

1898

**Warrant for Special Town Meeting, Jan. 22, 1898 – File 12
No. 14**

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 forth-
with 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 Town on Saturday the twenty second day of January instant, at one thirty o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles; to wit: -

- Article 1 To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- Article 2 To take such action in regard to the issue of Water Loan Bonds of the Town, under the Acts of 1897 of the Legislature of Mass. Chapter 255, to an amount not exceeding twenty five thousand dollars, as to the Town shall seem proper.

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 in said Town, and also at each of the school houses outside of the village, 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 thirteenth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety eight.

Alfred Sagar } Selectmen
Joseph E. Buswell } of Methuen

Methuen, Jan. 14, 1898

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, and at each of the school houses outside of the village eight days before said meeting.

Amos G. Jones, Constable of
Methuen

A true copy attest, Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

Record of Special Town Meeting, Jan. 22, 1898

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 Saturday, January twenty second A.D. 1898, at one o'clock and thirty minutes p.m. pursuant to Warrant No. 14 and File 12.

The meeting was called to order at thirty minutes past one 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 votes and was sworn.

Art. 2 Bonds

Voted – by a unanimous vote, that for the purpose of extending and completing the Methuen system of waterworks as provided in Chapter 255 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1897, 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. No further business appearing, the meeting adjourned sine die.

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

Warrant for Annual Town Meeting March 7, 1898 – File 12 No. 15

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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 directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet and assemble at the designated polling places of Precinct One and Two, namely,

The Town Hall in Voting Precinct One and the basement of the Arlington School House in Voting Precinct Two, on Monday, the seventh day of March next, at six o'clock in the forenoon to bring in to the election officers their votes for Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, one School Committeeman to serve three in place of George W. Copp, one Water Commissioner to serve three years in place of John E. Dustin, one Trustee of Nevins Memorial to serve two years in place of Joseph S. Howe, Constables, Auditor, Fence Viewers and "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town?". All to be voted for on one ballot. The polls may be closed at four o'clock p.m.

Also to meet

At the Town Hall in said Town on Saturday, the twelfth day of March next at one-thirty o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles, viz.: -

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

Article 2 To elect all Town Officers not required to be chosen by ballot.

- 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 for 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 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 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, Sec. 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 fifty dollars for the purpose of decorating the graves of our soldiers and sailors on Memorial Day, May 30, 1898, said money to be expended under the direction of the above Post.
- Article 12 By request of Charles E. Merrill and others, to see if the Town will vote to Macadamize the road from Tozier's Corner to Grosvenor's Corner and appropriate three thousand dollars for the same.
- Article 13 By request of Edward D. Taylor and others to see if the Town will vote to Macadamize Jackson Street and make an appropriation for the same.
- Article 14 By request of Joseph E. Buswell, to see if the Town will direct the Superintendent of Streets to finish Macadamizing Prospect Street, from the house of George Shetler to Swan Street.
- Article 15 By request of Frank Remick and others to see if the Town will vote that it is expedient for the Town to exercise the authority conferred in Section 1 of Chapter 370 of the Acts of 1891, said Chapter being an act to enable cities and towns to manufacture and distribute gas and electricity.

- Article 16 By request of A. J. Richardson and others, to see if the Town will vote to locate a Welsbach light on Barker Street opposite Richardson Court and appropriate twenty four dollars for the same.
- Article 17 By request of Fred Miller and others, to see if the Town will vote to appropriate seventy dollars for lights on Miller, Arthur, and Lippold Streets.
- Article 18 By request of Charles A. Reed and others to see if the Town will vote to maintain an arc light on the south side of Oakland Avenue, at the head of Hawthorne Avenue and appropriate seventy dollars for the same.
- Article 19 By request of John T. Mannifield and others to see if the Town will vote to instruct the Water Commissioner to lay water pipes on Howe Street, from a point near the house of T. B. Currier to a point near the house of George Taylor.
- Article 20 By request of the Water Commissioners to see if the Town will vote to appropriate the premium received from sale of \$20,000 Water Bonds to the Water Loan Sinking Fund.
- Article 21 By request of D. W. Tenney, to see if the Town will vote to lay a drain on Arnold Street, from near the house of John W. Moss to the culvert near Railroad Street, and appropriate one hundred dollars for the same.
- Article 22 By request of the Board of Engineers, to see if the Town will vote to repair the Hose House on Lowell Street and appropriate two hundred and fifty dollars for the same.
- Article 23 By request of James C. Taylor and others to see if the Town will vote to extend the fire alarm from Union Street to the corner of Oakland Avenue and Craven Streets and appropriate two hundred and fifty dollars for the same.
- Article 24 By request of R. P. Burnham and others to see if the Town will vote to purchase a reel and five hundred feet of hose for the benefit of the inhabitants of Orchard Street and vicinity and appropriate two hundred dollars for that purpose.
- Article 25 By request of R. P. Burnham and others, to see if the Town will vote to lay a drain on the south side of Orchard Street from the Willows to Barker's Brook and appropriate one hundred dollars for that purpose.
- Article 26 By request of Carl S. Lippold and others to see if the Town will vote to appropriate fifty dollars for a sidewalk on Milk Street from East Street to Miller Street.

- Article 27 By request of James H. Lyons and others, to see if the Town will vote that the owner or joint owners of a building or buildings shall not be charged for an excess of water from the Town supply, if the aggregate of all water used in said building or buildings every six months is not more than the equivalent of 1200 cubic feet of water for each service, when a single faucet is used, and not more than the equivalent of 2000 cubic feet of water for the same period of time, for each service, when more than one faucet is used.
- Article 28 By request of James H. Lyons and others to see if the Town will vote to instruct the Water Commissioners relative to the matter contained in Article 27.
- Article 29 By request of Arthur J. Crosby, to see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to accept a deed, from the owners thereof, of that portion of land lying between our present High School lot and Leafy Lane on the south, and extending as far as E. F. Johnson's land and now owned by heirs of Frank F. Johnson, L. A. Crosby and M. E. Johnson, which was recommended by the "New High School Committee" at the last annual Town meeting and which the Town voted to purchase at said meeting, and for which an appropriation was made, and pay therefore the sum of (\$7935.) seventy nine hundred and thirty five dollars, forthwith, or reimburse the owners for damages sustained by the failure of the Town to purchase said land in accordance with said vote.
- Article 30 By request of Moses G. Smith and others to see if the Town will vote to prohibit any officer of the Town of Methuen from furnishing for his department more than two draught horses and one road horse, owned by said officer, or in which he has a direct or indirect interest, or furnishing for his department materials belonging to him or in which he is directly or indirectly interested; or labor for his department, except his own labor, in which he is directly or indirectly interested.
- Article 31 By request of Moses G. Smith and others to see if the Town will vote that all contracts for labor or materials involving an expenditure of more than one hundred dollars shall be awarded under competitive sealed bids.
- Article 32 By request of the School Committee to see if the Town will authorize the purchase of a small tract of land adjacent to the West Side School lot, and appropriate the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars therefore.
- Article 33 By request of the School Committee, to see if the Town will authorize the use of the Town Hall for the purpose of Military Drill by the School Cadets, and for the storage of their military equipment.

- Article 34 By request of E. F. John to see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars to pay the surety on the official bond of the Town Treasurer as provided for in Chapter 132, Acts of 1897.
- Article 35 By request of William M. Rogers to see if the Town will vote to print, for distribution among the taxpayers, a report of the assessed value as made by the Assessors in 1898
of each lot of land and each building in Town and appropriate two hundred dollars for the same.
- Article 36 By request of William Fieldhouse and others, to see if the Town will change the name of that part of Union Street beginning at Broadway and running westerly, and the Town Way known as Union Street Extension, to Oakland Avenue.
- Article 37 By request of Samuel Turlington and others, to see if the Town will vote to accept the street known as Ingalls Court as laid out, commencing at a point on Broadway, and extending about one hundred and ninety feet to a hydrant on said street.
- Article 38 By request of Mary A. Mitchell and others, to see if the Town will vote to accept a street as laid out by the Selectmen, commencing at a point on Prospect Street by land of Alba A. Farr, and running westerly to Jackson Street and appropriate two hundred dollars for land damages and one hundred and fifty dollars for building the same.
- Article 39 By request of James E. Allen to see if the Town will vote to accept the following named streets as laid out by the Selectmen, to wit: Edgewood Avenue, School Street, Pinedale Avenue, Elsmere Avenue, Beacon Street, Belmont Street, Orchard Court and Nesmith Street, all located on plot of land called Inglewood.
- Article 40 By request of David Nevins and others, to see if the Town will vote to accept the following named streets as laid out by the Selectmen, to wit: - Nevins Road, Kimball Road, Stevens Street as extended and Gage Street as extended.
- Article 41 By request of C. D. and S. L. Holman to see if the Town will vote to accept Hawthorne Avenue as extended and laid out by the Selectmen.
- Article 42 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to convey by deed certain land purchased of the Boston & Maine Railroad, a body Corporate, to Moses G. Smith and John E. Prescott, doing business under the firm name of John E. Prescott & Co. and Bartholomew Mahoney; in fulfillment of verbal agreement made with the above parties by the Selectmen.

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 on or before the time of the 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 eight.

Selectmen	Alfred Sagar	}
	Joseph E. Buswell	} of
Methuen	Frank Buckminster	}

Essex SS: - **Methuen,**
Feb. 25, 1898

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

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

Amos G. Jones, Constable of

Methuen

The foregoing is a true copy of warrant and return endorsed on the warrant.

Attest, Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

Record of Annual Town Meeting, March 7, 1898

At meetings of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen in the County of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts held in the respective Precincts in said Town, pursuant to Warrant No. 15 File 12, on Monday, March 7 A.D. 1898 the qualified voters of said Town brought in their written votes for the several officers to be balloted for, and on the questions “Shall Licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town?” and the same were received, sorted counted, declared and registered in open Precinct meetings according to law, as appears by the certified returns from said Precincts, - transmitted to the Town Clerk and examined by him in conjunction with the

Board of Registrars of Voters. And according to said returns the following is the result of the election held as aforesaid:

48p.m.	7-10p.m.	5-
2	Prec. 1	Prec.
Total		
Whole number of ballots	721	236
957		
For Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor		
Frank Buckminster – Barker Street	440	163
603		
John D. Emerson – 13 Central Street	527	176
703		
George O. Marsh – 41 Hampshire Street	410	78
488		
Alfred Sagar – 140 Broadway Street	509	185
694		
Joseph E. Buswell	3	
3		
S. W. Young	1	
1		
Blanks	273	106
379		

From which it appeared that Frank Buckminster, John D. Emerson and Alfred Sagar were the three candidates receiving the highest number of votes, and they were declared elected Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor and were sworn.

For Town Clerk, Treasurer and Collector of Taxes

Joseph S. Howe – 8 Stevens Street	630	193
823		
Charles Jackman	1	
1		
Blank	90	43
133		

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

For School Committee (3 years)

Edward A. Bower – 13 Chase Street 511	331	180
George W. Copp – Broadway 385	339	46
Blank 61	51	10

And Edward A. Bower was declared elected School Committee for three years.
For Trustee Nevins Memorial (2 years)

Joseph S. Howe – 8 Stevens Street 787	611	176
Blank 170	110	60

And Joseph S. Howe was declared elected Trustee of Nevins Memorial for two years.

For Auditor

Charles H. T. Mann – Prospect Street 538	382	156
Arthur L. Russell – 12 Morrison Court 291	240	51
Blank 128	99	29

And Charles H. T. Mann was declared elected Auditor.

For Water Commissioner (3 years)

John E. Dustin – Prospect Street 528	386	142
John C. Sanborn – 158 Broadway Street 401	313	88
Blanks 28	22	6

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

For Constables

Charles H. Emerson – 56 Railroad Street 634	492	142
John H. George – Pleasant Street 501	368	133
Albert B. Gordon – 104 Lawrence Street 716	547	169

Amos G. Jones – 64 Union Street 584	452	132
Eugene J. Murphy – 4 Morse Court 240	189	51
William J. Oliver – 49 Tenney Street 594	403	191
William H. Scott – 20 Vine Street 197	160	37
James Spicer – 15 Annis Street 484	333	151
James C. Taylor – 45 Railroad Street 554	457	97
Harry E. Brown	1	
Geo. W. Blanchard	1	
A. L. Russell	1	
Blanks	922	313
	1235	

And Charles H. Emerson, John H. George, Albert B. Gordon, Amos G. Jones, William J. Oliver and James C. Taylor were declared elected Constables and sworn.

For Fence Viewers

John S. Crosby – 43 Prospect Street 495	343	152
Millard F. Emerson – Pelham Street 558	402	156
Daniel T. Morrison – 11 Park Street 359	303	56
Addison P. Russell – Merrimack Street 523	388	135
Leveret Swan – 70 Hampshire Street 281	240	41
Blanks	487	168
	655	

And John S. Crosby, Millard F. Emerson and Addison P. Russell were declared elected Fence Viewers and sworn.

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	197	62
	259	

The number of ballots marked "No" was	431	138
569		
Blanks	93	36
129		

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe, Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, 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 Saturday the twelfth day of March A.D. 1898 at one o'clock and thirty minutes p.m. to elect the Town Officers not chosen by ballot and to transact the business of the Annual Town Meeting. The meeting was called to order at one o'clock and thirty minutes p.m. by Joseph S. Howe, Town Clerk who read the warrant for the meeting.

The polls were opened for the choice of a Moderator, the checklist being used.

Article 1 **Moderator**

Granville E. Foss received every vote cast for Moderator and was sworn. Mr. Alba A. Farr was called upon to offer a prayer. The meeting then proceeded to the choice of those officers not elected by ballot.

Article 2 **Officers not chosen by ballot**

Field Drivers

Henry Griffin	William H. Sawyer
Charles E. Allen	Josiah W. Bodwell
Allen C. Sewall	William Merrick

Surveyors of Plastering

Silas K. Nowell	Nahum P. Winn
Charles E. Russell	Aaron Huse
Frank Buckminster (sworn)	

Surveyors of Lumber

John H. George (sworn)	James O. Parker (sworn)
Samuel J. Pedler	Charles Hutchins (sworn)
Frank Buckminster (sworn)	Walter Sargent
Albert B. Gordon	Samuel Emerson

George O. Marsh (sworn) Isaac C. Brown (sworn)
Harry D. Kelley (sworn) James H. Lyons (sworn)
Charles A. Stevens Millard F. Emerson (sworn)
John S. Tyrie (sworn)

Surveyors of Wood and Bark

George O. Marsh (sworn) Charles E. Richardson (sworn)
Fred A. Russell (sworn) A. N. Kimball
John H. George (sworn) Charles A. Stevens
Isaac C. Brown (sworn) James Moxsom
Millard F. Emerson (sworn)

Pound Keepers

Stephen W. Williams Joseph E. Buswell

Sealer of Weights and Measures

John C. Sanborn

Article 3 **Report of Selectmen**

Voted to accept the Annual Report of the Selectmen.

Article 4 **Appropriations**

Voted unanimously to appropriate the sums of money to defray Town charges for the year ensuing which are recommended by the Selectmen, as follows: (The item for Macadam was amended afterwards changed from \$4000 to \$7000).

Appropriations

For schools as recommended by the School Committee, teaching, music, janitorship and fuel

\$16,000

Supplies for schools

1,800

Repairs on schoolhouses

1,600

Military equipment for schools

300

300	Plans and specifications for schools
	Contingencies for schools
	350
	Superintendent of Schools
	1200
	Highways and Bridges
	4000
	Opening roads and sanding sidewalks
	1500
	Macadamizing (as amended)
	7000
	Sidewalks
	1000
	Edge stones & flagging
	1000
	Sewer Department
	1000
	Fire Department including fire alarm & forest fire
	2500
	Town Teams
	500
	Street Lights
	3650
	Contingencies
	1800
	Health Department
	1500
	Police Department
	2000
	Pauper Department
	4000
	Soldiers Relief
	3000
	Military Aid
	500
	Town Officers
	1800
	Water for hydrants and drinking fountains
	5180
	Watering streets
	350
	Interest on Town debt
	3000
	Collection of taxes
	<u>700</u>

Total

\$64,830

Article 5 **Collecting Taxes**

Voted that taxes be collected the same as last year and 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 **Temporary Loans**

Voted by a unanimous vote that for the purpose of procuring a temporary loan to an 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 therefore, 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.

Article 7 **Jury List**

Voted to approve and accept the List of Jurors prepared by the Selectmen as follows:

List of Jurors

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|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Austin Charles – Lumber dealer | Messer Cummings – Laborer |
| Brown Kirk F. – Provision dealer | Miller Frederick – Farmer |
| Buswell Joseph E. – Farmer | Morse James W. – Machinist |
| Carleton George N. – Laborer | Morse William P. – Farmer |
| Clark Fred S. – Baker | Nice Benjamin – Clerk |
| Copp George W. – Manufacturer | Nichols Woodburn J. – |
| Carpenter | |
| Crowell David – Farmer | Noyes David W. – Farmer |
| Crowell Stephen D. – Farmer | Phippen German S. – Farmer |
| Douglas Clarence W. – Undertaker | Powell Andrew J. – Farmer |
| Dowding Edmund – Farmer | Press Edward – Insurance |
| Agent | |
| Emerson Millard F. – Farmer | Puffer Alphonso C. – |
| Plumber | |
| Emerson James O. – Janitor | Richardson Charles E. – |
| Farmer | |

Emerson Samuel – Farmer Farmer	Richardson Varnum B. –
Emerson J. Frank – Clerk	Ridley John F. – Clerk
Frederick Edwin R. – Carpenter Estate	Rollins Amos E. – Real
Gage Cyrus B. – Expressman Shoemaker	Russell Augustus N. –
Gammons Thompson E. – Bookkeeper	Russell John H. – Farmer
George Edward B. – Grocer	Salls James E. – Farmer
Giles John H. – Farmer	Sargent Walter S. – Laborer
Harvey Samuel A. – Carpenter	Shirley John W. – Farmer
Hoh John M. – Farmer	Sleeper William C. – Farmer
Holman Silas L. – Dry Goods Dealer	Smith Hugh C. – Farmer
Howe Joseph S. – Civil Engineer	Snell Cyrus C. – Agent
Howe Isaiah M. – Farmer Watchman	Stanhope Alfred S. –
Jones Amos G. – Janitor Farmer	Stevens Granville C. –
Kimball Sylvanus G. – Farmer Farmer	Stickney Frederick W. –
Kimball Charles G. – Manufacturer	Tapley John S. – Hatter
Lowell Levi U. – Bookkeeper Manufacturer	Tenney George W. –
Mack Thomas – Operative	Webster Fred M. – Gardener
Mannifield John T. – Machinist	Webster George K. – Farmer
Marsh George O. – Farmer	Young S. Wesley – Farmer
Merrill Charles E. – Farmer	

Article 8 **Reports of Committees**

Voted – To accept the Report of the School Committee.

Sewers

The Committee on Sewerage appointed at the last Annual Town Meeting presented the following.

Report

The vote under which this Committee was appointed seemed to have for its principal object to ascertain whether it is feasible to dispose of the sewage from those portions of the Town not already provided for, without carrying it through the City of Lawrence; and if this should be found to be impracticable, to ascertain and report on the most effective and economical method of its disposition. The Committee was authorized to employ an expert, and it secured the services of Mr. George A. Kimball, an engineer of high reputation, a member of the Metropolitan

Sewer Commission, and thoroughly familiar with sewage problems, Commission, and thoroughly familiar with sewage problems, Commission, and thoroughly familiar with sewage problems such as are presented in Methuen. Mr. Kimball examined the subject, stated his conclusions to the Committee and has made a written report, which is herewith submitted. The only engineering question which presents any difficulty is that of disposing of the sewage of the thickly settled parts of the Town lying north and west of the Spicket River. It is settled that the sewage of this section of the Town must be collected at the lowest point, and then must be disposed of either by pumping or by gravity. The topography of the Town is such that we cannot dispose of the sewage by gravity except by draining through Lawrence; and Lawrence must be paid for the use of its sewers. Mr. Kimball thinks this will prove to be for the best and most economical way. The committee did not consider it a part of their duty to make an estimate of cost, or any surveys except such as were necessary to settle the questions under consideration. Surveys were made sufficient to show that there is fall enough to admit of draining the sewage of Methuen Village into the Lawrence system near the Arlington Mill. The sewerage of the southeast part of the Town apparently presents no engineering difficulties. It seems to your Committee that the findings of Mr. Kimball are conclusive as regards the manner of disposing of the Town sewage. It is apparent therefore that the first step to be taken when the Town is ready to meet the sewage question is to make an arrangement with the City of Lawrence, permitting us to enter their sewer system. That being settled a preliminary survey of the thickly settled parts of the Town will next be necessary, to determine the general plan, size of pipe & as recommended by Mr. Kimball. The next step would be to construct a main sewer from the outlet, to that point in the village which a survey showed to be the most advantageous. The committee have no further recommendation to make, except to express their cordial approval of the report of Mr. Kimball.

