

1816

March 4, 1816

At a legal Annual Town Meeting held in Methuen on the 4th day of March 1816 agreeable to Warrant No 68 file 3d

First Opened the meeting and chose Jonathan Merrill **Moderator**

2ndly Chose Benjamin Osgood **Town Clerk & Treasurer**

Chose Stephen Barker, John Russ & Joseph Griffen Junr **Selectmen & Sworn**

Surveyors of Highways

Elijah Jennings
Joseph Bodwell

Robinson Frye
Micah Gage

Robinson How
Peter Marston

Benjamin Osgood
Samuel Richardson Jun.

Samuel H. Harris
John M. Farnum

Isaac Bodwell 2d
Samuel Griffen

Fence Viewers

Washington Parker
Peter Marston

Asa Currier Jun.
Amos Barker

Peter Carlton

Fish Wardens

Thomas How
Samuel Richardson

Ebenezer How
Baley Davis

Asa Currier Jun.

Surveyors of Lumber

Joseph Willson
Joseph Griffen Jun.
Abial How

Joseph Bodwell
John Gage
Aaron Sawyer

Amos Barker
Ebenezer Emerson
Isaac Bodwell

Surveyors of Wood & Bark

Aaron Sawyer
Amos Barker
Samuel Parker

Robinson How
John Willson
Moses Merrill

John Gage
James Gutterson

Hog Reaves

Kimball Messer

David McClary

George Wood

Samuel Parker
William Whittier
Samuel Bodwell

Isaac Clough
Lowel Sandbourn

Washington Parker
James Merrill

Field Drivers

Asa Griffen
Abijah Cross
Silas Barker
Ebenezer How

Samuel Bodwell
Stephen Barker 2d
James Currier

Ebenezer Whittier
James Merrill
James Frye Jun.

School Committee

No. 1

Caleb Flint
Samuel Richardson
Asa Griffen

No. 2

Ebenezer How
Joseph Griffen Jun.
James Messer

No. 3

Elijah Jennings
John Richardson
Joshua Davis

No. 4

Farnum Hall
Joshua Buswell
Peter Carleton

No. 5

Asa Currier
Stephen Gage
James Frye

No. 6

Thomas How
Farnum H. Carleton
Joseph How

No. 7

John Peabody
Jesse Heath
John Pettengill

No. 8

Benjamin Osgood
Jeremiah Frye
Abeal How

No. 9

Stephen Hastings
Abial How
Jesse Jones

Sealer of Weights & Measures

Abial How

Pound Keepers

John Dole

Nathaniel Kimball

Tything Men

Phillip How

John Searl

Voted to accept the report of the committee that reckoned with the Treasurer which is as follows:

We the Subscribers that was chosen a committee to examine the accounts of Benjamin Osgood Esq. Treasurer for the Town of Methuen have Att (At)ended that service and report thereon as follows:

That on settlement with Said Treasurer on March 30 1815 there was in his hands of the Towns Money	2385
12	
That there has been put into his hands since said settlement as follows:	
By interest on Amos Barkers note	3
41	
By cash received of the State Treasurer for supporting Nancy Hale	28
77	
By order received of the Treasurer of the Town of Newbury	87
85	
A general order on Isaiah Silver for the year 1815	1525
11	
Interest on Joseph Gardnears note	0
64	
Cash of John Huse for exemptions from training	2
00	
By cash received of the Overseers of the Poor of Andover	34
61	
By Interest on Amos Morses note	0
73	
A note of hand of Capt Amos Barker	11
48	
Ditto of Stephen Gage	13
20	
Cash received of Capt Jonathan Merrill	0
71	
Making in the whole four thousand & ninety three dollars and sixt three cents	4093
63	
and we find said Treasurer has paid since said reckoning on Assesors Orders and to Abijah Cross and a loss on John Sargent's note	<u>1495</u>
69	
Which leaves a balance in favour of the Town of two thousand	2598
00	
Five hundred and ninety eight dollars	
Which sum we find to be due from sundry constables and on notes of hand from Isaiah Silver Constable for 1814	1092
28	
from Isaiah Silver Constable for 1815	1525
11	

a note of hand of Stephen Richardson dated May 4 1807	1
16	
a note of hand of John L. Bodwell dated April 19 th 1814	2
73	
a note of hand against Stephen Barker dated April 11 1808	3
35	
ditto against Eben Merrill dated Octoer 23 1807	11
04	
no interest cast on the above notes	
an order on the Town of Newbury	87
85	
in uncurrent money on hand	41
50	
Making in the w hole two thousand seven hundred and seventy	2765
02	
five dollars and two cents	
Which leaves a balance due to said Treasurer of one hundred sixty	167
02	
seven dollars and two cents he paying all his outstanding orders	

Methuen March 2 1816

John Russ	Selectmen
Jonathan Merrill }	Committee
Stephen Runnals	
Benjamin Osgood	Treasurer

NB The committee further observes that there is due sundry persons holding assessors orders and to others for which no orders has been drawn to the best of their calculation amounting to with the road that is not paid for about 1040

3rdly Set up the collection of taxes at the lowest bidder and it was struck off to John Russ at three cents and a quarter on the dollar and chose him constable at the adjournment voted to dismiss him and chose Benjamin Town Constable
Voted to raise 800 dollars to defray Town charges

4thly Voted to raise 500 dollars for schooling and to take one third part for a woman's school

5thly Voted to raise 1200 dollars to repair the highways and private ways in said Town

6thly Voted that the Selectmen for the time being shall be a committee to reckon with the Treasurer

7thly Voted that swine shall not go at large the year ensuing

8thly Voted that neither neat cattle nor horses shall go at large from the first of April to the last of November

9thly Voted that the surveyors whose districts lay on the Turnpike shall work on said road as usual

10thly Passed over this article

11thly Voted to leave this article to the Selectmen

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday of April at two o'clock next April this according to adjournment and gave in their votes for a

