472
Blank – two hundred and seven	207

For District Attorney Eastern District

Robert E. Burke of Newburyport one hundred sixty four	164
Alden P. White of Danvers five hundred twenty one	521
Blank – fifty one	51

For County Commissioner

John M. Danforth of Lynnfield five hundred and eight	508
Benjamin Potter of Swampscott thirty one	31
Edward P. Wildes of Georgetown one hundred and fifty two	152
Blank – forty five	45

For Special Commissioners

Thomas Shirley Cooper of Salem twenty nine	29
Nelson P. Cummings of Merrimac four hundred seventy seven	477
Parkman B. Flanders of Haverhill thirty six	36
Henry Hobbs of Wenham one hundred and forty six	146
Asa T. Newhall of Lynn one hundred and forty nine	149
Benjamin P. Scribner of Danvers four hundred and forty nine	449
Blank – one hundred and eighty six	186

For Sheriff

Samuel A. John of Salem four hundred ninety seven	497
Daniel Webster Spofford of Georgetown thirty three	33
Dudley F. Stevens of Haverhill one hundred sixty five	165
Blank – forty one	41

Woman Suffrage

Is it expedient that municipal suffrage be granted to women?

Yes – one hundred and eighty two	182
No – three hundred and ninety seven	397
Blank – one hundred and fifty seven	157

The vote was declared at six o'clock and forty five minutes p.m.

The returns of the votes cast for the several officers balloted for were made up, properly certified, sealed and delivered to the Town Clerk, and the ballots cast were also sealed up in an envelope and delivered to the Town Clerk. The checklists used were also sealed up and delivered to the Town Clerk. The seal was retained by the presiding officer John W. Frederick and the meeting was adjourned at seven o'clock and forty minutes p.m.

Attest

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

Haverhill, Massachusetts

November 15, 1895

City of

City Clerk's Office,

At a meeting of the city Clerk of Haverhill, the Town Clerk of Methuen, and the Town Clerk of Bradford, said Towns and Wards 3 and 5 of the said City of Haverhill forming the Third Essex Representative District held at noon this day in accordance with the provisions of Section 195, Chapter 417, Acts of 1893, upon comparing the transcripts of the returns, the following appears as the result of the balloting for Representatives to the General Court for said District, at meetings held on Tuesday November 5, 1895.

		To wit		Haverhill		
		Methuen	Bradford	3	5-1	5-2
		5-3	Total			
Levi A. Drury of Bradford		451	355	720	170	174
115	1385					
Fred A. Haynes of Haverhill		155	112	203	101	102
166	839					
Edgar L. Kimball of Bradford		146	193	164	63	54
100	720					
Will Hall Poore of Bradford		41	168	145	71	60
88	575					
Jackson Webster of Haverhill		472	316	162	199	221
183	1553					
Fred E. Eastman			1			
	1					
Euchrist Bellefeuille Hav.						
	1		1			
E. C. Eastman Hav.						
	1		1			
Blanks		207	191	186	164	129
222	1099					

Haverhill,

November 15, 1895

In accordance with the foregoing returns certificates of Election were this day issued to the two persons having the highest number of votes for Representative to the General Court for the third Essex District.

To wit: -

Levi A. Drury of Haverhill and Jackson Webster of Haverhill
Attest

William W. Roberts – City Clerk of Haverhill
Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk of Methuen

Wm. M. Webster – Town Clerk of Bradford

A true copy

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk of Methuen