Jos. S. Howe
Selwin A. Dodge
James O. Parker }

Committee

Elisha B. Homer
Wm. D. Hartshorne

Methuen, March 7, 1898

**Engineers Report
5, 1898**

Boston March

To the Committee on Sewerage, Methuen, Mass.

Gentlemen: - At your request I have made a preliminary examination of a portion of the Town of Methuen, with a view to making suggestions to you in regard to a proper system of sewerage. I am informed that your Committee is acting under

the following vote, which was passed in the Town Meeting of March 6, 1897. "Voted to appoint a Committee of five to investigate and report upon the feasibility of a main sewer in the southeast section of the Town, connecting with the Merrimack River, with the ultimate intent of connecting the same to form a complete system of sewerage for the Town, with power to employ such expert help as they may need and appropriate \$300 for the same."

I judge from the reading of the above vote and from the examination of the Town, that it was the intention to investigate the feasibility of building a main sewer in the southeast section of the Town, discharging into the Merrimack River, and connecting with this main sewer the other portions of the Town with the view of forming a complete system for the Town.

The territory in the southeast part of the Town, which is now growing and in the near future will need sewerage, lies in the valley of Low Brook. This brook runs southeasterly in Methuen and thence through a portion of the City of Lawrence into the Merrimack River. It would be practicable to lay a main sewer down the valley of this brook and discharge it into the Merrimack River but it would not be wholly within the limits of the Town of Methuen. If such a sewer is built, it must be carried for a long distance through the City of Lawrence.

It is impracticable to drain that portion of the Town of Methuen within the valley of Low Brook into the Merrimack River by a main sewer laid entirely within the limits of the Town as the topography is such that it will be necessary to construct the sewer through a hill or ridge for a long distance, or to pump sewage over the ridge into the Merrimack River.

The other parts of the Town, which are thickly populated and will need sewerage in the near future, are in valleys which are separated from each other by ridges running north and south and it is exceedingly difficult to build sewers to connect these several valleys with a sewer in the southeast part of the Town discharging into the Merrimack River. To carry out this plan, which I understand, is suggested by the vote of the Town, it will be necessary to place in each of the valleys a sewage pumping plant for forcing the sewage over the ridges to the river. The first cost of these several pumping stations, with the necessary force mains and other appurtenances, together with the yearly cost of maintenance would be such as to make the project impracticable. I have considered in a preliminary way the best system of sewerage for your Town. I find that portions of the southerly part of the Town lying adjacent to the city of Lawrence are already provided with sewers discharging into the Lawrence sewer system, under an arrangement made with the City of Lawrence.

That portion of the Town which is not sewered but which is now becoming thickly populated and which will probably need sewerage in the near future, is divided by the topography into three sewer districts, namely: - the village, which naturally drains into Spicket River; the territory lying on each side of Jackson

Street, which naturally drains into Bloody Brook; and that portion in the southeast part of the Town which drains into Low Brook. Three methods of disposing of sewage are now in use in the towns and cities of this Commonwealth. It has been the custom of each city and Town to adopt the method which best suits the peculiar conditions existing in each place. The methods are as follows: - 1st Filtration through the soil, the effluent being discharged into the stream.

2nd Chemical precipitation, which means that a portion of the solid matter is removed from the sewage by the use of chemicals and the effluent, is then discharged into some stream. 3rd Discharging the sewage into some large body of water where it will be thoroughly diluted and carried off to sea. To properly dispose of the sewage of Methuen by land filtration would require at least ten acres of land for a population of 4000 and also sufficient additional land to provide for future growth. This land should be remote from thickly inhabited districts, and should be composed of loose, gravelly soil, suitable for the proper purification of the sewage.

From inquiries, which I have made, it would seem that it is doubtful if such land could be obtained. If the land can be found, it will then be necessary to collect the sewage of the Town in each of the several valleys above mentioned, and erect pumping stations in each district from which the sewage may be forced to the filtration area. To clarify sewage by means of chemicals and to discharge the effluent into some suitable stream, would require pumping stations in two of the valleys at least, and perhaps in the third. In addition to the cost of running these pumping stations, it would be necessary to expend from 30 to 40 cents per inhabitant per year for chemicals and labor. On Account of the expense in first cost and also the annual cost of maintenance, neither of the above systems can be recommended.

I have considered the best method of providing sewerage for the portions of the Town above mentioned, and conclude that it is best to discharge the sewage into the sewers of the City of Lawrence. I find that it is practicable to discharge the sewage from the village and adjacent territory into the Lawrence sewer at the junction of Stafford and Ingalls Streets. Mr. Joseph S. Howe of your committee has taken levels from the village to the sewer in Stafford Street, from which we find that a suitable grade can be obtained.

That portion of the Town lying in the valley of Bloody Brook can be sewered best by discharging sewage into the 15 inch pipe laid in Jackson Street in Lawrence near the Methuen line. The valley of Low Brook can best be provided for by joining with the city of Lawrence and building a main sewer down the valley of Low Brook and discharging it into the Merrimack River. If it is not practicable to join with Lawrence in this undertaking, it is probable that legislative authority can be obtained to enable the Town of Methuen to build this sewer in the city of Lawrence. The sewers herein mentioned should be built under what is called the separate system. Only house sewage should be provided

for, and all storm water should be excluded. I would also call your attention to the importance of having surveys made in each district before construction is commenced. From these surveys a proper and complete system of sewers can be laid out upon the map and it can be constructed from time to time as the necessities of the case may require.

Respectfully

George A.

Kimball, Civil Engineer

Voted – To accept report of Committee on Sewers.

The Committee that was appointed to investigate and report on Article 43 asking for a hose truck and building for the same in the Arlington District respectfully submit the following.

Report

We do not think at the present time that it is policy to put any hose or build a Fire Station in that District. With the horses in any reasonable distance the run for the Fire Dept. to any of the boxes in that District is the best and quickest run that they have, and can be made in quick time. As for instance, when Box 54 was pulled for a fire just over the line in Lawrence, our Dept. was on the scene quick enough to furnish ladders before the Lawrence truck got there. We do recommend though, that a Central Fire Station be built as near the center of the village as possible that will hold all of the apparatus and sleeping room for the drivers and men. And as there are a number of single men in the Dept. we think that some arrangement could be made with them to sleep there; thereby putting the Dept. on a footing equal to any of its size. And they could respond to an Alarm in the night very promptly without any expense to the Town other than their regular pay when on duty. If this plan is adopted we would recommend that one pair of horses be in the house, so that during the day they could make as quick response as in the night.

Respectfully submitted,

C. W. Douglas
C. H. Foss
John Q. Hill }

Committee

George W. Towne
Alfred Newsholme

Voted – To accept the report of the Committee.

Report on Electric Light Plant

To the citizens of the Town of Methuen,
Your Committee chosen according to a vote at the last special Town Meeting for the purpose of investigating the feasibility of the Town's establishing and maintaining an Electric Light Plant for street lighting purposes, begs to make the following report.

Report

After having carefully examined the map of the Town and secured measurements of the proposed routes, which measurements were verified by the Superintendent of Water Works – Mr. Welsh and also by Mr. Osgood who has had large experience in electrical matters, your Committee issued the following letter asking for estimate on the proposed Plant.

Gentlemen: -

At a special Town Meeting a Committee was appointed to investigate the feasibility of the Town's establishing and maintaining an Electric Light Plant for street lighting purpose.

The Committee estimated that a Plant of 100 – 1200 candlepower arc lamp capacity, (80 of these lamps to be furnished and hung for immediate use, and the other 20 lamps to be provided for in the future) would meet our immediate needs.

After carefully measuring the proposed route we find that 17 ½ miles of wire will be required, and the furnishing and setting of about 425 poles, using our Fire Alarm and Street Railway Poles for the balance of the line. On this basis we should be pleased to receive your estimate (in detail as far as possible) of the cost of such a Plant, submitted under the following heads.

Estimated cost of Steam Plant	\$
Estimated cost of Dynamos & Lamps	\$
Estimated cost of Poles, setting, painting, etc.	\$
Estimated cost of giving size of pole at butt	\$
Estimated cost of Cross arms, Insulators, wire etc.	\$
Estimated cost of including Lamp Suspensions	\$
(no amounts were recorded)	

The whole aggregating a complete Electric Light Plant ready for street lighting. We should also be pleased to have you submit an estimate of the cost of maintaining such a Plant, exclusive of Interest and Depreciation, on a basis of the lamps being lighted 282 nights per year until midnight.

The cost of coal being \$4.00 per ton, delivered

The cost of wood being \$3.00 per cord.

Water free.

	C. D. Holman, Chairman	
	E. J. Castle	Frank
Remick		
	L. E. Barnes	J. O.
Parker		

Replies were received from the following responsible concerns; Western Electric Company, Ball Electric Light Company, Westinghouse, Church, Kerr Co., General Electric Co. whose estimate varied from \$10, 105.⁰⁰ to \$16,202.⁰⁰ this latter estimate being on a Plant of 120 light capacity, while the others were for a 100 light Plant according to our letter.

Representatives from the different Companies stated before the Committee, and also a number of Citizens who were invited to the hearing, that in their opinion these figures were large and would be materially reduced if it came to a question of bidding for the construction of the Plant.

All these Estimates were based on a first class Plant all set up ready for operation in a building furnished by the Town; everything to be first class and the best of its kind.

Your Committee is satisfied, after consulting with and receiving estimates from builders that a brick building of suitable dimensions for receiving such a Plant, can be erected for a sum not exceeding \$2,000.⁰⁰ From the estimate given therefore, your Committee concludes that a first class Electric Light Plant, of 100-1200 C.P. arc Lights capacity, can be installed for \$16,000.⁰⁰ ready for operation; this estimate covering cost of building and is based on the figures submitted by four of the most responsible companies in the United States. The cost of maintaining same allowing for interest and depreciation on the Plant, cost of labor, fuel and repairs, in the judgment of your Committee would not exceed \$4,500.⁰⁰ per annum for 80 lights, or \$5,200 for 100 lights burning 282 nights in the year from dusk until midnight; and on special occasions such as Fourth of July eve and other times if deemed

advisable for the Town's safety, the lamps to burn all night. This cost of maintenance is based on actual costs to other Plants of equal size, particularly those at South Norwalk, Conn., Danvers and Stoughton, Mass.

With the installation of this Plant we should be receiving 120,000 C.P. light for \$5,200.00 under our own control, against 43,000 C.P. we are now supposed to receive for which we pay \$3,600 per annum. This latter sum will be increased \$200.00 this year if the petitions in the Warrant for additional lights are granted, making our expenses for this year \$3,800.00

With our own Plant it is readily seen that we shall obtain nearly three times the light we are now receiving with very little additional expense and lighting 13 ½ miles of streets where we are now lighting about 7 miles.

Respectfully submitted

C. D. Holman, Chairman

L. E. Barnes

F. Remick

Edwin J. Castle

J. O. Parker

Methuen, Mass. March 12th 1898

Voted – To accept the Report of Committee, and that a vote of thanks be extended to the Committee for their able and exhaustive report.

New High School Building

Report of Committee on High School Building

The Committee appointed and extended at the last Town Meeting, to consider the subject of a new High School Building beg leave to report progress, and ask for more time.

The progress which they are able to report is that our honored townsman, Mr. Searles, has authorized them to say that he is going to commence the erection of High School Building for the Town of Methuen, upon his own property, immediately.

Respectfully submitted,

Committee

The report was accepted and the Committee granted further time.

Article 9 **Fire Department**

Voted – That the members of the Fire Department receive the same compensation as last year.

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 fifty dollars for the purpose of decorating the graves of our soldiers and sailors on Memorial Day, May

30, 1898, said money to be expended under the direction of the above Post.

Article 12,
13 & 14 **Macadam**

Voted – That Articles numbered 12, 13 and 14 be considered together. After considerable discussion it was

Voted – that three thousand dollars in addition to the amount already appropriated, be appropriated for Macadamizing; one thousand dollars for repairs and the balance to be applied for Macadamizing Jackson Street Extension; and if anything of the appropriation is left, the balance to be applied to Macadamizing the road to Grosvenor's Corner. A motion was made by Charles W. Mann, that one thousand dollars of the money appropriated for Highways and Bridges be used for repairs on the Macadam roads and was carried.

Article 15 **Electric Light Plant**

A motion was made to indefinitely postpone the article. After considerable discussion the vote was taken, and the motion was lost 52 yeas – 125 nays.

On motion of Mr. Holman it was then

Voted: That when we adjourn, we adjourn to Saturday March 19th and that the polls be kept open from ten o'clock in the forenoon until two o'clock and thirty minutes in the afternoon, to vote on Article 15th; and that we then take up the balance of the articles.

Voted to postpone the consideration of Article 19 until next Saturday.

Voted – to refer Articles numbered 16, 17 and 18 to a Committee, whose duty it shall be to report at the adjourned meeting. The Moderator appointed as that Committee, Messrs. James H. Lyons, Joseph E. Buswell and Committee, Messrs. James H. Lyons, Joseph E. Buswell and George W. Richardson.

Article 20 **Premium on Bonds**

Voted – To appropriate the premium received from sale of twenty thousand dollars Water Bonds, to the Water Loan Sinking Fund.

Article 21 **Culvert**

Voted – To lay a drain on Arnold Street from near the house of John W. Moss to the culvert near Railroad Street and appropriate one hundred and twenty five dollars for that purpose.

Article 22 **Hose House**

The Town refused to vote to repair the Hose House.

Article 23 **Fire Alarm**

Voted – to extend the fire alarm from Union Street to the corner of Oakland Avenue and Craven Street, and appropriate one hundred and fifty dollars for that purpose.

Article 24 **Hose & Reel**

Voted – To purchase a reel and five hundred feet of hose for the benefit of the inhabitants of Orchard Street and vicinity and appropriate two hundred dollars for that purpose. Also that the expenditure of the money and location of the hose and reel be left with the engineers.

Article 25 **Orchard Street Drain**

Voted – To lay a drain on the south side of Orchard Street, from the Willows to Barker’s Brook and appropriate one hundred dollars for that purpose. Also

Voted – That the Street Commissioner be authorized to lay the drain, and the cost thereof be taken from the regular appropriation for highways.

Article 26 **Sidewalk**

Voted – To build a sidewalk on Milk Street from East Street to Miller Street and appropriate fifty dollars for the same, the cost to be taken from the regular appropriation for highways.

Article 27 **Water Rate**

Voted – To pass over Article 27 of the Warrant

Article 28 **Water Rates**

Voted – To pass over Article 28 of the Warrant.

Article 32 **School Lot**

Voted – To purchase a small tract of land adjacent to the West Side School lot, and appropriate the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars therefore.

Article 33

Military Drill

Voted – To authorize the use of the Town Hall for the purpose of Military Drill by the School Cadets and for the storage of their military equipment.

At twenty minutes past six p.m. the meeting adjourned to Saturday next, March nineteenth, at ten o'clock a.m.

Attest

Jos. S. Howe, Town

Clerk

Adjourned Town Meeting

Saturday, March 19, 1898

Article 15

Electric Light Plant

The meeting was opened at ten o'clock a.m. the Moderator, Granville E. Foss in the Chair. The Moderator announced the business of the meeting to be a ballot on the question "Is it expedient for the Town to exercise the authority conferred in Section 1 of Chapter 370 of the Acts of 1891, said Chapter being an act to enable cities and towns to manufacture and distribute gas and electricity?"

The following tellers were appointed by the Moderator to assist in conducting the ballot: John E. Sawyer, Wallace McLeod, James H. Curran and George O. Marsh and they were sworn.

The polls were declared open, the State ballot box and the checklist being used, and the ballot proceeded. The ballots were taken out at half past one and again at two o'clock and ten minutes, and were counted by the Moderator and Town Clerk.

The polls were closed at half past two o'clock.

The ballot box register marked three hundred eighty two
382

Number of ballots necessary for a two thirds vote two hundred fifty six
256

The number of names marked on the checklist three hundred eight three
383

The number of ballots cast three hundred eighty three
383

The number of persons voting "Yes" two hundred forty two
242

The number of persons voting "No" one hundred and forty
140
Blank one
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After the completion of the balloting the business of the warrant was taken up. The Committee to who was referred Articles 16, 17 and 18 reported verbally that Articles 16 and 17 ought to pass and that Welsbach lights should be substituted for arc lights in Article 18. The report of Committee was accepted.

Article 16 **Street Light**

Voted – to locate a Welsbach light on Barker Street opposite Richardson Court and appropriate twenty four dollars for that purpose.

Article 17 **Street Lights**

Voted – To appropriate seventy dollars for lights on Miller, Arthur and Lippold Streets.

Article 18 **Street Lights**

Voted – To maintain one Welsbach light between Hawthorn Avenue and Almont Street, and one at the corner of Oakland Avenue and Hawthorn Avenue and appropriate forty eight dollars for that purpose.

Article 19 **Water Pipes**

The meeting refused to vote to instruct the Water Commissioner to lay water pipes on

Howe Street from a point near the house of T. B. Currier to a point near the house of George Taylor.

Article 29 **Arthur Crosby Claim**

Voted – That a Committee of three be appointed, one member to be appointed by the Moderator, one member by Mr. Crosby and the two members thus appointed to appoint a third, who shall investigate the subject contained in Article 29 of the warrant and have full power to effect a settlement.

Article 30 **Horses & labor furnished by Town Officers**

Voted – To prohibit any officer of the Town of Methuen from furnishing for his department more than two draught horses, except in case of emergency, and one road horse, owned by said officer or in which he has a

direct or indirect interest, or furnishing for his department materials belonging to him or in which he is directly or indirectly interested; or labor for his department, except his own labor, in which he is directly or indirectly interested.

Article 31 **Contract**

Voted – That all contracts for labor or materials involving and expenditure of more than one hundred dollars, shall be awarded under competitive sealed bids.

Article 34 **Bond of Treasurer**

Voted – to pass over Article 34 of the Warrant.

Article 35 **Valuation to be printed**

Voted – To print for distribution among the taxpayers, a report of the assessed value as made by the Assessors in 1898, of each lot of land and each building in Town and appropriate two hundred dollars for the same.

Article 36 **Oakland Avenue**

Voted – To change the name of that part of Union Street beginning at Broadway and running westerly, and the Town Way known as Union Street Extension, to Oakland Avenue.

Article 37 **Ingalls Court**

The Moderator decided that Article 37 of the warrant is out of order, there being no description of Ingalls Court on file, and no record that it had been laid out by the Selectmen.

Article 38 **Street**

Voted – To pass over Article 38 of the Warrant.

Article 39 **Streets**

Voted – To accept as Town ways, Edgewood Avenue, School Street, Pinedale Avenue, Elsmere Avenue, Beacon Street, Belmont Street, and Orchard Court, as laid out by the Selectmen.

Article 40 **Streets**

Voted – To accept Nevins Road, Kimball Road, Stevens Street as extended and Gage Street as extended, and as laid out by the Selectmen.

Article 41 **Hawthorne Avenue**

Voted – to accept Hawthorne Avenue as extended and laid out by the Selectmen.

Article 42 **Deed of Land**

Voted – To authorize the Selectmen to convey by deed certain land purchased of the Boston & Maine railroad, a body corporate, to Moses G. Smith and John E. Prescott, doing business under the first name of John E. Prescott & Co. and Bartholomew Mahoney; in fulfillment of verbal agreement made with the above parties by the Selectmen.

Sewers

Voted – That the Selectmen be instructed to see the authorities of the city of Lawrence, and ascertain on what terms the Town of Methuen can discharge their sewerage into the Lawrence sewer, at or near Stafford Street; in accordance with the plan recommended by the report of the Special Committee on sewers.

Expenses – Committee on Electric Lighting

Voted – That the Selectmen be authorized to pay the expenses of the Committee on Electric Lighting, to the amount of fifty dollars.

No other business appearing the meeting adjourned sine die.

