

1789

Warrant for Annual Meeting March 11th 1789

Essex SS. To Major Samuel Bodwell one of the Constables for the Town of Methuen
Greeting. In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required

to warn al Ye freeholders & other Inhabitants of Said Town qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Old Meeting House in Said Town on Wednesday the eleventh Day

of March next at ten Oclock in ye Morning then & there to act on the following particulars, viz.

- First To Choose (chose) a Moderator for Said Meeting
- 2dly To Choose (chose) Town Officers as the Law directs
- 3dly To see if the Town will vote to give the Constables any sum upon the pound for gathering taxes
this year ensuing or act respecting Constables as the Town shall think proper
- 4th To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise to defray Town charges the year ensuing
- 5th To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for Schooling the year ensuing
- 6thly To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise to repair the Highways & private ways,
the year ensuing
- 7th To see if the Town will vote that those persons, that do not work out their Highway Rate
shall be assessed & committed

- 8th To see if the Town will Choose (chose) a Committee to reckon with Stephen Barker
Town
Treasurer & make their Report at the adjournment
- 9th To see if the Town will vote for Swine to go at Large with Yokes & Rings as the Law directs
- 10thly At the desire of Parker Richardson to see if the Town will vote to release Samuel Palmer's
Rates in his list ~

11thly At the desire of Jonathan Pettingill to see if the Town will vote to release several persons rates in his father's list ~

12thly By the desire of James Ordway Junior to see if the Town will vote to release his Poll Tax in Major Bodwell's List –

13thly To see if the Town will vote to release Zebadiah Barker's Rates in Col. Poor's list.

14th To bring in and allow Town Debts

Hereof fail not & make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon at or before Said Meeting

Dated February 24th 1789

Bodwell Ladd Selectmen
Jonathan Davis } of
Henry Bodwell Methuen

March 3d 1789

By virtue of this Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of this Town to meet at Ye time & place within mentioned by posting up Notifications

James Bodwell Constable

Minutes of the Annual Meeting March 11th 1789

Chose Mr. Jonathan Huse **Moderator** for Said Meeting

Stephen Barker Town Clerk

Stephen Barker **Town Treasurer**

Chose Capt. Jonathan Davis, Lt. Bodwell Ladd, Lt. Jacob Messer **Selectmen**

Voted to postpone choosing Town Officers till ye Town has acted on the 4d article –
Voted to allow four pence on the pound to the Constables for Collecting Taxes the year
ensuing

Fence Viewers Moses Pingry, Jacob Hall, Caleb Sawyer & John Pettengill

**Surveyors
of Lumber** Col. Poor, Jonathan Masten Junior, Capt. Henry Bodwell, Thomas Herrick, Lt. Bodwell Ladd, Jonathan Currier & Lt. Miles Flint

Surveyors Col. Poor, Elijah Carlton, William Hibberd, Abiel How Junior,

of Highways	Alpheus Messer, Benjamin Osgood, Timothy Eaton, Capt. James Mallon, Aaron Noyes, Nathaniel Pettengill, Isaac Bodwell, Moses Farnum
Wardens	Jonathan Swan & William Bodwell
Tything men	Joseph How, John Whittier & Amos Morse
Sealer of Leather	Thomas Herrick
Hog Reaves	Capt. Caleb Swan, Aaron Noyes, Richard Whittier, William Whittier, Nathaniel Pettengill
Fish Keepers	Thomas Herrick, Daniel Russ, James Messer, John Whittier

Voted to raise Seventy pounds to defray Town charges the year ensuing & thirty pounds for Schooling

Voted to raise 150 pounds for repairing the Highways

Voted that those persons be assessed that do not work out their Highway Rate

Voted a Committee of three persons to reckon with Stephen Barker Town Treasurer Viz.
Capt. Mallon, Thomas Henrick & Lt. Miles Flint

Voted swine to go at large with yokes & rings as ye law directs

Voted to release Samuel Palmer's Poll tax in Parker Richardson List also to release James Ordway's Poll tax in Major Bodwell's list also Daniel Barker's rates in Jonathan Pettengill's list

Voted to allow John Pettengill 7/6 Thomas Herrick 2/6 Capt Mallon 7/6
Stephen Barker 7/6 for Reckoning with Timothy Poor former Town Treasurer

Voted to Adjourn this Meeting till this Day fortnight at one Clock P.M

Adjournment of the Annual Meeting March 1789

Voted Peter Masten for 2 days Reckoning with ye Treasurer 5/
Voted Nathaniel Pettengill for 295 feet of plank for a Bridge 14/4

Chose Parker Richardson Surveyor of Highways instead of Aaron Noyes, Benjamin Town
instead of Nathaniel Pettengill, Lt. Nathan Swan instead of Col. Poor

Chose Joseph Griffin Tything man

Voted & excepted (accepted) Mr. Benjamin Town a Constables instead of William Runnels

Voted to except (accept) Stephen Barker instead of Lt. Tyler

Voted to except (accept) the Report of the Committee that was chosen to Reckon with Stephen Barker Town Treasurer

Voted one third of the School money be appropriated for a Woman School if each ward see cause

Voted to adjourn this meeting till Monday ye 6th Day of April at 4 O Clock P.M.

April 6th - At the adjournment voted to abate Zebadiah Barker Town and County Taxes in Col. Poor's list; & his State Rate at half the sum of the Rate

Reckoning with the Treasury of March 23d 1789

We the subscribers being chosen a Committee to examine the accounts of Mr. Stephen Barker Treasurer for the Town of Methuen, have Att (At)ended that Service and find that if all the orders which Said Treasurer has drawn on Constables is answered and the notes of hand which he has given in paid there is due to the Town one Hundred & nine pounds, Six shillings & three pence; and also 3654 dollars old Emition paper money which sum first mentioned we find due from Constables and other persons according to the annexed list

Due from

Capt. Swan	41:18:11 ^{1/2}	A List of Stephen Barker's Treasury
Major Bodwell	59:13:11	Notes - Benjamin Osgood 3:19:0
Elijah Carlton	8: 5: 6	Nathaniel Pettengill 0:9:10
William Morse	4:16: 1	Capt. Mallon 3:17:5
Wm Whittier Jr	1: 4:10	Jonathan Frye 4:0:0
Jonathan Asten	17: 1: 1	Samuel Whittier 9:9:0
Wm Page	2: 2: 8	Frye Williams 0:13:6
		Mrs. Page 24:0:0
		46:7:9

Notes

Francis Swan Junior	0:2:3	Poor's Balance turned over to
Stephen Barker	0:13:10	Stephen Barker to Pay Said Poor's
Wm Morse Junior	0:3:10	orders with 130:6:8
Jonathan Pettengill	2:0:0	Paid by Said Barker for

Wm Page	0:19:4	Said Orders	<u>129:1:6</u>
Wm Whittier Junior	0-12-6	Pounds	8:16:2
Francis Swan Junior	3:11:4		

Methuen 23rd March 1789

James Maston
 Thomas Herrick } Committee
 Miles Flint

At a Meeting of the Qualified voters of the Inhabitants of Methuen on Monday April Ye 6th 1789 for the choice of State Officers,

The votes for Chief Governour were as follows

Honorouble John Hancock, Esq.	37 Votes
Honorouble Benjamin Lincoln, Esq.	7 Votes

For Lt. Governor

Honorable Samuel Adams	27 Votes
Honorable Benjamin Lincoln	15 Votes

Senators

Honorable Azor Orne, Esq.	28 Votes
Honorable Samuel Holton, Esq.	13
Honorable Stephen Choat, Esq.	27
Honorable Edward Putting, Esq.	19
Honorable Nathan Doane, Esq.	33
Honorable Samuel Phillips Jr. Esq.	18
Honorable Aaron Wood, Esq.	15
Captain Peter Osgood Junior	2
Doctor Daniel Hilham	13
Honorable William Pickman Esq.	2
Colonel Israel Hutchinson	5
Deacon Jonathan Manning	5
Honorable Bailey Bartlet, Esq.	19
Honorable Peter Coffern, Esq.	4
Mr. Joseph Hayns	1

True Copy of the Return

Attest: **Stephen Barker – Town Clerk.**

Essex SS. To Stephen Barker one of the Constables of the Town of Methuen within Said County **Greeting** - In the Name of Ye Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn all the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Said Town qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Old Meeting House in Said Town on Thirsday (Thursday) the fourteenth Day of May Instant at four O Clock P.M. then & there to act on the following particulars viz.

First To Choose (chose) a Moderator

2dly To see what the Town will vote to do respecting a Constable in Room (in place of) Major Bodwell former Constable & act respecting Said affair as the Town shall think proper

Hereof fail not and return this warrant to us the subscribers at or before Said Meeting

Dated 4th May 1789

John Davis Selectmen
Bodwell Ladd } of
Jacob Messer Methuen

May 14, 1789

Minutes of a Legal Town Meeting May 14th 1789

Voted and chose James Ingalls Esq. Moderator

Voted that the matter respecting a Constable in Room (in place of) Major Bodwell shall subside till Major Bodwell comes home

Voted to adjourn this meeting till ye first Wednesday in June instant at three o'clock P.M.

Essex SS. To Stephen Barker one of the Constables for the Town of Methuen within Said County
Greeting In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Old Meeting House in Said Town on Thirsday (Thursday) ye 3d Day of September

next three O Clock PM there and there to act on the following particulars
viz.

- First To Choose (chose) a Moderator for Said meeting
- 2dly To see if the Town will Choose (chose) a Collector in the Room (in the place of) of Major Bodwell to collect the tax that was committed to him to collect or act as the Town shall think proper respecting Said List of Taxes.
- 3dly At the desire of Capt Jonathan Davis to see if the Town will vote to release Obadiah Morse's rates in his list
- 4thly To see if the Town will vote to raise a sum of money in addition to what was voted last March.
- 5thly To bring in and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to us the Subscribers at or before the time of Said Meeting

August 20th 1789

J. Davis	Selectmen
B. Ladd	} of
J. Messer	Methuen

Essex SS 23d August 1789

In obedience this warrant I have warned the qualified voters of this Town to meet at the time & place mentioned by posting up notifications as usual.

Stephen Barker Constable for
Methuen

September 30, 1789

Minutes of a Town Meeting September 30 1789

Voted and chose James Ingalls Esq. **Moderator**

Voted in answer to Major Bodwell petition to release him from Collecting the remainder of ye Taxes committed to him to collect as Constable for the year 1788

Voted and chose Lt. Bodwell Ladd to collect the remainder of Said Taxes & to allow him nine pounds as a hire for the same, which he excepted (accepted) and was sworn.