County Treasurer which were as follows

Nathaniel Wade Esq.	48
Jabey Farley Esq.	14

County Register

Amos Choate	41
John Bond	3
George Wood	1
Elephalet Runnals	1

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the 9th of May at 3 o'clock
May the 9th met according to adjournment and dissolved the meeting

Attest: Benjamin Osgood, Town Clerk

April 1816

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held on the first Monday of April 1816 for the choice of State Officers agreeable to Warrant

No 69 file 3d the votes being given in counted and sorted were as follows

Governor

John Brooks Esq.	104
Samuel Denter, Esq.	110

Lieutenant Governor

William Phillips Esq.	105
William King Esq.	109

Senators

Dudley L. Pickman	106	Israel Bartlet	106
Israel Barlet	106	Daniel Killiam	108
Nehemiah Cleaveland	106	Nathan B. Martin	108
John Pickering	106	Jabez Farley	108
Stephen Hooper	106	David Cummings	108

Attest: Benjamin Osgood, Town Clerk

May 9, 1816

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held on the 9th day of May 1816 agreeable to Warrant No. 70 file 3d

1st Opened the Meeting and chose Stephen Barker Esq Moderator

2^{ndly} Voted to give Mr John Harris liberty to work out his delinquent highway taxes and his taxes for the year ensuing to make him a road out to the Town road and dissolve the meeting.

Attest: Benjamin Osgood Town Clerk

May 9, 1816

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held on the ninth day of May 1816 agreeable to Warrant No 71 file 3d for the choice of a representative when the votes were given in counted and sorted it appeared that Benjamin Osgood was chosen

Att (At)est Benjamin Osgood Town Clerk

November 4, 1816

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held on the 4th day of November 1816 agreeable to Warrant No 72 file 3d for the choice of a representative to Congress the votes being given in sorted and counted it appeared that

William B. Barrister Esq. had	74
And the Honorable Thomas Kittredge	65

Attest: Benjamin Osgood Town Clerk

1817

March 4, 1817

**At an Annual Town Meeting held in Methuen on Monday March the
4th 1817 agreeable to Warrant No 73 file 3d**

Opened the Meeting and chose Jonathan Merrill **Moderator**

Chose Benjamin **Clerk & Treasurer**

Chose John Russ, Stephen Barker, Stephen Runnalls **Selectmen & Sworn**

Voted to accept the report of the committee that reckoned with Benjamin Osgood
own Treasurer which is as follows

That on Settlement with said Trasurer March 2 nd 1816 there was in his hands of the Town money	2598.00
That there has been put into his hands since said settlement as follows by cash	
Received of John Huse for exemption from training	2.00
By general order on Benjamin Town, Constable for 1816	1325.40
By do for delinquents in the highway tax	25.82
By a note of hand against Lt Elijah Carleton dated November 17 th 1814	13.61
with interest to this date	
By note of hand against George Barker dated February 13 th 1817	17.21
By note of hand against Joseph Griffen Jun. dated Sept 23 1816	2.95
By do against John Bradley dated Sept 23 1816	4.87
By do against Stephen Barker dated Sept 23 1816	5.08
By do against Stephen Barker dated Sept 23 1816 by interest on the last note	9.03
	.24
Making in the whole four thousand and four dollars and forty eight cents	4004.48
And we find that said Treasurer has paid since said reckoning on assessors orders and to John Russ in part for damage done on account of the road through his land	1887.04
Which leaves a balance in favour of the Town of two thousand one hundred and seventeen dollars and 44 cents	2117.44
And we find there is due from constables and sundry other persons as follows	
From Isaiah Silver Constable for 1815	1009.23
From Benjamin Town Constable for 1816	1325.40
From do a tax on delinquents in working out their highway taxes	

for 1815	25.82
On note of hand against Lt Elijah Carlton	13.61
By do against George Barker	17.21
By do against Joseph Griffen Jr	2.95
On do against John Bradley & Jonathan G. Davis	4.87
On do against Stephen Barker	5.08
On a ntoe against Stephen Richardso	1.16
Do against John L. Bodwell	2.73
Ditto against Stephen Barker	3.25
Do against Ebenezer Merrill	11.04
No interest cast on the above notes except Lt Carletons	
Incurrent money on hand	<u>41.50</u>
	2463.85

Which makes a balance in favour of the Treasurer of three hundred and forty six Dollars & forty one cents he paying his outstanding orders -346.41
 The Selectmen further state that according to the best calculations we can make There is outstanding orders and other debts to the amount of 1000.00
 for which no orders have been drawn.

Methuen February 28th 1817

Stephen Barker	
Selectmen	
John Russ	}
&	
Joseph Griffen	
Assessors	
Benjamin Osgood, Treasurer	

Set up the collection of taxes at the lowest bidder and struck off to Benjamin Town
 at 3 ½ cents on the dollar and chose him Constable.

Surveyors of Highways

Jonathan Jennings	Enoch Poor	Francis Frye
James Gilman	Stephen Gage	Joseph Secomb
Tisseput		
Benjamin Osgood	Stephen Currier Jun.	Silas Barker
Stephen Whittier	David Clark	Samuel Griffen

Fence Viewers

Washington Parker	Robinson How	Peter Carleton
Amos Barker		

Surveyors of Lumber

Joseph Bodwell
Stephen Gage
Isaac Bodwell
Enoch Whittier

John Gage
Abial How
Christopher Messer

Samuel Eaton
Aaron Sawyer
Amos Barker

Fish Wardens

Samuel Bodwell
Ebenezer How

Elijah Jennings
Pottle Richardson

Christopher Messer

Surveyors of Wood and Bark

Thomas How
James Gutterson

Amos Barker
Samuel Eaton

Stephen Gage

Field Drivers

Asa Griffen
Stephen Barker 2nd
James Currier

Samuel Bodwell
Moses Bixby
James Frye Jun.

