

1907

Warrant for Annual Town Meeting 1907 – File 13 No. 22

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 in voting Precinct Two on Monday the fourth day of March next at five forty five 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 H. Craven, One Trustee of Nevins Memorial to serve two (2) years in place of Lewis E. Barnes, One Tree Warden to serve one (1) year in place of Alfred H. Wagland, Constables, Auditor, Fence Viewers, and Yes or No in answer to the question., "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the Town?" All to be voted for 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 ninth day of March next, at one (1) o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act upon the following articles, viz.: –

- Article 1 To choose a Moderator to preside at such 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 vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow, during the municipal year beginning Jan. 1, 1907, in anticipation of the collection of taxes of said year, such sums of money as may be necessary for the current expenses of the Town, but not exceeding the total tax levy for said year, giving the notes of the Town therefore, payable within one year from the dates thereof. All debts

incurred under authority of this vote shall be paid from the taxes of the present municipal year.

- 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 reports 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 163 of the Revised Laws.
- Article 11 By request of Col. William B. Greene Post, No. 100 G.A.R., to see if the Town will vote to appropriate two hundred (\$200.) dollars for decorating the graves of our soldiers and sailors on Memorial Day, May 30, 1907. Said money to be expended under the direction of the above Post.
- Article 12 By request of the Samuel Adams Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, to see if the Town will vote to request that all Bells in Town be run for fifteen minutes at sunrise, noon and sunset on July 4th 1907.
- Article 13 By request of Samuel Adams Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, to see if the Town will vote to repair the Town Hall and put it in suitable condition for rental.
- Article 14 By request of Eben Hill and others to see if the Town will vote to continue the macadamizing of Milk Street to Pleasant Valley Street, and appropriate three thousand (\$3000) dollars for the same.
- Article 15 By request of the Water Commissioners to see if the Town will vote to appropriate three thousand (\$3000.00) dollars to be placed in the Sinking Fund.
- Article 16 By request of Mrs. Edward F. Johnson and others to see if the Town will vote to construct a sewer on Ditson Place to the line of Mrs. Edward F. Johnson and appropriate two hundred and fifty (\$250.00) dollars for the same.
- Article 17 By request of James H. Lyons and others, to see if the Town will vote to lay a sewer on Elsmere Ave. and appropriate six hundred (\$600.00) dollars for the same.
- Article 18 By request of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to appropriate forty five (\$45.00) dollars to pay for placing a Memorial

Tablet in the monument to be erected at Provincetown, Cape Cod, as a memorial of the first landing of the Pilgrims.

- Article 19 By request of C. D. and S. L. Holman to see if the Town will vote to build a sewer in Hawthorne Ave., a distance of four hundred and forty feet, and appropriate four hundred and forty (\$440.) dollars for the same.
- Article 20 By request of Moses G. Smith and others, to see if the Town will vote to widen Lowell Street from a point near the corner of Hampshire Street to Pine Avenue and appropriate the sum of thirty five hundred (\$3500.00) dollars for the same.
- Article 21 By request of William H. Craven and others to see if the Town will vote to purchase a strip of land on the westerly side of Railroad Street between Arnold Street and Oakland Avenue, said land to be of sufficient width to build a respectable sidewalk and appropriate a sum of money to defray the expense of the same.
- Article 22 By request of Edwin J. Castle and others, to see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to take by the right of eminent domain or otherwise, providing the Town has no legal rights there, land in front of the building owned by Henry C. Magoon at the corner of Lowell and Railroad Streets, as may be needed for highway purposes.
- Article 23 By request of John O'Malley and others, to see if the Town will vote to give the men employed by the Street Commissioner two (2) dollars per day for nine hours works.
- Article 24 By request of G. A Lewis, Manzer Prescott and John Cox, to see if the Town will vote to pay them twenty five (25) cents more per day for their services as drivers of the Town teams.
- Article 25 By request of the Trustees of the estate of James Bicknell, to see if the Town will construct a suitable culvert beginning at a point near the junction of East and Jackson Streets at a point where Bloody Brook, so called, leaves said Jackson Street and enters the land of the late James Bicknell; to run from said point of entrance on Bicknell's land to the Lawrence line; the purpose of said culvert to be to change the course of said Brook so that it may run by the line of said Jackson Street to the Lawrence line and appropriate a sufficient sum of money for constructing the same.
- Article 26 By request of Henry Griffin to see if the Town will vote to bear the expense of laying a retaining wall and grading the same, on the west side of Griffin Bridge on Lowell Street, and appropriate two hundred (\$200.00) dollars for the same.

- Article 27 By request of J. G. McAllister and others to see if the Town will vote to lay thirteen hundred and sixty 1360 feet of six inch water pipe and appropriate thirteen hundred (1300.00) dollars for the same.
- Article 28 By request of John Q. Hill to see if the Town will vote to lay water pipe from Charles E. Richardson's on the Lowell road to the icehouses of John Q. Hill, a distance of twelve hundred feet and appropriate fifteen hundred dollars for the same.
- Article 29 By request of the Water Commissioners to see if the Town will vote to install a new pump at the pumping station, and make an appropriation for the same.
- Article 30 By request of Joseph Stringer and others, to see if the Town will vote to accept Booth road as a Town way as laid out by the Selectmen, a distance of about seven hundred feet.
- Article 31 By request of George B. Dumas and others, to see if the Town will vote to direct the Overseers of the Poor to employ a resident physician and surgeon for the ensuing year, at the fixed sum named in the lowest competitive sealed bid (provided more than one is made) to treat all patients (except small pox patients) who are receiving aid from the Town and require medical or surgical treatment and to furnish all medicine necessary for such treatment.
- Article 32 By request of William H. Jewell and others, to see if the Town will vote to extend the water pipes from the present terminus on Howe Street to the residence of George Taylor on said street, and appropriate forty five hundred (\$45.00.00) dollars for the same.
- Article 33 By request of Isaac C. Brown and others, to see if the Town will vote to place a public drinking fountain at the corner of Pleasant, Jackson and Prospect Streets, and make an appropriation for the same.
- Article 34 By request of Aug. Seiferth and others to see if the Town will vote to appoint a committee to investigate the feasibility, expense, etc. of constructing a sewer to take care of the sewerage from district known as Pleasant View and report findings at next Town Meeting.
- Article 35 By request of William M. Rogers and George W. Tenney to see if the Town will vote to have the annual report for 1907 of the Selectmen, with the reports of the Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Highway Surveyor, Engineers of Fire Department, Tree Warden, Water Commissioners and School Committee printed early enough to be ready for distribution on or before the twelfth day of February next.

- Article 36 By request of Willard R. Whitney and others to see if the Town will vote to accept Sections 21-22-23-24 and 25 of Chapter 78 of the Revised Laws, and if accepted to elect a Board of Cemetery Commissioners.
- Article 37 By request of Thomas Mack and others, to see if the Town will vote to appoint a Plumbing and Sanitary Inspector, who shall take a civic service examination as a fit person for the same, and be a resident and voter of the Town of Methuen.
- Article 38 By request of Thomas Hubbard to see if the Town will vote to have all police duty in the Town of Methuen done by citizens of the Town except in mills and shops.
- Article 39 by request of Henry Griffin and others to see if the Town will vote to extend the water pipes to the Bartlett school and maintain the same, and appropriate two thousand dollars.
- Article 40 By request of Henry Read and others to see if the Town will vote to lay pipes from Ayer Street to Riverdale Street to complete the circle there by avoiding dead ends.
- Article 41 By request of Fred E. Joy and others, to see if the Town will vote to accept the extension of Edgewood Avenue, as laid out by the Selectmen a distance of about three hundred feet.
- Article 42 By request of Edward Byrne and others, to see if the Town will vote to build a sidewalk on Ayer Street and appropriate two hundred (\$200) dollars for the same.
- Article 43 By request of Almina Stahler and others, to see if the Town will vote to accept Alvin Street as laid out by the Selectmen; said Alvin Street, now a private way forty feet wide, running southeasterly about six hundred feet.
- Article 44 By request of Arthur L. Scollay and others, to see if the Town will vote to accept the extension of Cypress Avenue as a Town way, about one hundred feet from its present terminus as laid out by the selectmen.
- Article 45 By request of William R. Seisig and others, to see if the Town will vote to place a street light at the corner of Sunny Avenue and East Street, and make an appropriation for the same.
- Article 46 By request of Robert Rasch and others, to see if the Town will vote to place a street light on Boylston Street, east of Kendall Street, and make an appropriation for the same.

- Article 47 By request of Isaac C. Brown and others, to see if the Town will vote to place a street light at the corner of Pleasant Valley and Howe Street, also a street light between the houses of Isaac C. Brown and Thomas Kernon, and make an appropriation for the same.
- Article 48 By request of Rudolph Jahn and others, to see if the Town will vote to place a street light on Merrimack Street near Combination Street, so called, and appropriate a sum of money for the same.
- Article 49 By request of Herbert Marshall and others, to see if the Town will vote to place a street light on Maplewood Avenue, about three hundred feet distance from Lowell Street and make an appropriation for the same.
- Article 50 By request of Charles H. Foss and others, to see if the Town will vote to change the street light from the south corner of Arnold and Railroad Streets, to the north corner of Arnold and Railroad Streets.
- Article 51 By request of S. C. Kelley and others, to see if the Town will vote to place a street light at the corner of Webb St. and Edgewood Ave. and appropriate twenty three dollars for the same.
- Article 52 By request of E. A. Archibald to see if the Town will vote to maintain a street light already in, at the corner of Cochrane and Exit Street, and make an appropriation for the same.
- Article 53 By request of Percy A. Read and others to see if the Town will vote to place three street lights on Ayer Street, three lights on Riverdale Street and four lights on Merrimack Street, and make an appropriation for the same.
- Article 54 By request of James R. Bailey and others, to see if the Town will vote to widen Brook Street to a width of 40 feet thereon, or vote to macadamize said street at its present width and appropriate five hundred dollars therefor.
- Article 55 By request of Arthur Redford and others, to see if the Town will vote to place a fire alarm box on the corner of Myrtle Street and Tyler Street, and appropriate one hundred (\$100.) dollars for the same.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk on or before the time for the meeting aforesaid. Given under our hands and the seal of the Town of Methuen, this twenty second day of February, in the year of our Lord, one thousand, nine hundred and seven.

Millard F. Emerson

Selectmen

Kirk F. Brown } of
George Bunting

Methuen

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Essex SS: -

Feb. 23rd 1907

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 within directed, by posting up attested printed copies of this warrant at the Town House and in public places in each of the voting Precincts eight days before said meeting.

Amos G. Jones, Constable of

Methuen

A true copy of Warrant and return

Attest

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk.

Record of Annual Town Meeting March 4th 1907

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. 22 File 13, on Monday March fourth A.D. 1907, 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.

Precincts: 1 2 Total

The whole number of ballots cast was 661 230 891

For Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of Poor

Kirk F. Brown, 135 Broadway	517	182	699
Millard F. Emerson, 12 Barker St.	523	184	707
Henry N. Hall, 150 Broadway	542	187	729
Blank	401	137	538

And Kirk F. Brown, Millard F. Emerson and Henry N. Hall were declared elected Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor and were sworn into each of those offices.

For Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes

Joseph S. Howe, 8 Stevens St.	554	188	742
Blank	107	42	149

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

For School Committee – 3 years

William H. Buswell, 21 Central St.	196	29	225
George C. Corless, 43 Brown St.	406	185	591
Blank	59	16	75

And George C. Corless was declared elected School Committee for three years.

For Trustee of Nevins Memorial – 2 years

Lewis E. Barnes, Broadway & Ditson Place	511	170	681
Blank	150	60	210

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

For Auditor of Accounts

John D. Emerson, 42 Pleasant St.	534	168	702
Blank	127	62	189

And John D. Emerson was declared elected Auditor and was sworn.

For Highway Surveyor

Robert Dow, 2 Richardson Ct.	534	209	743
Joseph W. Holt	1		1
G. Denoncourt	1		1
Blank	125	21	146

And Robert Dow was declared elected Highway Surveyor and was sworn.

For Tree Warden

Henry F. Spottiswood, 32 Lowell St.	213	34	247
Alfred H. Wagland, 99 Broadway	393	181	574
Blank	55	15	70

And Alfred H. Wagland was declared elected Tree Warden and was sworn.

For Constables

Andrew Bradley, 42 Hampshire	151	46	197
Charles H. Emerson, 56 Railroad	440	155	595
Albert B. Gordon, 25 Gage	455	164	619
Amos G. Jones, 64 Union	439	154	593
William Moore, 17 Tenney	358	149	507
Eugene Murphy, 11 Oakland Ave.	153	41	194
William J. Oliver, 8 Annis	436	196	632
James C. Taylor, 15 Railroad	431	163	594
Blank	1103	312	1415

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

For Water Commissioner – 3 years

Henry Arnold, 4 Pleasant St.	276	74	350
James H. Lyons, 34 Broadway	316	137	453
James O. Parker, 82 Union	57	16	73
Blank	12	3	15

And James H. Lyons was declared elected Water Commissioner for three years and was sworn.

For Fence Viewers

Frederick W. Foster, Washington St.	433	148	581
Charles H. Hutchins, 32 Pelham (sworn)	433	145	578
S. Wesley Young, 354 Pelham	438	156	594
Blank	679	241	920

And Frederick W. Foster, Charles H. Hutchins and S. Wesley Young were
declared elected Fence
Viewers.

License Vote

The number of voters voting "Yes" was	201	62	263
The number of voters voting "no" was	358	126	484
Blank	102	42	144

Attest

Jos. S. Howe, Town Clerk.