Voted to raise thirty pounds in addition to what was voted last March for defraying Town charges.

Voted to release Obadiah Messer's rates in Capt. Davis' List.

At a Town Meeting on Monday ye 28th September 1789

Voted and chose Capt John Davis, **Moderator**

Voted for the Selectmen to settle with Haverhill respecting the cost of Mary Harris as well as they can. - This meeting was then dissolved

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March 10 1790

Essex SS. Greeting To Capt Stephen Barker one of the Constables of the Town of Methuen In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to warn all the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Said Town of Methuen qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Old Meeting House in Said Town on Wednesday the tenth day of March next at ten oclock A.M. then & there to act on the following particulars (viz.)

First To Choose (chose) a Moderator for Said Meeting

2ndly To Choose (chose) Town Officers as the Law directs

3rdly To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise to defray Town charges the present year

4thly To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise to repair the highways & privet ways in Said Town the present year

5thly To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for schooling the present year

6thly To see if the Town will vote for part of Said School money be laid out in procuring School

Mistress or act thereon as they shall think proper

- 7thly To see if the Town will vote for swine to go at large with yokes & rings according to law the present year
- 8thly To see what Method the Town will vote to take respecting Constables collecting Taxes the year ensuing & act as the Town shall think proper
- 9thly To see if the Town will vote that those persons that did not work out their Highway rate last year may have the liberty of working them out the present year
- 10thly To see if the Town will vote that those persons that do not work but their highway rate the present year shall be assessed & committed to the collection to collect
- 11thly To see if the Town will vote to Choose (chose) a committee to reckon with Capt. Stephen Barker Town Treasurer and to make report at the adjournment of this Meeting
- 12thly To see what Method the Town will vote to take to procure a Burying Cloth for Said Town and act thereon as they shall think proper
- 13th To see what Method the Town will take respecting that piece of way by Samuel Webber's and act as they shall think proper respecting Said Way
- 14th At the desire of Capt James Malon to see what the Town will vote to do respecting a piece of way that the Town voted to discontinue at the head of Peter's falls and act as the Town shall then think proper respecting Said Way
- 15ly At the desire of James Ordway Junior to see if the Town will vote to release his poll tax in Capt Stephen Barker's List and to free his Poll from taxes in the future
- 16thly To bring in and allow Town Debts
- 17thly To see if the Town will vote to allow Elijah Carlton for several persons class rates which he sayeth he cannot collect
- 18thly To see what directions the Town will give the Selectmen respecting the Settlement of Nathaniel Hazeltine's tax

Hereof fail not to make return of this warrant with your doing thereon to us the Subscribers at or before the time of Said Meeting

February 24 1790

John Davis Selectmen
Bodwell Ladd } of
Jacob Messer Methuen

Essex SS

March 10 1790

By virtue of this warrant I have notified the Inhabitants to meet at time & place within
Mentioned by posting up notifications as usual

Stephen Barker Constable

Minutes of the Annual Meeting March 10th 1790

Voted & chose Capt Caleb Swan **Moderator**

John Huse **Clerk & Treasurer**

Selectmen Capt Stephen Barker, Capt John Davis, Lt Jacob Tyler

Constables Lt John Parker & Mr Thomas Herrick

Voted to accept of Lt Benjamin Towns to serve as Constable for Mr Herrick

Fence Viewers Deacon John Harris
Jacob Hall Mr. Samuel Richardson
& Jonathan How

Surveyors of Lumber Colonel Thomas Poor
Capt Henry Bodwell Mr John Mastin Junior
Mr Moses Farnum Major Samuel Bodwell
Mr Elisha Parker Mr Jonathan Currier

Surveyors of Highways Lt Nathan Swan
Simeon Hastings Mr Farnum Hall, former clerk
Capt James Meloon Noah Stevens
John Pettengill Mr Aaron Noyes
Joseph H Parker Isaac Bodwell
& Samuel Webber David Morse

Wardens Mr Jonathan Swan
& Mr Moses Farnum

Tythingmen Mr Joseph How Junior Deacon Abiel Morriel

& Mr Moses Man

Sealer of Leather Mr Thomas Herrick

Hog Reafs Mr Jacob Herrick
Junior John Whittier

Aaron Noyes William Whittier
Nathaniel Hibbard & Samuel Carlton

Fishkeepers Mr Thomas Herrick
James Messer

Seth Emerson
& Capt James Malon

Voted to raise seventy pound to defray Town charges and thirty pounds for Schooling the year Ensuing

Voted to raise 150 pounds to repair the Highways & privet ways the year ensuing the wages as last year

Voted that one third of the School Money be appropriated for a woman's school if each District thinks fit

Voted that swine go at large yoked & ringed according to Law

Voted to allow the Constable for the year ensuing two pence per pound as a premium for collecting

Voted that those persons who have not worked out their Highway rate last year have liberty to work it out this year

Voted that those persons who do not work out this year shall be assessed & the assessment committed to the Constable to collect

Voted to Choose (chose) a committee to reckon with the Town Treasury and make report at the adjournment viz. Capt James Malon, John Huse & Mr Samuel Richardson

Voted to procure a Burying Cloth at the Town expense

Voted to Adjourn (Adjourn) to the 24th Instant One Oclock P.M.

At the Adjornment (Adjournment)

Voted to submit the 13th Article to the Judgment of the Selectmen

Voted to pass over the 14th Article

Voted the 15th Article in the negative

Voted Mr Thomas Herrick 2/0 for a day reckoning with Town Treasurer last year

Voted Mr Moses Farnum 6/0 for 96 feet plank for a bridge

Voted Capt James Malon 5/0 for 1 day last year & 1 ½ day this year reckoning with Capt Barker Town Treasurer

Voted to release the following persons in Mr Elijah Carlton's class list viz. Silas Brown, Mr. Joseph Ayer 5'3 ^{3/11} Timothy Corlis 16/9 ^{3/4}

Voted to allow Capt Stephen Barker 2/0 for the Jury box

Voted that the Selectmen purchase the new emitian money for Nathaniel Hazeltine's rate at as good a lay as they can

Voted to adjourn to the first Monday in April next thereof for County Treasurer

Voted Miles Flint for 1 ½ day reckoning with Town Treasurer last year 3/0

Voted to reconsider the vote respecting James Ordway Junior

Voted to release Said Ordway's poll tax as long as he continues lame

At the Meeting of the Qualified Voters of Methuen

Monday April 5th 1790 for choice of State Officers agreeable to the Constitution of this Commonwealth

The votes for Chief Governor

His Excellency John Hancock 53 Votes

For Lt Governor

Honorable Samuel Adams 46

Senators

Honorable Samuel Philips Esq.	34
Samuel Holton Esq.	37
Azor Orn Esq.	37
Nathan Dane, Esq.	37

John Tredwell Esq.	37
Jonathan Greenleaf Esq.	37
Capt. Peter Osgood	03

Continuation of proceedings of Ye Annual Meeting March 10 1790

At the Adjournment April 5

Voted Capt Stephen Barker 6/0 for his Service as reckoning as Town Treasurer in 1789 & 1790

Voted John Huse 3/0 for 1 1/2 day reckoning with Town Treasurer

Voted to accept of the report of the committee that reckoned with Capt Stephen Barker Treasurer for 1789 which is as followeth

We the Subscribers being chosen a committee to examine the accounts of Capt Stephen Barker late Treasurer for the Town of Methuen have Att (At)ended that Service & find that if all the orders

Said Treasurer hath drawn on Constables according to the annexed list are answered and notes of hand which Said Treasurer hath given are paid there is then due to the Town the sum of Ninety three pounds Six Shillings & ten pence which sum we find due from the several Constables & in notes of hand & from several other persons according to the annexed list including four pounds two shillings & six pence which appears to be a balance due to from Said Barker as Treasurer to the Town and also 3649 Dollars old emition paper money

Due from Constables

Capt Caleb Swan	4:12:11	William Morse	4:16:1
Lt Bodwell Ladd	7:1:5	William Whittier Jr	0:15:6
Lt Benjamin Town	51:12:9	William Page	2:0:8
Capt Stephen Barker	54:13:0		
Elijah Carlton	08:5:6	Notes	
		William Whittier Jr	0:12:6
		William Page	0:19:4

Notes from

Frances Swan Jr	0:2:6
John Pettengill	1:5:0
William Morse Jr	0:3:10
William Morse given	

Orders drawn on Constables on Const Swan in favour of

Seth Emerson	0:5:1
Samuel Griffen	25:10:4
	03:0:0

To Maj. Bodwell	2:6:2	Received to Swan	36:16:5
Due from		Received to ditto	1:4:0
Frances Swan Jr	3:11:4	Nathaniel Haseltine	0:6:0
Lt Isaac Thom	0:9:4	Richard Currier	0:6:0
Lt John Sargent	0:2:8		
John Pingry		Received to Swan	26:10:11
--- order	5:0:2	Capt Henery Bodwell	0:7:6
Capt Ebenezer Carlton	0:10:8	Seth Emerson	0:3:0
Capt John White	0:4:0	<u>John Swan</u>	<u>6:0:0</u>
Moses Pingry	0:4:6		
Put into Said Barker hand	239:17:11		
Paid by Said Barker find		Aaron Noyes	0:4:9
The last reckoning	<u>146:11:1</u>	Lt John Parker	0:13:4
Due to ye Town	93:6:10	James Sargent	8:2:6
		Elisha Parker	0:14:0
		Josiah Clark	0:12:0
		William Farnum	1:10:6
		<u>Widow Anne Palmer</u>	<u>0:6:0</u>
Notes given by Stephen Barker		Samuel Richardson Jr	2:2:10
Benjamin Osgood	3:18:0	Lt Miles Flint	0:12:0
Nathaniel Pettengill	0:9:10	Receipt to Maj. Bodwell	
Samuel Walker	7:19:0	on Ladd's list	46:4:9
William Hall	0:6:8	Receipt to Said Ladd	09:0:0
Jonathan Barker	0:9:0	Receipt ditto	5:2:6
Samuel Harris	0:9:0	Moses Farnum	1:1:4
Caleb Sawyer	0:11:0	Abiel Morriel	0:16:0
John Sargent Jr	0:15:6	On William Whittier Jr	
Capt James Jones	4:6:5	in favour of Lt James Frye	<u>0:9:5</u>
Widow Page	<u>24:0:0</u>	On Lt Benjamin Town in	
	60:5:6	favor of Thomas Herrick	1:0:8
Turned in from Constables		Receipted to Town	22:0:11
And others	149:9:9 1/2	John Pettingill	0:11:9
Notes taken out	<u>060:5:6</u>	Oliver Emerson	1:2:6
	89:4:3		

and we find also that the Said Barker hath paid for Timothy Poor's orders the sum of Six Pounds twelve Shillings & five pence more than the balance which Said Poor turned over to him which sum we have allowed to Said Barker and is now due to the Town and also that Said Barker has paid and taken up an order of Seven pounds signed by Frances Swan form Town Treasurer which sum we have also allowed to Said Barker

Methuen March 22nd 1790

James Mallon
John Huse } Committee

Samuel Richardson

October 4 1790

At a meeting Leagally warned October 4 1790 to bring in Votes for a Representative for Congress

Voted for Honorable Benjamin Goodhue	8
Honorable Samuel Holten	3

Essex SS To Lieutenant John Parker one of the Constables for the Town of Methuen within Said County **Greeting** In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

you are hereby required to notify and warn all the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Said Town qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Old Meeting House in Said Town on Monday the twenty ninth of November Instant at one Oclock P.M. then & there to act on the following particulars viz.