Joseph Frye
Silas Barker
Ebenezer How

School Committee

No. 1

Caleb Flint
Jonathan Griffen
Samuel Richardson

No. 2

Ebenezer How
Joseph Griffen Jun.
James Messer

No. 3

Jonathan Merrill
Alpheus Bodwell
Joshua Davis

No. 4

Zadock Bodwell
Isaac Bodwell
Peter Marston

No. 5

George Barker
Asa Perley
Jesse Boles
William Richardson 2nd
Samuel Clark Jun.
Ezekiel Clark
Phillip How

No. 6

Stephen Runnals
Francis Frye
Jacob Messer

No. 7.

David Clark

No. 8

Baley Davis

No. 9

Ebenezer Mitchel

Amos Morse 3rd
Silas Barker

Benjamin Osgood
Samuel Huse

Richard Currier
Samuel Eaton

Sealer of Weights & Measures

Abial How

Pound Keepers

John Dole Peter Marston

Tything Men

Stephen Runnals Stephen Barker

3rdly Voted to raise 1000 dollars to defray Town charges

4thly Voted to raise 500 dollars for schooling and take one third part for a woman's school

5thly Voted to raise 1200 dollars to repair the highways

6thly Voted that the surveyors of highways adjoin the turnpike shall work out the same proportion of labour on it as on the other roads

7thly Voted that swin shall not be suffered to go at large

8thly Voted that neat cattle and horses shall not be suffered to go at large from the first to April to the last of November

9thly Voted to leave this article to the Selectmen

The votes for County Treasurer were for Nathaniel Wade 46

And dissolved the meeting

Attest: Benjamin Osgood, Town Clerk

April 7, 1817

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held on Monday the 7th day of April 1817 for the choice of State Officers agreeable to Warrant No 74 file 3d

The votes being given in sorted & counted by the Moderator & Town Clerk were as follows:

Governor

John Brooke	94
Henry Dearborn Esq.	29

Lieutenant Governor

William King	99
William Phillips	93

Senators

Dudley L. Pinkman	93	Israel Bartlett	93
Nehemiah Cleaveland	93	William B. Bannister	93
Leveret Saltonstall	93	Thomas Kittridge	100
Daniel Kilham	100	David Cummings	100
Joshua Prentis	100	Israel Trask	100

A true copy as of record
Attest: Benjamin Osgood, Town Clerk

April 7, 1817

**At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held in said Town
on the 7th day of April 1817 agreeable to Warrant No 75 file 3d**

1st Opened the Meeting and chose Jonathan Merrill **Moderator** for said Meeting

2^{ndly} Passed over this article to the May meeting

3^{rdly} Voted to set off Benjamin Town from Ward No. 7 to Ward No. 8

4^{thly} Voted to leave this article to the Selectmen

5^{thly} Voted to leave this article to the Selectmen

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the 1st of May

Met May the 1st according to adjournment and voted to pass over this article and dissolve the Meeting

Attest: : Benjamin Osgood, Town Clerk

May 1, 1817

**At a legal Meeting held in Methuen on Thursday the first day of May 1817
agreeable to Warrant No 76 file 3d**

First Opened the Meeting and chose Jonathan Merrill **Moderator**
2^{ndly} Voted to pass over this article
3^{rdly} Chose Enock Poor surveyor o f the new district

Attest: Benjamin Osgood, Town Clerk

May 1, 1817

**At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held in said
Town on the first day of May agreeable to Warrant No 77 file 3d for the
choice of a representative to Congress the votes being given in sorted and
counted by the Selectmen and Town Clerk were as follows**

For Dr Thomas Kittredge	93
For Jeremiah Nelson	99
For Joseph Griffen Jun.	1

Attest: Benjamin Osgood, Town Clerk

March 2, 1818

**At an Annual Town Meeting held in Methuen on Monday the Second day of
March 1818 agreeable to Warrant No 79 file 4th**

First Opened the meeting and chose Stephen Barker, Esq. **Moderator**
2^{ndly} Jonathan Merril **Clerk and Treasurer**
 Chose Jonathan Merril, Benjamin Osgood, Stephen Barker Selectmen
 Voted to postpone choosing the remainder of the Town officers till the money is
 raised

 Voted to except (accept) the report of the committee that reckoned with Benjamin
 Osgood, Town Treasurer

 Voted that the papers of the former Treasurer be turned over to Jonathan Merril
 present Treasurer by the present Selectmen

3^{rdly} Voted to raise 1200 dollars to defray Town charges
4th Voted to raise 500 dollars for schooling and take one third part for womans school

5th

Voted to raise 1200 dollars to repair highways & private ways

Voted to set up the collection of the taxes to the lowest bidder

Surveyors of Highways

Nathaniel Sargent
Isaiah How
Moses Bixby
Ruben Boles Jun.
Stephen Barker 2nd

James Sargent
Isaac Bodwell
Ebenezer Whittier
Caleb Flint

Joseph Fry
Fredrick Kimball
James Merrill
John Pettengill

Fence Viewers

Washington Parker
Nehemiah Herrick

Capt Asa Currier

Peter Carlton

Surveyors of Lumber

Isaac Bodwell
Stephen Gage
Amos Barker

John Gage
Abiel How
Joseph Griffen Jun.

Daniel Emerson
Aaron Sawyer
Christopher Messer

Fish Wardens

Stephen Runnels
Pottle Richardson
Samuel Bodwell

Moses Plummer
John Huse

Pottle Richardson
James Sargent

Surveyors of Wood & Bark

Thomas How
Isaiah Silver
2nd
Aaron Sawyer

Timothy Harris
Moses Morse
Amos Barker

Stephen Gage
William Richardson

Field Drivers

Washington Parker
Benjamin Town
Asa Currier Jun.

Jesse Sargent
John Carlton
Jesse Jones

Samuel Bodwell
John W. Ober
Samuel Cross

Sealer of Weights & Measures

Abiel How

School Committee

No. 1

Caleb Flint
Washington Parker
Aaron Sawyer

No. 2

Joseph Griffin Jun.
Stephen Barker 2d
Amos Griffiin

No. 3

Jonathan Merril
Elijah Jennings
Nathaniel Sargent

No. 4

Wiliam Kimmack
Capt Jonathan Currier
Peter Carlton

No. 5

Stephen Gage
Stephen Runnels
Capt Aса Currier

No. 6

Jonathan Currier
Capt Aса Currier
Moses Bixby

No. 7

Abnear Stevens
John Pettengill
Samuel Clark Jun.