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

Warrant for Special Town Meeting, June 11, 1898 – File 12, No. 16

Essex SS: -

To Albert B. Gordon 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 in elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Saturday the eleventh day of

June instant at three o'clock in the afternoon 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 accept the plans, specifications and estimates prepared under the supervision of the School Committee for additions and alterations to the Currier, Arlington and West Side Schools, appropriate a sufficient sum for their erection and equipment, and authorize them to execute contracts therefore.
- Article 3 To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money to pay for the construction, alterations and equipment of the additions to the schoolhouses proposed to be built the present year and give the note or notes of the Town therefore.
- Article 4 By request of Samuel Turkington and others to see if the Town will vote to accept the street known as Ingalls Court, as laid out by the Selectmen, and make an appropriation for land damages and building the same.
- Article 5 By request of E. L. Bragdon and others to see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 374 of the Acts of 1895 relating to the election of a Highway Surveyor by popular vote.
- Article 6 By request of George B. Bradley and others to see if the Town will vote to extend the Fire Alarm from Cook's Corner to a point on Merrimack Street near the house of German S. Phippen and appropriate one hundred and fifty (150) 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 in said Town and also at each of the school houses outside of the village, eight (8) days at least before said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

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

[Seal] Alfred Sagar } Selectmen
John D. Emerson } of
F. Buckminster } Methuen

Constable's Return

**Essex SS: -
June 11th 1898**

Methuen, Mass.

By virtue of the within precept I have served the within warrant, as within directed, by posting attested printed copies thereof at the Town House, at each of the public meeting houses in said Town, and also at each of the schoolhouses outside of the village in said Town, Friday the third day of June A.D. 1898, being eight days before the time of holding said meeting.

Albert B. Gordon, Constable of Methuen

Record of Special Town Meeting, June 11, 1898 – No. 16 File 12

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 Saturday June eleventh A.D. 1898, at three o'clock p.m. pursuant to Warrant No. 16 File 12.

The meeting was called to order at three o'clock p.m. 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 Construction & Schoolhouses

Mr. Hartshorne, in behalf of the School Committee explained the plans for additions and alterations in the schoolhouses and offered the following motion "That the plans, specifications, and estimates as prepared under the supervision of the School Committee for additions and alterations to the Currier, Arlington, and West side schools be accepted, that the sum of eighteen thousand eight hundred (\$18,800) dollars be appropriated for their construction and equipment, and that the School Committee be authorized to execute contracts therefore."

The motion was carried.

Art. 3 **Schoolhouse Loan**

Voted, by a unanimous vote, that for the purpose of paying for the construction, alterations and equipment of the additions to the schoolhouses proposed to be built the present year, the Town Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to borrow with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, the sum of eighteen thousand eight hundred dollars and to execute and deliver the notes of the Town therefore payables as follows: - six thousand dollars in eight years from the date of issue; six thousand dollars in nine years from the date of issue and sixty eight hundred dollars in ten years from the date of issue with interest thereon at the rate of four per cent per annum, payable semi-annually.

Art. 4 **Ingalls Court**

The Town refused to accept Ingalls Court as laid out by the Selectmen and Voted, that the Selectmen be instructed to lay out Ingalls Court thirty feet in width and present their doings for consideration at a future meeting.

Art. 5 **Election of Surveyor by Popular Vote**

A motion was made to pass over Article 5 and the motion was lost. After further discussion it was voted, by a hand vote – 44 Yes to 36 No, to accept the provisions of Chapter 374 of the Acts of 1895, relating to the election of a Highway Surveyor by popular vote. Mr. Rogers gave notice that he would test the legality of this vote.

Art. 6 **Fire Alarm**

Voted, to extend the Fire Alarm from Cook's Corner to a point on Merrimack Street near the house of German S. Phippen and appropriate one hundred and fifty dollars for that purpose, the money to be expended under the direction of Engineers of Fire Department.

No other appearing, the meeting adjourned sine die.

Attest, Jos. S. Howe

– Town Clerk

Claim of Heirs of F. F. Johnson

Record of Settlement under Article 29 – Warrant for Annual Meeting

Under Article 29 of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting, it was voted that the subject of that Article be referred to a Committee of three, one member to be appointed by the Moderator, one by Mr. Crosby, and the two members thus appointed to appoint a third, and that the subject be referred to that Committee and that they have full power to effect a settlement.

The Moderator appointed as member of that Committee on the part of the Town, Byron E. Crowell, Esq. of Methuen. Mr. Crosby appointed Mr. Frank Remick of Methuen. These two members appointed Gilbert E. Hood, Esq. of Lawrence as the third member.

In the matter of a claim against the Town of Methuen presented at the Town Meeting in March 1896 by the heirs of F. F. Johnson, and in accordance with a vote of the Town at said meeting, referred to a Committee whose names are subscribed to this report.

Having heard the representatives of the Heirs of said Johnson and of said Town of Methuen at a public hearing in said Methuen June 27th 1898, and having carefully considered the claim presented for expense incurred and loss of rent caused by the votes of said Town in reference to purchasing certain Real Estate situated on the west side of Park Street, and south of the present high school lot in said Town, which real estate said Town did not purchase.

Having considered the whole matter we have agreed that said Town should pay said Heirs, the sum of one hundred and twenty five dollars in full settlement for all of said claims, both for expenses incurred and loss of rent sustained, and shall pay the cost of this reference, taxes at ten dollars for each referee.

} Referees

G. E. Hood
Byron E. Crowell

Frank Remick

Methuen, Mass. June 28th 1898

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe – Town

Clerk

Warrant for Special Town Meeting, August 6, 1898 – File 12 No. 17

Essex SS: -

To Albert B. Gordon, 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 in elections and Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Town, on Saturday the sixth (6) day of August next at four o'clock in the afternoon, 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 raise by borrowing the sum of forty five hundred dollars (\$4500) appropriated to build the bridge across the Boston & Maine Railroad connecting Railroad Street opposite Oakland Avenue with Union Street extension, and will ratify and confirm the vote adopted at the Town meeting held on the 7th of August 1897 authorizing such borrowing and the issue of notes therefore.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Town House, at each of the public meetinghouses in said Town, and also at each of the schoolhouses outside of the village eight (8) 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 eighth (28) day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety eight.

[Seal}
Selectmen

Alfred Sagar

John D. Emerson } of
Frank Buckminster } Methuen

Essex SS: -

Methuen, Aug. 6th 1898

I have served this within warrant as within directed by posting attested printed copies at the Town House and at each of the public meeting houses in said Town, and also at each of the schoolhouses outside of the village in said Town Friday the twenty nine (29) day of July A.D. 1898, being eight days before the time of holding said meeting.

of Methuen Albert B. Gordon, Constable

Clerk

A true copy. Attest, Jos. S. Howe – Town

Record of Special Town Meeting, August 6, 1898 – No. 17 File 12

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 Saturday, August sixth A.D. 1898 at four o'clock p.m. pursuant to Warrant No. 17, File 12.

The meeting was called to order at four o'clock p.m. 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 Bridge Loan

Voted, by a unanimous vote, that the vote of the Town adopted on the 7th of August 1897, whereby the Town Treasurer was authorized and directed to borrow with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, the sum of forty five hundred dollars (\$4500.) for the purpose of paying for building a bridge across the Boston & Maine Railroad, connecting Railroad Street opposite Oakland Avenue, with Union Street extension and to execute and deliver the note or notes of the Town therefore payable in ten years from the date of issue, with interest thereon at the rate of four per cent per annum payable semi-annually, be and the same is hereby ratified and confirmed, and the Town Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to borrow the said sum of money and to issue the note or notes of the Town accordingly; said notes to be dated August first (1st) 1898.

No other business appearing the meeting adjourned sine die.

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe, Town

Clerk

Methuen,

August 19, 1898

I, Joseph S. Howe of Methuen, in the County of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts,
as I am the Town Clerk of said Methuen, hereby appoint Miss H. Maud Merrill of said Methuen to be Assistant Town Clerk as provided by statute.

Attest, Jos. S. Howe, Town Clerk of

Methuen

And Miss H. Maud Merrill was sworn to the faithful performance of her duty as Assistant Town Clerk.

Jos. S. Howe, Town Clerk

Warrant for State Election, Nov. 8, 1898 – File 12, No. 18

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Essex SS: -

To Albert B. Gordon, one of the Constables of the Town of Methuen in said County,

Greeting: - In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified by law to vote in election of National, State, District and County officers, to meet and assemble at the designated polling places of Precinct One and Two namely: The Town Hall in voting Precinct One and the basement of the Arlington School House in voting Precinct Two, on Tuesday the eighth day of November next, at six o'clock in the forenoon, to bring in to the election officers their votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, Attorney General, Councilor, Senator, Two Representatives in the General Court, County Commissioner, Two Special Commissioners, District Attorney, Register of Probate and Insolvency, Sheriff, Representative in Congress, all to be voted for on one ballot. The polls may be closed at four o'clock p.m.

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

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

[Seal]
Selectmen
} of
Methuen

Alfred Sagar
John D. Emerson
Frank Buckminster

**Essex SS:
1898**

Methuen, Oct. 31st

To the Selectmen of the Town of Methuen, **Greeting:** -

By virtue of the within precept, I have served the within warrant in accordance with Section Two of the By-Laws of said Town of Methuen, by posting attested printed copies of the within warrant at the Town House, and at each of the churches and meeting houses in said Town of Methuen, Saturday the twenty ninth day of October A.D. 1898 being more than eight days before the time of holding said meeting.

Albert B. Gordon, Constable

of Methuen

The foregoing is a true copy of warrant and return – Attest, Jos. S.
Howe – Town Clerk

Record of State Election November 8, 1898

**At meetings of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen in the
County of Essex**

**held in the respective Precincts of said Town, pursuant to Warrant No. 18
File 12, on Tuesday, November eighth A.D. 1898,** the qualified voters of said Town brought in their written votes for the several officers to be balloted for and the same were received, sorted counted, declared and registered in open Precinct meetings, according to law, as appears by the certified returns from said Precincts, transmitted to the Town Clerk, and examined by the Selectmen and Town Clerk and according to said returns, the following is the result of the election held as aforesaid.

	Prec. 1	Prec.
2		
Total		
Whole number of Ballots	760	281
1041		
For Governor		
Alexander B. Bruce of Lawrence	196	74
270		
George R. Peare of Lynn	26	10
36		
Winfield P. Porter of Newburyport	3	
3		
Samuel B. Shapleigh of Boston	6	1
7		
Roger Wolcott of Boston	504	187
691		

Blanks	25	9
34		

For Lieutenant Governor

Michael T. Berry of Haverhill	32	16
48		
W. Murray Crane of Dalton	513	184
697		
John L. Kilban of Lee	15	7
22		
Isaac W. Skinner of Brockton	10	2
12		
Edward J. Slattery of Framingham	141	55
196		
Blanks	49	17
66		

For Secretary

Charles H. Bradley of Haverhill	18	7
25		
Henry A. Inman of Newton	14	5
19		
Henry Lloyd of Boston	126	52
178		
William M. Olin of Boston	513	180
693		
James F. Stevens of Boston	33	19
52		
Blanks	56	19
75		

For Treasurer

Martha Moore Avery of Boston	36	22
58		
Harry J. Jaquith of Wellesley	126	38
164		
Edward P. Shaw of Newburyport	508	19
687		
Herbert Morley Small of Templeton	13	5
12		
Charles W. White of Winchester	5	7
12		

Blanks	72	30
102		

Auditor

Charles S. Grieves of Amesbury	12	5
17		
John W. Kimball of Fitchburg	501	175
676		
John Palme of New Bedford	25	17
42		
Charles F. Parker of Boston	129	51
180		
Walter E. Sanford of Attleborough	21	7
28		
Blanks	72	26
98		

Attorney General

Patrick Kilroy of Springfield	130	53
183		
Hosea M. Knowlton of New Bedford	527	189
716		
Clarence E. Spelman of Westfield	30	14
44		
Blanks	73	25
98		

For Councilor – Sixth District

Marcellus H. Fletcher of Lowell	155	60
215		
S. Herbert Howe of Marlborough	509	180
689		

For Senator – Fifth Essex District

John J. Duffy of North Andover	29	11
40		
Charles F. Sargent of Lawrence	521	182
703		
William S. Searle of Methuen	29	12
41		
Cornelius F. Sullivan of Lawrence	123	62
185		

Blanks	58	13
71		

For Representatives in General Court – Sixth Essex District

Joseph E. Buswell of Methuen	488	151
639		
Thomas F. Clark of Lawrence	21	11
32		
Guy W. Currier of Methuen	228	103
331		
John Doerr of Lawrence	17	9
26		
Archie N. Frost of Lawrence	442	162
604		
Royal L. Frye of Lawrence	15	7
22		
William Merrill of Lawrence	15	6
21		
John C. Sanborn Jr. of Lawrence	133	49
182		
Blanks	161	64
225		

For County Commissioner

Wallace Bates of Lynn	503	181
684		
Horace F. Longfellow of Newbury	161	68
229		
Blanks	96	32
128		

For Special Commissioners

William B. Carleton of Dancers	480	167
647		
Nelson P. Cummings of Merrimac	461	168
629		
Daniel B. Lord of Salem	131	50
181		
Fred O. Spalding of Lawrence	163	68
231		
Blanks	286	109
395		

For District Attorney – Eastern District

Eugene T. McCarthy of Lynn	154	68
222		
W. Scot Peters of Haverhill	527	185
712		
Blanks	79	28
107		

For Register of Probate and Insolvency

Jeremiah T. Mahoney of Salem	508	180
688		
Blanks	252	101
353		

For Sheriff

William S. Hoyt of Lynn	163	58
221		
Samuel A. Johnson of Salem	512	188
700		
Blanks	85	35
120		

For Representative in Congress

Joseph J. Flynn of Lawrence	189	88
277		
William S. Knox of Lawrence	540	183
723		
Blanks	31	10
41		

Attest Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

**City of Lawrence
Massachusetts
City Clerk's Office,**

Nov. 18, 1898

At a meeting of the City Clerk of Lawrence and the Town Clerk of Methuen, said Town and Wards One and Two of the said City of Lawrence forming the Sixth Essex Representative District, held at noon this day in accordance with the provisions of Section 195 Chapter 417 Acts of 1893, upon comparing the transcript 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 8, 1898.

Total	Lawrence	Methuen
Joseph E. Buswell of Methuen 1536	897	639
Thomas F. Clark of Lawrence 246	214	32
Guy W. Currier of Methuen 1610	1279	331
John Doerr of Lawrence 209	183	26
Archie N. Frost of Lawrence 1684	1080	604
Royal L. Frye of Lawrence 52	30	22
William Merrill of Lawrence 39	18	21
John C. Sanborn Jr. of Lawrence 1339	1157	182
Blanks 695	470	225

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 Sixth Essex District, to wit: -

Archie N. Frost of Lawrence and Guy W. Currier of Methuen.

Lawrence, Mass. Cornelius J. Corcoran, City Clerk of

Methuen Jos. S. Howe, Town Clerk of

1899

Warrant for Special Town Meeting, Jan. 28, 1899 –

File 12 No. 19

Essex SS:

To Albert B. Gordon 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 in elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Saturday the twenty eight (28) day of January next, at three o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles, viz.: -

- Article 1 To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- Article 2 By request of the Republican and Democratic Town Committees, to see if the Town will vote to elect its Highway Surveyor by official ballot.
- Article 3 By request of the Board of Fire Engineers, to see if the Town will vote to appoint a committee to investigate the advisability of building a new Fire Station, to ascertain the cost of a suitable location, to procure estimates on a building and report at the next annual Town meeting.

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 in said Town, and also at each of the school houses outside of the village eight (8) 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 eighteenth (18) day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety nine.

	Alfred Sagar	Selectmen
	John D. Emerson	} of
[Seal]	Frank Buckminster	Methuen

Essex SS: - Methuen, Jan. 28, 1899

By virtue of the within precept I have served the within warrant, as within directed, by posting attested printed copies of the same at the Town House, at each of the public meeting houses, and also at each of the school

houses outside of the village in said Town of Methuen on the nineteenth (19) day of January A.D. 1899 being more than eight (8) days before said meeting.

Albert B. Gordon – Constable of Methuen

A true copy of warrant and return.

Attest Jos. S. Howe

– Town Clerk

**Record of Special Town Meeting, January 28,
1899**

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 Saturday, January twenty eights, A.D. 1899, at three o'clock p.m. pursuant to Warrant No. 19 File 12.

The meeting was called to order at three o'clock p.m. by Joseph S. Howe, Town Clerk, who read the warrant for the meeting.

Article 1 A ballot was taken and Granville E. Foss was chosen Moderator by a unanimous vote, and was sworn.

Article 2 Voted, to elect the Highway Surveyor by Official Ballot.

Article 3 Voted, that a committee of five be appointed by the Moderator to investigate the subject matter proposed in Article three of the Warrant, and report thereon at the next Annual Meeting.

Voted, that at least two members of the Board of Engineers be placed upon the Committee. The Chair subsequently appointed the following persons as that Committee.

Harry E. Brown, Frank H. Clark, Alzirus B. Farnsworth (Engineers), Joseph E. Buswell and no other business appearing the meeting adjourned sine die.

Attest

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

**Warrant for Annual Town Meeting, March 6 1899 – File
No. 12 No. 20**

Essex SS:

To Albert B. Gordon, one of the Constables of the Town of Methuen, in said County,

Greeting: -

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet and assemble at the designated polling places of Precincts One and Two, namely:

The Town Hall in Voting Precinct One.

The basement of the Arlington Schoolhouse in Voting Precinct Two.

On Monday, the sixth day of March next, at six o'clock in the forenoon to bring in to the election officers their votes for Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, Highway Surveyor, one School Committeeman to serve three years in place of George B. Bradley, one Water Commissioner to serve three years in place of Daniel W. Tenney one Water Commissioner to serve two years in place of John E. Dustin, deceased, one Trustee of Nevins Memorial to serve two years in place of Lewis E. Barnes, Constables, Auditor, Fence Viewers, and "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town?"

All to be voted for on one ballot. The polls may be closed at four o'clock p.m.

Also to meet

At the Town Hall in said Town on Saturday the eleventh day of March next, at one thirty (1-30) o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles, viz.:

- Article 1 To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- Article 2 To elect all Town Officers not required to be chosen by ballot.
- 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 for 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 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 therefore.
- Article 7 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 therefore.
- 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 fifty collars for the purpose of decorating the graves of our soldiers and sailors on Memorial Day, May 30, 1899, said money to be expended under the direction of the above Post.
- Article 12 By request of J. O. Parker to see if the Town will vote to oppose a District Court in Lawrence, provided the Town of Methuen is included in said district.
- Article 13 By request of the Board of Fire Engineers, to see if the Town will vote to buy land, build a Central Fire Station, and appropriate a sum of money for the same.
- Article 14 By request of Fred Miller and others to see if the Town will appoint a committee to investigate the subject of a system of sewers in the southeast part of the Town, and to report upon the same at the next Town meeting, and make an appropriation for the necessary expenses of said committee.
- Article 15 By request of Alfred Newsholme and others, to see if the Town will vote to establish a system of sewers for the Village District and Arlington Heights, also to authorize the Selectmen to execute a contract with the City of Lawrence for the use of their sewer

system, and that a committee be appointed to have a survey made and plan drawn, and report upon the cost of said system at the next Town meeting, and make an appropriation for the expenses of said committee.

- Article 16 By request of George C. Corliss and others, to see if the Town will vote to build a sewer on Brown Street, from Carleton Street to Merrill Street, and on Merrill Street to drain that part of said street not already provided for, also to connect the sewer on Merrill Street with the main sewer and make an appropriation for the same.
- Article 17 By request of Moses G. Smith and others to see if the Town will vote to build a continuation of the sewer already constructed on Lowell Street, for a distance of one hundred and twenty (120) feet, to accomplish the complete drainage of four (4) houses already built and furnished with Town water and appropriate fifty (50) dollars for the same.
- Article 18 By request of Alonzo Howe and others, to see if the Town will vote to Macadamize Railroad Street from Lowell Street to Union Street, also Union Street from Railroad Street to Oakland Avenue, also Oakland Avenue from Union Street to Broadway, and make an appropriation for the same.
- Article 19 By request of John W. Hey and others, to see if the Town will vote to establish the grade of, and Macadamize, Annis Street, and appropriate one thousand dollars for the same.
- Article 20 By request of Eben L. Whittier and others, to see if the Town will vote to Macadamize Prospect Street from the house of George E. Shetler to Swan Street, and appropriate fifteen hundred dollars for the same.
- Article 21 By request of Charles E. Merrill and others, to see if the Town will vote to Macadamize the remaining one hundred rods of the road from Tozier's Corner to Grosvenor's Corner that was unfinished last year and appropriate one thousand dollars for the same.
- Article 22 By request of Thomas L. Barstow and others, to see if the Town will vote to Macadamize or repair Berkeley Street from the Lawrence line to Arlington Street also Arlington Street from the Lawrence line to Berkeley Street, and appropriate one thousand dollars for the same.