- First To Choose (chose) a Moderator for Said meeting
- 2^{ndly} To see if the Town will vote to raise a sum of Money in addition to what was voted at the Annual Meeting last March for defraying Town charges the present year
- 3^{rdly} At the request of Mr William Man to see if the Town will vote to abate several persons rates in his list which he says he cannot collect
- 4^{thly} To see if the Town will vote that those constables that do not settle their collections of Town taxes within a limited time & act thereon as the Town shall think proper
- 5^{thly} At the request of Capt Caleb Swan to see if the Town will vote to abate several persons rates in his list
- 6^{thly} To see if the Town will vote to abate several persons rates in Stephen Barker's list
- 7^{thly} To bring in and allow Town debts

Methuen November 9th 1790

Stephen Barker } Selectmen
Jacob Tyler } of Methuen

November 29 1790

By virtue of this warrant I have notified the inhabitants to meet at time and place within mentioned by posting up notification as usual

John Parker Constable

November 29 1790

At a Meeting November 29 1790

- 1st Choose (chose) Capt John Davis Moderator
- 2^{ndly} Voted to raise thirty pounds in addition to what was raised last March
- 3rd Article - Voted to pass over
- 4^{thly} Voted that the Treasurer oblige the back Constables to settle before March next
- 5th Voted to abate Isaac Barker's rates in Capt Swan's list

Then dissolved the Meeting

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Essex SS. To John Parker one of the Constables for the Town of Methuen within Said County

Greeting In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify & warn all the Inhabitants of Said Town qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Old Meeting House in Said Town on Monday the Seventeenth Day of January instant at two o'clock P.M. then & there to act on the following particulars

1st To Choose (chose) a Moderator for Said Meeting

2^{ndly} To see if the Town will Choose (chose) a Collector of the tax that was committed to Lt Bodwell Ladd who is moved out of Town and act thereon as the Town shall then think proper

Thereof fail not & make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to us the subscribers at or before the time of Said Meeting

Methuen January 3rd 1791

Stephen Barker Selectmen
John Davis } of
Jacob Tyler Methuen

By virtue of the within warrant I have warned the inhabitants to meet at time & place by posting up notifications according to the custom of the Town

John Parker Constable

January 17, 1791

At the meeting above January 17 1791

1st Choose (chose) Capt Stephen Barker Moderator
2^{ndly} Choose (chose) Mr John Ladd Collector for the year 1788 & for tax No 6 who was from the same day

Then dissolved

Essex SS. To Lt Benjamin Town one of the Constables of the Town of Methuen with Said County

Greeting - In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to
notify & warn all the Freeholders and other inhabitants of Said Town qualified by
law to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Old Meeting House in Said Town
on WedneSaiday (Wednesday) the ninth day of March next at ten of the clock
AM then & there to act on the following particulars Viz.

First To Choose (chose) a moderator for Said Meeting
2^{ndly} To Choose (chose) Town Officers for the year ensuing as the Law Directs
3^{rdly} To see if the Town will vote to allow the Constables any sum upon the pound for collecting taxes the year ensuing and act respecting the choice of Constables as the Town shall think proper
4^{thly} To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for defraying Town charges the year ensuing
5^{thly} To see what sum of money the Town will raise for schooling the year ensuing
6^{thly} To see if the Town will Choose (chose) a committee to make some alteration in the School Wards & act thereon as the Town shall think best

7^{thly} To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for repairing the highways & privet ways
in Said Town the year ensuing

8^{thly} To see if the Town will vote for swine to go at large the year ensuing

9^{thly} To see what instructions the Town will give their Selectmen respecting Nathaniel Hazeltine's Tax

10^{thly} To see if the Town will vote that the Treasurer shall ---- his executions against such Constables
as do not settle their Town tax in a limited time after receiving their lists and act thereon as the Town shall think proper

11^{thly} To Choose (chose) a committee to reckon with the Town Treasurer

12^{thly} To see if the Town will accept a road laid out by the Selectmen through land of William Hibberd & land of Cyrus Carlton to Dracut road near Caleb Sawyers House

13^{thly} To see if the Town will accept a road laid out by the Selectmen through land of Capt Caleb Swan & Lt. Benjamin Town beginning at the road leading from Mistake (Mystic) Pond to Doctor Corless so on to the road leading to Lt Towns land

14^{thly} At the request of Capt Stephen Barker to see if the Town will abate several persons rates in his list

15^{thly} At the desire of Doctor John Harris to see if the Town will allow him for several persons rates in his list when he was constable which could not be collected

16^{thly} At the request of William Morse to see if the Town will abate several persons rates in his list

17^{thly} At the request of Capt Caleb Swan to see if the Town will abate several persons rates in his list

18^{thly} To see if the Town will abate several persons rates in Lt B Towns list

19^{thly} At the request of Lt Benjamin Town to see if the Town will allow him some further compensation for his collecting the tax for the year past

20^{thly} To see if the Town will vote that the Town & Highway rate be made in one tax & committed to the Constable and act thereon as the Town shall think proper

21st To bring in & allow Town Debts

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to us the Subscribers
at or before the time of Said Meeting

Given under our hands & Seal at Methuen aforesaid the **21st Day of February 1791**

Stephen Barker } Selectmen
Jacob Tyler } of Methuen

Essex SS March 9 1791

In obedience to this Warrant I have warned the inhabitants of this Town to meet at the time & place above mentioned by posting up notifications as usual

Benjamin Town – Constable

Perticlers (particulars) of the above Annual Meeting March 9th 1791

Voted & chose Capt Caleb Swan **Moderator** for Said Meeting

John Huse **Clerk & Treasurer**

Selectmen Mr Asa Messer, Capt Stephen Barker, Lt James Wilson

Voted to postpone choosing Constables until the third article is acted on

Voted to allow the Constables three pence per pound for collecting taxes the year ensuing

Voted & chose Oliver Emerson **Constable for the East end** and accepted of Mr William Whittier 2nd
in his sted (stead)

Mr David McCleary **Constable for the West end**

Fence Viewers - Samuel Richardson Capt James Meloon

Surveyors of Lumber - Elisha Parker Nathaniel Pettingill
Colonel Thomas Poor Jonathan Currier Jonathan Ladd

Field Drivers -	William Whittier	Titus Harris
Surveyors of Highways -	Capt. Ebenezer Carlton John Masten Junior Thomas Herrick Jonathan Merrick Samuel Harris Oliver Emerson	Alfred Ingals Capt Caleb Swan Nathaniel Hibberd John Ladd William Farnum Ebenezer Carlton Junior
Hog reefs -	William Whittier Jacob Merrick	Cyrus Carlton Nathan Pettengill
Tything men -	Asa Currier James Messer Junior	William Farnum John Sargent
Fish Keepers -	John Pettengill William Whittier Alpheas Bodwell Junior	Caleb Sawyer Benjamin Stevens Dr John Harris John Ladd Lt Miles Flint William Whittier

Samuel Huse	Peter Martin	Capt Caleb Swan
James Frye	John Huse	Daniel Hibberd
William Farnum		

Wardens -	Joshua Swan	Nathaniel Hibberd
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- 4 Voted to raise 120 pounds to defray Town charges the year ensuing
- 5 Voted to raise 30 pounds for Schooling & that half of the aforesaid sum may be appropriated to a Womans School if the Wards Choose (chose) it
- 6 Voted to Choose (chose) a committee to make proposals for such alterations in the School Wards
as they shall think best & make report at the adjournment (viz.)
Lt John Parker, Lt Jacob Tyler, Capt Stephen Barker, John Huse, Capt Caleb Swan, William Swan, Lt Jacob Messer, Ens. Oliver Emerson & William Farnum
- 7,8,9 Articles – Voted to pass over till the adjournment
- & 10
- 11th Voted to Choose (chose) a committee to settle with the Treasurer (Viz.)
Capt Stephen Barker, Samuel Richardson & Thomas Herrick

Voted to adjourn to this day instant twelve O Clock

March 23 Met & began at the 7th Article

7th Voted to raise 150 pounds for repairing highways & privat ways price of labor as last year

8th Voted that swine go at large ye year ensuing

9th To pass over & leave it with the Selectmen

10th That Treasurer send his Executions to delinquent Constables when he sees occasion

11th Voted to accept of the Report of the Committee that was appointed to reckon with the Treasurer which report is as followeth

We the Subscribers being appointed a committee to examine the accounts of Mr John Huse Treasurer for the Town of Methuen have Att (At)ended that Service and find that if all the orders which Said Treasurer has drawn on Constables are answered there will be in his hands due to the Town the sum of Two hundred & one pound Eighteen Shillings Eleven pence which sum we find due from the several Constables & Sunday other persons according to the annexed list except two Shillings & four pence which appear a balance due from Said Treasurer to the Town

We also find that the notes of hand standing against the Town given by the present & former Treasurer amounts to Sixty nine pounds three shillings & Seven pence which if taken out of the above sum leaves one hundred & thirty two pounds fifteen shillings four pence

Due from the Constables

Lt John Parker	49	11	6
Lt Benjamin Town	86	13	3
Lt Benjamin Town for the year 1789	15	2	2
Capt Stephen Barker	19	7	1
ditto former Treasurer	4	2	6
Capt Caleb Swan	0	17	1
John Ladd	0	4	11
Elijah Carlton	3	7	0
William Morse	4	3	8
William Page	2	0	8
William Whittier Junior	0	15	5