No. 8

Abiel How
Caleb Swan
Isaac Morse

No. 9

Moses Morse
James Merril
Stephen Hastings

Hog Reaves

Ebenezer Carlton 3d
Timothy Harris

Moses Bixby

Aaron Clark

Pound Keepers

John Dole

Peter Marston

Tything Men

John Huse

6^{ly}

Voted that the Surveyors of Highways through which the turn[pike runs shall work out an equal part of their taxes on said turnpike

7th

Voted that swine shall not go at large

8th

Voted that horses & neat cattle shall not be suffered to go at large from the first day of April to the first day of December

9th

Voted that Jesse Heath have liberty to work out his highway taxes from his house to the road

10th Voted that Jonathan Jennings have liberty to work out his highway taxes on his own land in making himself a road to the Town road

11th Voted to pass over

12th Voted to abate in Isaiah Silvers list for 1813 Nathaniel Messer 4 dollars 55 cents
 Peter Webster, John Edwards, Charles Morse, Edward Richardson for three years
 David Sawyers, Moses Plummer highway taxes
 Nathaniel Messer for 1814 & 1815 by his giving up two muskets to the Town.
 Samuel Richardsons highways tax if it appears he was wrongly taxes
 Amos Harris taxes 1815
 Nathaniel Kimball do do
 Henry Asten do do

Then dissolved the Meeting.

All of the above officers, except school committees, was sworn by myself & Stephen Barker & Benjamin Osgood Justice of the peace in my presence

Attest: Jonathan Merril, Town Clerk

Report of Selectmen

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Methuen have examined the account of Benjamin Osgood Esq. Treasurer for Said Town and report thereon as follows:

That on a settlement with Said Treasurer on February 28 th 1817 there was	
In his hands of the Towns money	\$ 2117
44	
There has been put into his hands since Said Settlemend as follows:	
by General Order on Benjamin Town Constable for 1817	1577
10	
by interest received of Joseph W. Carlton on his fathers note	
36	
by interest received of Geroge Barker on his note	
69	
by money received of William Bodwell Jun. & Solomon Farnsworth for exemption	
from training	4
00	
by cash received by sale of old plank	
90	
by money received of Andover overseers	47
65	
by note of hand against Amos Barker	10
91	

by interest received on Stephen Barker note	<u>3</u>
<u>45</u>	
Making in the whole three thousand seven hundred and sixty two dollars	3762
50	
and fifty cents	
and we find the Said Treasurer has paid since Said Settlement on	
Assessors orders	<u>1932</u>
<u>69</u>	
which leaves a balance in favor of the Town of	1829
81	
And we find there is due to the Treasurer from Constables and sundry persons	
as follows:	
from Isaiah Silver Constable for 1815	83
24	
from Benjamin Town Constable for 1816	210
28	
from Do Constable for 1817	1577
10	
on notes of hand Joseph Griffen Jun.	2
95	
John Bradley & Jonathan G. Davis	4
87	
Stephen Richardson	1
16	
John L. Bodwell	2
73	
Ebenezer Merril	11
04	
Amos Barker	10
91	
(no interest on the above notes being cast)	
Uncurrent money on hand	<u>41</u>
<u>50</u>	
	1945
78	
which makes a balance in favour of the Treasurer of one hundred fifteen	115
97	
dollars & ninety seven cents his paying his outstanding orders	

The Selectmen further state that according to the best calculation they can make there is outstanding orders and other debts due from the Town for which no orders are drawn to the amount of about 1000 00

Methuen February 28th 1818

John Russ Selectmen
Stephen Runnels } &
 Assessors
Benjamin Osgood, Town Treasurer

We the Subscribers agreeable to a vote of the inhabitants of Methuen at their Annual Meeting March 2d 1818 have turned over to Jonathan Merril the present Town Treasurer all the Treasuror papers and amounts inclusive of the demands on Constables and other persons together with the money on hand agreeable to the above statement amounting to nineteen hundred & forty five dollars & seventy eight cents

1945

78

and have given Benjamin Osgood Esq late Treasurer an order on the present Treasurer for one hundred & fifteen dollars and ninety seven cents being the Balance due to him in the above reckoning

Methuen March 5th 1818

Jonathan Merril Selectmen
Benjamin Osgood } &
Stephen Barker Assessors

Jonathan Merril, Town Treasurer

April 6, 1818

**At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held on Monday
the 6th day of April 1818 for the choice of State Officers agreeable to Warrant
No 80 file 4th**

The votes being given in sorted & counted by the Selectmen & Town Clerk were as follows:

Governor

His Excellency John Brooks had ninety two votes 92
Honorable Benjamin W. Crowninshield ninety five 95

Lieutenant Governor

Honorable William Phillips ninety two 92
Thomas Kittredge Esq ninety five 95

Senators

Israel Bartlett Esq. eighty nine 89
Dudley L. Pickman Esq. eighty nine 89

Nehemiah Cleaveland Esq. ninety	90
William B. Bannister Esq. ninety	90
Leverett Saltonstall Esq. ninety	90
Daniel Kilham Esq. ninety five	95
Joshua Prentess Jun., Esq. ninety five	95
 Capt Israel Trask ninety five	95
Capt Stephen White ninety five	95
Stephen Barker Esq. ninety five	95

Attest: Jonathan Merril, Town
Clerk

April 1, 1818

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held on Monday April 6th 1818 agreeable to Warrant No 81 file 4th opened the Meeting