Record of Business Meeting, March Ninth 1907

**In pursuance of 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 ninth day of March A.D. 1907, at one o'clock in the
afternoon, 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 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.

Article 2 **Officers Not Chosen by Ballot**

The meeting then proceeded to the choice of the officers not chosen by ballot, as follows.

Field Drivers

George A. Brown	William A. Emerson	Nathan T.
Morse		

Surveyors of Plastering

Silas K. Nowell	Charles E. Russell
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John W. Moss

Nahum P. Winn

Surveyors of Lumber

William J. Buckley
James O. Parker – sworn
Charles Hutchins – sworn
Charles A. Stevens

George W. Copp – sworn
Millard F. Emerson – sworn
James H. Lyons – sworn
Harry D. Kelley

Surveyors of Wood and Bark

Charles A. Stevens
Charles E. Richardson – sworn

Fred A. Russell – sworn
William A. Buckley

Pound Keepers

Benjamin Nice

Joseph E. Buswell

Article 3 **Report of Selectmen**

The Annual Report of Selectmen, etc. had been printed and distributed among the voters and was accepted without discussion or inquiry.

Article 4 **Appropriation**

Action on this Article was postponed until after reports of Committees had been presented.

Article 5 **Collection of Taxes**

Voted that Taxes be collected in the same manner 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 the Treasurer be and hereby is authorized with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow during the municipal year beginning Jan. 1st 1907 in anticipation of the collection of taxes the sum of seventy five thousand dollars (such sums of money as may be necessary for the current expenses of the Town but not exceeding the total tax levy for said year) giving the notes of the Town therefore, payable within one year after the date thereof. All debts incurred under the authority of this vote shall be paid from the taxes of the present municipal year.

Article 7

Jury List

The Jury List reported by the Selectmen was amended by substituting the name of Christopher Harris for Fred Miller, John J. Byrnes for Edward J. Feeny, Clinton A. Clark for George G. Frederick, John T. Dugdale for C. W. Douglas.

The Jury List as amended and accepted is as follows.

Ankers Simon T., Tinsmith	Jackson Edward T., Laborer
Barnes William, Retired	Jones Amos G., Janitor
Blanchard George E., Carpenter	Kellet Timothy, Warp
dresser	
Bodwell Josiah W., Lumberman	Kelley Harry D., Farmer
Buckley William J., Station Agent	Kimball Sylvanus G., Farmer
Byrnes John, J.	Lorenz Fred, Carpenter
Castle Edwin J., Druggist	Lowe, John G., Retired
Clark Clinton A., Grocer	Lowell Levi U., Salesman
Colby Thomas C., Carpenter	Lyman Edward E., Painter
Copp George W., Retired	Lippold Carl S., Farmer
Cox Patrick, Farmer	Mack Thomas, Operative
Coburn Hugh F., Farmer	Marsh Charles E., Conductor
Collins Thomas, Shoe dealer	Marsh G. Albert, Carpenter
Carleton George N., Milkman	Matthews Charles H., Agent
Cuthill Fred, Machinist	Merrill Joseph E., Farmer
Doran Thomas J., Carpenter	Messer Edgar R., Watchman
Dugdale John T.	Miller George Jr., Farmer
Dowding Samuel, Motorman	Moxsom James L., Janitor
Emerson J. Frank, Clerk	Perkins James, Iron moulder
Emerson Samuel, Farmer	Peaslee Orlando A., Painter
Emsley Joseph M., Insurance	Platt James H., Operative
Feugill John H., Medium	Power James, Operative
Flahive Maurice, Watchman	Proud Robert, Operative
Foss Granville E., Insurance	Renter Bernard, Blacksmith
Gordon J. Haskell, Operative	Richardson Charles E.,
Farmer	
Griffin Rufus, Farmer	Robinson Ben, Teamster
Hall Charles H., Gardener	Sanborn Varnum C.,
Tinsmith	
Harris Christopher	Sargent Walter S.,
Blacksmith	
Hall John W., Farmer	Sawyer Daniel H., Carpenter
Hall Henry N., Butcher	Sawyer Charles M., Farmer
Healey George E., Retired	Scherig Charles G., Electric
Operative	

Hill John Q., Job Teamster	Scollay Arthur L., Agent
Holman Silas L., Dry Goods	Smith George A., Agent
Homer Elisha B., Stoves & Tinware	Smith James H., Nurse
Howe Joseph S., Civil Engineer	Smith Robert, Bookkeeper
Stevens Charles A., Farmer	Wilkinson Fred, Wool sorter
Swain Fred M., Manufacturer	Wood Arthur W., Wool
sorter	
Tenney Daniel W., Retired	Young S. Wesley, Farmer
Treble William, Wool sorter	Young Clarence E., Farmer
Whittier Horace W., Farmer	

Article 8 **Reports of Committees**

The report and recommendations of the Finance Committee was read by Edward A. Bower and report was accepted. Mr. Castle reported verbally for Committee on Article 49 of the Warrant of last year, and recommended widening the street from Hampshire Street westward. Report was accepted but no further action taken.

Mr. George W. Tenney reported for the Committee to who was referred Article 37 of the Warrant for last year and the report was accepted.

Article 9 **Fire Department**

Voted that the pay of members of the Fire Department be the same as last year.

Article 10 **Dog Licenses**

Voted that the money received from Dog Licenses be appropriated to the used of the Schools.

Article 11 **Memorial Day - \$200.00**

Voted to appropriate two hundred dollars for decorating the graves of our soldiers and sailors on Memorial Day May 30, 1907. Said money to be expended under the direction of Col. William B. Greene Post 100 G.A.R.

Article 12 **Bell ringing July 4th**

Voted that the Town request that all bells in Town be rung for fifteen minutes at sunrise, noon and sunset on July 4th 1907.

Article 13 **Town Hall - \$400.00**

Voted to repair the Town Hall and that four hundred dollars be appropriated for that purpose.
 Voted that the contract for the inside work be let to the lowest responsible bidder.

Article 14 **Milk St. - \$2000.00**

Voted to continue to macadamizing of Milk Street to Pleasant Valley Street and appropriate two thousand dollars for that purpose.

Article 15 **Sinking Fund - \$3000.00**

Voted to appropriate three thousand dollars to be placed in the Water Sinking Fund.

Article 16 **Ditson Place Sewer**

Voted to construct a sewer on Ditson Place to the line of Mrs. Edward F. Johnson and appropriate two hundred and fifty dollars for that purpose.

Article 17 **Sewer \$600.00 – Elsmere Avenue**

Voted to lay a sewer on Elsmere Avenue and appropriate six hundred dollars for that purpose.

Article 4 **Appropriations**

The estimates and appropriations of money necessary to defray the regular Town charges were considered item by item and are as follows:

For		
	Supervising, Teachers, Janitors, Fuel	\$29,000.00
	Supplies for School Committeeman	1,800.00
	Repairs of School Houses	1,700.00
	Contingencies for Schools	1,000.00
	School Physician	100.00
	Opening Roads and sanding sidewalks	1,500.00
	Highways and Bridges	3,000.00
	Salary of Highway Surveyor	1,200.00
	Repairs on Macadam	4,000.00
	Sidewalks	1,500.00
	Sewers	2,000.00
	Edge stone and flagging	700.00

Expense of Tree Warden	1,500.00
Fire Department	3,500.00
Town Teams	500.00
Street Lights	500.00
Contingencies	2,000.00
Health Department	3,000.00
Police Department	4,000.00
Pauper Department	2,800.00
Soldiers Relief	800.00
Military Aid	400.00
Water for Hydrants, Drinking Fountain, etc.	3,000.00
Watering Streets	200.00
Interest on Town Debt	7,000.00
Collection of Taxes	1,100.00
Town Officers	2,500.00
Water Bonds due in 1907	<u>2,500.00</u>
	\$87,300.00
Deduct Repairs on Macadam (St. R.R. tax)	<u>4,000.00</u>
Sum to be raised by taxation	\$83,300.00

Article 18 **Tablet**

Voted to appropriate forty five dollars to pay for placing a Memorial Tablet in the monument to be erected at Provincetown, Cape Cod, as a memorial of the first landing of the Pilgrims, and that this sum be taken from the appropriation for Contingencies.

Article 19 **Sewer – Hawthorne Avenue**

Voted to build a sewer in Hawthorne Avenue, a distance of four hundred and forty feet, and appropriate four hundred and forty dollars for that purpose.

Article 20 **Lowell Street Widening**

A motion to widen Lowell Street from a point near the corner of Hampshire Street to Pine Avenue was lost but a Committee consisting of Edwin J. Castle, Joseph E. Buswell and George W. Tenney was appointed to confer with the management of the Street Railway Company in regard to widening the street and bearing a portion of the expense.

Article 21 **Widening Railroad Street**

Voted to pass over Article 21 of the Warrant.

Article 22 **Widening Lowell & Railroad Streets**

Voted to instruct the Selectmen to take by the right of eminent domain or otherwise, providing the Town has no legal rights there, land in front of the building owned by Henry C. Magoon at the corner of Lowell and Railroad Streets, as may be needed for highway purposes.

Article 23 **Wages - Street Laborers**

Voted to give the men employed by the Street Commissioner two dollars per day for nine hours work.

Article 24 **Drivers' Wages**

Voted to pay the drivers of the Town teams fifteen dollars per week for their services.

Article 25 **Jackson Street**

Voted to pass over Article 25 of the Warrant.

Article 26 **Lowell Street**

Voted to pass over Article 26 of the Warrant.

Article 27 **Water Pipe**

Voted, to lay thirteen hundred and sixty feet of six-inch water pipe, as petitioned for by J. G. McAllister and others and appropriate thirteen hundred dollars for the same, the money to be taken from the income of the Water Department.

Article 28 **Water Pipe**

Voted to lay water pipe from Charles E. Richardson's on the Lowell Road to the icehouses of John Q. Hill and appropriate fifteen hundred dollars for that purpose, the money to be taken from the income of the Water Department.

Article 29 **New Pump**

Voted to pass over Article 29 of the Warrant.

Article 30 **Booth Road**

Voted to accept Booth Road as a Town way, as laid out by the Selectmen.

Article 31 **Town Physician**

Voted to direct the Overseers of the Poor to employ a resident physician and surgeon for the ensuing year, at the fixed sum named in the lowest competitive sealed bid (provided more than one is made), to treat all patients (except small pox patients) who are receiving aid from the Town, and require medical or surgical treatment and to furnish all medicine necessary for such treatment.

Article 32 **Water Pipe**

Voted to pass over Article 32 of the Warrant.

Article 33 **Drinking Fountain**

Voted to pass over Article 33 of the Warrant.

Article 34 **Pleasant View Sewer**

Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to investigate the feasibility, expense, etc. of constructing a sewer to take care of the sewerage from district known as Pleasant View and report their findings at the next Town meeting.

Article 35 **Town Report**

Voted to have the Annual Report for 1907 of the Selectmen, with the reports of the Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Highway Surveyor, Engineers of Fire Department, Tree Warden, Water Commissioners and School Committee printed early enough to be ready for distribution on or before the twelfth day of February next.

Article 36 **Cemetery**

Voted to appoint a Committee of five persons to whom this article shall be referred and also to consider the whole subject of burial facilities in Methuen and report thereon at the next Annual Town Meeting.

The Moderator appointed the following persons as that Committee: Rev. Charles H. Oliphant, Willard R. Whitney, Joseph S. Howe, Edwin J. Castle and John Q. Hill.

Article 37 **Plumbing Ins.**

Voted to pass over Article 37 of the Warrant.

Article 38 **Police**

Voted to pass over Article 38 of the Warrant.

Article 39 **Water Pipes**

Voted to pass over Article 39 of the Warrant.

Article 40 **Water Pipe**

Voted to pass over Article 40 of the Warrant.

Article 41 **Edgewood Avenue**

Voted to accept the extension of Edgewood Avenue as laid out by the Selectmen.

Article 42 **Sidewalk Ayer Street**

Voted to pass over Article 42 of the Warrant.

Article 43 **Alvin Street**

Voted to accept Alvin St. as laid out by the Selectmen.

Article 44 **Cypress Avenue**

Voted to accept the Extension of Cypress Avenue as laid out by the Selectmen.

Article 45 **Street Light**

Voted to pass over Article 45 of the Warrant.

Article 46 **Street Light**

Voted to pass over Article 46 of the Warrant.

Article 47 **Street Light**

Voted to pass over Article 47 of the Warrant.

Article 48 **Street Light**

Voted to pass over Article 48 of the Warrant.

Article 49 **Street Light**

Voted to pass over Article 49 of the Warrant.

Article 50 **Street Light**

Voted to pass over Article 50 of the Warrant.

Article 51 **Street Light**

Voted to pass over Article 51 of the Warrant.

Article 52 **Street Light**

Voted to pass over Article 52 of the Warrant.

Article 53 **Street Light**

Voted to pass over Article 53 of the Warrant.

Article 54 **Widening Brook Street**

A motion was made to appropriate five hundred dollars to widen Brook Street etc. but it was lost – 28 Ayes to 49 Noes.

Another motion to appropriate two hundred dollars was lost, 28 to 37.

Article 55 **Fire Alarm Box**

Voted to pass over Article 55 of the Warrant.

A motion to reconsider the action on Article 39 was lost.

Voted that the same Finance Committee be requested to serve next year that performed that service this year.

Adjourned at five o'clock and thirty minutes p.m.

Attest

Jos. J. Howe – Town

Clerk.