Notes of hand

**Notes given by the report & former
Treasurer to be paid out of the
Towns Money**

Samuel Walker of Haverhill	7	19	0
Lt Bodwell Ladd	4	14	11
Samuel Griffen	8	9	2
Caleb Sawyer	0	11	0
John Sargent	0	15	6
Capt James Jones	4	6	5
William Page	24	0	0
Sarah Wood	2	13	0
Samuel Walker of Haverhill	2	0	0
Phinehas Carlton Treasurer of Haverhill	6	17	0
Doctor James Bricket	6	17	0

William Whittier Junior that	0 12 6	The committee think proper to take notice
William Page allowed	9 19 4	Stephen Barker former Treasurer was
Francis Swan Junior being	0 2 6	Six pounds & twelve Shillings five pence
Joshua Bodwell than	0 4 6	what he paid on Timothy Poor's orders more
John Pettengill that	1 5 0	the balance that was turned over to him for
William Morse Junior	0 3 10	purpose of paying Said orders with and that
Samuel Lovejoy	2 6 2	Mr Huse is allowed in the present reckoning
Daniel Huse paid	0 15 0	Eleven Shillings & two pence that he has
		For Said paid orders

Due from

Methuen March 22 1791

Frances Swan former Treasurer	3 1 4	Stephen Barker
Doctor Isaac Thom	0 9 4	Thomas Herrick } Committee
Lt John Sargent	0 2 8	Samuel Richardson
John Pingry --- order	4 0 2	
Capt Eben Carlton	0 10 8	
Capt John White	0 4 0	
Moses Pingry	0 4 6	
	201 16 9	

12th Voted to accept a road laid out near Caleb Sawyers the return of which is as follows

We the Subscribers have laid out a road through land of William Hibberd's & land of Cyrus Carlton beginning at the road leading from Said Carlton's to Isaac Astin's near where Obediah Morse formerly lived extending northerly two rods wide from Josiah Gutterson's stone wall & so running westerly by Said wall till it comes to Caleb Sawyer's land thence westerly by Said Sawyers land to Dracut road running to a white oak tree marked which is a bound betwixt the towns of Dracut & Methuen

Methuen February 21 1791

Stephen Barker
John Davis } Selectmen
Jacob Tyler

13th Voted to accept of a road through Capt Caleb Swan's & Lt Benjamin Town's land & discontinue

Road the other they (viz.) Swan & Town's freeing the Town from cost for Said road as it is now laid
near out the return of which is as followeth
Mystic
Pond Land of Capt Caleb Swan & Lt Benjamin Town beginning at the Town Road leading from Mistake (Mystic) Pond to Dr Samuel Corless – then running northerly on Said Swan & Town's land and joining on land belonging to the heirs of Lt John Sargent till it comes to a small white pine tree marked running on the easterly side of Said pine tree thence on the easterly side of a pitch pine tree marked thence on the easterly side to the Honorable Samuel Philips Esq till it unites with the road leading from Mistake (Mystic) Pond to Lt Benjamin Town's

Methuen February 21 1791

Stephen Barker
Jacob Tyler } Selectmen

14 th	Voted to release Capt John Bodwell's rates in Capt Stephen Barker's list Voted to abate Samuel Palmer's rates in ditto Voted to abate Simon Bodwell's rates in ditto	
15 th	Voted to allow Deacon John Harris for John Whittier Highway rate Voted to allow ditto for Abner Morriel ditto Voted to allow ditto for John Handry & ditto	1/5 2/2 1/8 5/3 total
16 th	Voted not to abate any in William Morse list	
17 th	Voted to abate John Corlis rates in ditto – Voted to abate Nathan Perley rates in ditto – 13/4 Voted to accept of the report of the committee for altering the meeting house wards which is as followeth	

Report of the Committee for altering School House Wards

We the Subscribers being appointed a committee to make proposals for altering some of the School Wards in this Town have Att (At)ended that service & considering the disadvantages that many of the inhabitants of the middle ward are under by reasons of their living in the extreme parts of Said ward –

Therefore the committee report that they think it reasonable that one fourth part of the money which is annually drawn by Said ward be laid out in a school to be kept in the Northwest extreme of Said ward as near to the house of Capt Caleb Swan as can conveniently be – and that one fourth part more of Said money be laid out in a school in the Southeast extreme to be kept as near the house where William Richardson formerly lived as can conveniently be and that the remainder of Said money be laid out for a school to be kept as near the center of the whole ward as can conveniently be

Methuen March 23 1791

John Parker
Jacob Tyler
Stephen Barker } Committee
William Swan
Jacob Emerson
Oliver Emerson

Then adjourned to the first Monday in April one Oclock

April 4 met & brought in vote for County Register (Registrar) for John Pickering Esq. 3^d

Voted to abate Daniel Russ' rates in Capt Caleb Swan's list 26/

Voted to abate Aaron Cross' poll tax in ditto –

Voted to abate William Asten's rates in Lt Benjamin Town's list	0:0-7-1
Daniel Russ' rates in ditto	1:1-3-2
James Davis ditto in ditto	0:5-0-2
Isaac Barker ditto in ditto	0:5:0-2

Voted to abate the following nonresidents in Town's list viz.

Dudley Ladd, Joseph Tyler, Richard Hastings &

Deacon Samuel Tinny in the whole	0:7-3-1
	1:14:3:?

Voted to allow Lt Benjamin Town one penny per pound for gathering taxes last year in addition to 2 voted

20th Voted to pass over
Voted to adjourn to WedneSaiday 13th Instant three O Clock P.M.

April 13 Met & voted to allow Samuel Richardson for 1 1/2 day last year & one day this year settling with Treasurer 2/0 per day 5/

Voted Capt Stephen Barker & Thomas Herrick each 2/0 for reckoning with John Huse 3/0 for settling with the committee

Voted Lt Benjamin Town 16/9 for plank & labour for 2 bridges

Voted John Pettengill for mending a bridge 3/6

Capt Caleb Swan for 85 feet of oak plank & 108 feet pine for a bridge 15/6

April 4, 1791

Minutes of a Legal Town Meeting April 4 1791

Voted & chose Capt Stephen Barker **Moderator**

Voted that the residents except Jesse Davison shall have liberty to work out their last year highway rates the present year in William Farnum District provided it be done by the last of June next & that Said Jesse Davison have liberty to work out his in the District to which he belongs provided it be performed by Said last of June

Voted that the Nonresidents have liberty to work out their highway rates in the District where they were taxed provided it be done by the last of June next

Voted that the Selectmen judge of the expediency of sending further help to the District where William Farnum is Surveyor & if any is thought necessary it is left with them how much & what Districts shall perform it

Then dissolved the meeting

At a Meeting of the qualified voters Monday April 4 1791 for choice of State Officers the vote was as followeth

For Governor His Excellency John Hancock Esq. 46
For Lt Governor Honorable Samuel Adams Esq. 35

Senators

Honorable Azor Orn, Esquire	13
Samuel Philips	13
Stephen Chote	13
Samuel Hoten	13
Daniel Thursten	7
Theophelus Person	7
Theophelus Bradbury	6
Tristram Dotten	6
Capt Peter Osgood Junior	2

At the Annual Meeting by Adjournment April 13 1791

Votes for County Treasurer as followeth

For Honorable Stephen Chote Esq. 17

Dissolved the Meeting

Essex SS. To Mr Daniel McCleary one of the Constables in the Town of Methuen
Greeting In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby
required to notify & warn all the Inhabitants of this Town qualified by law
to
vote in Town affairs to meet at the Old Meeting House in Said Town on
Tuesday
the eighteenth Day of this Instant October at three O clock P.M. then &
there
to act on the following particulars Viz.

1st To Choose (chose) a Moderator for Said Meeting

2^{ndly} To see if the Town will Choose (chose) a committee to meet in convention with
committees
from the other towns on the Merrimac River at the house of Mr Harrod Inholder of
Haverhill
on the twenty Sixth Day of October Instant at ten O clock A.M. for the purpose of
agreeing
on a joint remonstrance to the General Court against building a bridge across Merrimack
River
and act thereon as the Town shall think proper

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant & your doings thereon to us the
Subscribers
at or before the time of Said Meeting

Methuen October 6th 1791

Asa Messer Selectmen
Hughes Barker } of
James Wilson Methuen

Essex SS

In obedience to this Warrant I have notified the inhabitants of this Town to meet at time
& place & for the purpose within mentioned by posting up notifications as usual

Daniel McCleary Constable

October 18 (1791) Met and chose Mr Asa Messer Moderator

2^{ndly} Voted to adopt the Salbury (Salisbury) plan & chose Mr. Thomas Herrick & John Huse a committee for the purpose
Then dissolved the meeting

1792

April 2 1792

At a meeting of the qualified voters of Methuen on Monday the 2d day of April 1792
for choice of State Officers agreeably to the Constitution of this Commonwealth.

Voted for Chief Governor , His Excellency John Hancock	40 votes
For Lt. Governor Honorable Samuel Adams	41 votes

Senators

Honorable Samuel Phillips Esquire	32
Honorable Samuel Holton Esquire	32
Honorable Azor Orne Esquire	32
Honorable Peter Coffin Esquire	32
Honorable Stephen Choat Esquire	32
Honorable Theophilus Bradbury Esquire	30
Honorable Edward Pulling Esquire	2

Stephen Barker Selectmen
Asa Messer } of
Jacob Tyler Methuen
John Huse – Town Clerk

March Meeting 1792

Essex SS To Mr David McCleary one of the Constables for the Town of Methuen
within Said County
Greeting In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby
required
to notify & warn all the freeholders and other inhabitants of Said Town
qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Old Meeting House
in
Said Town on WedneSaiday the fourteenth day of March next at ten O
Clock
A.M. then and there to act on the following particulars Viz.

First To Choose (chose) a Moderator for Said Meeting

2^{ndly} To Choose (chose) Town Officers as the law directs

3^{rdly} To see if the Town will allow the Constables any sum upon the pound for collecting taxes the year ensuing and act respecting the choice of Constable on the Town shall think proper

4^{thly} To see what sum of money the Town will raise for defraying Town charges the year ensuing

5^{thly} To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for Schooling the year ensuing and act respecting Schools as the Town shall think proper

6^{thly} To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for repairing the highways and private ways in Said Town the year ensuing

7^{thly} To see if the Town will vote for swine to go at large the year ensuing

8^{thly} At the request of Doctor Samuel Hildreth & others to see if the Town will vote to build as many School houses as will convene (convenience) the Town, and act thereon as the Town shall think proper and also to see if the Town will vote to allow firewood for the us of the Schools out of the School money –

9^{thly} At the request of Mr William Morse to see if the Town will vote to abate sundry persons rates in his list.