- 1st Chose Stephen Barker Esq. Moderator
- 2nd Article voted that the Selectmen proceed according to the law now read
- 3rd Voted to divide the highway district by Spicket falls into two districts to be done by the Selectmen
- Chose Caleb Swan Surveyor & Sworn
- 4th Voted that the Town Treasurer send executions to constables in one year after the date of their lists

May 14, 1818

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held on Thursday May 14th 1818 agreeable to Warrant No 82 file 4th

- Opened the meeting
- 1st Chose Benjamin Osgood Moderator
- 2nd Passed over by a vote of the Town
- 3rd Voted that Stephen Runels have liberty to work out his highway taxes on his land in repairing his bridges

4th Voted that the Treasurer send execudtions to the collectors if they do not pay in the money to him so that he can answer the demand on him

5th Chose John Searl Tythingman & sworn then dissolved the meeting

Attest: Jonathan Merril, Town
Clerk

May 14, 1818

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held on Thursday May 14th 1818 agreeable to Warrant No 83 file 4th for the choice of a representative

The votes being given sorted in for the choice of a representative the votes being given in sorted and counted by the Selectmen and Benjamin Osgood Esq was chose The whole number of votes should be recorded

Attest: Jonathan Merril, Town
Clerk

Benjamin Osgood had ninety three votes

Capt Joseph Griffen had forty four votes

John Russ had twenty votes

Stephen Barker had one vote

Jonathan Merril had one vote

November 2, 1818

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen holden on the Second day of November being the first Monday of Said month in the year 1818 A.D. agreeable to Warrant No 84 file 4th for the choice of a Representative to Congress

The votes being given in sorted and counted and the Honorable Jeremiah Nelson had thirty four votes 34 and Honorable Joseph B. Varnum had thirteen 13

Attest: Jonathan Merril, Town
Clerk

November 2, 1818

At a legal Town Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen holden on the Second day November 1818 agreeable to Warrant No 85 file 4th for the purpose of excepting (accepting) a list of Jurors

The Town voted to except (accept) the following list

George Barker, Joshua Buswell, Joseph W. Carlton, Samuel Cross, Peter Carleton, Jonathan Currier 2d, Asa Currier 2d, Baley Davis, Samuel Eaton, Day Emerson, Ebenezer Emerson, Daniel Fry, Francis Fry, Michael Gage, Stephen Gage, John Gage, Joseph How, Abiel How, Robinson How, William Huse, Thomas How, Daniel Huse, Moses Bixby, Alfred Ingalls, Benjamin Kimball, Peter Marston, James Merril, Moses Morse, Moses Merrill, Enoch Poor, Stephen Rnnels, John Russ, Joseph S. Tippets, Ebenezer Whittier, Zadock Bodwell, Isaac Bodwell, Alpheus Bodwell, William Bodwell Jun., John Boles, Amos Barker, Stephen Barker 2d, John Dole, Caleb P. Flint, Joseph Griffen Jun., Samuel Griffin, Ebenezer Hibberd Jun., Samuel Harris Jun., Ebenezer How, Jonathan Jennings, Isaac Morse, James Messer, David McCleary, Washington Parker, John Pettengill, John Richardson, Samuel Richardson Jun., William Richardson, Isaiah Silver, Nathaniel Sargent, John Searl, Aaron Sawyer, Benjamin Town, Stephen Whittier, Richard Currier

Attest: Jonathan Merril, Town
Clerk

March 1, 1819

At an Annual Town Meeting held in Methuen on Monday the 1st Day of March 1819 agreeable to Warrant No 86 file 4th

Opened the meeting and chose Alfred Ingalls Moderator
Jonathan Merril Clerk and Treasurer

John Russ, Esq., Capt Joseph Griffin, Capt Jonathan Currier 2nd, Selectmen

Voted to excuse John Russ Esq. and chose Benjamin Osgood Esq. in his room

Voted to excuse Benjamin Osgood Esq. and chose Capt Baley Davis

Voted to pass over till money is raised and chose

Surveyors of Highways

Zadock Bodwell	Winthrop Parker	Peter Carleton
Thomas Smith	Ebenezer How	Thomas How
Amos Barker	Samuel Cross	Benjamin Osgood
Peter Marston	Samuel Eaton	Johnson Morse

Asa Griffin Moses Plummer Baley Davis
Ezeckiel Clark was chosen at the adjournment in room of Benjamin Town
absconded

Fence Viewers

Caleb P. Flint Robinson How Peter Carleton Nehemiah
Herrick

Surveyors of Lumber

Isaac Bodwell Stephen Gage Daniel Emerson
Joshua Bodwell Abiel How Jonathan Griffen
Amos Barker Joseph Griffin Jun. Samuel Parker Joseph Wilson

Surveyors of Wood & Bark

Thomas How John Searl John Russ
David Clark Stephen Gage Samuel H. Harris
William Richardson 2d Aaron Sawyer Amos Barker
Michael Gage

Field Drivers

Asa Griffin Samuel Bodwell James Sargent
James Sargent Soloman J. Farnsworth Joseph Bodwell
Jesse Heath Christopher How Fredrick Kimball
Asa Currier Ebenezer Emerson Christopher Messer

Sealer of Weights & Measurers

Abiel How

School Committees

No. 1	No. 2	No. 3
Caleb P. Flint Washington Parker Aaron Sawyer	Ebenezer How Stephen Barker 2d Stephen Whittier	Nathaniel Sargent Joshua Davis Samuel Bodwell
No. 4	No. 5	No. 6
John Merril Jun. John Gage	Alfred Ingalls William Whittier	Daniel How Philip How

Capt Asa Currier

Jonas Richardson

No. 7

No. 8

No. 9

Levi Boles
Abnear Stevens
David Clark

Benjamin Osgood
Samuel Huse
Isaac Morse

Samuel H. Harris
Ebenezer Mitchel
Isaac Cluff

Hog Reaves

Ebenezer Whittier
John Carleton
James Currier

Josiah Griffen
Stephen Barker 2d
John Morse

Stephen Kimball
Daniel How
Philip How

Pound Keepers

Peter Marston

John Dole

Tything Men

John Huse

Fish Wardens

Trustworthy White James Sargent

Jonathan Morses 2d
John Huse

Washington Parker
Christopher Messer

Voted to except (accept) the report of the Selectmen that reckoned with the Town Treasurer

Voted to raise 1200 dollars to defray Town charges

Voted to raise 500 dollars for schooling and one third part to be laid out for a woman's school

Voted to set up the collection of the taxes to the lowest bidder struck off to Benjamin Osgood at three cents on the dollar and chose him collector.