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 Sylvia P. Leavitt of said Methuen to be

Assistant Town Clerk as provided by statute.

Town Clerk

Joseph S. Howe,

And Miss Sylvia P. Leavitt was sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of Assistant Town Clerk.

Attest

Town Clerk.

Joseph S. Howe,

Warrant for Special Town Meeting August 10, 1907 – File 13 No. 23

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 tenth (10th) day of August next at eight (8) o'clock in the evening, 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 construct a suitable culvert to conduct the water of Bloody Brook, so called, from a point on Jackson Street near East Street in said Methuen to the Lawrence line, the purpose of said Culvert being to change the source of said Brook so that it may run by the side of said Jackson Street in a southerly direction about sixteen hundred (1600) feet to the Lawrence line; said culvert to be constructed of reinforced concrete and to be approximately four and one half (4 ½) feet wide and five and one quarter (5 ¼) feet high inside measurements, giving an area of twenty five and ten one hundredths square feet; and appropriate the sum of nine thousand (9000.) dollars for constructing said culvert.
- 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 of Sewers during the present year, and issue the note or notes of the Town therefore.

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

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

Selectmen
Methuen

Millard F. Emerson
Kirk F. Brown } of
Henry M. Hall

**Constable's Return
Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

Essex SS: -

Methuen July 27, 1907

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

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I have notified and warned the Inhabitants 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 and in public places in each of the voting precincts, eight days before said meeting. I have also caused to be printed in the Methuen Transcript for two successive weeks an attested copy of this warrant, the last publication not less than one day 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, Aug. 10, 1907.

Pursuant to Warrant No. 23 File 13, a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs was held at the Town Hall in said Town, on Saturday Aug. 10th A.D. 1907. The meeting was called to order at eight o'clock p.m. by Jos. S. Howe, Town Clerk, who read the warrant for the meeting.

Article 1 **Moderator**

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

Article 2 **Bloody Brook Culvert**

The Committee on Finance reported that they had examined the Article under consideration and that in their opinion it ought not to pass. The object of the Article was explained to the meeting and after considerable discussion it was voted to pass over the Article.

Article 3 **Loan**

Voted: - by a unanimous vote, that for the purpose of paying for the construction of Sewers the present year, the Town Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to borrow with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, the sum of fifteen hundred dollars and to execute and deliver the note of the Town therefore, payable in ten years from the date of issue with interest thereon at the rate of four and one half per cent per annum payable semi-annually.

No other business appearing, the meeting adjourned.

Jos. S. Howe, Town

Clerk.

**Warrant for Special Town Meeting, October 31st 1907 – File 13
No. 24**

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 Thursday October thirty first (31) at eight (8) o'clock in the evening, 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 Edward F. Byrne and others, to see if the Town will vote to erect and maintain ten (10) street lights to be placed as follows: - six (6) on Merrimack St. from Cook's Corner to Wingate Ave., two (2) on Ayer

St. and two (2) on Riverdale St. and appropriate the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) for the same.

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

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

Selectmen	Millard F. Emerson	
	Kirk F. Brown	} of
Methuen	Henry N. Hall	

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Essex SS: -

Methuen, Oct. 19, 1907
To Joseph S. Howe, Town Clerk,

Greeting: -
In the name of the

Commonwealth of Massachusetts I have notified and warned the inhabitants of Methuen qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet as within directed, b posting up attested printed copies of this Warrant at the Town House, and in public places in each of the voting precincts, eight days before said meeting. I have also caused to be printed in the Methuen Transcript for two (2) successive weeks an attested copy of this Warrant, the last publication not less than one day before said meeting.

Methuen

Amos G. Jones, Constable of

A true copy of Warrant and Return,

Attest,
Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk.

Record of Special Town Meeting, Oct. 31st, 1907

Pursuant to Warrant No. 24 File 13, a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs was held at the Town Hall in said Town on Thursday, October thirty first, A.D. 1907.

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

Article 1 **Moderator**

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

Article 2 **Street Lights**

Article two being under consideration; a motion was made that the request of the petitioners be granted. After some discussion a motion was made that the article be passed over, on the ground that the Finance Committee had not reported on the petition. A vote was taken, and the motion was lost, fourteen persons voting in favor and thirty-one persons voting against.

It was then voted to erect and maintain ten streetlights to be placed as follows: six on Merrimack Street from Cook's Corner to Wingate Ave., two on Ayer Street and two on Riverdale Street and appropriate two hundred and fifty dollars for that purpose.

It was also voted that the Selectmen be instructed to install said streetlights.

Adjourned at 8-45 p.m.

Attest

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk.

**Warrant for State Election November fifth 1907 – File 13 No. 25
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 elections of 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 fifth (5th) day of November next at five forty five (5-45) 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, Representatives in the General Court, Country Commissioners, Associate Commissioners, District Attorney, Sheriff. 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 first day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seven.

Millard F. Emerson
Selectmen
Kirk F. Brown } of
Henry N. Hall
Methuen

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Essex SS: -

Methuen Oct. 26th 1907

To the Selectmen of the Town of Methuen, **Greeting.**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts I have notified and warned the inhabitants 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 and in public places in each of the voting precincts eight days before said meeting.

Amos G. Jones, Constable of

Methuen
A true copy, - Attest

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk.

Record of State Elections November fifth 1907

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. 25 File 13 on Tuesday November fifty A.D. 1907, 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.

Precincts:	1	2	Total
The whole number of ballots cast was	625	294	919
For Governor			
Charles W. Bartlett of Newton			
Anti Merger	9	10	19
Thomas F. Brennan of Salem			
Socialist Labor	2	1	3
John W. Brown of Worcester - Socialist	20	10	30
Hervey S. Cowell of Ashburnham – Prohibition	10	6	16
Curtis Guild Jr. of Boston – Republican	404	158	562
Thomas L. Hisgen of West Springfield			
Independence League	106	78	184
Henry M. Whitney of Brookline – Democratic	53	16	69
Henry M. Whitney of Brookline			
Independent Citizens	3	4	7
Henry M. Whitney of Brookline			
Dem. Citizens Nom. Pap	4	3	7
Blank	14	8	22
For Lieutenant Governor			
E. Gerry Brown of Brockton	110	88	198
John T. Cahill of Lawrence	23	24	47
Eben S. Draper of Hopedale	383	141	524
Walter J. Hoar of Worcester	7	2	9
Robert Lawrence of Clinton	22	6	28
Jonathan S. Lewis of Stoneham	10	7	17
George A. Schofield of Ipswich	48	11	59
Blank	21	16	37
For Secretary			
Solon W. Binham of Newton	14	10	24
Odilon Z. E. Charest of Holyoke	51	19	70
John Hall Jr. of Chicopee	28	12	40
William M. Olin of Boston	430	183	613
Arthur E. Reimer of Boston	11	2	13
Dennis J. Ring of Lowell	47	31	78

Blank	44	37	81
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For Treasurer

Albert Barnes of Fall River	16	8	24
Edward J. Cantwell of Fall River	50	35	85
Arthur B. Chapin of Holyoke	426	173	599
William P. Connery of Lynn	3	2	5
Daniel F. Doherty of Westfield	54	20	74
Charles C. Hitchcock of Ware	21	8	29
Edward Kendall of Cambridge	11	9	20
Blank	44	39	83

For Auditor

Joas Claudino of New Bedford	10	4	14
Joseph A. Conroy of Boston	51	20	71
Thomas E. Finnerty of Clinton	46	30	76
George G. Hall of Boston	29	8	37
James F. Pease of Merrimack	17	12	29
Henry E. Turner of Malden	414	177	591
Blank	58	43	101

For Attorney General

Allen Coffin of Nantucket	16	13	29
Dana Malone of Greenfield	398	171	569
John McCarty of Abington	24	9	33
James E. McConnell of Boston	48	20	68
William M. Osgood of Lowell	56	37	93
Harvey H. Pratt of Scituate	5	1	6
Gilbert G. Smith of Lawrence	27	8	35
Blank	51	35	86

For Councilor – Fifth District

Ludlow J. Berkley of Lynn	61	23	84
Samuel Cole of Beverly	432	188	620
John F. Putnam of Danvers	44	19	63
Willard O. Wylie of Beverly	17	15	32
Blank	71	49	120

For Senator – Fifth Essex District

Joseph Donovan of Lawrence	376	174	550
Dennis E. Halley of Lawrence	151	58	209

Louis B. Talbot of Lawrence	41	28	69
Blank	57	34	91

For Representative in General Court – Fifth Essex District

Manuel Abrahams of Methuen	25	12	37
James J. Ahearn of Lawrence	88	37	125
William Andrews of Methuen	42	22	64
George Bunting of Methuen	465	239	704
George McLane Jr. of Lawrence	361	174	535
Clarence E. Morrison of Lawrence	62	23	85
Blank	207	81	288

For County Commissioner

Joseph Bartlett of Lynn	20	14	34
John M. Grosvenor Jr. of Swampscott	431	188	619
T. Dexter Johnson of Nahant	55	21	76
Granville A. Kelly of Haverhill	49	17	66
Blank	70	54	124

For Associate Commissioners

John W. Bridge of Methuen	70	41	111
George A. Doucet of Lawrence	71	27	98
Fred L. Johnson of Lynn	31	18	49
Clarence E. Kimball of Wenham	368	156	524
Richard D. Long of Salem	50	22	72
Joseph A. Marshall of Haverhill	23	14	37
Sherman Nelson of Georgetown	343	146	489
Angus N. Wilbur of Amesbury	31	13	44
Blank	263	151	414

For District Attorney – Eastern District

Clarence O. Libby of Merrimac	84	44	128
W. Scott Peters of Haverhill	448	211	659
Blank	93	39	132

For Sheriff

Samuel A. Johnson of Salem	453	206	659
Jason Spofford of Amesbury	53	21	74
Alpheas E. Tuttle of Gloucester	34	15	49
Blank	85	52	137

Constitutional Amendment

Yes	299	106	405
No	75	48	123
Blank	251	140	891

Attest Jos. S. Howe, Town
Clerk.

Record of Meeting of City and Town Clerks – Nov. 15, 1907

City of Lawrence,
Mass.
City Clerk's Office, Nov.
15, 1907

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 Fifth Essex Representative District, held at noon this day in accordance with the provisions of section 257 Chapter 11 of the Revised Laws, upon comparing the transcript of the returns the following appears as the result of the balloting for Representative in the General Court for said District, at meetings held on Tuesday November fifth A.D. 1907.

Methuen			Ward 1			Ward 2			
			1	2	3	4	5	6	
Precincts:	1	2	Total						
Manuel Abrahams of Methuen	25	12	163	31	19	32	10	15	19
James J. Ahearn of Lawrence	88	37	1209	117	188	143	150	233	253
William Andrews of Methuen	42	22	210	33	25	39	10	16	23
George Bunting of Methuen	465	239	1713	208	201	232	122	91	255
George McLane Jr. of Lawrence	361	174	1580	245	120	211	116	105	248
Clarence E. Morrison of Lawrence	62	23	894	65	132	98	119	177	218
Blank	207	81	1135	149	151	137	125	145	140

The whole number of ballots cast was Lawrence 2533 – Methuen 919. In accordance with the foregoing returns certificates of election were this day issued to the two persons having the highest number of votes for Representatives in the General Court for the Fifth Essex district, to wit: -
George Bunting of Methuen
And
George McLane Jr. of Lawrence

Attest

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk.

1908

Warrant for Annual Town Meeting 1908 – File 14 No. 1

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 second day of March next, at five forty-five o'clock in the forenoon to bring in to the election officers their votes for Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Assessors, one for the term of three years, one for the term two years and one for the term of one year, Highway Surveyor, one school committeeman to serve three (3) years in place of Albion G. Peirce, one to serve two (2) years in place of George C. Corless, resigned, one Water Commissioner to serve three (3) years in place of John C. Sanborn, one Trustee of Nevins Memorial to serve two (2) years in place of Guy W. Currier, one Tree Warden to serve (1) year in place of Alfred H. Wagland, Constables, Auditors, Fence Viewers, and Yes or No in answer to the question: "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the 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 seventh day of March next, at one (1) o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act upon 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 for 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 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 reports 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 163, of the Revised Laws.
- Article 11 By request of Col. William B. Green, Post No. 100 G.A.R. to see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of two hundred (\$200) dollars for decorating the graves of our Soldiers and Sailors on Memorial Day May 30, 1908. Said money to be expended under the direction of the above Post.
- Article 12 By request of Robert W. Dow, Superintendent of Streets, to see if the Town will vote to purchase a new steam roller and appropriate twenty-eight hundred (\$2,800) dollars for the same.
- Article 13 By request of Robert W. Dow, Superintendent of Streets, to see if the Town will vote to purchase the gravel bank owned by Charles W. Mann, between Oakland Avenue and Arnold Street and make an appropriation for the same.
- Article 14 By request of John W. Adams and others, to see if the Town will vote to macadamize High Street from Broadway to Stevens, and Stevens Street from High to Pleasant and appropriate five hundred (\$500) dollars for the same.