10^{thly} At the request of Mr John Ladd to see if the Town will vote to abate sundry persons rates in his list.

11^{thly} At the request of Lt John Parker to see if the Town will vote to abate sundry persons rates in his list.

12^{thly} To see if the Town will Choose (chose) a committee to reckon with the Treasurer and make report at the Adjournment.

13^{thly} To see what instructions the Town will give the Treasurer respecting the balance that appears to be due from Timothy Poor, for new Town Treasurer.

14^{thly} At the request of Colonel Thomas Poor to see if the Town will vote that he may work out his highway rate the year ensuing on the road leading from his house to his mill.

15^{thly} At the request of Mr James Davis to see if the Town will vote to abate his rates in Mr John Pingree's list.

17^{thly} To bring in & allow Town debts

To see if the Town will vote the Selectmen shall make the rates annually hereafter, sometime before the month of June

18^{thly} At the request of Lt John Parker to see if the Town will vote to allow him some compensation for collecting the taxes for the year 178? [corner of page is worn so the last digit is unknown]

19^{thly} At the request of Mr Simeon Tyler, to see if the Town will vote that Said Tyler may make some alteration in the road on the north side of Mr Benjamin Osgood's Shop

Given under our hands and seals at **Methuen the 27th Day of February A.D. 1792.**

Of this warrant you are to make return to one of us the Subscribers at or before the time of Said Meeting

Asa Messer Selectmen
Stephen Barker } of
James Wilson Methuen

March 14 1792

Agreable to the within precept I have warned the inhabitants of Methuen to meet at time & place according to law by posting up notifications as usual

David McCleary – Constable

March 14 – 1792

Voted & chose Capt. Caleb Swan **Moderator.**

Voted & chose John Huse **Clerk & Treasurer –**

Capt Stephen Barker, Asa Messer & Lt Jacob Tyler **Selectmen**

Voted to hire Constables the year ensuing at the lowest bidder, postponed one hour.

Voted & chose Elijah Carlton Constable & voted him 4 1/2 per pound for 8 at ? (illegible)

Fence Viewers Samuel Richardson & Capt James Meloon

Surveyors of Lumber Elisha Parker, Capt Thomas Poor, William Farnum, Jonathan Currier Jr
John Ladd, Moses Farnum, Thomas Herrick

Surveyors Peter Marstin, Jonathan Currier, James Frye, Samuel Huse, John Huse, Parker

of Bodwell, Jonathan Merrill, John Ladd, James Messer, Jr, Day Emerson,
Asa
Highways Currier, William Farnum

Hog Reeves Elijah Mansor, David Sargent, Jacob Merrick, Abjiah Cross

Tythingmen William Runnels, William Hibberd, James Messer, Jr

Sealer of Weights and Measures John Sargeant.

Field Drivers William Whittier 2^d & Titus Harris

Fish Keepers Joseph Griffin, Lt Nathaniel Messer, John Sargeant & William Russ

Voted to raise 120 to defray Town charges this year.

Voted to raise 30 pounds for schooling the year ensuing

Voted to raise 150 pounds for repairing highways this year & wages as last year.

Voted that swine go at large etc

Voted to Choose (chose) a committee to look into the state of each ward & see how many wards number and where each School house shall sit & the Committee to consist of 7 men viz. Asa Messer, Capt. John Davis, Samuel Richardson, William Farnum, Lt. Jacob Tyler, Capt. Stephen Barker & Capt. Ebenezer Carlton.

Voted not to allow pay for wood out of School money

Voted to pay out one third of the money for a woman's school

Voted & chose Elijah Carlton Constable for the West end t 5 pence per pound and accepted –

Voted to allow William Morse
for Capt. Whittier's Highway rates 1-14-3
for John Barker 0-3-9
for James Palmer 0-5-1
for Zebediah Barker 0-4-6
for Samuel Kitridge 0-7-8
for Town & Country John Barker 0-3-5
2-18-8

Voted to adjourn to Wednesday 28 Instant (1792) one Oclock P.M.

March 28th Met and voted to abate Capt John Bodwell's rates
in John Ladd's list the sum is 3-15-9

Voted to abate James Ordway's rate in ditto 0-5-3

Voted to abate Samuel Kitridge's rate in ditto 1-0-6

Voted Mr Ladd for poundage 0-1-6

Voted to abate A Graham Corless rates in ditto 0-11-7

Voted to abate James Ordway's rates in ditto 0-6-11

Voted & chose a committee to reckon with the Treasurer viz.
Mr Thomas Herrick, Capt Stephen Barker & Lt John Parker.

Voted that the committee which reckon with the Treasurer look into the state of the Treasury
back to Jonathan Swan & make report at the adjournment

Voted that Col Thomas Poor be allowed to work out his highway rate this year between
his
house & mill

Voted to abate James Davis rates in John Pingree's list

Nathaniel Hibberd six Shillings & nine pence for one hundred 13 feet pine plan for a
bridge

Voted to allow Benjamin Osgood nine Shillings for a turn & half of to hop over the
seventeenth article

18 Voted to allow Lt John Parker equal to Lt Town for collecting taxes

19 To submit Mr Tyler's proposal for the alteration of the road near Mr Osgood's
shop to the Selectmen

Voted to build the number of five School houses

Voted that the first second & third ward be put into one School house near Richard
Pettingill's

Voted that the other wards & houses stand as in the report of the committee or as they
have been

hitherto established except the fifth ward, which school house is to be set at the corner of the road
near J. Hasting's

Voted to Choose (chose) a committee to let out the school houses agreeably to the report of
the former committee, Viz. Lt Oliver Emerson, Capt Caleb Swan, Capt Jacob Messer,
Mr Samuel Richardson & Lt Benjamin Town

Voted that the committee let out the School houses & make report at adjournment

Voted to adjourn to this day three weeks one O clock P.M.

At the Adjournment April 18th

Voted Samuel Harris two shillings for mending a bridge near Mr Moses Farnum's

Voted to accept the report of the committee that reckoned with the Treasurer which is as followeth,

We the Subscribers being appointed a committee to examine the accounts of Mr John Huse Treasurer for the Town of Methuen have Att (At)ended that service & find,
that if all the orders which Said Treasurer has drawn on Constables are answered, there is then due to the Treasury the sum of Two hundred & twenty three pounds six shillings & eight pence, from the several Constables & from sundry other persons, according to the annexed list out of which sum there is four pounds nineteen shillings & four pence, which appears to be a balance due to Said Huse and we find that the notes standing against the Town given by the present & former Treasurers amount to seventy pounds two shillings & ten pence – which sum with the balance due to Mr Huse being taken out of the above sum leaves one hundred & forty eight pounds four shillings & six pence.

Due from Constables & other

From		Notes standing against the Town	
William Whittier Jr	88-16-6	To Lt. Bodwell Ladd	4-14-11
David M ^c Cleary	46-09-9	Samuel Walker	7-19-0
Lt. Benjamin Town	54-10-5	Samuel Griffin	5-13-11
Capt. Stephen Barker	5-6	Caleb Sawyer	0-11-0
Capt. Stephen Barker former Treasurer	4-02-6	Capt. James Jones	4- 6-4
Capt. Caleb Swan	0-17-1	Mrs. Page	24-0-6
John Ladd	0-04-11	Sarah Wood	02-13-0
Ensign Elijah Carlton	3-07-0	Samuel Walker	2-0-0
		Phinehas Carlton	6-17-7

William Morse	4-03-8	Lt. James Bricket	6-17-0
William Page	2-00-8	Dr. Stephen Huse	4-10-0
William Whittier Jr	0-15-5		
Methuen April 13 - 1792			
Francis Swan Jr former Treasurer	3-11-4	Thomas Herrick	
Lt. John Sargeant	0-02-8	Stephen Barker	} Committee
Capt. Ebenezer Carlton	0-10-8	John Parker	
Capt. John White	0-04-0		
Moses Pingree	0-04-6		
John Pingree special order	2-10-7	John Huse Treasurer	
William Morse Jr not	0- 3-10		
Francis Swan Junior	0- 2-6		
William Whittier Junior	0-12-6		
Joshua Bodwell	0- 4-6		
William Page	0-19-4		
Samuel Lovejoy	1-16-2		
Timothy Poor	5-18-0		
Capt. Stephen Barker	<u> - 3-4</u>		
	223- 6-8		
Notes against Town	<u>70- 2-10</u>		
	<u>153- 3-10</u>		
Mr Huse balance	<u> 4-19-4</u>		
Remain	<u>148- 4-6</u>		

Voted to recommit the Settlement with the former Treasurer to the committee to make report at a future Town meeting

Voted with respect to the School houses, that each ward draw its proportion of money for building school houses according as they pay in.

Voted not to accept of the report of the committee.

Voted to raise 155 pounds to build School houses.

Voted to Choose (chose) a committee to inspect Spicket Hill ward & see where the school house shall be set, the committee being Capt. Caleb Swan, Dr. Samuel Hildreth, John Huse & are to make report at a future meeting.

Voted that the Selectmen proportion the money that is raised for building school houses & see that it be laid out for that purpose. Then dissolved. –

Essex SS To Mr William Whittier one of the Constables of Methuen within Said County

Greeting. – In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify & warn all the freeholders & other inhabitants

of Said Town qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Old Meeting House in Said Town on WedneSaiday the 28th day of March Instant, at one O'clock, afternoon, then & there to act on the following particulars, Viz.

- First To Choose (chose) a Moderator for Said Meeting
- 2dly At the request of Mr Cyrus Carlton to see what the Town will vote to allow him for the road that was laid out thro' his land the last year.
- 3dly At the request of Mr William Hibberd, to see what the Town will allow him for the road that was laid out thro' his land the last year
- 4thly To see if the Town will Choose (chose) a committee to assist the Selectmen in taking the valuation the ensuing year, & in making an estimation on real estates, in order for making the taxes.
- 5thly At the request of John Palmer to see if the Town will vote to abate a part of his rates in John Ladd's list.
- 6thly At the request of Capt. Caleb Swan to see if the Town will vote to abate a part of Dean Merril's rates in his list.