Voted to raise 1200 dollars to repair the highways and private ways

Voted that the Surveyors of Districts through which the turnpike runs shall work out an equal proportion of their taxes on the turnpike

Voted that swine shall not go at large the year ensuing

Voted that neat cattle and horses shall not go at large from the first day of April to the first day of December

Voted to pass over the 9th article till adjournment

Voted to abate in Isaiah Silvers lists:

Josiah Coburn highway tax for 1813
Francis Richardson Jun. taxes for 1813 – 1814 & 1815
Peter Webster for 1814
Ephraim Barnard tax for 1815
Benjamin Payson do and Jacob Jewetts for Do

Voted to adjourn to first Monday of April next one o'clock afternoon

Met on adjournment voted to excuse Benjamin Osgood from serving Constable and chose Jesse Sargent in his room

Voted to divide the upper highway district into three

Nathaniel Wade had forty five votes for County Treasurer no other person voted for

All the above Town officers were sworn by me and by a Justice except School Committees in my presence

Attest: Jonathan Merril, Town
Clerk

Report of Selectmen

We the Subscribers have examined the account of Jonathan Merril Treasurer for the Town of Methuen and find that on the 5th day of March 1818 there was turned over from Benjamin Osgood late Treasurer of Said Town to the present Treasurer the sum of \$ 1945.78

That there has been put into the Treasurer's hands since that date as follows:

By order on Jesse Sargent collector for 1818

1773.60

By order on Said Sargent bring a tax on those persons who were
delinquent in working out their highway taxes for 1817

22.55

Of cash received on account of Thomas Barker bring his pension money
38.00

By cash he has orders to receive out of Said Barkers pension money
when drawn

22.98

By cash received being the proceeds of the sale of
Joshua Wilsons wearing apparel

2.92

By cash received of sundry persons from training
4.00

By proceeds of sale of Abigail Davis clothing & bedding
1.00
By note of hand against Jesse Sargent
2.56
By Do against Do
2.08
By interest money received of John L. Bodwells note
0.87
By interest on John Bradleys note
0.73
By interest on Stephen Richardsons note
1.00

3818.07

and we find that Said Treasurer has paid out by order of the Assessors
one thousand seven hundred and sixty one dollars and fifty six cents
1761.56

2056.51

and we find that there is due to the Treasurer from Constables and
sundry other persons as follows:

from Jesse Sargent Constable for 1818
1492.57

Benjamin Town Constable for 1817
552.53

Isaiah Silver Constable for 1815
17.12

Note of hand against Joseph Griffen Jun.
2.95

Ebenezer Merrill
11.04

Amos Barker
10.91

(no interest cast on the above notes)
due from Thomas Barker for what the Town has done for him since
last April more than his pension money which the Town received
22.98

incurrent money on hand
41.50

which makes a balance in favor Said Treasurer
2151.60

he paying his own outstanding orders
95.19

We further state that according to the best calculation we can make

There is outstanding Assessors orders and other debts due from
the Town for which no orders are drawn to the amount of

1240.00

Methuen February 24th 1819

Jonathan Merrill	Selectmen
Benjamin Osgood }	&
Stephen Barker	Assessors
Jonathan Merril, Town Treasurer	

April 5, 1819

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held on Monday the 5th day of April 1819 for the choice of State Officers agreeable to Warrant No. 87 file 4th the votes being given in sorted and couned by the Selectmen and Town Clerk were as follows

Governor

His Excellency John Brooks had	103 votes
Honorable Benjamin W. Crowninshield had	102 votes

Lieutenant Governor

Honorable William Phillips had	103 votes
Honorable Benjamin Austin had	102 votes

Senators

Honorable Israel Bartlett had	100 votes
Honorable Leverett Saltonstall had	101 votes
William B. Banister had	101 votes
Raph H. French Esq. had	101 votes
Samuel Adams Esq. had	101 votes
Honorable Daniel Kilham had	102 votes
Moses Little Esq. had	102 votes
John Kneeland Esq. had	102 votes
Joshua Prentiss Jun. Esq. had	102 votes
Israel Trask Esq. had	102 votes

Attest: Jonathan Merril, Town
Clerk

May 6, 1819

**At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held on Thursday
May 6th 1819 agreeable to Warrant No 88 file 4th for the choice of representative
to the General Court the votes being given in sorted and couned by the Selectmen
were as follows**

Benjamin Osgood, Esq. had eighty seven votes
John Russ Esq. had seventy one votes and there was four scAtt (At)ering votes
Benjamin Osgood was chosen

Attest: Jonathan Merril, Town Clerk

July 5, 1819

**At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held on Monday
the 5th day of July 1819 agreeable to Warrant No 89 file 4th**

Opened the meeting & chose Capt Joseph Griffin Moderator

2nd
Voted to pass over 2nd article

3rd
Voted that the Town Treasurer & Selectmen prosecute any persons for taking down Said house if they can git (get) information of any person or persons doing it that will bear a process

Attest: Jonathan Merril, Town Clerk

September 20, 1819

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held on Monday the 20th of September 1819 agreeable to Warrant No 90 file 4th

Opened the meeting and chose Benjamin Osgood Esq., Moderator

2nd
Voted that the Selectmen be instructed other to sue the bond against Benjamin Town & Jisaiah Silver or instruct the Treasurer to issue his execution against Said Town & Silver or settle with Said Silver in such way as they shall find will be most for the interest of the Town

Voted to adjourn to the 4th day of October next three oclock afternoon

Meet on the adjournment & voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest: Jonathan Merril, Town
Clerk

October 4, 1819

**At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held on Monday
the 4th of October 1819 agreeable to Warrant No 91 file 4th**

First Chose Benjamin Osgood Esq. moderator

2nd Voted to set up the collection of the taxes to the lowest bidder and reconsidered the vote
& voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest: Jonathan Merril, Town
Clerk

October 25, 1819

**At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held on Monday
October 25th 1819 agreeable to Warrant No 92 file 4th**

Opened the meeting chose Capt Joseph Griffin Moderator

2nd article Voted to set up the collection of the delinquent taxes ni Benjamin Town list for the year 1817 to the lowest bidder – Struck off to Capt Isaiah Silver at eight cents on the Dollar and chose him collector and was sworn by Stephen Barker Esq. when he took.