- Article 23 By request of P. J. Dooley and others, to see if the Town will vote to widen, grade and gravel, or Macadamize the Lowell Road from the Lawrence line to the Dracut line, and appropriate ten thousand dollars for the same.
- Article 24 By request of P. J. Dooley and others, to see if the Town will vote to order the Lowell, Lawrence & Haverhill Street Railway Company to set their tacks six feet southeast of where they are at present situated on the Lowell road, from Glen Forest to the farm of Mrs. Daniel Dowding, and to widen the bridges at the following places: Barker's Brook, Rufus Griffin's brook, Mill Brook, Sawyer's Brook and Henry Griffin's brook, on the southeast side of the road, the work to be done by July 1, 1899.
- Article 25 By request of Edwin J. Castle and others to see if the Town will vote to employ a night watchman for the west side of the village and make an appropriation for the same.
- Article 26 By request of John J. Kenyon and others, to see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 455, of the Acts of 1894, relating to the licensing of plumbers and the supervision of the business of plumbing.
- Article 27 By request of Martin F. Linsky and others, to see if the Town will vote to change Section 17 of the By-laws of the Town of Methuen, so as to read as follows: "No person shall keep a shop for the purchase, sale or barter of junk, old metal or second hand articles, or shall go from house to house collecting or procuring by purchase or barter any such articles without a written license from the Board of Selectmen, and for each license the fee shall be two dollars. Each license shall continue in force until the first day of May then next ensuing unless sooner revoked. Any person offending against any of the provisions of the by-law shall forfeit and pay for each offense, a fine of not less than two, nor more than twenty dollars."
- Article 28 By request of George M. Phippen to see if the Town will vote to instruct the School Committee to arrange a course of free lectures, and place the Town Hall at their disposal for the same.
- Article 29 By request of George M. Phippen, to see if the Town will vote to instruct the Water Commissioner to erect and maintain one or more fountains of cooled water during the heated term, and appropriate one hundred dollars for the same.

- Article 20 By request of George M. Phippen, to see if the Town will vote to choose a Committee to investigate the principles of the labor exchange, as applied to public works and report at some future meeting.
- Article 31 By request of Cyrus Blood, to see if the Town will vote to pay the estate of Mrs. Cyrus Blood, for land taken in laying out a street off Summer Street, and appropriate seventy dollars for the same.
- Article 32 By request of Samuel Turkington and others, to see if the Town will vote to accept a street known as Ingall's Court, as laid out by the Selectmen.
- Article 33 By request of Austin A. Spofford and others, to see if the Town will vote to accept Quincy Street as laid by the Selectmen.
- Article 34 By request of Frederick E. Lorenz and others, to see if the Town will vote to accept Kendall Street from Boylston Street to the Lawrence line, and Boylston Street from Kendall Street to the Lawrence line, as laid out by the Selectmen.
- Article 35 By request of James Robie and others to see if the Town will vote to accept William Street as laid out by the Selectmen.
- Article 36 By request of William R. Seisig and others, to see if the Town will vote to accept the following streets as laid out by the Selectmen, to with: Ashford Street from East Street to land of Bishop, and Eustis Street from Ashford Street to Bates Street, and appropriate one hundred dollars to repair these streets.
- Article 37 By request of Frederick E. Lorenz and others, to see if the Town will vote to repair the streets in the Currier District and appropriate three hundred dollars for the same.
- Article 38 By request of Andrew J. Movar (?) and others, to see if the Town will vote to widen and repair River Street and appropriate one hundred dollars for the same.
- Article 39 By request of William Young and others, to see if the Town will vote to locate a fire alarm box at the corner of Tenney and Lawrence Streets and appropriate two hundred and fifty dollars for the same.
- Article 40 By request of Bernhard Reuter and others to see if the Town will vote to purchase five hundred feet of hose, a hose reel, and erect a small building to store the same, for the benefit of the inhabitants

of the Currier district, and appropriate two hundred and fifty dollars for the same.

- Article 41 By request of Fred Innis and others to see if the Town will vote to locate a Welsbach light at the corner of Railroad Street and Gill Avenue, and appropriate twenty-four dollars for the same.
- Article 42 By request of Horace G. Rounds and others to see if the Town will vote to locate a Welsbach light on Railroad Street, near the Boston and Maine Railroad Station, and appropriate twenty four dollars for the same.
- Article 43 By request of James E. Salls and others to see if the Town will vote to locate two Welsbach lights, one opposite the residence of James E. Salls, and one at the corner of Stevens Street and Nevin's Road, and appropriate forty-eight dollars for the same.
- Article 44 By request of W. P. Morse and others, to see if the Town will vote to locate three Welsbach lights on Lowell Street, and appropriate seventy-two dollars for the same.
- Article 45 By request of J. T. McLean and others, to see if the Town will vote to locate one incandescent light on Ashford Street and one on Bates Street, and appropriate thirty-six dollars for the same.
- Article 46 By request of Richard Schubert and others to see if the Town will vote to locate an incandescent light at the corner of Boylston and Kendall Street and appropriate eighteen dollars for the same.
- Article 47 By request of John S. Cross and others to see if the Town will vote to locate three incandescent lights on Quincy Street and appropriate fifty-four dollars for the same.
- Article 48 By request of Otto Hoh and others, to see if the Town will vote to locate two incandescent lights on Milk Street and one on Arthur Street, and appropriate fifty four dollars for the same.
- Article 49 By request of Ira A. Ryder and others, to see if the Town will vote to locate an incandescent light at the corner of Orchard Street and Cypress Avenue, and appropriate eighteen 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 (8) days at least before said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk on or before the time of the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands and the seal of the Town of Methuen this twenty third (23) day of February, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and ninety nine.

(L. S.)
Selectmen

Alfred Sagar }

John D. Emerson } of
Frank Buckminster }

Methuen

Constable's Return.

Essex SS: - Methuen Feb. 25th 1899.

By virtue of the within precept, I have served the within Warrant, as within directed by posting attested printed copies of the same at the Town House and each of the public meeting houses in said Town on the twenty fifth day of February A.D. 1899, being more than eight days before the time of holding said meeting.

Albert B. Gordon, Constable of
Methuen
The foregoing is a true of warrant and return on same.

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

Record of Annual Town Meeting – March 6, 1899

At Meetings of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen in the County of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts held in the respective Precincts in said Town, pursuant to Warrant No. 20 File 12, on Monday March sixth A.D. 1899 the qualified voters of said Town brought in their written votes for the several officers to be balloted for, and on the question “Shall Licenses be granted for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors in this Town?” and the same were received,

sorted, counted declared and registered in open Precinct meetings, according to law, as appears by the certified returns from said Precincts, - transmitted to the Town Clerk and examined by him in conjunction with the Board of Registrars of Voters.

And according to said returns the following appears as the result of the election held as aforesaid.

Total	Precinct 1	Precinct 2
Whole number of ballots	806	262
1068		
For Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor		
Thomas Collins, 18 Chase St.	166	102
268		
John D. Emerson, 13 Central St.	487	172
659		
Edward B. George, 200 Broadway	156	53
209		
George O. Marsh, 41 Hampshire St.	442	90
532		
Frederick A. Russell, 69 Merrimack St.	535	156
691		
Moses G. Smith, Lowell St.	448	139
587		
Blanks	184	74
258		

And John D. Emerson, Frederick A. Russell, and Moses G. Smith were declared elected Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor and were sworn into those offices respectively.

For Town Clerk, Treasurer and Collector of Taxes

Joseph S. Howe, 8 Stevens St.	697	216
913		
Blanks	109	46
155		

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

School Committee – Three years

George B. Bradley, 19 Merrimack St. 414	300	114
Kimball G. Colby, 147 Broadway 605	475	130
Blank 49	31	18

And Kimball G. Colby was declared elected School Committee for three years.

Trustee Nevins Memorial – Two years

Lewis E. Barnes, 30 River St. 871	662	209
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And Lewis E. Barnes was declared elected Trustee Nevins Memorial for two years.

Auditor

George H. Butters, East St. 782	583	199
Blank 286	223	63

And George H. Butters was declared elected Auditor and was sworn.

Highway Surveyor

Isaac C. Brown, Howe St. 319	244	75
John Q. Hill, 48 Pelham St. 702	528	174
Blanks 47	34	13

And John Q. Hill was declared elected Highway Surveyor and was sworn.

Water Commissioner – Three years

John C. Sanborn, 158 Broadway 565	409	156
Daniel W. Tenney, 197 Broadway 468	372	96
Blank 35	25	10

And John C. Sanborn was declared elected Water Commissioner for three years and was sworn.

Water Commissioner – Two years

Albert L. Dame, 26 Osgood St. (corrected vote)	404	81
485		
George A. Smith, 53 Tenney St. (corrected vote)	332	161
493		
John C. Sanborn	1	
1		

And George A. Smith was declared elected Water Commissioner for two years and was sworn.

Constables

Horace S. Blake, 25 Central St.	239	63
302		
Frank E. Doyen, Broadway	161	40
201		
Charles H. Emerson, 56 Railroad St.	538	169
707		
John H. George, 98 Pleasant St.	422	153
575		
Albert B. Gordon, 104 Lawrence St.	523	165
688		
Amos G. Jones, 64 Union St.	488	157
645		
Eugene Murphy, 4 Morse Ct.	232	71
303		
William J. Oliver, 8 Annis St.	454	201
655		
Joseph N. Sargent, 10 Morrison Ct.	334	59
393		
James C. Taylor, 45 Railroad St.	434	133
567		
Blanks	1011	371
1382		

And Charles H. Emerson, John H. George, Albert B. Gordon, Amos G. Jones, William J. Oliver and James C. Taylor were declared elected Constables and sworn.

Fence Viewers

William H. Brackett, Annis St.	180	69
249		

John S. Crosby, 43 Prospect St. 610	454	156
Millard F. Emerson, Pelham St. 689	528	161
Jeremiah O'Brien, 38 Osgood St. 179	138	41
Jeremiah O'Leary, 36 Hampshire St. 135	100	35
Addison P. Russell, 72 Merrimack St. 618	509	159
Blanks 674	509	165

And John S. Crosby, Millard F. Emerson and Addison P. Russell were declared elected FenceViewers and sworn.

License Vote

On the question "Shall Licenses be granted For the sale of Intoxicating Liquors in this Town?"

The number of voters voting Yes was 309	230	79
The number of voters voting No was 588	444	144
Blanks 171	132	39

Attest Jos. S. Howe – Town

Clerk

Recount of Ballots

Pursuant to a petition from ten legal voters of the Town of Methuen, alleging that they had reason to believe that the returns of the election officers of said Town, of the votes cast at the Annual Town Meeting, held on the sixth day of March A.D. 1899 are erroneous with reference to the votes cast for Water Commissioner for two years and asking for a recount of the votes cast for said officer, we The subscribers, Registrars of Voters of said Town, did on this ninth day of March A.D. 1899 at 7h-30p.m. at the Selectmen's Room in the Town House, open the boxes containing the ballots cast in Precinct 1 and Precinct 2 of said Town and recounted the votes cast for Water Commissioner for two

years. The result of the recount of said ballots was as follows:

	Precinct 1 Total	Precinct 2
The whole number of ballots cast was 1068	806	262
Albert L. Dame, 26 Osgood St. 485	404	81
George A. Smith, 53 Tenney St. 493	332	161
John C. Sanborn 1	1	
Blank 89	69	20

John S. Tapley	
John F. Ridley	} Registrars
George W. Tenney	} of
Jos. S. Howe	} Voters

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, 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 Saturday the eleventh day of March A.D. 1899 at one o'clock and thirty minutes p.m. to elect

the Town officers not chosen by ballot, and to transact the business of the Annual Town Meeting.

The meeting was called to order at one o'clock and thirty minutes p.m. by Joseph S. Howe, Town Clerk, who read the warrant for the meeting.

The polls were opened for the c choice of a Moderator the checklist being used.

Article 1 **Moderator**

Granville E. Foss was chosen Moderator by a unanimous vote & sworn.

Article 2 **Officers not chosen by ballot**

Field Drivers

Charles E. Allen William H. Merrill John

Hey

Surveyors of Plastering

Silas K. Nowell Charles E. Russell Frank Buckminster
Nahum P. Winn Frank Buckminster was sworn

Surveyors of Lumber

John H. George Frank Buckminster George O. Marsh Harry
D. Kelley
James O. Parker Charles Hutchins Isaac C. Brown James
H. Lyns
Millard F. Emerson They were all sworn.

Surveyors of Wood and Bark

Emerson George O. Marsh John H. George Millard F.
Richardson Fred A. Russell Isaac C. Brown Charles E.
All sworn except Isaac C. Brown

Pound Keepers

David M. Cole 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 **Appropriation**

Voted – to amend the report of the Selectmen estimating the amount of money required for different purposes as follows: -

Voted – to increase the estimate of amount for opening roads to three thousand dollars.

Voted – to make the salary of Superintendent of Schools fifteen hundred dollars per annum for the current year.

Voted – to raise an appropriate sixty seven thousand nine hundred dollars for defraying Town charges the ensuing year, the appropriations to be made according to the estimates of the Selectmen, as amended by votes of

this meeting. Two hundred dollars was subsequently voted to be added to the sidewalk appropriation.

Appropriations

The regular appropriations as finally agreed upon for the ensuing year, are as follows:

For teaching, music, janitorship and fuel as recommended

By School Committee

\$19,000.00

Supplies for schools

1,650.00

Repairs on School Houses

1,400.00

Contingencies for schools

700.00

Superintendent of Schools

1,500.00

Opening Roads and sanding sidewalks

3,000.00

Highways and bridges

3,000.00

Macadamizing

5,000.00

Sidewalks

1,200.00

Edgestones and flagging

1,000.00

Sewer Department

1,000.00

Sewer Department special for repairing Spruce St. main sewer

1,000.00

Fire Department as recommended by Engineers

2,500.00

Town Teams

500.00

Street Lights

3,850.00

Contingencies

1,800.00

Health Department

1,500.00

Police Department

2,000.00

Pauper Department	
	4,000.00
Soldiers Relief	
	3,000.00
Military Aid	
	500.00
Town Officers	
	1,800.00
Water for hydrants & drinking fountains	
	5,300.00
Watering streets	
	350.00
Interest on Town debt	
	3,500.00
Collection of taxes	
	<u>350.00</u>
	\$68,100.00

Article 5

Collecting Taxes

Voted – that taxes be collected the same as last year and 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

Temporary Loans

Voted – by a unanimous vote, 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 aggregates amounting to fifty thousand dollars and to execute and deliver the note or notes of the Town therefore, 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.

Article 7

Jury List

Voted – to approve and accept the List of Jurors prepared by the Selectmen. Josiah W. Bodwell and Chas H. T. Mann were excused at their own request, and the names of Daniel W. Tenney and Walter L. S. Gilcreast substitutes. The List of Jurors as amended is as follows:

Austin Charles, Lumber dealer	Hoh John M., Farmer
Tenney Daniel W., Manufacturer Goods Dealer	Holman Silas L., Dry
Bodwell Willard R., Farmer Farmer	Howe Isaiah M.,
Brown Kirk F., Provision dealer Janitor	Jones Amos G.,
Carleton George N., Laborer Farmer	Kimball Sylvanus G.,
Clark Aaron H., Editor Conductor	Lazelle Henry 'R.,
Clark Fred S., Baker Farmer	Lippold Carl S.,
Colby Thomas J., Carpenter dealer	Lord John, Shoe
Copp George W., Manufacturer Bookkeeper	Lowell Levi N.,
Crowell David, Farmer Operative	Mack Thomas,
Crowell Stephen D., Farmer S., Shoe dealer	Gilcreast Walter L.
Curran James H., Operative Machinist	Mannifield John T.,
Douglas Clarence W., Undertaker Farmer	Marsh George O.,
Dowding Edmund, Farmer Farmer	Merrill Charles E.,
Emerson J. Frank, Clerk Laborer	Messer Cummings,
Emerson James O., Janitor Farmer	Miller Frederick,
Emerson Millard F., Farmer Farmer	Morse William P.,
Emerson Samuel, Farmer	Nice Benjamin, Clerk
Feeney Edward J., Coachman Farmer	Noyes David W.,
Foster Thaddeus C., Farmer Insurance Agent	Press Edward,
Frederick Edwin R., Carpenter Plumber	Puffer Alphonso C.,
Gage Cyrus B., Express man E., Farmer	Richardson, Charles
Gammons Thompson E., Bookkeeper B., Farmer	Richardson Varnum
George Edward B., Grocer	Ridley John F., Clerk

Griffin Rufus A., Farmer Shoemaker	Russ Augustus N.,
Hall Charles H., Gardener Farmer	Russell John H.,
Harvey Samuel A., Carpenter Farmer	Salls James E.,
Sargent Walter S., Laborer Hatter	Tapley John S.,
Shirley John W., Farmer Manufacturer	Tenney George W.,
Sleeper William C., Farmer Gardener	Webster Fred M.,
Stanhope Alfred S., Watchman Farmer	Young S. Wesley,
Stevens Granville C., Farmer	

Article 8

Reports of Committee – Sewerage

The Selectmen who were directed at the last Annual Town Meeting to confer with the Lawrence City Government and ascertain the terms on which the sewerage of Methuen would be permitted to enter the Lawrence sewers, submitted the following Report.

Methuen, March 10,

1899

In accordance with a vote passed at the adjourned Town Meeting held on Saturday, March 19, 1898 authorizing the Selectmen to see the authorities of the City of Lawrence and ascertain on what terms the Town of Methuen can discharge their sewerage into the Lawrence sewer at or near Stafford Street, in accordance with the plan recommended by the report of the special committee on sewers, would respectfully submit the following report as received from the authorities of the City of Lawrence.

City of Lawrence

In Board of Aldermen

February 20, 1899

Ordered, That the Mayor be and hereby is authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with the Town of Methuen, allowing said Town to discharge its sewerage into the sewerage system of the City of Lawrence, under the conditions set forth in the report of the City Engineer relative to this matter.

**Report of City Engineer
Sewerage of the Village of Methuen
Recommendations**

That the discharge from a “separate system” of sewers only can be taken. That the Town of Methuen be allowed to connect with the sewers belonging to the City of Lawrence from portions of the Town of Methuen north of the area that is naturally tributary to the Spicket main sewer belonging to the City of Lawrence on the annual payment of a sum not less than \$185. That this amount be increased at a rate of \$9.25 per year for each fifty persons that may connect with the sewer over an above 1,000 persons, which the annual payment of \$185.00 will cover, when the discharge does not exceed 100 gallons per head. That these amounts be increased proportionally for all amounts of sewage discharged through the sewer over and above 100 gallons per capita per day, these amounts to be determined, by representatives of the Town and city working together, by weir measurement in some manhole along the line of the Methuen section of the sewer near to its connection with the sewer of the City of Lawrence. The Town of Methuen to set the weir and provide the necessary facilities for measuring the flow. That the Town of Methuen pay half the cost of making a new 24 inch connection between the Broadway sewer and a branch of the Spicket main sewer opposite the Arlington Mills just north of the Spicket River.

That the Town of Methuen furnish the City of Lawrence annually a certified statement of the number of persons connected with the sewerage system of Methuen draining under this agreement into the sewers of the City of Lawrence. That the connection may be made with the sewers running down Broadway or down Hampshire Street as the Town may deem best. If down Hampshire Street the Town will not be required to pay any part of a 24-inch connection mentioned above.

That agreements made on this basis stand for five years at the end of which time new agreements may be considered on request of either party.

Rate: - \$185.00 annually as a minimum assessment, which will pay for 1,000 persons, discharging at a rate of 100 gallons per day – 100,000 gallons per day. \$9.25 additional for each 50 persons connected with the sewer over 1,000 persons. If the amount of flow exceeds 100 gallons per head per day then the rate shall be \$5.00 per 1,000,000 gallons determined by weir measurement.

Engineer

A true copy Attest

Clerk

Arthur D. Marble, City

Cornelius J. Corcoran, City

Voted – to accept the report of the committee.

On motion of Mr. Newsholme it was voted to consider Article 15 of the warrant in connection with the foregoing report.