- 7thly At the request of Lt. Oliver Emerson to see if the Town will vote that the Wards that did not have their proportion of Schooling the last year, may have the same kept out the present year.
- 8thly At the request of Mr. Elijah Carlton to see if the Town will vote to abate sundry persons rates in his list.
- 9thly To see what directions the Town will give the Selectmen respecting Pecker Silver.

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant & your doings thereon to in the Subscribers at or before the time of Said meeting.

Methuen 14 March 1792

Asa Messer } Selectmen
Stephen Barker } of Methuen

Essex SS I have warned the inhabitants of the Town to meet at time & place as usual

William Whittier – Constable

March 28th – 1792

At the meeting March 28th – 1792

Voted & chose Capt. Caleb Swan Moderator

Voted to adjourn to this day three weeks two O'clock P.M.

At the adjournment April 18th 1792

Voted Mr Cyrus Carlton ten dollars for the road laid out through land last year.

Voted Mr. William Hibberd for the road thro' his land in the same proportion with Mr. Carlton.

4th Voted in the negative

Article

Voted to allow Mr. Palmer nine shillings & five pence in Mr. Ladd's list.

Voted to allow Capt. Caleb Swan 6/2 for abatement of the remainder of Dean Merril's rate in his list.

11th Voted in the negative

Article

Voted to abate Daniel Russ's rates in Mr. Elijah Carlton's list.

Voted that the Selectmen proceed with Pecker Silver as the law directs –

Then dissolved the meeting.

November Meeting 1792

At a meeting to give in votes for **Federal Representatives**, November 2, 1792, the votes were as follows:

Honorable David Cobb Esq. 1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd District	20
Honorable Samuel Phillips Esq. 1/1 District	5
Honorable Benjamin Goodhue Essex County	24
Honorable Benjamin Austin Esq. Suffolk County	11
Honorable Fisher Ames Esq. Suffolk County	13
Honorable Samuel Dexter Esq. Middlesex County	21
Honorable Joseph Farnum Esq. Middlesex County	4
Honorable Samuel Phillips Esq. 1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd District	4
Honorable Samuel Holton Esq. 1 st District	20

Essex SS To Mr Elijah Carlton one of the Constables for the Town of Methuen, within
Said
County,

Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify & warn all the freeholders and other inhabitants of Said Town qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Old Meeting House in Said Town on Fryday (Friday) the second day of November next at two O'clock afternoon, then & there to act on the following particulars, Viz.

- First To Choose (chose) a Moderator for Said Meeting
- 2ndly To see if the Town will Choose (chose) a committee to see the School houses are built, which were voted at the last Annual Meeting, and act thereon as shall think proper.
- 3rdly To see if the Town will vote to raise a sum of money in addition to the sum they voted at the last Annual Meeting for defraying Town charges the present year.
- 4thly At the request of Mr. William Bartlet of Newbury-port to see if the Town vote their consent that the Said Bartlet (with leave from the General Court) may keep his Mill-dam shut across Dennison's Brook (so called) hereafter during the season that Alewives usually go up Said brook and act thereon as the Town shall think proper.
- 5thly At the request of Nathaniel Perley to see if the Town vote him some consideration in his taxes on account of his difficult circumstances and act thereon as the Town shall think proper.
- 6thly To bring in and allow Town debts.

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant, with your doings thereon to us the Subscribers, at or before Said meeting.

Methuen October 19 - 1792

Stephen Barker Selectmen
Asa Messer } of
Jacob Tyler Methuen

Essex SS Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of this Town to meet at the time & place within mentioned by posting up notifications as usual

Methuen November 2nd – 1792

Elijah Carlton – Constable

November 2nd 1792

At the above meeting November 2d 1791

Voted & chose Mr. Peter Marstin **Moderator**

Voted that the Town give their consent that Mr. Williams Bartlet of Newbury-port keep his mill dam shut over Denison's Brook so called, hereafter during the season Alewives go up Said brook

Voted to adjourn to Fryday the sixteenth Instant 2 O'cloc

At the adjournment

Voted to pass over the second article

Voted to raise fifteen pounds in addition to the money for Schooling the present year.

Voted to abate all Mr. Parley's rates that are behind

Voted Mr. John Whittier six shillings per hundred for two hundred & ninety feet of plank.

Capt. Henery Bodwell for two string pieces for Spicket river bridge in the year 1792 0-6-3

Voted Mr. Isaac Bodwell for two string pieces for Said bridge in the year 1790 0-7-0

Then dissolved

Essex SS: To Ensign Elijah Carlton, Constable for the Town of Methuen in Said County,

Greeting - In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to

Notify & warn all the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Said Town qualified

by law to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Ole Meeting House in Said Town on Wednesday the fifth Day of December next at two O'clock P.M. then & there to act on the following particulars.

1st To Choose (chose) a Moderator for Said Meeting

2dly To see if the Town will vote to raise a sum of money discharge the delinquencies of Nathan Haseltine's and Jonathan Astin's taxes & act respecting Said taxes as the Town shall then think proper.

3rdly At the request of Lt. Benjamin Town to see if the Town will abate sundry persons' rates in his list.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to one us, the Subscribers, at or before the time of Said Meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, the 21st day of November A.D. 1792.

Stephen Barker } Selectmen
Jacob Tyler } of Methuen

I have notified all legal voters to meet at the time and place above specified.

Elijah Carlton - Constable

At the above meeting December 5th 1792

Voted & chose James Ingals Esquire **Moderator**

Voted to raise 61-12 to pay Messrs. Heseltine's and Asten's taxes that are behind

Voted to abate Dean Merril's rates in Lt. Town's list being 2-2

Voted to abate Elias Churchill's rates in Said Town's list being 4-10

Then dissolved

Essex SS To Ensign Elijah Carlton Constable for the Town of Methuen within Said County

Greeting In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to

notify & warn all the inhabitants of Said Town of Methuen qualified by law to vote in Town

affairs to meet at the Old Meeting House in Said Town on Monday the twenty fourth of December Instant two O Clock afternoon then & there to act on the following particulars
Viz.

First To Choose (chose) a Moderator for Said Meeting

2ndly To see if the Town will comply with the proposal of William Parker respecting his taking his father & mother & freeing the Town from further cost for their maintenance & act thereon as the Town shall think proper

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to us the Subscribers at or before the time of Said meeting

Given under our hands & seals this **fourteenth day of December 1792**

Stephen Barker	Selectmen
Asa Messer	}
Jacob Tyler	Methuen

By virtue of this warrant I have notified & warned the Inhabitants of Said Town qualified as therein expressed to meet at time & place & for the purpose therein mentioned

Elijah Carlton – Constable

Att (At) the above meeting December 24 1792

Voted & chose Stephen Barker Esquire Moderator

2ndly Voted that the Selectmen contract with William Parker to keep his father either by giving him sixty Doller (Dollar) in neat stock or fifty Doller in cash

Essex SS To Mr Elijah Carlton Constable for the Town of Methuen within Said County **Greeting** In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify & warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Said Town qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Old Meeting House in Said Town, on Tuesday the nineteenth Day of February Instant at two O'clock P.M. then & there to act on the following particulars viz.

First To Choose (chose) a Moderator for Said Meeting

2ly In answer to a petition of John How & others to see if the Town will call upon Nathaniel Haseltine & Jonathan Austin, late (former) Constables of Methuen to settle up & pay what the Said Town is called upon to pay, by reason of their not settling with the State Treasurer & for the Town to act on that mAtt (At)er, or other mAtt (At)ers concerning Town affairs, as the Town shall think proper.

Hereof fail not & make return of this precept with your doings thereon to us the subscribers at or before the time of Said Meeting.

Methuen February 8th 1793

Stephen Barker } Selectmen
Jacob Tyler } of Methuen

By virtue of this warrant I have Notified all the freeholders and other Inhabitants qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the time and place appointed, by putting up Notifications as usual.

Elijah Carlton – Constable

1793

February 19 1793

At the above Meeting February 19 1793

Choose (chose) Stephen Barker Esquire **Moderator**

Voted to Choose (chose) a committee to look into the affair with respect to Nathaniel Haseltine & Jonathan Astin Ye – and make report at the adjournment viz. Capt James Meloon and Capt Ebenezer Carlton then adjourned to the 3rd Wednesday of March next two O Clock P.M.

March 20 Met & adjourned to the first Monday in April next three O Clock P.M.

April 1st Met & the question being put whether the Town will call on Nathaniel Haseltine for his deficiency & passed in the negative

Voted to leave the mAtt (At)er with respect to Jonathan Astin to the Selectmen to act discretionally

Then dissolved the meeting

At a meeting for the choice of State Officers Monday April 1st 1793

Votes for Governor His Excellency, John Hancock	37 votes
Lt. Governor Honorable, Samuel Adams	27 votes

Senators

Honorable Samuel Phillips Esquire	19 votes
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Honorable Azor Orn Esquire	21 votes
Honorable Stephen Choate Esquire	21 votes
Honorable Samuel Holton Esquire	20 votes
Honorable Theophilas Bradbury Esquire	21 votes
Honorable Nathan Pane Esquire	20 votes
Honorable Jonathan Greenleaf Esquire	1 vote
Honorable Edward Pulling Esquire	2 votes
Honorable John Manning Esquire	1 vote

Essex. SS To Mr Elijah Carlton one of the Constables for the Town of Methuen, in
 Said
 County

Greeting – In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby
 required
 to notify & warn all the Inhabitants & freeholders of the Town of Methuen
 qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Old Meeting house
 in
 Said Town on Wednesday the thirteenth day of March next, at nine
 O'clock in
 the forenoon, then & there to act on the following particulars viz.

- 1stly To Choose (chose) a Moderator for Said meeting –
- 2ly To Choose (chose) Town Officers for the year ensuing & act respecting the choice of
 Constables as the Town shall think proper
- 3ly To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise to defray Town charges the year
 ensuing
- 4ly To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise to defray Town charges the year
 ensuing.
- 5.ly To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for repairing the highways &
 private ways within Said Town the year ensuing
- 6ly To see if the Town will vote for swine to go at large the year ensuing
- 7ly To see if the Town will vote that the Town Treasurer shall issue his Executions against
 such Constables as do not settle their taxes within a limited time after they receive their
 lists, & act thereon as the Town shall think proper
- 8ly To Choose (chose) a committee to reckon with the Town Treasurer.