- Article 15 By request of Louis Bourgeois and others, to see if the Town will vote to macadamize Forest Street from Orchard Street to the northerly side of Lowell St., a distance of about four hundred feet, and Lowell Street and Orchard Street, a distance of about five hundred feet, and appropriate six hundred (\$600) dollars for the same.
- Article 16 To see if the Town will vote to authorize and direct the Selectmen to enter into an agreement with the Methuen Company for the withdrawal of the suits now pending in the Superior Court between the Company and the Town, and to contract with the said Company to supply it with Town Water to an amount in value not exceeding fifty (\$50) dollars per annum in consideration of said Company allowing the Town to maintain its pipe in the Spicket River and its wells along the River in their present locations, near the pumping station.
- Article 17 By request of the Water Commissioners to see if the Town will vote to place the balance of the earnings of the Water Department in the Sinking Fund at the end of each year.
- Article 18 By request of the Water Commissioners to see if the Town will vote to appropriate three thousand *\$3,000) dollars for the Sinking Fund.
- Article 19 By request of the Water Commissioners to see if the Town will vote to bond the Water Commissioners with a Security Company, and pay for the same.
- Article 20 By request of the Water Commissioners to see if the Town will vote to issue twenty-five thousand (\$25,000) dollars worth of Water Bonds to extend the System.
- Article 21 By request of the Water Commissioners to see if the Town will vote to install a new pump at the Pumping Station.
- Article 22 By request of C. A. Macfarlane and others, to see if the Town will vote to lay a line of water pipes beginning at the junction of Ashland Avenue and Almont Street and continue six hundred and fifty (650) feet on Ashland Avenue and appropriate six hundred and fifty (\$650) dollars for the same.
- Article 23 By request of Asa L. Harris and others, to see if the Town will vote to extend the system of water works from Cross Street to Methuen Town Farm and make an appropriation of ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars for the same.
- Article 24 By request of Hosea E. Bradstreet and others, to see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to

borrow money to pay for the continuation of the water pipes on Pelham Street and issue the note or notes of the Town therefore.

- Article 25 By request of William E. May and others, to see if the Town will vote to change the manner of electing their Board of Selectmen, so that at the Annual Town Meeting, March 1909, they shall elect one Selectman for three years, one for two years, and one for one year and thereafter at each annual Town Meeting elect one Selectman for three years.
- Article 26 By request of Maurice Flahive and others, to see what compensation the Town will vote to grant the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Board of Health and the Board of Assessors.
- Article 27 By request of Maurice Flahive and others, to see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to employ a Clerk to do the clerical work for the Board of Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Board of Health, and the Board of Assessors, at a salary not to exceed eight hundred (\$800) dollars per year.
- Article 28 By request of a special committee appointed to consider and report upon the Town's burial facilities and matters related thereto to see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of the Statute (Ch. 78 pgs 21-25) relative to Boards of Cemetery Commissioners and proceed to elect by ballot three Commissioners.
- Article 29 To see if the Town will vote to purchase twenty five (25) acres of land, more or less, adjacent to Elmwood Cemetery on North Lowell Street and appropriate a sum of money to pay for the same, or take any other action in the premises.
- Article 30 To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money to pay for land purchased to enlarge Elmwood Cemetery and issue the note or notes of the Town therefore.
- Article 31 By request of Urias Hardy and others to see if the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen will vote to change the name of Brown Street to Meditation Lane.
- Article 32 By request of Henry C. Reed and others, to see if the Town will vote to lay a two (2) inch water pipe to connect the pipes on Riverdale and Ayer Streets, and appropriate one hundred dollars (\$100) for the same.
- Article 33 By request of Albert Sharpe and others, to see if the Town of Methuen will vote to extend the water pipes from Hill & Hill's ice house to Henry Griffin's place on Lowell Street, with a loop through Glen Essex and appropriate three thousand (\$3000) dollars for the same.

- Article 34 By request of Walter L. Long and others, to see if the Town will vote to lay water pipes from John H. Russell's on Merrimack Street to Robert Foster's, 241 Merrimack Street and from Merrimack Street down Pleasant Valley Street to the House of Walter L. Long, and appropriate four thousand (\$4000) dollars for the same.
- Article 35 By request of William Hoepfner and others to see if the Town will instruct the Water Commissioners to change the system of selling water as now in use and charge the consumer only for the amount of water used as shown on his meter.
- Article 36 By request of Oswald Schiller to see if the Town will provide a Bulletin Board for the East part of the Town and publish the list of voters thereon.
- Article 37 By request of Edwin J. Castle and others to see if the Town will vote to raise the sidewalk and put in edgestones on Southwest side of Lowell Street from a point near the corner of Hampshire Street to Pine Avenue and appropriate twelve hundred (\$1,200) dollars for the same.
- Article 38 By request of Charles Easton and others to see if the Town will vote to finish the concreting of the sidewalk on the west side of Broadway from the Nevin's Home to the Lawrence line, and appropriate three hundred and fifty (\$350) dollars for the same.
- Article 39 By request of George Max and others to see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of five thousand, four hundred (\$5,400) dollars for a Sewer in the Pleasant View District.
- Article 40 By request of Joseph M. Emsley and others to see if the Town will vote to construct a Sewer beginning at the junction of Ashland Avenue and Almont Street, and continue six hundred and fifty (650) feet on Ashland Avenue, and appropriate six hundred and fifty (\$650) dollars for the same.
- Article 41 By request of Robert Amiss and others to see if the Town will vote to construct a Sewer on Almont Street beginning at a point opposite Grove Terrace, then running southerly two hundred and fifty feet, and appropriate two hundred and fifty (\$250) dollars for the same.
- Article 42 By request of Fred E. Lorenz and others, to see if the Town will vote to place a fire alarm striker on the bell of the Currier Schoolhouse and appropriate one hundred (\$100) dollars for the same.
- Article 43 By request of Karl Koch and others, to see if the Town will vote to build a sidewalk from East Street through Vermont to Swan Street and appropriate one hundred and fifty (\$150) for the same.

- Article 44 By request of D. F. Connolly and others, to see if the Town will vote to appropriate eight hundred (\$800) dollars to be used as follows: One hundred and fifty (\$150) dollars for a fire alarm box, to be placed at the junction of Pelham Street and Hampshire Roads; five hundred (\$500) dollars to purchase one thousand (1,000) feet of double jacket 2 ½ in. rubber lined hose; one hundred and fifty (\$150) dollars for hand reel and fixtures. Said reel and hose to be housed and kept in building of Town Farm in Methuen.
- Article 45 By request of John T. Dugdale to see what action the Town will take in having residents of the Town licensed to lay sewer pipes and make connections with the same.
- Article 46 By request of The Methuen Company to see if the Town will vote to construct a sewer from the western terminus of the present sewer in Gleason Street northerly to Osgood Street, and appropriate the sum of eight hundred and fifty (\$850) dollars for the same.
- Article 47 By request of Mrs. Alfred Newsholme and others, to see if the Town will vote to accept Ruskin Avenue as laid out by the Selectmen.
- Article 48 By request of Silas L. Holman and others, to see if the Town will vote to accept Field Avenue as laid out by the Selectmen.
- Article 49 By request of Fred Miller and others, to see if the Town will vote to accept Arthur Street as laid out by the Selectmen.
- Article 50 By request of Edward Feeney and others, to see if the Town will vote to pay to Charles I. Bird, father of William F. Bird, a minor, for the benefit of the said minor, or to a legal guardian of the said minor, a sum of money in compensation for injuries received by said William F. Bird, by reason of bites and wounds inflicted upon him by a vicious and made dog, which was unlicensed and running at large in the Town of Methuen the owner or keeper of which is unknown.
- Article 51 By request of C. E. Stansfield and others, to see if the Town will vote to lay a surface drain on the west side of Riverdale Street from Merrimack Street a distance of about 700 feet and appropriate fifty (\$50) dollars for the same.
- Article 52 By request of William R. Seisig, to see if the Town will vote to accept Sunny Avenue as a public way as laid out by the Selectmen.
- Article 53 By request of Emil M. Teichert and others, to see if the Town will vote to accept Court and Carroll Streets from Boylston to Swan Avenue and Swan

Avenue from the State Highway to Carroll Street as laid out by the Selectmen.

- Article 54 By request of Alfred Griffiths and others to see if the Town will vote to lay a sidewalk on the west side of Merrimack Street from Ayer Street to Booth Road and appropriate fifty (\$50) dollars for the same.
- Article 55 By request of William M. Rogers and George W. Tenney to see if the Town will vote to have the annual report for 1908 of the Selectmen with the reports of the Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Highway Surveyor, Engineers of Fire Department, Tree Warden, Water Commissioners and School Committee printed early enough to be ready for distribution on or before the twelfth (12th) day of February next.
- Article 56 By request of N. P. Winn and others to see if the Town will vote to put in flagging across Broadway from Ingall's Court and make an appropriation for the same.
- Article 57 By request of J. H. Byrne and others, to see if the Town will vote to top dress Bates Street and construct sidewalks from the junction of Bates and Oak streets to East Street and appropriate one hundred (\$100) dollars for the same.
- Article 58 By request of T. C. Gillis to see if the Town will vote to erect a light between Ashford Street and Swan Street and make an appropriation for the same.
- Article 59 By request of James R. Bailey, 81 Prospect Street, to see if the Town will vote to install an Electric Light at the corner of Prospect and Albion Street, and make an appropriation for the same.
- Article 60 By request of Fred W. Stowers to see if the Town will vote to construct two catch basins and drain pipe necessary to drain the same so as to do away with the water gutter across Charles Street, near Woodman's Blacksmith Shop, and appropriate the sum of two hundred (\$200) dollars for the same.
- Article 61 By request of George W. Rice to see if the Town will vote to lay an 8 inch sewer from Hampshire Street to a point opposite George W. Rice's house on Lowell Street and appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty (\$150) dollars for the same.
- Article 62 By request of Fred W. Stowers and others, to see if the Town will vote to abolish the caucus in Town elections.

- Article 63 By request of O. M. Flye and others, to see if the Town will vote to light Elm Street from Orchard Street (four lights) and make an appropriation for the same.
- Article 64 By request of J. W. Jowett and others, to see if the Town will vote to grade Gage Street from High Street to the house of Nowell D. Leach and appropriate the sum of five hundred (\$500) dollars for the same.
- Article 65 By request of John I. Hill and others, to see if the Town will pay four dollars and 50 cents (\$450) for a day's work for a man and two horses.
- Article 66 By request of Fred Koenig and others to see if the Town will vote to install one electric light on Milk Street, one electric light halfway between Prospect and Lippold Street, one electric light at the corner of Milk and Lippold Street to the corner of Milk and Miller Street and make an appropriation for the same.
- Article 67 By request of Fred Koenig and others to see if the Town will vote to install one electric light on Milk Street, one electric light halfway between Prospect and Lippold Street, one electric light at the corner of Milk and Lippold Street and move the light from opposite No. 17 Milk Street to the corner of Milk and Miller Street and make an appropriation for the same.
- Article 68 By request of Arthur L. Searle, and others to see if the Town will vote to erect and maintain a street light near the residence of Mrs. M. A. Greenleaf on Lowell Street and appropriate twenty-five (\$25) dollars for the same.
- Article 69 By request of Arthur Moss to see if the Town will vote to erect and maintain a street light on Tenney Street between Lawrence Street and the Children's playstead and appropriate twenty-five (\$25) dollars for the same.
- Article 70 By request of Robert Webb and others to see if the Town will vote to erect and maintain a street light at the corner of Edgewood Avenue and Webb street and appropriate twenty-four (\$24) dollars for the same.
- Article 71 By request of Herbert P. Wilkinson to see if the Town will vote to erect and maintain the following street lights; one at the corner of Lowell Street and Smith Lane, near residence of H. G. Smith one at the corner of Lowell and Forest Streets at the Barker chapel, one at the corner of Orchard and Wilfred Streets, one on Orchard Street near Glen Forest, one on Orchard Street about halfway between Glen Forest and the Lawrence line, and appropriate one hundred (\$100) dollars for the same.
- Article 72 By request of the Board of Fire Engineers of the Methuen Fire Department, to see if the Town will vote in accordance with Section 48,

Chapter 32 of the Revised Laws to have a temporary Board of Fire Engineers to serve for 8 months from the first of next May to the first of January 1909 and thereafter to have the Board of Fire Engineers appointed to serve from the first of January to the first of January so that the term of office of the three Engineers may begin and end with the appropriation for that Department.

- Article 73 By request of Albion G. Peirce and others, to see if the Town will vote to direct the Board of Selectmen to appoint a Town Counsel who shall be a resident of the Town, to advise all Town officials upon all questions of law which may arise in regard to Town affairs in the administration of their duties and to represent the Town in all suits brought by or against it and in all other matters pertaining to the Town business wherein it may seem advisable to the Board of Selectmen to have legal counsel; the appointment to be given to that attorney, after the calling of competitive sealed bids who shall offer to perform the duties of that office for the lowest sum.
- Article 74 By request of the School Committee, to see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to erect a new school building and to appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand (1500) dollars therefore, and to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow up to said amount, such amounts as may be necessary as of the Town therefore payable at such time or times as may to the Selectmen seem advisable.
- Article 75 By request of Henry A. Messiah, to see if the Town will vote to extend the water mains on Howe Road to Pond Street and put in off sets at Hampstead Avenue, Park Avenue and Pond Street.
- Article 76 Henry A. Mesiah, to see if the Town will vote to exempt from taxation for ten years a proposed new shoe factory – ten years from the time it is built.
- Article 77 By request of Henry A. Mesiah to see if the Town will vote to put in a catch basin to care for the Town water and flow and surplus drainage.
- Article 78 By request of Joseph E. Buswell and others to see if the Town will vote to build a sidewalk from Prospect Street to Jackson Street on Brook Street, or to Macadamize said Brook Street between said points, and appropriate five hundred (\$500) dollars for the same.
- Article 79 By request of the School Committee, to see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow up to the amount of nine thousand (\$9000) dollars such amounts as may be necessary as payments thereon become due, for the enlargement of the West School house, the Barker School house, and the Marsh School

house, and to give the notes of the Town therefore, payable at such time or times as may to the Selectmen seem advisable.