Article 15

Sewerage

Voted – that a Committee of three be appointed to have a survey made and plans drawn and report upon the cost of said system at the next Town meeting and that three hundred dollars be appropriated for the expenses of said committee.

The Moderator appointed the following persons as the Committee Alfred Newsholme, Daniel W. Tenney, Joseph S. Howe.

The Committee appointed at the last Town Meeting to investigate the advisability of a new Fire Station reported by Joseph E. Buswell in favor of a tract of land belonging to the Methuen Company and showed plans of a new building.

Voted – to accept the report of the Committee.

Voted – to consider Article 13 of the Warrant.

Article 13

Fire Station

Voted – that the Selectmen be instructed to purchase the lot of land at the corner of Lowell and Osgood Streets as shown by plan, the Town to build a fire station thereon and that fifteen thousand dollars be appropriated for the same.

Voted – that Harry E. Brown, Moses G. Smith and George W. Tenney constitute a Committee to carry out the vote in regard to a Central Fire Station.

Voted – that the whole matter concerning fire apparatus for the Arlington District be referred to a Committee of three to report at a future meeting. The Moderator appointed George B. Dumas, John T. Mannifield, and Harry E. Brown as that Committee.

Voted to instruct the Treasurer with the Selectmen to give the Town's note for the same of \$3309.40 to be placed in the sinking fund of the Methuen Waterworks. Said amount having been derived from the difference in maintenance the amount paid for use of hydrants and premium on its sale of water bonds.

Voted to accept Report of School Committee.

Article 9

Fire Department

Voted – that the compensation of members of the Fire Department for their services the ensuing year be the same as it was last year.

Article 10 **Dog Taxes**

Voted – that the money received from Dog Licenses be appropriated to the use of the schools.

Article 11 **Memorial Day**

Voted – to appropriate one hundred and fifty dollars for the purpose of decorating the graves of our soldiers and sailors on Memorial Day, May 30, 1899, said money to be expended under the direction of the above Post.

Article 12 **District Court**

The following preamble and resolutions were offered by Rev. Nathan Bailey and were unanimously adopted.

“Believing that the bill now before Legislature to create a District Court in the City of Lawrence, which shall include the Town of Methuen, to be detrimental to the best interests of Methuen, therefore Resolved, That in Town meeting assembled, we, the legal voters of said Town of Methuen, do here and now enter our emphatic protest against the passage of said bill, or any other bill that may be submitted for the creating of a District Court, which shall aim to abolish the Police Court of Methuen.

Resolved, - That we here instruct the Town Clerk to notify the Representatives and Senator from this District of this action, and that he request them in the name of the Town to oppose the bill creating such Court.

Voted that a Committee of five be appointed by the Chair, to appear before the Committee of the Legislature, and oppose the creation of a District Court in Lawrence. The Chair appointed Hon. James O. Parker, Rev. Nathan Bailey, George W. Tenney, Joseph E. Buswell and George O. Marsh as that Committee.

Article 14 **Sewers**

Voted – to appoint a Committee to investigate the subject of a system of sewers in the southeast part of the Town and to report upon the same at the next Town meeting, and to appropriate fifty dollars for the necessary expenses of said committee.

Article 16

Sewers

Voted to build a sewer on Brown Street from Carleton Street to Merrill Street, and on Merrill Street to drain that part of said street not already provided for, also to connect the sewer on Merrill Street with the main sewer and

Voted – to appropriate one thousand dollars to build these sewers.

Article 17

Sewer

Voted to build a continuation of the sewer already constructed on Lowell Street for a distance of one hundred and twenty feet, to accomplish the complete drainage of four houses, already built and furnished with Town water, and appropriate fifty dollars for the same.

Article 18

Macadam Railroad St.

Voted – that Railroad Street be macadamized from Lowell Street to Cemetery Street and that twelve hundred dollars be appropriated for that purpose and (?) hundred dollars be appropriated for that purpose and that it be taken from the regular appropriation for Macadamizing.

Article 19

Annis St.

A motion to Macadamize Annis Street was lost.

Voted – to establish the grade of Annis Street. At this point, Rev. Charles H. Oliphant offered the following resolution.

Sidewalks

Resolved: That the Superintendent of Streets be instructed in expending the appropriation for sidewalks, to build each year as much permanent concrete walk as possible, beginning at the following points as centers: the Town House and the corner of Centre Street and Broadway in the Arlington District.

Resolved, That two hundred dollars be added to the Appropriation for Sidewalks, to be expended on the west side of Broadway and on the south side of Hampshire Street.

After some discussion the Resolution was adopted.

Voted – that two hundred dollars be added to the regular appropriation for Sidewalks and that this additional amount with

such other sums as can be spared from the regular appropriation be expended as set forth in the foregoing resolutions.

Article 20 **Prospect St. Macadam.**

Voted: - to Macadamize Prospect Street from the house of George E. Shelter to Swan Street and appropriate fifteen hundred dollars for that purpose the cost thereof to be paid from the regular appropriation for Macadamizing.

Article 21 **Hampstead St. Macadam.**

Voted: - to Macadamize the remaining one hundred rods of the road from Tozier's Corner to Grosvenor's Corner that was unfinished last year, and appropriate one thousand dollars for the same, the cost to be taken from the regular appropriation.

Article 22 **Arlington & Berkeley Sts.**

Voted: - that the Highway Surveyor be instructed to place Berkeley Street from the Lawrence line to Arlington Street, also Arlington Street from the Lawrence line to Berkeley Street in proper condition for public use, and that the cost be taken from the regular appropriation for Macadamizing.

Article 23 **Lowell St.**

Voted: - that the request of P. J. Dooley be granted and that three thousand dollars be appropriated for the purposes named in Article 23 of the Warrant.

Article 24 **L. L. & H. St. R.R.**

Voted: - to pass over Article 24 of the warrant.

Article 25 **Night Watchman**

A motion was made that the request of Edwin J. Castle and others be granted, and that three hundred dollars be appropriated in addition to the amount already appropriated for Police Department. The vote was put and the motion was lost.

Article 26 **Plumbing**

Voted: - to accept the provisions of Chapter 455, of the Acts of 1894, relating to the licensing of plumbers and the supervision of the business of plumbing.

Article 27

By-Law

Voted: - to change Section 17 of the By-Laws of the Town of Methuen, so as to read as follows: "No person shall keep a shop for the purchase, sale or barter of junk, old metal or second hand articles, or shall go from house to house collecting or procuring by purchase or barter any such articles without a written license from the Board of Selectmen, and for each license the fee shall be two dollars. Each license shall continue in force until the first day of May then next ensuing, unless sooner revoked. Any person offending against any of the provisions of this by law shall forfeit and pay for each offense a fine of not less than two, nor more than twenty dollars".

Voted, that when this meeting adjourn, it shall adjourn to Saturday March eighteenth at two o'clock p.m.

Voted to adjourn.

Attest, Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk.

New Fire Station - Report of Committee

The committee appointed at a special Town Meeting, January 1899, to carry into effect a motion, "That a committee of five be appointed to consider the matter of a new fire department station and selection of a site therefore, with cost therefore," respectfully submit the following report.

After an examination of several lots your committee would submit the plans of two lots, which are available, with the price at which they can purchases. Lot No. 1 is situated at the junction of Lowell and Osgood Streets near Railroad Bridge containing 19.656 feet of land at 15 cents per foot, costing \$2948.40. Lot No. 2, a plan of which is here submitted, consists of lots 1, 2 and 3 with privilege of lot no. 4 if considered necessary, on plan of land of Joseph Morse Estate on Broadway adjoining St. Monica Church. Lots 1, 2 and 3 containing 12.035 feet at asking price of 15 1/3 cents will cost \$1855.22

with Lot 4 added if necessary containing 3804 feet at 10 cents per foot, costing 380.40 the total area would then be 15839 feet, the cost at 14 cents per foot being \$2235.62. We herewith present plans of a building, which your committee have decided adequate for the purpose intended. This plan calls for the structure of a brick building 49-6' by 67-6', 32 feet high, sidewalls first story 16 inches thick, second story 12 inches thick. Front wall, first story, 20 inches thick, second story 16 inches thick. Hose tower 11 feet square, 53 feet high to belfry, which is 12 feet. Walls first and second stories 20 in. thick, above 16 inches thick. The first floor provides for three runs, viz.: - steamer, hose wagon and hook and ladder truck, stalls for eight horses and box stall.

Second floor provides for dormitory or sleeping room for six men, Engineer's room 12-6' x 12-0', recreation room 19x28-6' bathroom 11x17-6', workshop, hayloft and room for batteries.

The total cost of a building in accordance with this plan ready for occupancy, would be \$12,000.00 at present price of labor and materials, and when we say 12,000.00 we mean it, provided it is built in a business-like manner with no political or favorite perquisites to come out of it. The total cost of land and building on lot No. 1 would be \$14,948.40; the cost on lot No. 2 would be \$14,235.62.

This ends the report proper and is all your committee were asked to do; but the opportunity that your committee have had of inspecting the housing of the fire department and its conveniences leads them to state, for the benefit of those who have not had the opportunity, that there is need of better accommodations.

The engine house on Lowell Street is totally inadequate for the purpose for which it is used, having outlived its usefulness. The storage of fire apparatus under the Town House is inconvenient and cramped and the place is not adapted for the use to which it is put. In the judgment of your committee the lot at the junction of Lowell and Osgood Streets is to be preferred for the following reasons. First: - that by its elevated location the property to be covered in case of fire can be reached at an even or down grade. Second: - that the prospective growth of the Town will be on the west side of Broadway rather than on the east side. Third: - that the lot being accessible from two streets, makes it convenient for the use of the Town for other purposes for which the Town will have to use it. Fourth: - that it is practicable as a center of the property to be protected. Fifth: - its location removes any annoyance to abutters.

Should this site be chosen your committee would suggest the establishment of a hose company in the Arlington District, with a suitable

apparatus and building, for primary use in case of fire in that section, which can be done at a cost of \$1500.00 including land.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph E. Buswell
Geo. W. Towne
Harry E. Brown } Committee
Frank H. Clark
A. B. Farnsworth

Adjourned Town Meeting – Saturday, March 18, 1899.

The meeting was opened at two o'clock p.m., the Moderator, Granville E. Foss, in the chair. The Moderator announced the first business to be the consideration of Article 28 of the Warrant.

Article 28

Free Lecture

Voted – that a citizens committee, consisting of five members be appointed by the chair to arrange a course of free lectures and that the Town Hall be placed at their disposal for that purpose. The chair appointed the following persons as that committee. George M. Phippen, William Andrew, Thomas Skinner, Hon. Jacob Emerson, Rev. Nathan Bailey.

Article 29

Fountains

Voted – to pass over Article 29 of the warrant.

Article 30

Labor Exchange

Voted: - to pass over Article 30 of the warrant.

Article 26

Reconsideration

A motion was made by Mr. Hartshorne to reconsider the vote whereby the Town voted to accept the provisions of Chapter 455 of the Acts of 1894, relating to the licensing of plumbers and the supervision of the business of plumbing. After some discussion, the motion was put and declared carried. It was then voted – that Article 26 of the Warrant be passed over.

Article 31

Cyrus Blood Sewers

Voted: - to pass over Article 31 of the warrant.

On motion of Mr. Buckminster it was
Voted: - that the Special committee on sewers be instructed to see
the authorities of the City of Lawrence, and ascertain if better
terms can be made with them for the right of the Town of Methuen
to enter their sewers. Especially with regard to the clause in the
proposed contract limiting its operation to the term of five years
and report.

Article 32

Ingalls Court

Voted – to accept the street known as Ingalls Court as laid out by
the Selectmen.

Article 33

Quincy St.

Voted: - to accept the street known as Quincy Street as laid out by
the Selectmen.

Article 34

Kendall & Boylston Sts

Voted – to accept the street known as Kendall Street and the street
known as Boylston Street as laid out by the Selectmen.

Article 35

William St.

Voted: - to accept the street known as William Street as laid out by
the Selectmen.

Article 36

Ashford St. & Eustis St.

Voted: - to accept the street known as Ashford Street and the street
known as Eustis Street as laid out by the Selectmen, and that one
hundred dollars be appropriated to repair those streets, the cost to
be taken from the regular appropriation for highways.

Article 37

Street Repairs Currier Dist.

Voted: - that the Highway Surveyor be instructed to put the streets
in the Currier District in proper condition and that the cost be paid
from the regular appropriation for highways.

Article 38

River St.

Voted: - that the Highway Surveyor be instructed to widen and repair River Street, and build whatever fence is necessary to secure the safety of travel, the cost to be paid from the regular appropriation for highways.

Article 39

Fire Alarm Box

Voted: - to locate a fire alarm box at the corner of Tenney and Lawrence Streets, and that two hundred and fifty dollars be appropriated therefore.

Article 40

Hose

Voted: - to purchase five hundred feet of hose, a hose reel, and erect a small building to store the same, for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Currier district, and that two hundred and fifty dollars be appropriated therefore.

Article 41-49

Street Lights

Voted: - that Articles 41 to 49 inclusive of the Warrant be referred to the Committee on Lighting Streets appointed Sept. 25th 1897 with full power to locate such of the lights asked for as they shall deem for the public benefit, and that the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars be appropriated for that purpose. The Committee consists of the Selectmen at that time, with George W. Tenney and Jacob Emerson.

On Motion of Mr. Holman, it was

Voted: - that the Committee appointed to make investigations concerning a system of sewerage for the village and Arlington Heights district be instructed to have their report printed, and ready for distribution at the office of the Selectmen one week previous to the date of the Town Meeting at which they are to make their report. Said report to contain in which the costs are to be assessed.

No other business appearing the meeting adjourned sine die, at four o'clock twenty-five minutes p.m.

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe – Town

Clerk

By-Law.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Essex SS: - At the Superior Court, begun at Lawrence, within and for the County of Essex, on the **first Monday of March, being the sixth day of said month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine** – 6611 – By law of Town of Methuen.

At the Annual Town Meeting held in the Town of Methuen in the County of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts on the eleventh day of March A.D. 1899 in pursuance of Warrant No. 20 File 12, the following vote being in substance Article 27 of said warrant, was unanimously adopted,

Voted: - to change Section 17 of the By-laws of the Town of Methuen so as to read as follows: -
“No person shall keep a shop for the purchase, sale or barter of junk, old metal or second hand articles, or shall go from house to house, collecting or procuring by purchase or barter any such articles without a written license from the Board of Selectmen, and for each license the fee shall be two dollars. Each license shall continue in force until the first day of May then next ensuing, unless sooner revoked. Any person offending against any of the provisions of this by-law shall forfeit and pay for each offense a fine of not less than two nor more than twenty dollars.”

March 24, 1899. The foregoing by-law having been examined is approved by the court.

The foregoing is a true copy of record,

Attest,
Edward B. George,

Clerk

A true copy

Attest,
Jos. S. Howe, Town

Clerk

Warrant for Special Town Meeting, July 22, 1899 – File 12 No. 21

Essex SS: - To Albert B. Gordon, 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 in elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Town on Saturday the twenty second (22) day of July next at two (2) o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on following articles, viz.: -

- Article 1 To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- Article 2 To hear and act upon the report of the Sewer Committee
- Article 3 To see if the Town will vote to enter into an agreement with the City of Lawrence allowing the Town to discharge its sewerage into the sewerage system of said City of Lawrence under the conditions set forth in the report of the City Engineer of Lawrence relative to this matter and authorize the Selectmen to sign such agreement in behalf of the Town.
- Article 4 To see what action the Town will take with regard to the construction of sewers during the present year.
- Article 5 To see if the Town will vote to hire money for the construction of sewers and take such action thereon as the Town may think proper.
- Article 6 To see if the Town will empower a committee to petition the next Legislature for such enactment as may be necessary with regard to the sewerage system.
- Article 7 By request of Elihu F. Chase and others, to see if the Town will vote to construct a sewer in Broadway Street between Chase Street and the Lawrence line, to connect with the Lawrence Sewer in said Street and make an appropriation therefore.
- Article 8 To see if the Town will vote to raise by borrowing the sum of fifteen thousand (\$15,000) dollars appropriated at the last Annual Town Meeting to build an Engine House and purchase a lot therefore, and authorize such borrowing and the issue of notes therefore.
- Article 9 By request of the Board of Fire Engineers, to see if the Town will vote to establish a Storage Battery System in the new Fire Station and appropriate the sum of six hundred and fifty (650) dollars for the same.
- Article 10 To see if the Town will vote to erect sheds on the new Fire Station lot for the accommodation of the Town Teams and other property of the Town, and appropriate the sum of seven hundred and fifty (750) dollars for the same.

- Article 11 By request of Joseph E. Buswell and others, to see if the Town will vote to finish the macadamizing of Prospect Street from the house of Moses Perkins Estate to the house of George E. Shetler, and make an appropriation for the same.
- Article 12 By request of John G. Scherig and others, to see if the Town will vote to accept a continuation of Bates Street to Oak Street as laid out by the Selectmen and appropriate one hundred (100) dollars for the construction of the same.
- Article 13 To see if the Town will vote to discontinue a street running south from Vine Street to land of Charles H. Tenney.
- Article 14 By request of John Cunliffe and others, to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Water Commissioners to lay a water pipe in Ashford Street and make an appropriation for the same.
- Article 15 By request of John P. Haran and others, to see if the Town will vote to locate one (1) Welsbach light on Granite Street and appropriate twenty-four dollars for the same.
- Article 16 To see what compensation the Town will vote to pay the Highway Surveyor for his services for the present year.

And your are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies therefor at the Town House at each of the public meeting houses in said Town, and at each of the public meeting houses in said Town, and also at each of the school houses outside of the village eight (8) 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 thirteenth (13) day of July in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and ninety nine.

(Seal)
Selectmen

John D. Emerson }

Frederick A. Russell } of
Moses G. Smith }

Methuen

Methuen,

Mass. July 22, 1899

By virtue of the within precept, I have served the within warrant, as within directed, by posting attested printed copies thereof at the Town

House at each of the public meeting houses in said Town, and also at each of the school houses outside of the village on the fourteenth day of July A.D. 1899, being more than eight days before the time of holding said meeting.

Albert B. Gordon

Constable of Methuen

A true copy of warrant and return.

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

Record of Special Town Meeting, July 22, 1899 – Warrant No. 21, File 12

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 Saturday, July 22nd A.D. 1899 at two o'clock p.m. pursuant to Warrant No. 21 File 12.

Article 1

Moderator

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

Article 2

Report of Sewer Committee

The Report of the Sewer Committee having been printed was distributed among the voters and it was
Voted: - to accept the Report of the Committee on Sewers.

Article 3

Contract with Lawrence

Article 3 being under consideration, a long discussion ensued, at the end of which, it was voted to postpone action on the Article to a future meeting in order that more information might be obtained concerning a method of sewage disposal whose merit had been presented by Mr. C. D. Holman.

Voted that a committee of five be appointed to investigate a system known as the North American Sewage Disposal Co. The Chair appointed the following persons: Alfred Sagar, James O. Parker, Clarence D. Holman, William M. Rogers and Alfred Newsholme.

Voted that when this meeting adjourn it adjourn to the last Saturday in August (August 26) at two o'clock p.m.

Article 4,5,6

Postponed

Voted to defer action on Articles 4, 5 and 6 until the Adjourned Meeting.

Article 7

Sewer

Voted to construct a sewer in Broadway Street between Chase Street and the Lawrence line, to connect with the Lawrence Sewer in said street and appropriate six hundred dollars for that purpose. Voted that the Selectmen be a committee to confer with the Lawrence City authorities in relation to connecting said sewer with the Lawrence system.

Article 8

Engine House Loan

Voted by a unanimous vote that for the purpose of paying for building the engine house authorized at the last Annual Town Meeting, and the lot of land on which it is to be built, the Town Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to borrow with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, the sum of fifteen 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 interest thereon at the rate of four per cent per annum payable semi-annually.

Article 9,10

Storage Battery & Sheds

By vote of the meeting, Articles 9 and 10 were considered together and it was

Voted to establish a Storage Battery System in the new Fire Station, and to erect sheds on the new Fire Station lot, for the accommodation of the Town Teams and other property of the Town, and appropriate the sum of fourteen hundred (\$1400) dollars for those purposes.

Article 11

Prospect Street Macadam.

Voted – to finish the macadamizing of Prospect Street from the house of Moses Perkins Estate to the house of George E. Shetler, and appropriate six hundred dollars for the purpose, the cost to be paid from the money collected by the State from the Lowell

Lawrence and Haverhill Street Railway Company and paid by the State to the Town.