9ly To see if the Town will vote that the several schools be supplied with firewood to be paid for out of the money raised for Schooling the year ensuing

10ly At the request of Zachariah Davidson, to see if the Town will vote him liberty (the ensuing year) to work out his highway rates for the year 1791 for which he was assessed in William Whittier's list

11ly To see what method the Town will take to get the School houses built & act thereon as the Town shall shall think proper

12ly At the request of Samuel Huse & others to see if the Town will reconsider the vote that passed at a former meeting in favour of William Bartlet's keeping his mill dam shut across Dennison's Brook during the season for Alewives usually go up Said Brook

13ly At the request of Benjamin Osgood & others to see if the Town will vote that obstructions in Spicket River shall be cleared out of the way, so that shad and alewives may go up Said River so far as they used to go

14ly At the request of Stephen Barker, to see if the Town will vote to abate James Ordway's rates in his list

15ly To bring in & allow Town debts

16ly At the request of John Hibbard, to see if the Town will assist him in building him an house to live in

17ly To see if the Town will appoint a Collector to gather what money appears due in Jonathan Asten's list, & act thereon as the Town shall think proper

Hereof fail not & make return of this precept with your doings thereon to the Subscribers at or before the time of Said meeting.

Witness our hands & seal the **twenty first day of February A.D. 1793.**

Stephen Barker	Selectmen
Asa Messer	} of
Jacob Tyler	
	Methuen

By virtue of this warrant I have notified & warned all the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen who are qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Old Meeting House in Said Town on the thirteenth day of March next at nine of the clock forenoon by putting up notifications as usual.

Methuen February 27th - 1793

Elijah Carlton – Constable

March 13 – 1793

At a Town meeting March 13 – 1793

1st Voted & chose Lt. Oliver Emerson **Moderator**.

2ndly Voted & Choose (chose) John Huse **Clerk & Town Treasurer**

William Russ, Joseph Griffin & Lt. Oliver Emerson **Selectmen**

Voted to hire Constables as last year viz. at the lowest bidder. The Town having sufficient bonds.

Voted & chose Benjamin Osgood **Constable** for both ends of the Town he having 5 per pound for gathering the East end, & 5 ½ for gathering the taxes at the West end.

Proceedings of an Annual Meeting March 13 – 1793

Chose Samuel Richardson & Capt. James Mallon, **Fence Viewers**

Chose Elisha Parker, Colonel Thomas Poor, William Farnum, Jonathan Currier, John Ladd, Joseph Griffin Junior, Thomas Herrick, Capt. Henry Bodwell, Isaac Bodwell & William Swan **Surveyors of Lumber**.

Chose Job Pingree, Asa Morse, Abyjiah Cross, John Sargent, William Richardson, Caleb Sawyer, Pane Morse, Elijah Mansur, Moses Farnum, Jonathan Merrill, Simeon Hastings, William Farnum **Surveyors of Highways**.

Chose Titus Harris, David Sargent, Daniel Huse, James Mastin, **Hog Reaves**.

Chose Thomas Herrick **Sealer of Leather**.

Chose William Runnels, Samuel Clark, William Whittier, **Tything men**.

Chose John Sargent, **Sealer of Weights & Measures**.

Chose William Swan & Titus Harris **Field Drivers**

Chose John Sargent, James Messer, David M^cClary, Lt. John & Nathaniel Whittier **Fish Keepers**

3ly Voted to raise 150 pounds to defray Town charges the year ensuing

4ly Voted to raise 60 pounds for Schooling, including the pay for wood the year ensuing, & that ten pounds of the same be appropriated to a Woman's School.

5ly Vote to raise 150 pounds for repairing highways the year ensuing, wages to be as last year, viz. 4 shillings per day for a hand. 2 shillings 8 pence per day for Oxen. 1 shilling 4 pence for Cart

6ly Voted that swine go at large the year ensuing

7ly Voted that the Treasurer issue out his Executions against all those Constables who may neglect to settle & pay up their taxes within one year from the reception of their lists

8ly Voted to Choose (chose) a committee to reckon with the Treasurer viz. Peter Mastin, Thomas Herrick & David M^cClary

9ly Article taken up in the 4th

10ly Voted that Zechariah Davidson may work out his Highway rates for which he was taxed in 1791 the year ensuing.

11ly Voted be built (build) three School Houses instead of five voted the last year. And voted to choose a Committee to prefix the place for Said Houses, viz. William Richardson, John Huse, William Farnum, William Whittier 2nd, Samuel Richardson, Lt. Oliver Emerson, & Stephen Barker, Esquire and to make report at the adjournment.

Adjourned to next Wednesday One O'clock P.M.

At the adjournment met and

Voted not to accept of the report of the Committee, respecting the situation of School Houses

Voted to build six School Houses

12ly Voted to reconsider the vote respecting Mr. Bartlett's shutting his Mill Dam over Dennison's Brook which was voted last fall

13ly Voted in the negative

14ly Voted to abate Mr. Ordway's rates in Esquire Barker's list

Adjourned to the first Monday in April next at twelve o'clock or Noon

15ly Voted Stephen Barker Esquire, Thomas Herrick & John Parker each 3 shillings per

day for reckoning with the Treasurer. 4 days Said reckoning dated April 13. 1792.

16ly Article. Voted in the negative.

17ly In the negative.

Voted to reconsider all the votes that have passed respecting School House this year.

Voted to allow William Farnum for 100 feet black oak plank 0-7-2 (zero pounds, 7 shillings, 2 pence).

Voted to allow John Whittier for 60 feet pine 0-3-7 and to him for 200 feet oak plank 0-15-0.

Voted to adjourn to the first Thursday in May next at one O'clcok in the afternoon.

May 2nd met and voted to accept of the report of the committee that reckoned with the Treasurer.

Voted Doctor John S. Bodwell for doctring (doctoring) Moses Pettengill's lame hand 1:7:0

Then dissolved.

Reckoning of April 8 – 1793

We the Subscribers being appointed a committee to examine the accounts of Mr. John Huse Treasurer for the Town of Methuen have Att (At)ended that Service and find that if all the orders which Said Treasurer has drawn on Constables are answered there is then due to the Treasurer the sum of three Hundred fifty-eight pounds six Shillings & four pence from the several Constables and from Sundry other persons according to the annexed list out of which sum there is Fourteen pounds four Shillings & two pence which appears to be a balance due to Said Huse.

Due from Constables

From

		Notes Standing against the Town	
		To	
	4:14:11	Samuel Walker	7:19:0
Ensign Elijah Carlton	146:17:4	Samuel Griffen	
5:13:11			
Ditto tax for		Caleb Sawyer	0:11:0
School House	154:5:7	Capt. James Jones	4:11:0

William Whittier 2 nd	12:3:3	Moses Page	24:0:0
David M ^c Cleary	014:8:2	Sally Wood	2:13:0
Lt. Benjamin Town	4:19:7	Samuel Walker	2:0:0
Due from			Doc. Stephen Bricket 6:17:0
			Doc. Stephen Huse 4:10:0
			William Parker
<u>13:10:0</u>			
Stephen Barker Esq.			76:15:3
former Treasurer	4:2:6		
William Morse	4:3:8	Methuen April 8 1793	
William Page	2:0:8		
William Whittier 2 nd	0:15:5	Peter Mastin	
Francis Swan		Thomas Herrick	} Committee
former Treasurer	3:11:4	David M ^c Cleary	
Doctor Isaac Thom	0:9:4		
John Sargeant	0:2:8		
Capt. Ebenezer Carlton	0:10:8		
Capt. John White	0:4:0		
Moses Pingry	0:4:6		
William Morse Junior	0:3:10		
Francis Swan Junior	0:2:6		
Joshua Bodwell	0:4:6		
William Page	0:19:4		
Samuel Lovejoy	1:16:2		
Timothy Poor	5:18:0		
Capt. Stephen Barker	<u>0:3:4</u>		
	350:6:4		
To Mr Huse			
The Balance due	<u>14:4:2</u>		
	344:2:2		
Notes against the Town	<u>76:15:3</u>		
	267:6:11		

Enquiry into the State of Treasury March 19. 1793

We the Subscribers being appointed a Committee to make enquiry into the state of the Treasurer of the Town of Methuen, as far back as to the time when Mr. Jonathan Swan served as Treasurer for Said Town – report as followeth

We the Subscribers being appointed a Committee to make enquiry with the state of the Treasury of the Town of Methuen, as far back as to the time when Mr. Jonathan Swan served as Treasurer for Said Town, report as followeth

That we find upon this Town's records, that a committee was chosen by Said Town to reckon with Said Swan as Treasurer which committee in their report dated September 5.

1782 say, they have reckoned all the money they could find, that was paid into Said Treasurer's hands, & if he had paid all that was ordered him to pay out by the Selectmen of Said Town, and all the notes & orders given by Said Treasurer on the Town's behalf, with interest till the day of Said reckoning, there would remain in Said Treasurer's hands of the Town's money 36:17:3 lawful money.

At the next March meeting after Said reckoning it appears that Francis Swan Jr was chosen Treasurer; and as there is no account on record of the state of the Treasury in which it was turned over from Jonathan Swan to Francis Swan, we think it impracticable for us to determine with any degree of certainty whether any of the above sum of money is now due from Said Jonathan Swan's estate to the Town or not. But we find there is in the hands of several Constables who were ordered to pay in their collections to Jonathan Swan, as Treasurer, a sum a part of which we expect was money that was charged to Jonathan Swan in the above reckoning.

We have likewise attended to the state of the Treasury as it was turned from Timothy Poor to Stephen Barker & find that Said Barker & Mr. Huse the present Treasurer, have been allowed the sum of 12:3:5 which they had paid on Timothy Poor's outstanding orders over & above the balance which Said Poor turned over to Stephen Barker his successor for that purpose – and that Said Poor has produced three Selectmen's Orders to the amount of 1:14:0 which appears not to have been allowed to him: - one in favour of

Doc Samuel Cole	0:11:6
One of David Webster	7:9
One of William Farnum	<u>14:9</u>
	1:14:0

12:3:5

1:14:0

19:9:5 T. Poor's note

16:7:5 due from Said Poor

Thomas Herrick
Stephen Barker } Committee
John Parker

Methuen March 19.1793

Warning for Town Meeting April 19 – 1793

To Mr. Benjamin Osgood Constable for the Town of Methuen - **Greeting.**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify & warn all the Inhabitants & freeholders of Said Town qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Old Meeting House in Said Town on Thursday the second day of May next at one O'clock afternoon, then & there to act on the following particulars viz. –

1st To Choose (chose) a Moderator for Said Meeting.

2ndly In answer to the petition of Capt Caleb Swan & others to see if the Town will vote to make an addition of one School House to the five that were voted at the Annual Meeting in the year 1792 & that the money that was voted for building the five be laid out equally in building the six.