Article 80 By request of John English and others to see if the Town will vote to erect and maintain a street light on French Street extension, and make an appropriation for the same.

Article 81 By request of George B. Dumas and others to see if the Town will vote to direct the Overseers of the Poor to employ a resident physician and surgeon for the ensuing year, at the fixed sum named in lowest competitive sealed bid (provided more than one bid is made) to treat all persons (Except small pox patients) who are receiving aid from the Town and require medical or surgical treatment, and to furnish all medicine needed in such treatment.

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

Given under our hands and seal of the Town of Methuen this twentieth day of February in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eight.

Selectmen Millard F. Emerson
Kirk F. Brown } of
Henry N. Hall
Methuen

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Essex SS: -

Methuen, Feb. 22, 1908

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 within directed by posting up attested printed copies of this warrant at the Town House and in public places in each of the voting precincts eight days before said meeting.

A true copy of Warrant and Return.

Jos. S. Howe, Town Clerk.

Record of Annual Town Meeting March 2, 1908

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. 1 File 14 on Monday March second A.D. 1907, the qualified votes 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 elections held as aforesaid.

	Precincts	1	1	Total
The whole number of ballots was		852	335	1187

For Selectmen and Overseers of Poor

Kirk F. Brown, 135 Broadway St.	319	59	378
Clinton A. Clark, 67 Lowell	333	99	432
Millard F. Emerson, 12 Barker St.	536	210	746
Henry N. Hall, 5 Walnut	502	168	670
Samuel Rushton, 27 Centre	481	290	771
Blank	385	179	564

And Millard F. Emerson, Henry N. Hall and Samuel Rushton were declared elected Selectmen and Overseers of Poor and were sworn.

For Assessor of Taxes for Three Years

Kirk F. Brown, 135 Broadway	206	49	255
Clinton A. Clark, 67 Lowell	256	107	363
Henry N. Hall, 5 Walnut	299	131	430
Blank	91	48	139

And Henry N. Hall was declared elected Assessor of Taxes for Three Years and was sworn.

For Assessor of Taxes for Two Years

George W. Copp, 10 Gage St.	296	74	370
Millard F. Emerson, 12 Barker St.	460	195	655
Blank	96	66	162

And Millard F. Emerson was declared elected Assessor of Taxes for Two Years and was sworn.

For Assessor of Taxes – One Year

Lorin O. Norris, 9 Central St.	347	53	400
Samuel Rushton, 27 Centre St.	423	263	686
Blank	82	19	101

And Samuel Rushton was declared elected Assessor of Taxes for One Year and was sworn.

For Town Clerk, Treasurer, and Collector of Taxes

Joseph S. Howe, 8 Stevens St.	724	263	987
Blank	128	72	200

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

For School Committee for Three Years

Albion G. Peirce, 15 Pleasant St.	660	255	915
Blank	192	80	272

And Albion G. Peirce was declared elected School Committee for Three Years.

For School Committee for Two Years

Robert B. Fisher, 32 Park St.	653	227	880
Blank	199	108	307

And Robert B. Fisher was declared elected School Committee for Two Years.

For Trustee of Nevins Memorial – 2 Years

Guy W. Currier, 37 Merrimack St.	641	226	867
Blank	211	109	320

And Guy W. Currier, was declared elected Trustee of Nevins Memorial for Two Years.

For Auditor

John D. Emerson, 13 Central St.	671	224	895
Blank	181	111	292

And John D. Emerson was declared elected Auditor and was sworn.

For Highway Surveyor

Robert W. Dow, 2 Richardson Ct.	702	290	992
Blank	149	45	194
E. L. Bragdon	1		1

And Robert W. Dow was declared elected Highway Surveyor and was sworn.

For Tree Warden

Thomas N. Hubbard, 96 May St.	285	75	360
Henry F. Spottiswood, 32 Lowell St.	108	16	124
Alfred H. Wagland, 99 Broadway	407	217	624
Blank	52	27	79

And Alfred H. Wagland was declared elected Tree Warden.

For Water Commissioner – 3 Years

Albert J. Richardson, 17 Barker St.	454	99	553
Geo. A. Smith, 55 Tenney	331	216	547
Blank	67	20	87

And Albert J. Richardson was declared elected Water Commissioner for 3 years and was sworn (Sworn in after recount)

For Constables

John W. Beaumont, 60 Osgood St.	255	119	374
George A. Dudley, 13 Pelham	475	189	664
Charles H. Emerson, 56 Railroad	506	171	667
Albert B. Gordon, 25 Gage	571	208	779
Amos G. Jones, 64 Union	519	180	699
Eugene Murphy, 11 Oakland Ave.	173	47	220
William J. Oliver, 8 Annis	544	272	816
Harry Robinson, 115 Tenney	254	148	402
James C. Taylor, 45 Railroad	517	204	721

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

For Fence Viewers

George W. Gordon, Pelham St.	252	82	334
Charles Hutchins, 32 Pelham	477	182	659
Fred E. Koenig, 13 Milk	320	135	455
George H. McNamara – Osgood	94	21	115
Horace G. Rounds, 19 Lowell	263	53	316
S. Wesley Young, 354 Pelham	575	194	709
Blank	645	338	983

And Charles Hutchins – sworn, Fred E. Koenig and L. Wesley Young were declared elected Fence Viewers.

License Vote

The number of voters voting “Yes”	245	109	361
The number of voters voting “No”	468	175	643
Blank	132	51	183

Attest

Jos. S. Howe – Town

Clerk.

Recount of Ballots, March 5, 1908

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 March second A.D. 1908 are erroneous and that they deemed them in error in the following particulars namely; that certain ballots that were cast for George A. Smith for Water Commissioner were not properly counted for him and that other ballots were improperly and erroneously counted for Albert J. Richardson, for the office of said Water Commissioner, and that they believed a recount of the ballots cast in said Town of Methuen would affect the election of said Albert

J. Richardson voted for said office of Water Commissioner, and asking a recount of the same, the Registrars of Voters of the Town of Methuen, met at the Selectmen's Room in the Town House on Thursday, March fifth, at seven o'clock and thirty minutes p.m. and, all the candidates for Water Commissioners voted for at said election having been notified of the meeting, they proceeded to open the envelopes containing the ballots cast at said election recounted the votes cast for Water Commissioner, and report the result as follows: -

	Precincts:	1	2	Total
Albert J. Richard had		456	99	555
George A. Smith		330	216	546
Blank		66	20	86

John S. Tapley
 Registrars
 Frederick A. Hoyle } of
 George W. Tenney }
 Voters

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

Record of Business Meeting March Seventh A.D. 1908

In pursuance of 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 Seventh day of March A.D. 1908 at one o'clock in the afternoon, to elect the Town Officers not required to be chosen by ballot, and to transact the business of the Annual Town Meeting.

The meeting was called to order at one o'clock 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.

Article 2 **Officers**

Voted: - That the Selectmen appoint those officers not required to be chosen by ballot.

Article 3 **Selectmen's Report**

The Annual Report of Selectmen, etc. had been printed and distributed among the votes and was accepted without discussion or comment.

Article 4 **Appropriations**

Action on Article 4 was postponed until after Reports of Committees had been presented.

Article 5 **Collection of Taxes**

Votes: - That Taxes be collected in the same manner 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 Money**

Voted, - by a unanimous vote, that the Treasurer be and hereby is authorized with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow during the municipal year beginning Jan. 1st 1908 in anticipation of the collection of taxes, the sum of Eighty Five Thousand Dollars (such sums of money as may be necessary for the current expenses of the Town, but not exceeding the total tax levy for said year) giving the notes of the Town therefor, payable within one year after the date thereof. All debts incurred under the authority of this vote shall be paid from the taxes of the present municipal year.

Article 7 **Jury List**

Voted – To pass over Article Seven of the Warrant.

Article 8 **Reports of Committees**

The Finance Committee presented a typewritten report which was read by Edward A. Bower and was accepted. It was moved that in future the Finance Committee a whole act on matters coming before them, but the motion was lost.

The Committee appointed at the last Annual Meeting to confer with the management of the Boston & Northern Street Railway concerning the raising of the sidewalk in front of the old Engine House on Lowell Street, reported verbally, that the Railroad might give one hundred dollars. Report was accepted.

Mr. Millard F. Emerson reported verbally on sewers at the east part of the Town, and the report was accepted.

Article 9 **Fire Department**

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

Article 10 **Dog Licenses**

Voted, - That the money received from Dog Licenses be appropriated to the use of the Schools.

Article 4 **Appropriations**

On motion Article 4 was taken from the table.

Voted that the item of appropriation for Street Lights be laid upon the table and that the Selectmen be requested to ascertain from the Lawrence Gas Company, what they will contract to furnish lights for to burn all night, Arc lights, Incandescent Lights, Gas lights & Naptha Lights, and report at the next Town meeting.

Voted that when this meeting adjourns, it adjourn to meet at this place, one week from today at one o'clock p.m.

The appropriations were then considered item by item.

Voted, - that a detailed statement of expenses of Tree Warden since December first be prepared for the next meeting.

Voted, - that the Selectmen are hereby instructed not to exceed the appropriation voted, for year 1908, for Tree Warden's use, without first calling a special Town meeting.

Article 11 **Memorial Day - \$200.00**

Voted, - to appropriate two hundred dollars for decorating the graves of our soldiers and sailors on Memorial Day May 30 1908. Said money to be

appropriated under the direction of the Col. William B. Greene Post, 100 G.A.R.

Article 12 **Road Roller - \$2700**

Voted, - to purchase a new Steam roller and to appropriate the sum of twenty seven hundred and fifty dollars for that purpose, Robert W. Dow, Edwin J. Castle, and George W. Tenney were appointed a committee to purchase the roller.

Article 13 **Gravel Bank**

Voted: - To pass over Article 13 of the Warrant.

Article 14 **High St.**

Voted: - To macadamize High Street from Broadway to Stevens, and Stevens Street from High to Pleasant and appropriate five hundred dollars for that purpose said sum to be taken from the regular appropriation for Macadam.

Article 4 **Appropriations**

The estimates and appropriations of money necessary to defray the regular Town charges were considered item by item and are as follows.

For

Supervising teachers, janitors and full hundred	\$32,500	Thirty two thousand five
Supplies for Schools		Two Thousand Dollars
		2,000
Repairs for schools		Fifteen Hundred Dollars
		1,500.
Contingencies for schools		One Thousand Dollars
		1,000.
School Physician		One Hundred Dollars
		100.
Addition to West School Committeeman		Five Thousand Dollars
		5,000.
Raising Barker School		Twenty five Hundred Dollars
		2,500.
Raising Marsh School		Five Hundred Dollars
		500.

	Opening roads and sanding sidewalks		Fifteen Hundred Dollars
		1,500.	
	Highways and bridges		Thirty five Hundred Dollars
		3,500.	
receipts)	Macadam repairs		Two Thousand (& St. R.R.
	2,000.		
	Sewers		Fifteen Hundred Dollars
		1,500.	
	Sidewalks		Fifteen Hundred Dollars
		1,500.	
	Highway Surveyor		Twelve Hundred Dollars
		1,200.	
	Edge stone & flagging		Seven Hundred Dollars
		700.	
	Sprinkling Streets		Two Hundred Dollars
		200.	
	Town Teams		Five Hundred Dollars
		500.	
	Health Department		Thirty five Hundred Dollars
		3,500.	
	Tree Warden Expense		Twenty One Hundred
Dollars		2,100.	
	Fire Department Expense		Thirty Five Hundred Dollars
		3,500.	
Dollars	Fire Hose		Seven Hundred and Fifty-
	750.		
	Repairs on Fire Station		Four Hundred Dollars
		400.	
	Police Department		Four Thousand Dollars
		4,000.	
	Contingencies		Two Thousand Dollars
		2,000.	
	Street Lights		Fifty three Hundred Dollars
		5,300.	
Dollars	Pauper Department		Twenty Eight Hundred
	2,800.		
	Soldiers' Relief		Seven Hundred Dollars
		700.	
	Military Aid		Two Hundred Dollars
		200.	
	Interest on Town Debt		Seven Thousand Dollars
		7,000.	
	Collection of Taxes		Eleven Hundred Dollars
		1,100.	
Dollars	Town Officers		Twenty Five Hundred
	2,500.		

	Water Bonds due in 1908	Twenty Five Hundred	
Dollars	<u>2,500.</u>		
			Total
Article 15	Macadam	96,050.	

Voted to pass over Article 15 of the Warrant.

Article 16 **Methuen Company**

A motion was made to authorize and direct the Selectmen to enter into agreement with the Methuen Company to withdraw the suits with Said Company, as stated in the Article and after considerable discussion a vote was taken and the motion was lost.

A written motion was offered by Mr. Castle and then Mr. Pierce moved to substitute another which was carried, and is as follows.

Voted that the Water Commissioners be authorized and directed to enter into a contract with the Methuen Company for the submission to three arbitrators, one to be chosen by the said Water Commissioners, one by the Methuen Company, and the third by the two thus chosen, of the questions at issue in the suits now pending in the Superior Court between the Company and the Town, both parties to agree in said contract to abide by the decision of the arbitrators, said arbitrators to have full power to investigate all the facts and law connected with the issues between said parties and to render its decision within four months from date; should such decision be accepted by both parties, and the proper papers of settlement made out and signed by said parties, the said Water Board are hereby authorized to withdraw the suit now pending against said Company, but should the Company in any way refuse to abide by the terms of said contract and said decision the said Water Commissioners are hereby authorized to continue to final judgment said suit, and defend any suit or suits now pending or which may be brought by the said Company against the Town.