Article 12

Bates Street

Voted to accept a continuation of Bates Street to Oak Street as laid out by the Selectmen and appropriate one hundred dollars for the construction of the same.

Article 13

Vine Street

Voted: - to discontinue a street running south from Vine Street to land of Charles H. Tenney.

Article 14

Water Pipe

Voted to pass over Article 14 of the Warrant.

Article 15

Welsbach Light

Voted to refer Article 15 to the Selectmen.

Article 16

Highway Surveyor Compensation

Voted that the compensation of the Highway Surveyor be twelve hundred dollars per annum.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the last Saturday in August at two o'clock p.m.

Adjourned at 4h-35m p.m.

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

Record of Adjourned Town Meeting Aug. 26, 1899 – Warrant No. 21 File 12

An adjourned meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs was held at the Town Hall in said Town on Saturday August 26th A.D. 1800 at two o'clock p.m.

The meeting was called to order at the appointed time by Granville E. Foss, Moderator.

Article 13

Discontinuance

A motion was made by Jacob Emerson, that the voted passed on July twenty second, whereby it was voted that a street running south from Vine Street to land of Charles H. Tenney be discontinued, be reconsidered.

The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

It was then voted to pass over Article 13 of the warrant.

Article 3

Contract with Lawrence

A majority of the Committee appointed to investigate the North American Sewage Disposal Company reported by William M. Rogers, Chairman, as follows: -

A majority of the Committee appointed at a Special Town Meeting July 22 1899, to investigate the sewage disposal system that the North American Sewage Disposal Company offers to establish and maintain for Methuen, respectfully submit the following report: -

This company has an experimental station at Revere, Massachusetts, located on the edge of the salt marsh, and takes sewage for experimenting from the Town sewer. This station is a miniature filtration plant. All the works are in a small building, and correspond in every particular with the Company's proposed system. It has been in operation about six months. The Company has never installed a plant in any Town or city.

The system calls for an indoor plant in all its different parts, and in all its processes. This necessitates a large building for Methuen; according to the Company's estimate, one covering an acre of land. The Company's Engineer decides that the works should be located near the head of Morrison's Court, between the Cemetery and the Spicket River, the stream into which the clarified sewage water would be discharged. The report of the Company submitted to your Committee shows that the works will cost nineteen thousand four hundred and fifty dollars, and the collecting sewers forty seven thousand seven hundred eighty six dollars and eighty seven cents, in all sixty seven thousand two hundred thirty six dollars and eighty seven cents. To enter the Lawrence Mains costs sixty one thousand twenty six dollars and three cents, a saving to the Town of a present outlay of six thousand and one hundred and sixty dollars and sixty-four cents. The annual expenses of running the plant as fixed by the Company are as follows: -

For an engineer - 900.

Labor ½ time	300.
Power, Steam or electric	<u>1300.</u>
Total	\$2500.

The outlay, for an acre of land in the hart of the village has not been considered. The only comment made by the Company on this item of expense is that incident to entering the Lawrence sewer there will be land damages for carrying, collecting sewers a mile through private lands and that this expense will be nearly as much as the cost of the land. The answer to this is that there will be no land damages whatever.

As to an acre of land, it would be practically impossible to obtain it for the disposal of sewage. To more than offset twenty five hundred dollars, the running expenses of the plant, the annual sum to be realized from the remains of the sludge bed is named. When mixed with loam it is claimed that it is worth 15 dollars a ton. The annual yield from this plant is estimated at 500 tons, thus giving a return of \$7500.00 In our judgment it would be difficult to give it away. This is the decided opinion of the best authorities. The cost of the land, if within our reach would make the present outlay large. The grades of our territory have been determined and we know very nearly the cost of the collecting sewers and mains needed. If compelled to abandon a disposal system by having a stream like the Merrimack River closed against us (a thing not likely to happen) or for any other reason we should still have our sewerage system and it would be adopted to serve any other disposal system we might adopt. To enable the voters to make an intelligent comparison we ought to inform them that the opportunity offered the Town to enter the Lawrence Sewers at an annual rental of \$185 for every thousand people within the district to be drained. At this rate the annual expense for three thousand people would be \$555.00 for five thousand people \$925.00.

A majority of the Committee cannot recommend the Town to adopt the plant.

	William M. Rogers
	J. O. Parker
	Alfred Newsholme }
Committee	
	Alfred Sagar

Mr. Clarence D. Holman then read the following Minority Report.

Of the Committee appointed to investigate the system of sewage disposal known as the North American Sewage Disposal Co. System, the minority beg leave to make the following report.

That owing to the limited time given the above Company, the Company have been unable to make reports or estimates satisfactory to themselves or the Committee, and they as that in justice to themselves and their system that they be granted more time.

1st That their engineer may survey the Town with a view to making a plan that shall be adapted to their system, hoping and expecting thereby to so arrange it that they may be able to deliver the sewage to their tanks by gravity and air pressure; this they do free of all expense to the Town.

2d That their architect may have time to make plans & specifications and detail drawings of Building, Tanks, filter beds and for power and heat if needed.

3d That their chemist may have time to complete an analysis (now in process) of their sludge as prepared for the market, also for the water as it leaves the filter beds.

4th To give their representative opportunity to confer with the Directors of the Co. many of whom are away on vacation, in regard to the Company putting in a plant at their own expense on one or two years trial. And the Committee recommended that their request be granted and the time extended.

Voted: - to accept the report of the Committee.

Article 3

Contract with Lawrence

A motion was made that Article 3 of the Warrant be adopted. Mr. Holman moved an amendment, that the further consideration of Articles 3, 4, 5 and 6 of the warrant be postponed to the Annual Town Meeting in March. A long discussion ensued during which Messrs Farnham and Barry, representing the North American Sewage Disposal Company, were allowed to address the meeting.

At the close of the discussion, a vote was taken on the amendment proposed by Mr. Holman, with the following result: Yes 13 – No 18. And the amendment was declared lost. It was then voted – that the Town enter into an agreement with the City of Lawrence

allowing the Town to discharge its sewage into the sewage system of said City of Lawrence under the conditions set forth in the report of the City Engineer of Lawrence relative to this matter, and authorize the Selectmen to sign such agreement in behalf of the Town.

Article 4 **Sewer Construction**

Voted to pass over Article 4 of the Warrant.

Article 5 **Raising Money**

Voted to pass over Article 5 of the Warrant.

Article 6 **Legislative Committee**

Voted- to empower a committee to petition the next Legislature for such enactment as may be necessary with regard to the sewage system.

Voted – that this Committee consist of three and be appointed by the Moderator. Jos. S. Howe, Daniel W. Tenney and Alfred Newsholme were appointed as that Committee.

Voted – that the North American Sewage Disposal Company be allowed to present their plans and specifications to the next Annual Town Meeting without expense to the Town.

At 4 o'clock and 40 minutes the meeting adjourned sine die.

Attest, Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

**Methuen,
Oct. 11, 1899**

I, Joseph S. Howe of Methuen in the County of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as I am the Town Clerk of said Methuen, hereby appoint, Miss H. Maud Merrill to be assistant Town Clerk as provided by statute.

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

And Miss H. Maud Merrill was sworn to the faithful performance of the duty of Asst. Town Clerk.

Warrant for State Election, Nov. 7, 1899 – File 12 No 32
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Essex SS: -

To Albert B. Gordon one of the Constables of the Town of Methuen in said County

Greeting: - In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified by law to vote in election of National, State, District and County Officers to meet and assemble at the designated polling places of Precinct one and two, namely; -

The Town Hall in voting Precinct One – and, The basement of the Arlington School Houses in voting Precinct Two, on Tuesday the seventh (7) day of November next, at six o'clock in the forenoon, to bring in to the election officers their votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, Attorney General, Councilor, Senator, Two Representatives in the General Court and County Commissioner. All to be voted for on one ballot. The polls may be closed at four o'clock p.m.

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

Given under our hands and the seal of the Town of Methuen this twenty eight (28) day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety nine.

(Seal)	John D. Emerson	}
Selectmen	Frederick A. Russell	} of
	M. G. Smith	}
Methuen		

Essex SS: -

Methuen, Oct. 30, 1899

By virtue of the within precept I have served the within warrant in accordance with Section two (2) of the by-laws of said Town of Methuen, by posting attested printed copies thereof at the Town House and each of the churches and meeting houses in said Town

on the twenty eighth (28) day of October A.D. 1899, being more than eight (8) days before the time of holding said meeting.

Albert B. Gordon – Constable of
Methuen

A true copy of warrant and Constable's return.

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe

– Town Clerk

Record of State Election – Nov. 7, 1899

At meetings of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen in the County of Essex held in the respective Precincts in said Town, pursuant to Warrant No. 22 File 12, on Tuesday November seventh A.D. 1899, the qualified voters of said Town brought in their written votes for the several officers to be balloted for and the same were received, sorted, counted, declared and registered in open Precinct meetings, according to law, as appears by the certified returns from said Precincts, transmitted to the Town Clerk, and examined by the Selectmen and Town Clerk and according to said returns, the following is the result of the election held as aforesaid.

	9-15 Precinct 1	6-6 Precinct 2
	Total	
Whole number of ballots	709	265
974		
For Governor		
Albert B. Coats of Beverly	21	15
36		
W. Murray Crane of Dalton	465	175
640		
Robert Treat Paine, Jr. of Boston	134	41
175		

42	George R. Peare of Lynn	31	11
20	Winfield P. Porter of Newburyport	18	2
61	Blanks	40	21

For Lieutenant Governor

668	John L. Bates of Boston	483	185
162	John H. Mack of North Adams	121	41
24	James H. Robert of Cambridge	20	4
25	Isaac W. Skinner of Brockton	19	6

For Secretary

21	Charles H. Bradley of Haverhill	15	6
20	John B. Lewis, Jr. of Reading	17	3
153	Henry Lloyd of Boston	112	41
50	Frank McDonald of Stoneham	36	14
641	William M. Olin of Boston	468	173
89	Blanks	61	28

For Treasurer

629	Edward S. Bradford of Springfield	459	170
198	Joseph J. Flynn of Lawrence	144	54
26	Herbert B. Griffin of Winthrop	21	5
41	Frederick A. Nagler of Springfield	28	13
14	Charles W. White of Winchester	10	4

Blanks	47	19
66		

For Auditor

Elbridge Gerry Brown of Brockton	110	39
149		
Frank Albin Forsstrom of Worcester	36	11
47		
John W. Kimball of Fitchburg	467	176
643		
Angus McDonald of Boston	10	5
15		
Franklin A. Palmer of Stockbridge	18	6
24		
Blanks	68	28
96		

For Attorney General

Addison W. Barr of Worcester	13	4
17		
Hosea M. Knowlton of New Bedford	466	181
647		
John H. Morrison of Lowell	121	39
160		
Sidney Perley of Salem	22	4
26		
Walter P. J. Skahan of Newburyport	29	11
40		
Blanks	58	26
84		

For Councilor – Sixth District

Marcellus H. Fletcher of Lowell	148	55
203		
S. Herbert Howe of Marlborough	484	177
661		
Blanks	77	33
110		

For Senator – Fifth Essex District

Guy W. Carrier of Methuen	236	106
342		

578	Charles F. Sargent of Lawrence	435	143
33	William S. Searle of Methuen	21	12
21	Blank	17	4

Representatives in General Court – Sixth Essex District

574	Joseph E. Buswell of Methuen	426	148
147	James Flanagan of Lawrence	107	40
38	Walter Fox of Methuen	29	9
529	Archie N. Frost of Lawrence	396	133
392	James O. Parker of Methuen	274	118
22	Joseph S. Pickard of Lawrence	15	7
246	Blanks	171	75

For County Commissioner

55	Fred E. Welcher of Peabody	38	17
633	Elbridge C. Sawyer of Beverly	472	161
172	William Stopford of Beverly	129	43
114	Blanks	70	44

Attest

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

**City of Lawrence,
Massachusetts
City Clerk's Office**

Nov. 17, 1899

At a meeting of the City Clerk of Lawrence and the Town Clerk of Methuen, said Town and wards One and Two of the said City of Lawrence forming the Sixth Essex Representative District, held at noon this day, in accordance with the

provisions of Section 195 Chapter 417, Acts of 1893, upon comparing the transcript 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 seventh A.D. 1899.

Methuen			Ward 1		Ward 2			
			Prec.1	Prec.2	Prec.3	Prec.4	Prec.5	
Prec.1	Prec.2	Total						
Joseph E. Buswell of Methuen			174	135	255	212	198	426
	148	1548						
James Flanagan of Lawrence			140	183	193	167	407	107
	40	1237						
Walter Fox of Methuen			6	6	5	6	4	29
	9	65						
Archie N. Frost of Lawrence			182	144	286	218	225	396
	133	1584						
James O. Parker of Methuen			120	165	192	159	386	274
	118	1414						
Joseph S. Pickard of Lawrence			8	6	6	11	12	15
	7	65						
Blanks			54	81	129	81	122	171
	75	713						

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 Sixth Essex District to wit: -

Joseph E. Buswell of Methuen

And

Archie N. Frost of Lawrence

Attest, Jos. S. Howe, Town

Clerk of Methuen

1900

Warrant for Annual Town Meeting, March Fifth, A.D. 1900 – File 12, No. 23

Essex SS: - To Albert B. Gordon, one of the Constables of the Town of Methuen in said County.

Greeting: -

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen, qualified to

vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet and assemble at the designated polling places of Precincts One and Two, namely: -

The Town Hall in Voting Precinct One, and The Basement of the Arlington School House in Voting Precinct Two. On Monday the fifth (5) day of March next, at six (6) o'clock in the forenoon to bring in to the election officers their votes for Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, Highway Surveyor, one School Committeeman to serve three (3) years in place of William D. Hartshorne, one Water Commissioner to serve three (3) years in place of Edwin J. Castle, one Trustee of Nevins Memorial to serve two (2) years in place of Joseph S. Howe, Constables, Auditor, Fence Viewers, and "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town?" All to be voted for on one ballot. The polls may be closed at four (4) o'clock p.m.

Also to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Saturday, the tenth (10) day of March next, at one-thirty (1-30) o'clock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following articles, viz.: -

- Article 1 To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- Article 2 To elect all Town Officers not required to be chosen by ballot.
- 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 for 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 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 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 Statute.

- Article 11 To see if the Town will vote to elect the Tree Warden by official ballot.
- Article 12 By request of Col. William B. Greene Post 100 G.A.R., to see if the Town will vote to appropriate one hundred and fifty (150) dollars for the purpose of decorating the graves of our soldiers and sailors on Memorial Day, May 30, 1900, said money to be expended under the direction of the above Post.
- Article 13 To see what action the Town will take with regard to the construction of sewers during the present year.
- Article 14 To see if the Town will vote to hire money for the construction of sewers and take such action thereon as the Town may think proper.
- Article 15 To see what action the Town will take with regard to the renewing of the contract with the Welsbach Street Lighting Co. of America, which expires in October 1900.
- Article 16 To see if the Town will vote to furnish a bathroom and heating apparatus for the house and introduce water into the house and barn at the Town Farm, and appropriate seven hundred dollars for the same.
- Article 17 By request of Adolph Buthmann and others, to see if the Town will vote to build a sewer in Spruce Street, to Lawrence Street a distance of about four hundred (400) feet, and make an appropriation for the same.
- Article 18 By request of M. B. Rochefort and others, to see if the Town will vote to build a sewer in Kirk Street, from the mains sewer towards Broadway, a distance of about one hundred and twenty five (125) feet, and make an appropriation for the same.
- Article 19 By request of Stephen J. Barker and others, to see if the Town will vote to lower the culvert crossing Woodland Street, between Orchard and Elm Streets, and appropriate thirty (30) dollars for the same.
- Article 20 By request of Hugh C. Smith and others, to see if the Town will vote to grade and macadamize Woodland Street from Orchard Street to the Lawrence line, and continue the macadamizing on Orchard Street, and appropriate five thousand (5000) dollars for the same.
- Article 21 By request of N. M. Durrell and others, to see if the Town will vote to establish the grade, grade, building sidewalks and macadamize Elm Street from Woodland Street to Orchard Street, and appropriate fifteen hundred (1500) dollars for the same.
- Article 22 By request of John Q. Hill and others, to see if the Town will vote to macadamize Hampshire Street from Broadway to the house of Mrs.

Fannie M. Dodge, a distance of about twenty one hundred (2100) feet, and appropriate fifteen hundred (1500) dollars for the same.

- Article 23 By request of Samuel Emerson and others, to see if the Town will vote to macadamize Mill Street from Pelham Street one thousand (1000) feet, and make an appropriation for the same.
- Article 24 By request of Tenney Morse and others, to see if the Town will vote to grade, repair, and build sidewalks on Stevens Street, between Central Street and Summit Avenue, so called, and make an appropriation for the same.
- Article 25 By request of Henry N. Hall and others, to see if the Town will vote to repair and build a sidewalk on Gage Street, and appropriate two hundred and fifty (250) dollars for the same.
- Article 26 By request of T. P. Tuttle and others, to see if the Town will vote to discontinue that part of Currier Street, a distance of about (20) rods running east of the house of Edward Moreau formerly McElroy house, and lay out a street on the west side of the said house, a distance of about twenty (20) rods, and appropriate twenty five dollars for the same.
- Article 27 By request of John Cunliffe and others, to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Highway Surveyor to build a sidewalk on Railroad Street between Oakland Avenue and Gill Avenue, on the side where the houses are built, and make an appropriation for the same.
- Article 28 By request of E. F. Searles and others, to see if the Town will vote to change the name of Exchange Square to Central Place; also to change the name of Lawrence Street from Park Street to the junction of Lawrence and East Street to Washington Place.
- Article 29 By request of James F. Craven and others, to see if the Town will vote to change the name of Cemetery Street to Grove Street.
- Article 30 By request of Alonzo Howe and others, to see if the Town will vote to build a bridge over the tracks of the Boston and Maine Railroad Co., between Lowell Street and Osgood Street, provided permission can be obtained of the said Railroad Company and make an appropriation for the same.
- Article 31 By request of the School Committee, to see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to establish an evening school and appropriate five hundred (500) dollars for the same.

- Article 32 By request of the Water Commissioners and Town Treasurer to see if the Town will vote instructions, to define whose duty it is in regard to collecting the water rates.
- Article 33 By request of the Water Commissioners, to see if the Town wishes to extend the water system. If so they will instruct the Water Commissioners to apply to the Legislature to issue more bonds to the amount of twenty five thousand (25,000) dollars.
- Article 34 By request of Solomon Brown and others, to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Water Commissioners to lay a water pipe in Ashford Street and make an appropriation for the same.
- Article 35 By request of Albert B. Gordon and others, to see if the Town will vote to enlarge the Police Station and provide a Court Room, using the two vacant rooms in the basement of the Town House adjoining the present lockup and appropriate eight hundred (800) dollars for the same.
- Article 36 By request of E. F. Searles and others, to see if the Town will vote to appoint an additional Police Officer for night duty.
- Article 37 By request of Ashton Lee and others, to see if the Town will vote to accept a street known as Ashton Place, as laid out by the Selectmen.
- Article 38 By request of William M. Rogers and others, to see if the Town will vote to print for the benefit of tax payers, in pamphlet form, under the direction of Assessors, the assessment for the present year of the real estate in Town, arranged and indicated by streets, and appropriate two hundred (200) dollars for the same.
- Article 39 By request of D. W. Noyes and others, to see if the Town will vote to release to Will E. Williams, whatever rights it may have in the old abandoned Town Pound, that is situated on his farm in said Town.
- Article 40 By request of Welma L. Wood and others, to see if the Town will vote to locate a fire alarm box at the corner of Pelham and Cross Streets, and appropriate eighty five (85) dollars for the same.
- Article 41 By request of Willie W. Eaton and others, to see if the Town will vote to locate a fire alarm box at the corner of Elm and Orchard Streets, and appropriate two hundred (200) dollars for the same.
- Article 42 By request of the Board of Fire Engineers to see if the Town will vote to abandon the use and control of the reservoir on Central Street.