1820

March 6, 1820

At an Annual Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held on Monday the Sixth Day of March 1820 agreeable to Warrant No 93 file 4th

Opened the meeting and chose Benjamin Osgood Esq. moderator
Chose Jonathan Merril Clerk and Treasurer and was Sworn
Chose Stephen Barker, Esq., Capt Jonathan Currier, Capt Joseph Griffin Selectmen and they were sworn

Voted to set up the collection of the taxes to the lowest bidder & struck off to Christopher Messer at 2 ½ cents on a dollar and chose him Constable and was Sworn

Surveyors of Highways chosen

Zadock Bodwell	Enoch Whittier	Peter Carleton
Jeremiah Fry	James Messer Jun.	Robinson How
Joseph Bodwell	James Ingalls	Benjamin Osgood
Joseph Marston	Daniel Emerson	Ebenezer Hibberd
Jun.		
Jonathan Griffin Jun.	Stephen Barker 2d	Samuel Huse
Jesse Boles		

Fence Viewers chosen

Asa Griffin	Capt Jonathan Currier	Moses Bixby
Capt Amos Barker	All Sworn	

Surveyors of Lumber chosen

Isaac Bodwell	Stephen Gage	Jonathan Merril 2d
Joshua Buswell	Abial How	Jonathan Griffin
Amos Barker	Capt Joseph Griffin	Samuel Parker
Joseph Wilson	All Sworn	

Surveyors of Wood and Bark chosen

Thomas How	Samuel Griffin	William Richardson
2d		
Jesse Boles	Zadock Bodwell	Stephen Gage
Daniel Emerson	Aaron Sawyer	Amos Barker
Jacob Messer	Jonathan Griffin	

Field Drivers chosen

Asa Griffin	Samuel Bodwell	James Sargent
James Fry Jun.	Joseph Bodwell	Frederick Kimball
Abnear Stevens	Jonathan Currier	Christopher
Messer		
Stephen Kimball	John G. Richardson	Amosa Sargent
All Sworn		

Sealer of Waits (Weights) & Measures chosen

Abial How and Sworn

School Committees

Ward No. 1

Washington Parker
Aaron Sawyer
John C. Richardson

No. 2

Christopher Messer
Stephen Barker 2d
Jonathan Morse 2d

No. 3

Zadock Bodwell
Alpheus Bodwell
Nathaniel Sargent

No. 4

Jonathan Currier 2d
Enoch Poor
Peter Marston

No. 5

Benjamin Kimball
Francis Fry
Asa Currier 2d

No. 6

Robinson How
Thomas How
Joseph S. Tippets

No. 7

John Pettingill
Ebenezer Hibberd
David Mulhary

No. 8

Benjamin Osgood
Jonathan G. Davis
William Richardson 2d

No. 9

Samuel H. Harris
Samuel Eaton
Ebenezer Emerson

Hog Reaves chosen

William J. Whittier
Benjamin Osgood
John Herrick
Jonathan Merril 2d

Samuel H. Harris
Peter Harris
Amosa Sargent
Abraham Day

Christopher How
Aaron Jack
Patrick Flemings

Pound Keepers chosen

Peter Marston
All Sworn

John Dole

Fish Wardens chosen

Winthrop Parker
Stephen Messer
Joseph Fry
All Sworn

John C. Richardson
Ebenezer Hibbard Jun.
Stephen Kimball

Isaac Bodwell 2d
Stephen Runnels
Ebenezer How

Voted to raise 1500.00 to defray Town charges the year ensuing

Voted to raise 500.00 for schooling the year ensuing

Voted that one third part be laid out for a woman's school

Voted to raise 1200.00 dolalrs to repair the highways and private ways the year ensuing

Voted that neat cattle and horses shall not go at large from the first of April to the 20th of November

Voted to abate in Isaiah Silvers list for 1814

Elisha Tylers taxes for 1815

James Fields, Jarvis Fairbrother, James Marston for 1817

On the list that was Benjamin Townes Joseph Corlis, Josiah Coburn, Samuel Clement, Joseph Richardson, Wilson Dustin, Uriah French, Joseph Floyd, George W. Rowel taxes.

Voted to abate in Jesse Sargent's list for 1818 George W. Rowell, Riah French & Jarvis Fairbrother taxes

Voted that Stephen Runels have liberty to work out his highway taxes between his house & the road

Nathaniel Wade Esq. had thirty eight votes for County Treasurer

Voted to except (accept) the report of the Selectmen that reckoned with the Town Treasurer and then dissolved the Meeting

Attest: Jonathan Merril, Town Clerk

Report of the Selectmen that reckoned with Jonathan Merril, Treasurer for the Town of Methuen.