The meeting adjourned at five o'clock to meet on Saturday March fourteenth at one o'clock.

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe – Town

Clerk.

An adjourned meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen was held on Saturday March fourteenth at the Town House, at one o'clock p.m., the Moderator in the chair.

Article 17 **Water Earnings**

Voted: - That the balance of the earnings of the Water Department be placed to the credit of the Water Department at the end of each year.

Article 18 **Sinking Fund**

Article 18 was laid on the table.

Article 19 **Water Commissioners**

Voted, - To bond the Water Commissioners with a Security Company the cost of the same to be taken from the earnings of the Water Department.

Article 20 **Water Bonds**

Voted: - that the Water Commissioners be instructed to apply to the General Court for permission for the Town to issue Water Bonds to the amount of fifteen thousand dollars to extend the water system; and that upon such permission being granted said water bonds to said amount be issued; provided however, that if upon the issuance of said bonds it seems to the Town Treasurer to be unwise to attempt to sell the same, the Treasurer be hereby authorized and directed to hire money, and to issue notes of the Town in place of said bonds until such time as it may seem advisable to sell the said bonds; provided also, that if such permission be refused by the General Court, the Town Treasurer be hereby authorized and directed to hire money, and issue notes of the Town therefore, payable at such time or times as to the Treasurer may seem advisable, up to the amount of fifteen thousand dollars for the extension of the water system; provided also, that no more bonds shall be sold, or money hired by authority of this vote, than the cost of construction of such extension of the water system as shall be directed by vote of this meeting shall require.

Article 21 **New Pump**

Voted: - to install a new pump at the pumping station, and that the Town appropriate six thousand dollars for that purpose, and that the money be raised by a Town note or notes, signed by the proper officials, said note or notes to be drawn so that they shall be paid five hundred dollars, semiannually or more at the option of the Town or their agents, said note or notes to be paid from the earnings of the Water Department.

Article 18 **Sinking Fund**

Voted to take Article 18 from the table.

Voted – to appropriate Three Thousand Dollars for the Sinking Fund, the money to be taken from the earning of the Water Department.

Article 22 **Water Pipe**

A motion to lay a water pipe, as proposed in Article 22, was made but was not carried.

Article 23 **Water Pipe**

Article 23 was referred to the Water Commissioners.

Article 24 **Water Loan**

Voted, - to pass over Article 24 of the Warrant.

Articles A motion was made to refer Articles 25, 26, 27 to a Special Committee
25,26,27 with instructions
to report at a future meeting but the motion was lost 68 Ayes to 80 Noes.

Article 25 **Selectmen**

Voted to pass over Article 25 of the Warrant.

Article 26 **Salaries**

Voted: - that the salaries of the Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of Poor, and Board of Health be twelve hundred dollars per annum or four hundred dollars for each individual.

Article 27 **Clerk for Selectmen**

Voted, - that the Selectmen be and hereby are instructed to appoint a competent male Clerk who is not a member of the Board of Selectmen, for the year March 10 1908 to March 10 1909 at an annual salary not to exceed one thousand dollars per year, to act as the executive officer of the Board of Selectmen, Board of Assessors, Overseers of the Poor and Board of Health whose duty it shall be to keep the books, and accounts and records of these Boards, and to attend to such details of the duties of these Boards as may properly be delegated to an executive officer under the direction and supervision of the said Boards, and appropriate the sum of eight hundred dollars therefor.

Article 28 **Cemetery Commissioners**

Voted: - to accept the provisions of the Statute (Ch. 78 sections 21 to 25) relative to Boards of Cemetery Commissioners.

Voted: - that the new Board of Commissioners be elected at an adjournment of this meeting, or at a special meeting called for the purpose.

Article 29 **Cemetery**

Voted: - that the present committee be authorized to present to the Town at the next meeting a definite proposition concerning land for Cemetery on Pelham St.

Voted, - that the Cemetery Commissioners be instructed to enlarge Elmwood Cemetery.

Article 30 **Loan**

Voted, - to lay Article 30 on the table.

Article 31 **Brown St.**

Voted, - to lay Article 31 on the table.

Article 32 **Water Pipe**

Article 32 was referred to the Water Commissioners.

Article 33 **Water Pipe**

Article 34 was referred to the Water Commissioners.

Article 35 **Water Pipe**

Voted; - to refer Article 35 was referred to the Water Commissioners.

Article 36 **Bill-board**

Voted; - to refer Article 36 was referred to the Selectmen.

Article 37 **Lowell St.**

Voted, - to instruct the Selectmen to request the Boston & Northern Street Railway Company, to relocate their tracks on the opposite side of the

street, and if said Railway Company is unwilling to do so, that the matter be carried to the Railway Commissioners.

Article 38 **Sidewalk**

Voted, - to finish the concreting of the sidewalk on the west side of Broadway, from the Nevins Home to the Lawrence line, and appropriate three hundred and fifty dollars for that purpose.

Article 39 **Sewer**

Voted, - to appropriate the sum of Fifty four hundred dollars for a sewer in the Pleasant View District.

Voted to reconsider the vote where by Article 39 was carried. After considerable discussion the vote was again put and the motion was carried and stands as first recorded.

Article 4 **Appropriations**

Voted to take item of street lights from the table.

Voted that the whole matter of street lighting be referred to a Committee of five, to be appointed by the chair: - that they investigate the different systems of lighting and the re-locating of the lights and the approximate cost under their recommendations and report at a special meeting to be called not later than May second next, and that Articles 58-59-63-66-67-68-69-70-71-80 if the Warrant be referred to said Committee.

Voted, - to appropriate \$5300.00 for street lights.

Adjourned to meet next Saturday at this place at one o'clock p.m.

Attest

Jos. S. Howe
Town Clerk.

**Methuen, March 21,
1908**

An adjourned meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen was held on Saturday March twenty first A.D. 1908 at the Town House, at one o'clock p.m., the Moderator in the chair.

Article 40 **Sewer**

Voted: - to construct a Sewer beginning at the junction of Ashland Avenue and Almont Street and continue six hundred and fifty feet on Ashland Avenue, and appropriate six hundred and fifty dollars for that purpose.

Article 41 **Sewer**

Voted: - to construct a sewer on Almont Street beginning at a point opposite Grove Terrace, then running Southerly two hundred and fifty feet, and appropriate two hundred and fifty dollars for that purpose.

Article 42 **Fire Alarm - \$100**

Voted: - to place a fire alarm striker on the bell of the Currier School house and appropriate one hundred dollars for that purpose.

Article 43 **Sidewalk**

Voted: - to pass over Article 43 of the Warrant.

Article 44 **Fire Hose & Reel - \$150.00**

Voted: - to appropriate One Hundred and Fifty Dollars for a fire alarm box, to be placed at the junction of Pelham Street and Hampshire Roads.

Article 45 **Sewer Connections**

Voted: - that none but voters of the Town of Methuen be granted permits to make sewer connections with the main sewers.

Article 47 **Ruskin Avenue**

Voted: - to accept Ruskin Avenue as laid out by Selectmen.

Article 48 **Field Avenue**

Voted: - to accept Field Avenue as laid out by Selectmen.

Article 49 **Arthur Street**

Voted: - to accept Arthur Street as laid out by Selectmen.

Article 50 **Dog damage**

Voted: - to pass over Article 50 of the Warrant.

Article 51 **Surface Drain**

Voted: - to pass over Article 51 of the Warrant.

Article 52 **Sunny Ave.**

Voted: - to accept Sunny Avenue as laid out by Selectmen so far as it is built and graded.

Article 53 **Court & Carroll Sts.**

Voted: - to pass over Article 53 of the Warrant.

Article 54 **Sidewalk Merrimack St.**

Voted: - to pass over Article 54 of the Warrant.

Article 55 **Town Report**

Voted: - that the Annual report for 1908 of the Selectmen with the reports of the Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Highways Surveyor, Engineers of Fire Department, Tree Warden, Water Commissioners and School Committee be printed early enough to be ready for distribution on or before the twelfth day of February next.

Article 56 **Flagging**

Voted: - to pass over Article 56 of the Warrant.

Article 57 **Bates St.**

Referred to Street Commissioner with full power.

Article 60 **Catch basins & Drain Pipe - \$150.⁰⁰**

Voted: - to construct two catch basins and drain pipe necessary to drain the same, so as to do away with the water gutter across Charles Street, near Woodman's Blacksmith Shop, and appropriate One Hundred and Fifty Dollars for that purpose.

Article 61 **Sewer**

Voted: - to pass over Article 61 of the Warrant.

Article 62 **Caucus**

Voted: - to abolish the caucus in Town elections.

Article 64 **Gage St.**

Voted: - that the Street Commissioner be instructed to repair Gage St. as requested in Article 64, and also

Voted: - to increase the regular appropriation for Highways Three Hundred Dollars.

Article 65 **Pay for teams**

Voted: - to pay four dollars and fifty cents for a day's work for a man and two horses.

Article 72 **Fire Engineers**

Voted: - in accordance with Section 48, Chapter 32 of the Revised Laws, - to have a temporary Board of Fire Engineers to serve for 8 months from the first of next May to the first of January 1909, and thereafter to have the Board of Fire Engineers appointed to serve from the first of January to the first of January so that the term of office of the three Engineers may begin and end with the appropriation for that Department.

Article 73 **Town Counsel**

Voted: - to pass over Article 73 of the Warrant.

Article 74 **School House**

Voted: - to pass over Article 74 of the Warrant.

Article 75 **Water Ex.**

Voted: - to refer Article 75 to the Water Commissioners.

Article 76 **Shoe factory**

Article 76 was ruled out by the Moderator on the ground that it is beyond the power of the Town to grant the request.

Article 77 **Catch basin**

Voted: - to pass over Article 77 of the Warrant.

Article 78 **Brook Street**

Voted: - to Macadamize Brook Street from Prospect Street to Jackson Street and appropriate four hundred dollars for that purpose.

Article 79 **School House Loan**

Voted; - by a unanimous vote, that the Town Treasure be authorized with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow up to the amount of nine thousand (\$9000) dollars, such amounts as may be necessary as payments thereon become due, for the enlargement of the West School house, the Barker School house, and the Marsh School house, and to give the notes of the Town therefor, payable at such time or times as may to the Selectmen seem advisable.

Voted: - that John M. Tenney and George W. Copp be added to the School Committee for the purpose of enlarging the school houses mentioned in this vote.

Article 81 **Town Physician**

Voted: - that the Overseers of the Poor be hereby directed to appoint a Town physician who shall be a resident legal voter of the Town; whose appointment shall take effect April 1, 1908 and continue until April 1 1909; and whose duties shall be to render proper medical and surgical treatment to all persons who shall during the term of his appointment require medical or surgical aid from the Town, both Methuen paupers and any other paupers for whose support the Town receives remuneration from any other town or city or the State including small pox patients; this appointment to be given to that resident physician for the sum named in his bid, who shall make the lowest competitive sealed bid for the appointment.

Article 82 **Cemetery Commissioners**

Voted to proceed to the election of Cemetery Commissioners. The polls were opened and the following persons were elected. Willard R. Whitney for three years; Hugh C. Smith for two years, and Daniel E. Orr for one year.

Voted: - that all contracts given by Town during the year be given to the lowest responsible and acceptable bidder preference to be given to citizens

of the Town. The proposed appropriation for Hydrants and Drinking fountains was taken up and after some discussion it was voted to appropriate Three Thousand Dollars for the same.

Voted: that the same Finance Committee be requested to serve and that they have power to fill vacancies.

The Moderator appointed the following persons a Committee on Street Lighting, George W. Tenney, Alfred Sagar, Thomas Mack, Lewis E. Barnes and Edgar Gilbert. The meeting was then adjourned, sine die.

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk.

Warrant for Special Town Meeting July 6, 1908 – File 14 No. 2

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 Monday, the sixth (6th) day of July 1908, at seven-thirty (7.30) o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles, viz.:

- Article 1 To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- Article 2 To hear the report of the Committee on Street Lighting, take action thereon, and make any appropriations which may be necessary.
- Article 3 By request of Abel Hill and others to see if the Town will vote to place a hose reel and seven hundred and fifty (750) feet of new hose pipe, somewhere central between Sawyer's corner and the Henry Griffin farm, Lowell Road and build a shed for housing hose reel and tools necessary for fire emergencies and appropriate (\$500) five hundred dollars for the same.
- Article 4 To see if the Town will vote to borrow money to pay for the construction of sewers, which were voted to be built at the annual Town Meeting in March 1908, and authorize the issue of the note or notes of the Town therefor.
- Article 5 To see if the Town will vote to borrow money to pay for the enlargement of the West school-house, the Barker school-house and the Marsh school-house, and authorize the issue of the note or notes of the Town therefor.