- Article 43 By request of James O. Parker and others, to see if the Town will vote to locate a Welsbach light at the junction of Union and River Streets and appropriate twenty four (24) dollars for the same.
- Article 44 By request of Thomas Doyle and others, to see if the Town will vote to locate three (3) Welsbach lights, at the following places: - corner of Lawrence and Spruce Streets, corner of Lawrence and Willow Streets, and one on Spruce Street between Lawrence and Centre Streets and appropriate seventy two (72) dollars for the same.
- Article 45 By request of W. P. Morse and others, to see if the Town will vote to locate three (3) Welsbach lights on Lowell Street and appropriate seventy two (72) dollars for the same.
- Article 46 By request of Arthur W. Hutchins and others to see if the Town will vote to locate two (2) Welsbach lights, one at the corner of Stevens Street and Nevins Road, and one on Stevens Street between Central Street and Nevins Road and appropriate forty eight dollars for the same.
- Article 47 By request of Samuel Turkington and others, to see if the Town will vote to locate a Welsbach light in Ingalls Court and appropriate twenty four (24) dollars for the same.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk on or before the time of the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands and the seal of the Town of Methuen, this twenty third (23rd) day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred.

John D. Emerson } Selectmen

[L.S.] Frederick A. Russell } of
Moses G. Smith } Methuen

Constable's Return

Essex SS: -

Methuen,

February 24th 1900.

By virtue of the within precept, I have served the within warrant, as within directed by posting attested printed copies thereof at the Town House and at each of the public meeting houses in said Town of Methuen on Saturday the twenty fourth day of February

A.D. 1900 being more than eight days before the time of holding said meeting.

A true copy of warrant and return

Attest Jos. S. Howe – Town

Clerk

Record of Annual Town Meeting, March Fifth A.D. 1900

At meetings of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen in the County of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts held in the respective Precincts in said Town, pursuant to a Warrant No. 23 File 12, on Monday, March fifth A.D. 1900, the qualified voters of said Town brought in their written votes for the several officers to be balloted for, and on the question, “Shall Licenses be granted for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors in this Town?” and the same were received, sorted, counted, declared and registered in open Precinct meetings, according to law, as appears by the certified returns from said Precincts, transmitted to the Town Clerk and examined by him in conjunction with the Board of Registrars of Voters.

And according to the returns, the following appears as the result of the election held as aforesaid.

	Precinct 2	Total	Precinct 1
The whole number of ballots was			687
	233	920	
For Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor			
John H. George, 98 Pleasant St.			451
	168	619	
George O. Marsh, 41 Hampshire St.			545
	181	726	
Alfred Newsholme, Lowell St.			510
	176	686	
Charles M. Sawyer, Lowell St.			324
	49	373	

Frank Remick		1
	1	
Edwin J. Castle		1
	1	
Edward Ross		1
	1	
Charles H. Hall		1
	1	
Blank		227
	125	352

And John H. George, George O. Marsh and Alfred Newsholme were declared elected Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of Poor and were sworn into those offices respectively.

For Town Clerk, Treasurer and Collector of Taxes

Joseph S. Howe, 8 Stevens St.		600
	182	782
A. H. Clark		1
	1	
Blank		86
	51	137

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

Trustee Nevins Memorial – 2 years

Joseph S. Howe, 8 Stevens St.		577
	174	751
Blanks		110
	59	169

And Joseph S. Howe was declared Trustee, Nevins Memorial – 2 years.

Auditor

Charles H. T. Mann, 83 Prospect St.		503
	171	674
Blanks		184
	62	246

And Charles H. T. Mann was declared elected Auditor & was sworn.

Highway Surveyor

Isaac C. Brown, 3 Howe St.		203
	60	263

John Q. Hill, 48 Pelham St. 455
160 615

Blank 29
13 42

And John Q. Hill was declared elected Highway Surveyor and was sworn.

Water Commissioner – 3 years

156 Edwin J. Castle, 56 Lowell St. 354
510

67 Albert L. Dame, 26 Osgood St. 305
372

Martin Linskey 1
1

Guy Currier 1
1

10 Blanks 26
36

And Edwin J. Castle was declared elected Water Commissioner for three years and was sworn.

Fence Viewers

159 John S. Crosby, 43 Prospect St. 474
633

163 Millard F. Emerson, Pelham St. 497
660

157 Addison P. Russell, 72 Merrimack St. 492
649

D. T. Morrison 1
1

220 Blanks 597
817

And John S. Crosby, Millard F. Emerson and Addison P. Russell were declared elected Fence Viewers and sworn.

Constables

John Dolan, 60 Centre St. 133
42 175

Charles H. Emerson, 56 Railroad St. 503
155 658

Albert B. Gordon, 10 Osgood St. 493
171 664

Amos G. Jones, 64 Union St. 158 633	475
James L. Moesom, 7 Messer Ave. 139 512	373
Eugene Murphy, 1 Morse Ct. 46 244	198
William J. Oliver, 8 Annis Ct. 189 627	438
Joseph N. Sargent, 20 Park St. 74 364	290
James C. Taylor, 43 Railroad St. 154 593	439
John H. George 1	1
Frank McDermott 1	1
Blank 270 1048	778

And Charles H. Emerson, Albert B. Gordon, Amos G. Jones, James L. Moesom, William J. Oliver and James C. Taylor were declared elected Constables and were all sworn.

License Vote

On the “Shall Licenses be granted for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors in this Town?”

The number of voters voting Yes was 96 340	244
The number of voters voting No was 122 499	377
Blanks 15 81	66

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe, Town Clerk.

Record of Business Meeting, March tenth A.D. 1900

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, 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 Saturday the tenth day of March A.D. 1900 at one o’clock and thirty minutes p.m. to elect the Town Officers not chosen by ballot, and to transact the business of the Annual Town Meeting.

The meeting was called to order at one o’clock and thirty minutes p.m. by Joseph S. Howe, Town Clerk, who read the warrant for the meeting.

Article 1 **Moderator**

The polls were opened for the choice of Moderator, the checklist being used. Granville E. Foss was chosen Moderator by a unanimous vote and was sworn.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Charles H. Oliphant

Article 2 **Officers not chosen by ballot**

A motion was made that all officers not required to be chosen by ballot be appointed by the Selectmen; objection being made the motion was withdrawn. The meeting then proceeded to the motion was withdrawn. The meeting then proceeded to the election of officers not to be chosen by ballot, as follows:

Field Drivers

Charles E. Allen John Hey Frank H. Aldrich

Surveyors of Plastering

Silas K. Nowell Frank Buckminster (sworn) Charles E. Russell

Nahum P. Winn John W. Moss

Surveyors of Lumber

John H. George (sworn) George O. Marsh (sworn) James O.
Parker
Millard F. Emerson (sworn) Frank Buckminster (sworn) Samuel
Emerson
Charles Hutchins (sworn) James H. Lyons Isaac C.
Brown
Addison P. Russell (sworn)

Surveyors of Wood and Bark

George O. Marsh (sworn) John H. George (sworn) Millard F.
Emerson (sworn)
Fred A. Russell (sworn) Isaac C. Brown Charles E.
Richardson (sworn)

Pound Keepers

David M. Cole Joseph E. Buswell

Sealers of Weights and Measures

John C. Sanborn Henry H. Crompton

Tree Warden

John E. Davis (sworn)

Article 3 **Selectmen's Report**

Voted to accept the Annual Report of the Selectmen.

Article 4 **Appropriations**

Voted – to consider the estimates of the Selectmen item by item.
Voted – to increase the appropriation for Highways and Bridges to three
Thousand dollars. Further consideration of estimate for Macadam was
postponed to
the adjourned meeting.

The regular appropriations as finally agreed upon for the ensuing year, are as
follows:

For teaching, music, janitorship and fuel as recommended by School Committee	\$21,500.00
Supplies for schools sixteen hundred and fifty dollars	1,650.00
Repairs on School Houses fourteen hundred dollars	1,400.00
Contingencies for Schools seven hundred dollars	700.00
Superintendent of Schools fifteen hundred dollars	1,500.00
Opening Roads and Sanding Sidewalks one thousand dollars	1,000.00
Highways and Bridges three thousand dollars	3,000.00
Macadamizing five thousand dollars	5,000.00
Sidewalks one thousand dollars	1,000.00

Edgestones and Flagging one thousand dollars	1,000.00	
Sewer Department one thousand dollars	1,000.00	
Fire Department twenty eight hundred dollars	2,800.00	
Town Teams five hundred dollars	500.00	
Street Lights four thousand dollars	4,000.00	
Contingencies two thousand dollars	2,000.00	
Health Department fifteen hundred dollars	1,500.00	
Police Department two thousand dollars	2,000.00	
Pauper Department four thousand dollars	4,000.00	
Soldiers' Relief three hundred dollars	300.00	
Military Aid five hundred dollars	500.00	
Water for Hydrants and Drinking Fountains fifty four hundred and forty dollars	5,440.00	
Watering Streets three hundred and fifty dollars	350.00	
Interest on Town Debt four thousand dollars	4,000.00	
Collection of Taxes eight hundred dollars	800.00	
Town Officers eighteen hundred dollars	<u>1,800.00</u>	
		Total
	\$68,740.00	

Voted that the Board of Selectmen with Mr. Daniel W. Tenney and the Highway Surveyor, be requested to consult the managers of the Lowell, Lawrence and Haverhill St. R.R. Co., to see what the Company is willing to do respecting certain alterations and repairs contemplated on the highway through which the railroad runs and that they ascertain the facts respecting the franchise of said road.

Rev. C. H. Oliphant offered the following resolution, which was adopted.
 "Resolved, that a committee of three be appointed by the Chair to consider and report upon a system of sidewalk construction and an equitable division of the expense between the Town and the abutters; this Committee to report at the next

annual meeting. The Chair appointed as that Committee Rev. Charles H. Oliphant, Joseph E. Buswell and J. Milton Tenney.

Article 15

Street Lights

Voted to take up Article 15 of the warrant in connection with the appropriation for street lighting.

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to renew the contract with the Welsbach

Street Lighting Company for one year as they think for the best interest of the Town.

Rev. Charles H. Oliphant offered the following resolution, which was adopted.

“Resolved that the Town instruct the Selectmen in printing the Annual Reports, to insert hereafter, instead of the full names of persons receiving help from the Town, numbers corresponding to the names upon their books.” A motion was made and carried that the names of veteran soldiers and sailors be included under these instructions. On motion of E. J. Castle, voted that the Treasurer be instructed with the Selectmen, to give the note of the Town for the sum of three thousand dollars, to be placed in the Sinking Fund of the Methuen Waterworks. Said amount having been derived from the difference in maintenance.

Article 5

Collection of Taxes

Voted that taxes be collected the same as last year, and 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

Temporary Loans

Voted – by a unanimous vote, 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 not exceeding in the aggregate fifty thousand dollars, and to execute and deliver the note or notes of the Town therefore, payable within one year from the time the loan is made. Any debt or debts incurred by a loan or loans to the Town under this vote shall be paid from the said taxes of the present municipal year.

Article 7

Jury List

The Jury List being under consideration, the name of Augustus N. Russ was stricken Therefrom at his own request, after which it was accepted and approved, as Recommended by the Selectmen.

The Jury List for the current year consists of the following named persons.

Austin Charles, Lumber dealer Farmer	Lippold Carl S.,
Bodwell Willard R., Farmer dealer	Lord John, Shoe
Brown Kirk F., Provision dealer Salesman	Lowell Levi U.,
Carrow Peter, Harness dealer Operative	Mack Thomas,
Clark Aaron H., Editor Machinist	Mannifield John T.,
Colby Thomas J., Carpenter Farmer	Marsh George O.,
Copp George W., Manufacturer Farmer	Merrill Charles E.,
Crowell David, Farmer Alexander D., Farmer	Mackenzie,
Coburn Hugh F., Farmer Laborer	Messer Cummings,
Coburn J. Varnum, Farmer Farmer	Miller Frederick,
Curran James H., Operative Farmer	Morse William P.,
Dodge Selwin A., Grocer	Nice Benjamin, Clerk

Douglas Clarence W., Undertaker Farmer	Noyes David W.,
Dowding Edmund, Farmer Insurance Agent	Press Edward,
Emerson J. Frank, Clerk Plumber	Puffer Alphonso C.,
Emerson James O., Janitor Painter	Peaslee Orlando A.,
Emerson Samuel, Farmer B., Farmer	Richardson Varnum
Feeney Edward J., Coachman Farmer	Russell John H.,
Foster Thaddeus C., Farmer Farmer	Russell Addison P.,
Frederick Edwin R., Carpenter Farmer	Salls James E.,
Graham John M., Stable keeper Operative	Sargent Charles H., Sawyer
Gammons Thompson E., Bookkeeper Daniel H., Carpenter	Shirley John W.,
Gilcreast Walter L. S., Shoe dealer Farmer	Sleeper William C.,
Griffin Rufus A., Farmer Farmer	Smith Moses G.,
Hall Charles H., Gardener Contractor	Stevens Granville C.,
Harvey Samuel A., Carpenter Farmer	Tenney Daniel W.,
Holman Silas L., Dry Goods dealer Manufacturer	Tenney George W.,
Howe Isaiah M., Farmer Manufacturer	Webster Fred M.,
Jones Amos G., Janitor Gardener	Webster George K.,
Kimball Sylvanus G., Farmer Farmer	Young S. Wesley,
Lazelle Henry R., Farmer Farmer	

Article 8

Reports of Committees

The Report of Committee on New Fire Station was called for. Mr. George W. Tenney reported verbally. Mr. Buckminster and Mr. Lyons criticized the building and committee, and thought the floors had settled.

Voted – that the subject of discussion be referred to the Committee on Construction of the building, they to report at the adjourned meeting.

The following Resolution was passed unanimously by a rising vote. “Resolved that the hearty thanks of this Town be tendered Mr. Charles H. Tenney, for the excellent fire bell generously donated by him for use in the new building of the Department.

Mr. Mannifield reported verbally for the Committee on new fire station in the Arlington District and recommended that the horses of the Fire Department be not Allowed to go beyond the sound of the fire alarm, while at their daily work.

Voted – that the Fire Engineers be a Committee to arrange the limits within which the horse may be employed.

Voted – that Articles 43, 44, 45, 46 and 47 be referred to the Committee on Street Lighting of last year.

Article 9

Compensation of Fire Department

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

Article 10

Dog Licenses

Voted – That the money received from dog licenses in accordance with Chapter 102, Section 107 of the Public Statutes be appropriated to the use of the schools.

Article 11

Tree Warden

Voted – To elect the Tree Warden hereafter by official ballot.

Article 12

Memorial Day - \$150.00

Voted – to appropriate one hundred and fifty dollars for the purpose of decorating the graves of our soldiers and sailors on

Memorial Day May 30, 1900, said money to be expended under the direction of Col. William B. Greene Post 100, G.A.R.

Articles 13 and 14 were postponed to the adjourned meeting.

Voted – to refer Article 16 to the Selectmen, and that they present plans and estimates at the next meeting.

Article 17 **Sewer Spruce St. – \$500.00**

Voted – to build a sewer in Spruce Street, to Lawrence Street, a distance of about four hundred feet, and appropriate five hundred dollars for that purpose.

Article 18 **Sewer Kirk St. - \$175.00**

Voted – to build a sewer in Kirk Street, from the main sewer towards Broadway, a distance of about one hundred and twenty five feet, and appropriate one hundred and seventy five dollars therefore.

Article 19 **Culvert Woodland St. - \$30.00**

Voted – to lower the culvert crossing Woodland Street between Orchard and Elm Street and appropriate thirty dollars for that purpose.

Voted – that Articles 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25 be postponed to the next meeting.

Article 26 **Currier St.**

Voted – to pass over Article 26 of the warrant.

Article 27 **Sidewalk Railroad St. - \$75.00**

Voted – to authorize the Highway Surveyor to build a sidewalk on
Railroad Street,
between Oakland Avenue and Gill Avenue, on the side where the
houses are built,
and to appropriate seventy five dollars for that purpose.

Article 28 **Street Names**

Voted – to change the name of Exchange Square to Central Place; also to make the following changes in Lawrence Street: That part of Lawrence Street as far as its junction with Osgood Street to be called “Hillside”; Osgood Street to extend to Park Street; and that part of Lawrence Street from Park to junction with East Street to be known as Washington Place.

Article 29

Cemetery St.

Voted – to change the name of Cemetery Street to Grove Street. Mr. Holman offered following resolution which was adopted: - “Resolved that the Selectmen be instruction to have printed and ready for distribution at the adjourned meeting, at the Town Clerk’s office, copies of the franchise granted the L. L. & H. Co. for extension, and the franchise granted to the Lawrence & Methuen St. Railway Co. The cost of same to be taken from the sum appropriated for contingencies.”

Mr. Emerson offered the following Preamble and Resolution which were adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

“Whereas: our townsman Edward F. Searles has erected near the center of the village a monument of rare and majestic beauty, and Whereas: - this monument both by its historical interest and artistic execution will give distinction to the Town so long as marble and bronze endure, Resolved, by the Citizens of Methuen, in Town Meeting assembled that we express to Mr. Searles our great appreciation of the Washington monument by Thomas Ball, and a deep sense of gratitude for its noble and refining influence.”

The meeting then adjourned to meet on Saturday March 17th at one o’clock p.m.

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk.

Record of adjourned Town meeting, March 17, 1900

An adjourned meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen was held on Saturday, March seventeenth 1900 at the Town Hall.

The meeting was called to order at one o'clock p.m. by the Moderator, Granville E. Foss, Esq.

Committee on Sidewalks

The Moderator announced the names of the Committee on Sidewalks as follows,
Rev. Charles H. Oliphant, Joseph E. Buswell and J. Milton Tenney.

Article 30

Bridge over Railroad

A motion was made to pass over Article 30 of the warrant and the motion was withdrawn.

Voted, that a committee of three be appointed by the Chair to confer with the Railroad Company and ascertain on what terms a bridge can be built and the cost of the same.

Article 43

44, 45, 46, 47 - \$240.00

Voted – that the sum of two hundred and forty dollars be appropriated to be used by the Committee to whom was referred Articles 43, 44, 45, 46 and 47 of the warrant and that said Committee have full power in the matter.

Appropriation for Schools, etc.

Mr. Hartshorne moved to reconsider the vote whereby the Town voted to appropriate twenty two thousand five hundred dollars for Schools, Janitorship and Fuel. The motion was carried and it was then voted to make the appropriation twenty one thousand five hundred dollars.

Article 31

Evening School - \$500.00

Voted – To authorize the School Committee to establish an evening school, and that five hundred dollars be appropriated for that purpose.

Article 32

Collection of Water Bills

Voted – that the limit of time for payment of water bills be sixty days from the date thereof and that all water bills unpaid at the end of that time be returned by the Town Treasurer to the Water Commissioners for enforcement of collection.

Article 33

Water Bonds

Voted – To instruct the Water Commissioners to apply to the Legislature for Authority to issue more water bonds to the amount of twenty five thousand dollars.

Article 34

Water Pipe – Ashford Street

Voted – To pass over Article 34 of the warrant.

Article 35

Police Station - \$800.00

Voted – To enlarge the Police Station and provide a Court Room using the two Vacant rooms in the basement of the Town House adjoining the present lockup and that eight hundred dollars be appropriated for that purpose.

Article 36

Night Police

Voted – That the Selectmen furnish such police protection as Mr. Searles shall call for at any time, and that an additional Police Officer for night duty be appointed.

Article 18

Sewers

Voted – to take up Article 13 of the warrant.
At the request of several persons, it was voted to request Exc. Gov. J. Q. A. Brackett

to address the meeting in behalf of the International Sewage Disposal Company. He set forth the claims of this Company and desired the Town to postpone the subject a few weeks until his company would have time to present a plan of sewage disposal to the Town. A long discussion ensued and several motions were made but before any was put to vote, it was voted: - to postpone the consideration of this article to the next Annual Town Meeting.

Article 14

Money for Sewers

Voted: to pass over Article 14 of the warrant.

Appropriation Macadam

The appropriation for Macadam was next taken up for consideration. The Report of the committee appointed at the last meeting to confer with the managers of the Lowell, Lawrence and Haverhill St. R.R. Co. was called for. Mr. Marsh reported verbally that they had seen some of the managers who made no definite propositions but said they would do what is fair whether legally liable or not.

Voted: - to appropriate five thousand dollars for Macadam to be expended in completing the repairs on Lowell Street.

Voted: - that all the money received from the Electric Railroad taxes be added to the above sum for the purpose of widening the bridges and macadamizing Lowell St.

Voted: - that all the money received from the Electric Railroad taxes be added to the above sum for the purpose of widening the bridges and macadamizing Lowell St. and if any money remains it be used to macadamize Orchard Street.