3ly To Choose (chose) a Committee to prefix places where Said houses shall be placed so as best to convene the Inhabitants of Said Town & act anything further respecting Said Houses the Town shall think proper.

4th To see if the Town will vote, that there be sufficient fish courses made in Spicket River below the falls for Alewives to come up to Said falls provided there should be sufficient way made for them to go over Said falls and act thereon as the Town shall think proper.

Given under our hands & seal the nineteenth day of April A.D. 1793.

William Russ	Selectmen
Joseph Griffin	}
Oliver Emerson	

According to the within warrant I have warned the Inhabitants to meet at time & place within mentioned by posting up notifications as usual

Methuen April 30 1793

Benjamin Osgood – Constable

At the above Meeting May 2nd 1793

Choose (chose) Capt Caleb Swan Moderator

2nd Article – Voted in the affirmative viz. to build six School Houses

Voted to Choose (chose) a committee of 7 to prefix places for settling School-houses
 Colonel Thomas Poor, Mr. Asten Messer, Lt. Miles Flint, Capt. Ebenezer Carlton, Lt. Benjamin Town, Capt. Caleb Swan & Stephen Barker Esq. on Said committee who are to report at the adjournment then adjourned to Thursday 3 week one Oclock P.M.

May 23 met & voted to pass over the 4th article

Voted not to accept of the report of Ye Committee for selling School Houses.

Voted to reconsider the vote passed last meeting with respect to making an addition for School houses

Voted that the money raised last year rest in the treasury until next March Meeting.

Then dissolved the meeting.

Essex SS. To Mr. Benjamin Osgood Constable for the Town of Methuen

Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn all the Freeholders and other inhabitants of Said Town qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Old Meeting House in Said Town on Thursday the 9 day of May next at two O'clock afternoon then and there to act on the following particulars viz.

- 1st To Choose (chose) a Moderator for Said meeting.
- 2ly In answer to a petition of Benjamin Stevens & others to see if the Town will vote to send a Remonstrance to the General Court of this Commonwealth against the erecting the Bridge that is intended to be build across Merrimack River at Bodwell's falls, or otherwise that Said Court would order that the proprietor of Said Bridge to free the Town of Methuen from any cost for Road that shall be laid out in Said Town leading to Said Bridge and act thereon as the Town shall see proper.

Hereof you are not to fail and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to us the Subscribers at or before the time of Said meeting.

Given under our hands at Methuen the **twenty fifth day of April 1793**

William Russ	Selectmen
Joseph Griffin	}
Oliver Emerson	
	Methuen

According to the within warrant I have notified and warned the freeholders and other Inhabitants to meet at the time and place within mentioned by posting up notification as usual

Methuen May 9 1793

Benjamin Osgood – Constable

May 9 1793

At the Town Meeting May the 9 1793

Chose Mr. William Russ **Moderator**

2dly The question was not whether a man should be sent to oppose the bridge as set forth in the 2nd article and it passed on the negative & dissolved.

Essex SS To Mr. Benjamin Osgood Constable for the Town of Methuen

Greeting: In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn all the freeholders and other inhabitants of Said Town qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Old Meeting House in Said Town on Thursday the twenty third day of this Instant May at three O'clock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following particulars viz.

1st To choose a Moderator for Said Meeting

2ly In answer to a petition of Capt. James Mallon and others to see if the Town will choose a man to send to the General Court of this Commonwealth with a petition to see if Said Court will order the proprietor of the Bridge that is intended to be built across Merrimack at Bodwell Falls to pay the cost of the road that shall be laid out in Said Town leading to Said Bridge.

Hear of you are not to fail and make return of this warrant with your doing thereon to us the Subscribers at or before the time of Said meeting.

Given under our hands at Methuen the fifteenth Day of this Instant May Ye 1793.

William Russ	Selectmen
Joseph Griffin	} of
Oliver Emerson	Methuen

According to the within warrant I have notified and warned all the freeholders and other Inhabitants to Meet at the time and place within mentioned by posting up notification as usual.

May 18th 1793

Benjamin Osgood – Constable

At the above meeting May 23.1793

1st Voted and chose Mr. William Russ **Moderator**

2ly The question being put whether the Town will act on the second article it passed in the negative
then dissolved the Meeting

Essex SS To Mr. Benjamin Osgood Constable for the Town of Methuen
Greeting In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn all the freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified by law to vote on Town affairs to meet at the Old Meeting House on Monday

Seventeenth day of June next at four Oclock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following particulars Viz.

- 1st To Choose (chose) a Moderator for Said meeting
- 2ly To see what method the Town will take to support Samuel Barker and his family while he remains unable to support them himself and act thereon as they shall think proper
- 3ly At the request of Stephen Barker Esquire to see if the Town will allow him nine shillings and four pence that he lost in settling with Capt. Ebenezer Carlton when he was Treasurer

Hear of fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings to us Subscribers on or before Said day.

Given under our hands and seal the eight day of May 1795

William Russ Selectmen
Joseph Griffin } of
Oliver Emerson Methuen

According to the within warrant I have notified and warned all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants to meet at the time and place within mentioned by posting up notifications as usual

Methuen June the 12.1793.

Benjamin Osgood } Constable for
Methuen

June 1793

At the above meeting June 17 1793

- 1st Voted and chose Mr. William Russ Moderator
- 2ly Vote that the Selectmen provide and supply Samuel Barker as usual until he can support himself

Voted that the Selectmen look into the mAtt (At)er with respect of Samuel Barker and see if his father, Jonathan Barker hath estate to come at to support his son or reimburse the cost the Town
hath or shall be at

3ly Voted that the Selectmen settle the matter with respect of Stephen Barker Esquire
Then dissolved Meeting

August 1793

This is to notify and warn all the freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Methuen that are qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Old Meeting House in Said Town on Monday the nineteenth day of this instant August at three O Clock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following particulars. Viz.

First To chose a Moderator for Said meeting
2ly To see if the Town will Choose a Committee to meet the Committee that is to come from Court to lay out the road that is to lead from the Brig (bridge) now erecting over the River at Bodwells (Bodwell's) falls to Newhampher (New Hampshire) line; and to act on any affairs respecting that mAtt (At)er that the Town shall think proper.

William Russ
Joseph Griffin
Oliver Emerson

August 9. 1793

At the above meeting August 19th 1793

Choose (chose) Mr. Willam (William) Russ **Moderator**

Mr. William Whither (Whittier) **Clerk**

Voted to Choose a Committee consisting of 5 to assist the Selectmen in viewing the road with the Court's Committee Viz. Colonel Thomas Poor, Stephen Barker Esquire, Captain Ebenezer Carlton, Mr. James Frye, Mr. William Whiter (Whittier).

Voted to Choose a Committee to measure the Road to Colonel Gilman's/ Viz. Mr. Asten Ingals, Surveyor, Messrs James Frye & William Whithier (Whittier), Chammen (Chairman) Colonel Tomas Poor to keep the tally. Then dissolved.

Essex SS To Mr. Benjamin Osgood Constable for the Town of Methuen within Said County
Greeting In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify the freeholders and other inhabitants of Said Town qualified by law to vote

in the Town affairs to meet at the Old Meeting House in Said Town on Monday the thirteenth day of September Instant at two Oclock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following particulars /Viz./

First To choos (choose) a Moderator for Said meeting. –

2^{ly} To see if the Town will vote to obligate themselves to repair the road over Current hill in such a manner that it shall be a convenient road to receive the paralleling to and from the Bridg (bridge) at Bodwells (Bodwell's) falls and act thereon as the Town shall think proper.

3^{ly} To see if the Town will vote to send an agent or agents to the Court of General Sessions of the near next to be holden at Newbery-port (Newburyport) within ? for Said County on the first Tuesday of October next: to oppose the exceptance (acceptance) of the road laid out by the Honorable Courts committee throu (threw) land belonging to the first parish in Methuen and act there on as the Town shall think proper.

Hearof (hereof) fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings there on to us the Subscribers at or before the time of Said meeting.

Witness our hands and seals

September 12th 1793

William Russ Selectmen
Joseph Griffin } of
Oliver Emerson Methuen

According to the aforesaid warrant I have notified the freeholders and other inhabitants to meet at the time and place mentioned aforesaid by posting up notification as usual

Benjamin Osgood } Constable of Methuen

At the above meeting of the inhabitants of Methuen Monday **September 30 Ye 1793**

1^{ly} Voted & chose Mr William Whittier Moderator

The question being put whether the Town will obligate themselves to rapare (repair) the road over Currans hill in such a manner that it shall be convenient for that etc as set in the 2nd article and it raised in the affirmative (affirmative)

2nd Article Viz. Lieut. Samuel Hildreth and Capt Ebenezer Carlton.

Voted that if requested the agent to be directed to enter into bonds in behalf of the Town for the performance of the second article

Then dissolved the meeting

Essex SS. To Mr. Benjamin Osgood Constable for the Town of Methuen, within Said County, **Greeting.** In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby requested to notify the Freeholders & other inhabitants of Said Town qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Old Meeting House in Said Town on Tuesday the twelfth day of this Instant November at one O'clock in the afternoon, & there to act on the following particulars viz.-

- 1st To Choose (chose) a Moderator for Said Meeting –
- 2nd To see what method the Town will take to build a bridge over the brook on the road laid out from the bridge at Bodwells (Bodwell's) falls, to the road leading by Capt. John White's & act thereon as the Town shall think proper
- 3rd To see if the Town will repair the bridge & causeway over Spicket River by William Richardson's & act thereon as the Town shall think proper
- 4^{thly} At the request of a number of petitioners of Said Town, to see if the Town will vote to raise a sum of money to repair the road over Currents hill, so as to receive the traveling to & from the bridge at Bodwells (Bodwell's) falls, & act thereon as the Town shall think proper. -

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to us Subscribers at or before the time of Said meeting –

Witness our hands & seals, **the second day of November 1793.**

William Russ Selectmen
Joseph Griffin } of
Oliver Emerson Methuen

According to the within warrant I have posted up a notification of the aforesaid meeting as usual

Benjamin Osgood
Constable for Methuen

At the above meeting November 12. – 1793

- 1st Chose Mr. William Russ **Moderator.** –
- 2nd Voted to raise twelve pounds to defray the cost of building a bridge over the stream between Andover bridge & Capt. White's
- 3rd Voted that the bridge be repaired by Wm Richardson's
- 4th Voted to raise twenty pounds to repair the road leading over Currents hill. –
 - Then dissolved the meeting