- Article 6 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to extend its system of water works, according to the provisions of the Acts of Legislature for the year 1908.
- Article 7 To see if the Town will vote to issue any bonds, notes or scrip, and fix the amounts, time of payment, and rates of interest thereof and thereon, and the form thereof pursuant to the provisions of the Acts of the Legislature for the year 1908.
- Article 8 To see if the Town will vote to borrow money to pay for the new pump and equipments at the pumping station, and authorize the issue of the note or notes of the Town therefor.
- Article 9 By request of Edwin J. Castle and others, to see if the Town will vote to reimburse Peter F. Graham, two hundred (\$200) dollars, for the loss of his horse and wagon, in the performance of his duty responding to a fire.
- Article 10 By request of Albert B. Gordon, to see if the Town will vote to elect at the next annual election of Town officers, a Moderator to serve for the term of one year in accordance with Sec. 359, Chap. 560 of the Acts of 1907.
- Article 11 By request of S. W. Young and others, to see if the Town will vote to extend the water pipes from Marsh school up Pelham Street fifteen hundred (1500) feet and appropriate fifteen hundred (\$1500) dollars for the same.
- Article 12 By request of H. F. Coburn to see if the Town will vote to extend the water main down the Howe road to Pond Street and appropriate (\$1,000) one thousand dollars for the same.
- Article 13 By request of A. J. Crosby and others, to see if the Town will vote to place a ventilator on the Town Hall building and appropriate (\$75) seventy-five dollars for the same.
- Article 14 By request of A. C. Gaunt and others, to see if the Town will vote to install a fire alarm box at the lower end of Pine Street, and appropriate (\$150) one hundred and fifty dollars for the same.
- Article 15 By request of H. A. Messiah, to see if the Town will authorize the Street Commissioner to use such means as will be necessary to conduct all surface water from entering what is now known as "Homestead Park", corner of Howe road and Pond street in Methuen, and appropriate (\$800) eight hundred dollars for the same.
- Article 16 By request of C. E. Stansfield and others, to see if the Town will vote to appoint a committee of (3) three to employ an engineer to prepare plans

for a permanent sewerage system in the Pleasant Valley district, to report at the next annual Town Meeting, and appropriate (\$100) one hundred dollars for the same.

- Article 17 By request of James W. Hargreaves and others, to see if the Town will vote to make the following a By-Law of the Town: "No person or persons shall go from house to house selling or offering for sale or peddling within the Town limits, any fruit or vegetables, 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 or more than twenty dollars."
- Article 18 By request of A. D. Murray to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Water Commissioners to grant the Young Men's Christian Association free water rates.
- Article 19 By request of Rev. John N. Bradford and others to see if the Town will vote to accept Gloucester street, so called, as shown on plan of Oakland First addition as laid out by the Selectmen.
- Article 20 By request of Willard R. Whitney, to see if the Town will vote to instruct the Cemetery Commissioners, to petition the County Commissioners to take land under the provisions of the Statutes, to enlarge Elmwood Cemetery.
- Article 21 Albion G. Pierce and others request the Town to appoint by nominations from the floor, a committee of five citizens to make thorough investigation into the mode of administering Town affairs in other towns in the Commonwealth, the number of Town officers, and their respective duties, salaries, etc., in other towns, and to prepare a revision of the Town By-Laws with such alterations in addition to the said By-Laws as may seem advisable to the said Committee and to report to a special Town meeting which they shall cause to be called sometime during the month of January 1909.
- Article 22 By request of Edward F. Byrne and others, that the Water Commissioners be authorized and instructed to pay the laborers not less than two (2) dollars per day of nine hours, the same to take effect immediately after its passage.
- Article 23 By request of Charles W. Mann and others, to see what the Town will vote to pay for the services of Tree Warden for the year 1908.

- Article 24 By request of Ernest Matthes and others, to see if the Town will vote to lay three hundred (300) feet of eight (8) inch sewer on East Street, and appropriate three hundred (\$300) dollars for the same.
- Article 25 By request of W. H. Wilson and others, that a police patrol of at least two (2) officers be appointed to patrol the vicinity between Phippen's Turnout and Sargent's Corner and appropriate two hundred (\$200) dollars for same, to serve during Saturday afternoons and Sundays until December 1st, next, including holidays.
- Article 26 By request of Fred W. Stowers and others, to see if the Town will vote to place three lights on River Street, near the new depot, and appropriate seventy-five (\$75) dollars for the same.
- Article 27 By request of Levi W. Taylor, to see if the Town will vote to erect and maintain a street light on Pleasant Street, about three hundred (300) feet from the track of the Southern New Hampshire railroad, and appropriate twenty-five (\$25) dollars for the same.
- Article 28 By request of E. A. Archibald, to see if the Town will vote to maintain a street light on Cochrane Street, now erected and maintained by Edward A. Archibald and Silas L. Holman, and make an appropriation for the same.
- Article 29 By request of the Trustees of St. George's Church, to see if the Town will vote to erect and maintain a street light at the corner of Centre and Phillips Streets, and appropriate a sum of money for the same.
- Article 30 By request of Board of Management of Samuel Adams Chapter, D.A.R., that the Town vote to put the old section of Elmwood Cemetery in a neat and orderly condition, raise and level all grave markers, and appropriate the sum of three hundred (\$300) dollars therefore.

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

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

Selectmen Methuen	Millard F. Emerson Henry N. Hall } of Samuel Rushton
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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
June 22, 1908**

Methuen

Essex SS: - To Joseph S. Howe, Town Clerk **Greeting.** In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts I have notified and warned the Inhabitants 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 and in public places in each of the voting precincts eight days before said meeting. I have also caused to be printed in the Methuen Transcript for two (2) successive weeks and attested copy of this Warrant the last publication not less than one day before said meeting.

A true copy of Warrant and Return
Methuen

Amos G. Jones, Constable of

Attest

Jos. S. Howe, Town Clerk

Record of Special Town Meeting July 6, 1908

A 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 Monday July sixty A.D. 1908 at seven thirty o'clock on the evening pursuant to Warrant No. 2 File 14. The meeting was called to order at the time named in the warrant by Joseph S. Howe, Town Clerk who read the Warrant under which the meeting was held.

Article 1 **Moderator**

Granville E. Foss was chosen Moderator and was sworn. Hon. J. O. Parker reported for the Finance Committee on the several articles in the Warrant.

Article 2 **Committee on Lighting Streets**

Mr. Edgar Gilbert reported verbally for the Committee on Street Lighting, and said they were not yet ready to make a final report, but that they had investigated the subject and hoped to be able to recommend definite action very soon.
The report was accepted as progressive.

Article 3 **Hose, etc. – \$500.⁰⁰**

Voted: - That eight hundred feet of hose be purchased and that Five Hundred Dollars be appropriated for that purpose.

Voted: - That the Fire Engineers be instructed to procure the hose as soon as possible.

Article 4 **Sewer Loan**

Voted: - by a unanimous vote, that for the purpose of paying for the construction of sewers which were voted to be built at the Annual Town Meeting in March 1908, the Town Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to borrow with the approval of the Board of Selectmen the sum of Seven Thousand five hundred Dollars, and to execute and deliver the notes of the Town therefore, payable as follows: - Four Thousand Dollars in seven years from the date of issue, and Thirty five Hundred Dollars in eight years from the date of issue, with interest thereon at the rate of four per cent per annum payable semi-annually.

The funds necessary to pay off said load at maturity to be raised annually by taxation in proper amounts, so that a fund will be raised and set apart yearly sufficient with its accumulations to extinguish the debt at maturity.

Article 5 **School House Loan**

Voted, by a unanimous vote, that for the purpose of paying for the enlargement of the West School House, the Barker School House and the Marsh School House, the Town Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to borrow with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, the sum of nine thousand dollars, and to execute and deliver the notes of the Town therefor, payable as follows: - Five Thousand Dollars in nine years from the date of issue and Four Thousand Dollars in Ten years from the date of issue, with interest thereon at the rate of four per cent per annum payable semi annually by taxation in proper amounts, so that a fund will be raised and set apart yearly sufficient with its accumulations to extinguish the debt at maturity.

Article 6 **Water Works Extension**

Voted, - by a unanimous vote, - that the Town make further improvements and extensions in its water supply system in addition to what has already been done, to the extent of a total cost of Fifteen Thousand Dollars in all, and that the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars be appropriated therefor.

Article 7 **Water Bonds**

Voted: - by unanimous vote, - that the Town borrow the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars for the purpose of extending and improving its system of water supply and paying for the same, and that for that purpose the Town issue fifteen (15) bonds of One Thousand dollars (\$1000.00) each,

to be signed by the Water Commissioners and countersigned by the treasurer bearing interest at the rate of four per cent (4%) per annum payable semi-annually. Said bonds to be payable one each year beginning with the first until all are paid, payment to be provided for in such annual payments as will extinguish the debt as it matures, and pay the interest thereon.

Article 8 **New Pump**

Voted: - by a unanimous vote; that for the purpose of paying for the new pump and equipments at the pumping station, the Town Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to borrow with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, the sum of Seven Thousand Dollars and to execute and deliver the notes of the Town therefor, payable as follows: - Four Thousand Dollars in five years from the date of issue and Three Thousand Dollars in six years from the date of issue with interest thereon at the rate of four per cent per annum payable semi-annually. The funds necessary to pay off said loan at maturity to be raised annually by taxation in proper amounts, so that a fund will be raised and set apart yearly sufficient with its accumulations to extinguish the debt at maturity.

Article 9 **Peter F. Graham Horse, etc.**

A motion was made to pay Peter F. Graham Two Hundred Dollars and after considerable discussion a vote was taken and was lost – 38 Yeas to 59 Noes.

Article 10 **Moderator**

Voted to elect at the next annual election of Town Officers, a Moderator to serve for the term of one year, in accordance with Sec. 359, Chap. 560 of the Acts of 1907.

Article 11 **Water Pipe Pelham Street**

After considerable discussion on Article 11, a vote was taken and a vote to extend the pipe appeared to be carried; The vote being doubted the vote was taken by a show of hands, and it was voted (59 to 26) to extend the water pipes from Marsh School up Pelham Street fifteen hundred feet.

A motion to appropriate fifteen hundred dollars to pay for the same was lost, 43 to 63.

Article 12 **Water Pipe Howe Street**

A motion to pass over Article 12 was made, and lost, 26 – 44. It was then voted to extend the water main down the Howe Road to Pond Street and appropriate one thousand dollars for that purpose, carried by a hand vote – 52 to 26.

Article 13 **Ventilator**

A motion to pass over Article 13 of the Warrant was lost. It was then voted to place a ventilator on the Town Hall building and appropriate seventy five dollars for that purpose to be taken from the appropriation for Contingencies.

Article 14 **Fire Alarm**

Voted: - To install a fire alarm box at the lower end of Pine Street and appropriate one hundred and fifty dollars for that purpose.

Article 15 **Street Drain**

Voted, to pass over Article 15 of the Warrant.

Article 16 **Sewerage Reconsideration**

Voted to pass over Article 16 of the Warrant.

At this point a motion was made to reconsider the vote under Article 11 whereby the Town refused to appropriate money for extension of water pipe. The motion was lost 25 Yeas 59 Noes.

Article 17 **By-Law**

Voted to pass over Article 17 of the Warrant (By-Laws must be amended at Annual Meeting.)

Article 18 **Water Y.M.C.A.**

Voted, to refer Article 18 to the next Annual Town Meeting.

Article 19 **Gloucester St.**

Voted to accept Gloucester Street as laid out by Selectmen.

Article 20 **Elmwood Cemetery**

Voted: - to instruct the Cemetery Commissioners to petition the County Commissioners to take the entire lot of land owned by the Whittier Brothers, to enlarge Elmwood Cemetery.

Adjourned at half past ten to meet next Saturday at this place at half past seven p.m.

Attest Jos. S. Howe – Town

Clerk.

Record of the Adjourned Town Meeting – July 11, 1908

The Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen met at the Town Hall in said Town on Saturday, July eleventh A.D. 1908, at half past seven o'clock p.m. according to adjournment, the Moderator in the chair.

Reconsideration

of Art. 9 The first business was a motion made by Fred W. Stowers, to reconsider the action taken at the last meeting, on Article 9 of the Warrant, whereby the Town refused to pay Peter F. Graham for the loss of his horse and wagon. After considerable discussion it was voted, by a vote of 132 to 7 to reconsider. It was then voted to reimburse Peter F. Graham two hundred dollars for the loss of his horse and wagon, in the performance of his duty responding to a fire.

Article 21 **Town Business and By-Laws**

A motion was made that a Committee of five citizens, consisting of Edward A. Bower, Alfred Sagar, Albion G. Pierce, John D. Emerson and Frederick A. Russell be a committee to consider the subjects embodied in Article 21 and report thereon at the next Annual Town Meeting. Said Committee to pay all expenses incurred by them without cost to the Town. Albion G. Pierce declined in favor of Edgar Gilbert. The vote was taken by show of hands and was lost – 34 Yeas – 59 Noes.

Reconsideration

of Art. 16 A motion was made to reconsider the action taken at the last meeting, where by the Town refused to vote to appoint a Committee to employ an engineer to prepare plans for a permanent sewerage system in the Pleasant Valley District. The vote was taken by a show of hands and was carried by a vote of 60 to 22. It was then voted to appoint a committee of three to employ an engineer to prepare plans for a permanent sewerage system in the Pleasant Valley District, to report at the next Annual Town Meeting, and appropriate One Hundred Dollars for that purpose.

Article 22 **Laborer's Day**

A motion to pass over Article 22 of the Warrant was made and was lost. Voted to amend by inserting after the word Commissioners, the words

“and all public works”, and after the word laborers, “residents of Methuen”. The article as amended was then carried, and reads as follows: Voted that the Water Commissioners and all public works be authorized and instructed to pay the laborers residents of Methuen two dollars per day of nine hours, the same to take effect immediately after its passage.

Article 23 **Tree Warden Salary**

A motion to pay the Tree Warden a salary of \$600.⁰⁰ per annum was lost, and no other action was taken.