Voted: - that the Selectmen be a Committee to confer with the officers of the Street

Railway, and obtain the best terms possible and that whatever remains be expended under the direction of the Selectmen and Highway Surveyor.

Article 16

Alms House - \$1,249

The report of Committee appointed on Article 16 was called for, and Mr. Marsh reported that the probable cost of the proposed improvements would be about twelve hundred and forty nine dollars.

Voted, to accept and adopt the report of the Committee, and appropriate twelve hundred and forty nine dollars for purposes named in Article 16.

Article 20

Woodland St.

Voted: - To pass over Article 20 of the Warrant.

Article 21

Elm St. - \$500

Voted: - To appropriate five hundred dollars to establish the grade, grade, and build sidewalks on Elm Street, from Woodland Street to Orchard Street.

Article 22

Hampshire St.

Voted: - to pass over Article 22 of Warrant.

Article 23

Mill St. - \$300

Voted: - To appropriate three hundred dollars for repairs on Mill street, to be expended under the direction of the Highway Surveyor.

Mr. Holman moved that this meeting appoint a committee of five citizens to act in conjunction with the Selectmen, to see that the different Street Railway Companies laying tracks through our Streets and Highways the coming summer, live up to the spirit and letter of their Franchises – The motion was lost Yea 32 No 53.

Article 37

Passed over Article 37

Article 38

List of Taxpayers - \$200

Voted: - to print for the benefit of taxpayers, in pamphlet form under the direction of the Assessors, the assessment for the present year, of the real estate in Town, giving the valuation of the

buildings, & the valuation of the land in acres or feet arranged and indicated by streets, and appropriate two hundred dollars for that purpose.

Article 39

Town Pound

Voted: - To release to Will E. Williams, whatever rights the Town may have in the old abandoned Town Pound, that is situated on his farm in said Town.

Article 40

Fire Alarm - \$85.00

Voted: - to locate a fire alarm box at the corner of Pelham and Cross Streets, and appropriate eighty five dollars for that purpose.

Article 41

Fire Alarm - \$200.00

Voted: - to locate a fire alarm box at the corner of Elm and Orchard Streets, and appropriate two hundred dollars for that purpose.

Article 42

Reservoir

Voted: - to abandon the use and control of the reservoir on Central Street.

Articles 24
full power,
& 25

Voted: - to refer Articles 24 and 25 to the Highway Surveyor with and that the money needed for the repairs called for be taken from the regular appropriation for sidewalks.

The Committee on New Fire Station reported verbally and the report was accepted.

Moved – that a fence be built around the new fire station lot, the cost thereof to be taken from the appropriation for Contingencies. Objection being made on the ground of illegality, the Chair decided it out of order.

Voted to increase the appropriation for Contingencies two hundred dollars.

Attest, Jos. S. Howe

– Town Clerk

Warrant for Special Town Meeting, June 16, 1900 – File 12 No.

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 in elections and Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Saturday the sixteenth day of June instant at two o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles, to with: -

- Article 1 To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- Article 2 To take such action in regard to the issue of Water Loan Bonds of the Town, under the Acts of 1900, Chapter 227, to an amount not exceeding twenty five thousand dollars as to the Town shall seem proper.
- Article 3 To see if the Town will vote to locate a Fire Alarm Box at the corner of Hampshire Street and Broadway, and make an appropriation for the same.
- Article 4 To hear the report of the Special Committee on the covering in of the tracks of the Boston and Maine Railroad at the junction of Osgood and Lowell Streets, and make an appropriation for the same.
- Article 5 By request of J. G. McAllister and others, to see if the Town will vote to accept Dewey Street, so called out by the Selectmen, commencing at a point on Milk Street and running to Arthur Street.
- Article 6 By request of J. G. McAllister and others, to see if the Town will vote to accept Russ Street, so called as laid out by the Selectmen, commencing at a point on East Street and running to Swan Street.
- Article 7 By request of Ashton Lee and others, to see if the Town will vote to accept a street known as Ashton Place as laid out by the Selectmen, commencing at a point on Chelmsford Street, and running to Camden Street.
- Article 8 By request of Kirk F. Brown and others, to see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to lay out a Court or Street commencing at a point on Pelham Street, near the house of Julian E. McKay, and running northerly about four hundred and fifty feet. Said Court or Street to be twenty six feet in width.

Article 9 To see if the Town will vote to substitute three Welsbach lights, suitably located, for the electric arc lights on Pleasant Street, near the foot of Highland Street.

Article 10 By request of Eben E. Bailey and others, to see if the Town will vote to erect and maintain four incandescent electric lights to be located on Milk, Dewey, Arthur and Prospect Streets, and appropriate sixty five dollars for the same.

Article 11 By request of Theodore Kiesling and others, to see if the Town will vote to establish the grade on King Street, and appropriate one hundred and fifty dollars to grade and gravel 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 (8) days at least before said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk on or before the time of the meting aforesaid.

Given under our hands and the seal of the Town of Methuen this sixth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred.

[Seal] George O. Marsh } Selectmen
Alfred Newsholme } of
John H. George } Methuen

Essex SS: - Methuen, June 7th 1900.

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, also at each of the school houses outside of the village, 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 Special Town Meeting – June 16, 1900 – Warrant No. 24 File 12

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 Saturday, June 16th A.D. 1900 at two o'clock p.m. pursuant to Warrant no. 24 file 12.

The meeting was called to order at two o'clock p.m. by Joseph S. Howe, Town Clerk, who read the warrant under which the meeting was called.

Article 1

Moderator

A ballot was taken and Joseph E. Buswell was chosen Moderator by a unanimous vote and was sworn.

Article 2

Issue of Water Loan Bonds

Voted, by a unanimous vote, that for the purpose of extending and completing the Methuen system of waterworks, as provided in Chapter 227 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1900, 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 Commissioner 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 3

Fire Alarm Box

Voted – to locate a Fire Alarm Box at the corner of Hampshire Street and Broadway, and appropriate one hundred and fifty dollars for that purpose.

Article 4

Railroad Bridge

Joseph E. Buswell made a verbal report for the Committee to whom was referred the subject of covering the Railroad near the New Engine House. The report of the Committee was accepted, and it was

Voted: - In consideration of the Boston & Main Railroad a body corporate bridging over a certain vacant space over the tracks of said Boston & Maine Railroad situated in Methuen, County of Essex, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, at the junction of Osgood and Lowell Streets, so called, said space lying between two bridges now owned by said Boston & Maine Railroad, and contiguous thereto. The inhabitants of the Town of Methuen in Town Meeting assembled do hereby agree to accept the bridge over said space, when completed, as a public highway, and to keep in repair and maintain the same forever, and to hold the Boston & Main Railroad harmless from any damages that may be caused by any defect in said bridge. This agreement does not include bridges now already built and maintained by said Boston & Maine Railroad, and connected with said vacant space to be covered, and has no relation thereto.

And we the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen in Town Meeting properly called do hereby instruct the Selectmen of the Town of Methuen to execute any contract, instrument or other papers that may be necessary to the fulfillment of this agreement.

Article 5

Dewey St.

Voted, to accept Dewey Street as laid out by the Selectmen.

Article 6

Russ St.

Voted, to accept Russ Street as laid out by the Selectmen.

Article 7

Ashton Place

Voted, to accept Ashton Place, as a Town way, as laid out by the Selectmen.

Article 8

New Street

After considerable discussion it was voted to pass over Article 8, but it was

Voted, that the Street Commissioner be instructed to plough out the snow in winter, in the private way running from Pelham St. near the house of Julian E. McKay northward about four hundred and fifty feet.

Article 9

Street Lamps

Voted, to substitute three Welsback lights, suitably located for the electric arc light on Pleasant St. near the foot of Highland Street. Voted, that the location of these lights be referred to the Street Lighting Committee.

Article 10

Street Lights

Voted: - to erect and maintain four incandescent electric lights to be located on Milk, Dewey, Arthur, and Prospect Streets, and appropriate sixty five dollars therefore.

Voted: - that the location of these lights be referred to the Street Lighting Committee.

Article 11

King St.

Voted, to establish the grade on King Street, and appropriate one hundred and fifty dollars, to grade and gravel the same.

No other business appearing, it was voted to adjourn the meeting sine die, at three o'clock & five minutes p.m.

Attest, Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

Methuen,

July 31st 1900

I, Joseph S. Howe of Methuen, in the County of Essex, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as I am the Town Clerk of said Methuen, hereby appoint Miss H. Maud Merrill of said Methuen to be Assistant Town Clerk, as provided by statute.

Attest

Jos. S. Howe, Town Clerk of
Methuen

And Miss H. Maud Merrill was sworn to the faithful performance of her duty as
Assistant Town Clerk.

Jos. S. Howe, Town Clerk

**National and State Election, November Sixth 1900 – Warrant No.
25 File 12**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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 directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of
Methuen qualified by law to vote in election of National, State,
District, and County Officers to meet and assemble at the
designated polling places of Precinct One and Two, namely
The Town Hall in Voting Precinct One

And

The Basement of the Arlington School House in Voting
Precinct Two on Tuesday the sixth (6) day of November, next, at
six o'clock in the forenoon to bring in to the election officers their
votes for Electors of President and Vice President, Governor,
Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, Attorney-
General, Representative in Congress, Councillor, Senator, Two
Representatives in the General Court, County Commissioner,
Register of Deeds and County Treasurer. All to be voted for on
one ballot. The polls may be closed at four o'clock p.m.

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

Given under our hands and the seal of the Town of Methuen, this
twenty seventh day of October, in the year of our Lord, one
thousand nine hundred.

[L. S.]

George O. Marsh }
John H. George } Selectmen
 } of Methuen

Record of National and State Election, Nov. 6, 1900.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen in the County of Essex, held in the respective Precincts in said Town, pursuant to Warrant No. 25 File 12, on Tuesday November Sixth A.D. 1900, the qualified voters of said Town brought in their written votes for the several officers to be balloted for, and the same were received, sorted, counted, declared and registered in open Precinct meetings according to law, as appears by the certified returns from said Precincts, transmitted to the Town Clerk, and examined by the Selectmen and Town Clerk, and according to said returns the following is the result of the election held as aforesaid.

	Precinct 2	Total	Precinct 1
Whole number of ballots cast			937
	362	1299	
For Electors at Large			
Thomas Wentworth Higginson, Democratic, Cambridge			156
	66	222	
Thomas J. Gargan, Democratic, Boston			156
	66	222	
Roger Wolcott, Republican, Boston			675
	255	930	
William Whiting, Republican, Holyoke			675
	255	930	
Charles S. Grieves, Dem. Soc. No. Paper, Amesbury			27
	9	36	
Herbert L. Wood, Dem. Soc. Nom. Paper, Brockton			27
	9	36	
Patrick O'Keefe, Socialist Labor, Salem			6
	5	11	
John A. Henley, Socialist Labor, Lynn			6
	5	11	
Edward Kendall, Prohibition, Cambridge			18
	9	27	
John Bascom, Prohibition, Williamstown			18
	9	27	
Blank			110
	36	146	

Electors by Districts – District Number One

William Nugent, Democratic, Pittsfield	156
66 222	
James W. Toole, Republican, Holyoke	675
255 930	
Leon S. Oliver, Dem. Social Nom. Paper, Westfield	27
9 36	
Henry Noffke, Socialist Labor, Holyoke	6
5 11	
Thomas A. Frissell, Prohibition, Hinsdale	18
9 27	
Blanks	55
18 73	

District Number Two

Charles J. Bellemy, Springfield	156
66 222	
Charles E. Stevens, Ware	675
255 930	
William H. Lawler, Springfield	27
9 36	
James Noonan, Springfield	6
5 11	
Oliver W. Cobb, Easthampton	18
9 27	
Blanks	55
18 73	

District Number Three

Eben S. Stevens, Dudley	156
66 222	
Josiah Perry, Dudley	675
255 930	
Charles E. Fenner, Worcester	27
9 36	
Walter J. Hoar, Gardner	6
5 11	
William W. Nash, Worcester	18
9 27	
Blanks	55
18 73	

District Number Four

Robert E. Bisbee, Pepperell	156
66 222	
Josiah P. Thacher, Littleton	675
255 930	
John P. McDonald, Clinton	27
9 36	
Francis H. Taylor, Fitchburg	6
5 11	
Alfred L. Cutting, Weston	18
9 27	
Blank	55
18 73	

District Number Five

Nathan D. Pratt, Lowell	156
66 222	
William Beggs, Woburn	675
255 930	
James A. Wilkinson, Methuen	27
9 36	
John F. Bradley, Woburn	6
5 11	
William W. Sherman, Lowell	18
9 27	
Blank	55
18 73	

District Number Six

Arthur Withington, Newburyport	156
66 222	
Arthur D. Story, Essex	675
255 930	
George L. Evans, Haverhill	27
9 36	
Burton C. Woodbury, Haverhill	6
5 11	
Frank N. Rand, Haverhill	18
9 27	
Blanks	55
18 73	

District Number Seven

Thomas E. Dwyer, Wakefield	156
66 222	
George L. Morse, Melrose	675
255 930	
Ernest W. Timson, Lynn	27
9 36	
John Welton, Chelsea	6
5 11	
George Harwood, Lynn	18
9 27	
Blanks	55
18 73	

District Number Eight

Henry T. Schaefer, Winchester	156
66 222	
William H. Dyer, Boston	675
255 930	
John A. Aitkin, Cambridge	27
9 36	
Herman W. A. Raasch, Boston	6
5 11	
George E. Crosby, Medford	18
9 27	
Blanks	55
18 73	

District Number Nine

Thomas F. Keenan, Boston	156
66 222	
Henry C. Richardson, Boston	675
255 930	
Morris Kaplan, Boston	27
9 36	
William H. Young, Boston	6
5 11	
Herbert B. Griffin, Winthrop	18
9 27	
Blank	55
18 73	

District Number Ten

Richard Sullivan, Boston	156
66 222	

John Shaw, Quincy	675
255 930	
William M. Packard, Quincy	27
9 36	
William H. Carroll, Boston	6
5 11	
Samuel F. Smith, Quincy	18
9 27	
Blanks	55
18 73	

District Number Eleven

John H. Lee, Boston	156
66 222	
Eben S. Draper, Hopedale	675
255 930	
David M. Chase, Boston	27
9 36	
C. Arvide Olson, Hyde Park	6
5 11	
Samuel B. Shapleigh, Boston	18
9 27	
Blanks	55
18 73	

District Number Twelve

Albert P. Worthen, Weymouth	156
66 222	
Wilmon W. Blackman, Hingham	675
255 930	
Samuel L. Smith, Brockton	27
9 36	
Thomas L. Leonard, Taunton	6
5 11	
Edward G. Knight, Hull	18
9 27	
Blanks	55
18 73	

District Number Thirteen

Charles R. Codman, Barnstable	156
66 222	

Edmund Anthony, Jr., Fairhaven	675
255 930	
Lawrence Roettinger, New Bedford	27
9 36	
Wright Wilde, Fall River	6
5 11	
Elijah Humphries, New Bedford	18
9 27	
Blanks	55
18 73	

For Governor

Michael T. Berry, Haverhill	18
8 26	
Charles H. Bradley, Haverhill	36
13 49	
W. Murray Crane, Dalton	608
239 847	
John M. Fisher, Attleborough	23
5 28	
Robert Treat Paine, Jr., Boston	138
61 199	
Blank	114
36 150	

For Lieutenant Governor

John L. Bates, Boston	618
245 863	
John B. O'Donnell, Northampton	136
55 191	
Wilbur M. Purrington, Williamsburg	23
4 27	
Moritz E. Ruther, Holyoke	13
8 21	
George H. Wrenn, Springfield	34
12 46	
Blanks	113
38 151	

For Secretary

Addison W. Barr, Worcester	31
14 45	

Alfred E. Jones, Everett	17
7	24
William M. Olin, Boston	587
241	828
William H. Partridge, Newton	25
5	30
Luther Stephenson, Hingham	123
49	172
Blanks	154
46	200

For Treasurer

Edward S. Bradford, Springfield	604
243	847
Joseph L. Chalifoux, Lowell	140
50	190
Napoleon B. Johnson, Milford	23
8	31
Fred A. Nagler, Springfield	17
6	23
Stephen O'Shaughnessy, Boston	30
15	45
Blank	123
40	163

For Auditor

Elbridge Gerry Brown, Brockton	131
50	181
Frank Albin Forsstrom, Worcester	18
7	25
William G. Merrill, Malden	26
12	38
Henry E. Turner, Malden	586
235	821
Frank S. Walsh, Brockton	26
13	39
Blanks	150
45	195

For Attorney General

John A. Billings, Rockland	32
14	46

Allen Coffin, Nantucket	22
10 32	
John C. Crosby, Pittsfield	129
47 176	
Hosea M. Knowlton, New Bedford	596
238 834	
Frank MacDonald, Stoneham	28
7 35	
Blanks	130
46 176	

For Representative in Congress – Fifth District

Joseph J. Flynn, Lawrence	193
91 284	
Charles Franklin Jackman, Methuen	14
2 16	
William S. Knox, Lawrence	624
238 862	
William S. Searle, Methuen	28
10 38	
Orion L. Woodbury, Lowell	20
10 30	
Blanks	58
11 69	

Councilor – Sixth District

S. Herbert Howe, Marlborough	583
228 811	
John J. Mahoney, Lowell	139
57 196	
Edwin S. Mayo, Everett	27
11 38	
Blank	188
66 254	

Senator – Fifth Essex District

John S. Curnea, Lawrence	22
11 33	
Guy W. Currier, Methuen	338
123 461	
John J. Duffy, North Andover	10
9 19	
Charles F. Sargent, Lawrence	459
192 651	

Fred Tepper, Lawrence	22
8 30	
Blanks	86
19 105	

Representatives in General Court – Sixth Essex District

Joseph E. Buswell, Methuen	640
203 843	
Archie N. Frost, Lawrence	562
240 802	
Maurice Hennessy, Lawrence	9
11 20	
John Howard, Lawrence	12
7 19	
James F. Kivelle, Methuen	18
5 23	
Oscar F. Marston, Lawrence	12
2 14	
C. Louis Martin, Lawrence	37
9 46	
Edward F. Moriarty, Methuen	164
59 223	
Frank J. O'Brien, Lawrence	19
7 26	
H. Richard Parthum, Lawrence	130
96 226	
Blanks	271
85 356	

For County Commissioner

Edward B. Bishop, Haverhill	615
243 858	
Thomas H. Condon, Salem	32
18 50	
Daniel Saunders, Gloucester	144
49 193	
Blank	146
52 198	

For Register of Deeds – Essex Northern District

John J. Hurley, Lawrence	160
68 228	

Aretas R. Sanborn, Lawrence		612
244	856	
Ninian C. Tate, Lawrence		25
15	40	
Blanks		140
35	175	

County Treasurer

Arthur B. Breed, Lynn		371
186	557	
Peter H. Grady, Peabody		25
14	39	
E. Kendall Jenkins, Andover		430
123	553	
Blank		111
39	150	

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

Meeting of City and Town Clerks, Nov. 16, 1900

Lawrence, Mass.
Nov. 16, 1900

City of
City Clerk's Office,

At a meeting of the City Clerk of Lawrence and the Town Clerk of Methuen, said Town, and Wards One and Two of the said City of Lawrence forming the Sixth Essex Representative District, held at noon this day, in accordance with the provisions of Section 195, Chapter 417, Acts of 1893 upon comparing the transcript of 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 sixth A.D. 1900.

Methuen	Total	Ward 1			Ward 2		Prec. 1
		Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Prec. 4	Prec. 5	
Prec. 2							
Joseph E. Buswell, Methuen		248	171	293	324	233	640
203	2112						

Archie N. Frost, Lawrence 240 2118	271	173	308	321	243	562
Maurice Hennessy, Lawrence 11 125	18	15	21	15	36	9
John Howard, Lawrence 7 101	15	13	13	8	33	12
James F. Kivelle, Methuen 5 41	2	2	3	6	5	18
Oscar F. Marston, Lawrence 2 33	1	3	4	6	5	12
C. Louis Martin, Lawrence 9 214	31	8	73	9	47	37
Edward F. Moriarty, Methuen 59 1168	101	164	145	153	382	164
Frank J. O'Brien, Lawrence 7 126	15	5	36	11	33	19
H. Richard Parthum, Lawrence 96 1395	150	170	275	155	419	130
Blanks 85 1171	126	13	159	140	260	271

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 Sixth Essex District, to with: -

Joseph E. Buswell of Methuen

and

Archie N. Frost of Lawrence

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe, Town Clerk of

Methuen