Article 24 **Sewer**

Voted: - to lay three hundred feet of eight inch sewer on East Street and appropriate three hundred dollars for that purpose.

Article 25 **Policemen**

Voted: - that the Chief of Police provide the necessary men to patrol the vicinity between Phippen’s turnout and Sargent’s Corner as called for in Article 25, and that the pay therefor be taken from the regular appropriation.

Article 26 **Street Light**

Article 26 was referred to the Committee on Street Lighting.

Article 27 **Street Light**

Article 27 was referred to the Committee on Street Lighting.

Article 28 **Street Light**

Article 28 was referred to the Committee on Street Lighting.

Article 29 **Street Light**

Article 29 was referred to the Committee on Street Lighting.

Article 30 **Elmwood Cemetery**

Voted to pass over Article 30 of the Warrant. At 9-50p.m. the meeting voted to adjourn to August third at 7-30p.m.

Attest

Jos. S. Howe, Town Clerk.

Record of Adjourned Town Meeting held August third A.D. 1908

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

Article 2 Street Lighting

The report of the Committee on Street Lighting was called for and a verbal report was made by Edgar Gilbert. He reported in substance, that the Committee favored a new kind of light, known as the Tungsten incandescent light. He explained its working to the meeting at considerable length and at the conclusion of his remarks, moved that the Town adopt a system of tungsten incandescent electric lights. The motion was adopted by a unanimous vote. It was then Voted, without an opposing voted – that the Selectmen be instructed to make a contract with the Lawrence Gas Company to install a system of incandescent tungsten electric lights of 50 watt power – 240 in number, at seventeen dollars per light, per year, the contract to be for a period of five years.

Additional lights to be furnished at the same rate. Contract to include arrangements for “moonlight schedule”.

Voted: - that the Committee on Street Lighting be empowered to arrange the details of installation of the new lights under the contract.

Voted: that the report of the Committee be accepted, also,

Voted by a unanimous vote that the thanks of the Town be tendered to the Committee for the satisfactory manner in which they had performed their work.

Voted: - that Mr. John W. Bridge be added to the Committee.

Voted: - that the Moderator appoint the Committee voted under Article 16 of the Warrant.

The Moderator appointed Joseph S. Howe, Frederick A. Russell and George Bunting as that Committee.

Article 20 Cemetery

A motion was made to reconsider the action taken on Article 20 of the Warrant whereby the Cemetery Commissioners were instructed to petition

the County Commissioners to take land to enlarge Elmwood Cemetery. It was stated that the Commissioners refused to entertain the petition on the ground that the statute required the petition to come from the Selectmen instead of the Cemetery Commissioners. A vote was taken by show of hands and it was voted by a unanimous vote to reconsider. The Town then voted to substitute the Selectmen for the Cemetery Commissioners and the vote now stands as follows: -

Voted: - that the Selectmen be instructed to petition the County Commissioners to take the entire lot of land owned by the Whittier Brothers, to enlarge Elmwood Cemetery. No other business appearing, it was voted to adjourn, sine die.

Attest

Jos. S. Howe - Town

Clerk.

**National and State Election, Nov. 3, 1908 Warrant File 14 No. 3
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 elections 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 third (3rd) day of November next, at five forty five o'clock in the forenoon, to bring into the election officers, their votes for Presidential Electors, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, Attorney General, Congressman, Councillor, Senator, Representatives in the General Court, County Commissioner, Register of Probate and Insolvency, and Associate Commissioner to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Sherman Nelson, 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 nine hundred and eight.

Selectmen

Millard F. Emerson

Henry N. Hall } of

Saml Rushton

Methuen

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Essex SS: -

Methuen, Oct. 24, 1908

To the Board of Selectmen,

Greeting: -

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen, qualified to vote to National, State, District and County Officers, to meet as within directed, by posting up attested printed copies of this Warrant, at the Town House, and in public places in each of the voting precincts eight days before said meeting.

Amos G. Jones, - Constable

of Methuen

A true copy of Warrant and Return

Jos. S. Howe, Town

Clerk

Record of National and State Election Nov. 3, 1908

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. 3 File 14, on Tuesday November third A.D. 1908, 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	1	2	Total
Whole number of Ballots cast		1030	404	1434

For Electors at Large

Richard Olney of Boston (Democratic)	140	49	189
James E. Cotter of Hyde Park (Democratic)	140	49	189
Hervey S. Cowell of Ashburnham (Prohibition)	14	14	28
John M. Fisher of Attleborough (Prohibition)	14	14	28
Patrick Mahoney of Boston (Socialist)	43	16	59

Eliot White of Worcester (Socialist)	43	16	59
Thomas F. Brennan of Salem (Socialist Labor)	2	8	10
Herman Koepke of Pittsfield (Socialist Labor)	2	8	10
Michael C. O'Neil of Boston (Independence L.)	64	29	93
William F. Aiken of Greenfield (Independence L.)	64	29	93
John L. Bates of Boston (Republican)	707	267	974
August H. Goetting of Springfield (Republican)	707	267	974
Blank	60	21	81

Electors By Districts

District Number One

Wilbur M. Barrington of Williamsburg	14	14	28
Henry O. Brigham of Westfield	43	16	59
Henry Noffke of Holyoke	2	8	10
Simon J. Griffin of West Springfield	64	29	93
Charles S. Shattuck of Hatfield	707	267	974
Blank	60	21	81

District Number Two

Theobald M. Connor of Northampton	141	49	189
Oliver W. Cobb of Easthampton	14	14	28
Alva E. Fenton of Springfield	43	16	59
Fredrick A. Nagler of Springfield	2	8	10
Charles F. Warner of Northampton	64	29	93
Almond Smith of Athol	707	267	974
Blank	60	21	81

District Number Three

John O'Gara of Spencer	140	49	189
Charleston Peterson of Worcester	14	14	28
James Cronin of Worcester	43	16	59
Gustave S. Peterson of Worcester	2	8	10
William Crosbie of Worcester	64	29	93
Frank Hartley of Webster	707	267	974
Blank	60	21	81

District Number Four

Charles A. Babbit of Fitchburg	140	49	189
Quincy Adams of Townsend	14	14	28
Timothy Richardson of Leominster	43	16	59
James Hayes of Leominster	2	8	10

William A. Pierson of Hudson	64	29	93
Allan G. Buttrick of Lancaster	707	267	974
Blank	60	21	81

District Number Five

Humphrey O'Sullivan of Lowell	140	49	189
John B. Lewis Jr. of Reading	14	14	28
William E. Sproule of Lowell	43	16	59
Gilbert G. Smith of Lawrence	2	8	10
Michael A. Lee of Lowell	64	29	93
James R. Berwick of Methuen	707	267	974
Blank	60	21	81

District Number Six

William Stopford of Beverly	140	49	189
Robert M. Martin of Salem	14	14	28
John Quincy Adams of Amesbury	43	16	59
Jeremiah P. McNally of Salem	2	8	10
Roland D. Sawyer of Haverhill	64	29	93
Ulysses G. Haskell of Beverly	707	267	974
Blank	60	21	81

District Number Seven

Dennis H. Tyrrell of Chelsea	140	49	189
Jonathan S. Lewis of Stoneham	14	14	28
Ambrose Miles of Lynn	43	16	59
Michael J. Quirk of Saugus	2	8	10
George W. Casavant of Saugus	64	29	93
Charles N. Barney of Lynn	707	267	974
Blank	60	21	81

District Number Eight

Warren T. Morse of Medford	140	49	189
Alfred A. Wright of Cambridge	14	14	28
Clayton S. Hunt of Somerville	43	16	59
Andrew Mortenson of Somerville	2	8	10
Grenville S. MacFarland of Cambridge	64	29	93
John Read of Cambridge	707	267	974
Blank	60	21	81

District Number Nine

William F. McClellan of Boston	140	49	189
Charles E. Eaton of Boston	14	14	28
Samuel Zorn of Boston	43	16	59
Joseph C. Dunnack of Boston	2	8	10
Jerome A. Petitti of Boston	707	267	974
Blank	60	21	81

District Number Ten

William T. Shea of Quincy	140	49	189
Moses D. Monroe of Milton	14	14	28
A. Hale Kingsley of Quincy	43	16	59
Andreas L. Wallin of Quincy	2	8	10
Charles O. Power of Boston	64	29	93
Milton C. Paige of Boston	707	267	974
Blank	60	21	81

District Number Eleven

Josiah Quincy of Boston	140	49	189
Solon W. Bingham of Boston	14	14	28
George W. Galvin of Boston	43	16	59
Patrick Mulligan of Boston	2	8	10
John A. Coulthurst of Boston	64	29	93
James N. Thompson of Boston	707	267	974
Blank	60	21	81

District Number Twelve

Jeremiah J. Comba of Milford	140	49	189
Napoleon B. Johnson of Milford	14	14	28
Michael J. Moore of Newton	43	16	59
Carl F. Fredrickson of Hyde Park	2	8	10
Eugene L. Murphy of Norwood	64	29	93
Jesse S. Wiley of Brookline	707	267	974
Blank	60	21	81

District Number Thirteen

John W. Coughlin of Fall River	140	49	189
David Morrison of Fall River	14	14	28
William Ohnesorge of New Bedford	43	16	59
Dennis McGoff of New Bedford	2	8	10
Matthew Hart of New Bedford	64	29	93
Benjamin H. Anthony of New Bedford	707	267	974

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District Number Fourteen

Charles C. Paine of Barnstable	140	49	189
Herbert L. Chipman of Sandwich	14	14	28
George A. Beedem of Brockton	43	16	59
Charles H. Tobin of North Attleborough	2	8	10
Herbert E. Bryant of Kingston	64	29	93
Alfred B. Williams of Taunton	707	267	974
Blank	60	21	81

For Governor

James F. Carey of Haverhill	59	21	80
Eben S. Draper of Hopedale	626	226	852
Walter J. Hoar of Worcester	10	4	14
William N. Osgood of Lowell	67	39	106
James H. Vahey of Watertown	174	68	242
William O'Wylie of Beverly	20	12	32
Blank	74	34	108

For Lieutenant Governor

Charles J. Barton of Melrose	134	46	180
Joao Claudino of New Bedford	7	5	12
Louis A. Frothingham of Boston	655	246	901
John Hall Jr. of West Springfield	51	21	72
Robert J. McCartney of Kingston	63	35	98
Frank N. Rand of Haverhill	24	13	37
Blank	96	38	134

For Secretary

James F. Aylward of Cambridge	104	32	136
Herbert B. Griffin of Boston	26	23	49
George Nelson of Boston	13	6	19
William M. Olin of Boston	636	237	873
Squire E. Putney of Somerville	43	16	59
John F. Williams of Waltham	56	29	85
Blank	152	61	213

For Treasurer

Charles E. Butterworth of Somerville	55	34	89
Arthur B. Chapin of Holyoke	631	228	859
Henry C. Hess of Boston	7	4	11

Charles C. Hitchcock of Ware	50	21	71
Edward Kendall of Cambridge	26	17	43
Edwin H. Kennedy of Pittsfield	100	34	134
Blank	161	66	227

For Auditor

Frank Bohmbach of Boston	6	3	9
John E. Dempsey of Fall River	43	30	73
George G. Hall of Boston	49	18	67
Wilbur D. Moon of Lynn	27	16	43
Henry E. Turner of Malden	609	230	839
Simeon Viger of Lawrence	119	42	161
Blank	177	65	242

For Attorney General

Henry M. Dean of Hyde Park	26	16	42
Elliot C. Harding of Tisbury	8	5	13
Dana Malone of Greenfield	612	220	832
John McCarty of Abington	45	16	61
Richard J. Talbot of Springfield	55	29	84
John Alden Thayer of Worcester	113	41	154
Blank	171	77	248

For Congressman – Fifth District

Butler Ames of Lowell	690	275	965
George Conley of Lowell	51	23	74
Joseph J. Flynn of Lawrence	200	79	279

Councilor – Fifth District

Samuel Cole of Beverly	687	264	951
Charles S. Grieves of Amesbury	85	37	122
Blank	258	103	361

Senator – Fifth Essex District

George Bunting of Methuen	685	319	1004
Dennis E. Halley of Lawrence	232	53	285
Louis B. Talbot of Lawrence	41	17	58
Blank	72	15	87

Representatives in General Court – 5th Essex

James J. Ahearne of Lawrence	119	56	175
Alfred J. Bruckel of Lawrence	560	205	765
William J. Delaney of Lawrence	163	55	218
Neil Doyl of Lawrence	56	30	86
Edgar G. Holt of Methuen	646	235	881
Blank	516	227	743

County Commissioner

Granville A. Kelly of Haverhill	72	33	105
Sidney P. Kenyon of Lynn	109	39	148
Moody Kimball of Newburyport	684	257	941
Blank	165	75	240

Register of Probate and Insolvency

Frank E. Hale of Merrimac	114	48	162
Jeremiah T. Mahoney of Salem	672	246	918
Blank	244	110	354

Associate Commissioner

George C. Doucet of Lawrence	162	53	215
John W. Lovett of Beverly	642	242	884
Blank	226	109	335

Attest

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

Record of Meeting of City and Town Clerks, Nov. 13, 1908.

City of

Lawrence Mass.

City Clerk's

Office, Nov. 13, 1908.

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 Fifth Essex Representative District, held at noon this day in accordance with the provisions of Section 257 Chapter 11 of the Revised Laws, upon comparing the transcript of the returns the following appears as the result of the balloting for Representatives in the General Court for said District, at meetings held on Tuesday November third A.D. 1908.