We the Subscribers have examined the accounts of Jonathan Merril, Treasurer for the Town of Methuen and find that on Settlement February 24th 1819 there was in his hands of the towns money two thousand fifty six dollars and 51 cents 2056.51

In the hands of back collectors and other persons that thee has been put into his hands since that date as follows:

by order on Jesse Sargent collector for 1819
1798.23
by cash received of sundry persons for exemption from training
12.00
by cash received of State Treasurer for supporting Nelson Crosby
14.00
by interest on Capt Joseph Griffin note
.61
making in the whole three thousand eight hundred & eighty one dollars
3881.35
thirty five cents
and we find Said treasurer has paid out by order of the Assessors one thousand
and forty eight dollars fifty four cents
1948.54
which leaves a balance in favour of the Town of one thousand nine hundred
1932.81
thirty two dollars eighty one cents
And we find that there is due to the Treasurer from collectors and sundry other
persons as follows:
from Jesse Sargent Collector for 1819
1771.69
from Benjamin Town collector for 1817 after taking out what was committed
to Isaiah Silver to collect
311.70
Benjamin Town list for 1817
32.16
From Isaiah Silver collector for 1815
17.12
Due on Ebenezer Merrils note
11.04
Amos Barkers note
10.91
uncurrent money on hand
41.50

2197.12

which leaves a balance in favour of the Said treasurer of two hundred sixty four
264.31

dollars thirty one cents

We further state that according to the best calculation we can make there is
outstanding orders and other debts due from the Town for which no orders
are drawn to the amount of

1250.00

Methuen March 3d 1820
Selectmen

Joseph Griffin Jun

Assessors

Jonathan Currier 2d } &
Bailey Davis

Jonathan Merril, Town Treasurer

Recorded from the original

Attest: Jonathan Merril, Town Clerk

1820

April 3, 1820

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held on Monday the 3d day of April A.D. 1820 for the choice of State Officers agreeable to Warrant No 94 file 4th

The votes being given in sorted and counted by the Selectmen and Town Clerk were as follows

For Governor

His Excellency John Brooks had 107 votes
Honorable Willaim Eustis had 89 votes

For Lieutenant Governor

Honorable William Phillips had 106 votes
Honorable Benjamin Austin had 89 votes

For Senators

Honorable Israel Bartlett had	105 votes
Dudley L. Pickman had	106 votes
Robert Clark had	107 votes
Ebenezer Mosele had	106 votes
Robert Rantoul had	106 votes
Daniel Kilham had	88 votes
John Kneeland had	88 votes
Moses Little had	88 votes
Joshua Prentis had	88 votes
Israel Trask had	87 votes
Benjamin Osgood had	1 vote

Attest: Jonathan Merril, Town
Clerk

April 3, 1820

**At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen April 3d 1820
agreeable to Warrant No 95 file 4th**

Opened the meeting and chose Benjamin Osgood Esq. Moderator

2nd Voted that the Selectmen sell the land by Mistake (Mystic) Pond belonging to the Town if they can to their minds and give a deed of it

3rd Voted the Surveyors of highway through whose district the turnpike runs work out part of their taxes on Said turnpike

Attest: Jonathan Merril, Town
Clerk

May 11, 1820

At a legal Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of Methuen held on Thursday the 11th day of May 1820 agreeable to Warrant 96 file 4th for the choice of a representative to the General Court and Benjamin Osgood Esq. was chosen – Warrant No 96 file 4

Attest: Jonathan Merril, Town Clerk

August 21, 1820

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen on Monday the 21 day of August 1820 agreeable to Warrant No 97 file 4th for the purpose of giving in their votes by ballot on this question is it expedient that Delegates should be chosen to meet in convention for the purpose of revising or altering the Constitution of this Commonwealth.

Votes were as follows
Yea thirty seven nays seventeen

Attest: Jonathan Merril, Town
Clerk

October 16, 1820

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of Town of Methuen on Monday the 16 day of October 1820 agreeable to Warrant No 98 file 4th for the purpose of giving in their votes for one delegate to meet delegates from other towns in this Commonwealth in convention at the State House in Boston on the third Wednesday in November next and Stephen Barker Esq. was chosen.

Attest: Jonathan Merril, Town
Clerk

October 16, 1820

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen October 16th 1820 agreeable to Warrant No 99 file 4th

Opened the meeting and chose Stephen Barker Esq. Moderator

Voted to abate in Jesse Sargent list the following persons taxes for 1818
Nathaniel Nickels 1817, Dorothy Sargent, William Webster, Silas Barker, pole
tax,
Mr Woods, Joshua Harris, Greenleaf Boles, John Uriah French highway tax for
1818
David Webster highway tax for 1817

Benjamin Smith, Lydia Webster highway tax for 1817
Amosa Sargents highway tax for 1818

3d article dismissed or passed over

Attest: Jonathan Merril, Town
Clerk

November 6, 1820

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held on the 6th day of November 1820 agreeable to Warrant No 100 file 4th
for the choice of a Representative to the Congress of the United States

& Jeremiah Nelson and thirty nine votes
39
& Amos Spaulding had thirty two votes
32

And to give in their votes for one Elector of President & Vice President of the
United States for Essex North district & the

Honorable John Heard had thirty nine votes
39
Honorable James Prince had thirty two votes
32

Two Electors chosen at large within the Commonwealth

Honorable William Phillips had thirty nine votes	
39	
Honorable William Gray had thirty nine votes	
39	
Honorable Benjamin W. Crowninshield had thirty two votes	
32	
Honorable Levi Lincoln had thirty two votes	
32	

Attest: Jonathan Merril, Town
Clerk

1821

March 4, 1821

**Annual Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen March 4 1821
agreeable to Warrant No 100 file 4**

Opened the Meeting and chose Benjamin Osgood Esq. Moderator

Chose Moses Merril Town Clerk & Treasurer and was sworn

Chose Capt Jonathan Currier, Capt Joseph Griffen, Joseph W. Carleton Selectmen
& were sworn

Voted to except (accept) the Report of the committee with the Treasurer

Voted to raise 1500.00 dollard to defray Town charges the year ensuing

Voted to reaise 1200.00 dollars to repair highways & private ways the year
ensuing

Voted to raise 500.00 dollars for schooling the year ensuing

Voted to set up the collection of taxes to the lowest bidder stuck off to Moses
Bixby at

one cent eight mills per dollar and he was chosen Constable and was sworn.

Surveyors of Highways – All sworn

Capt Jonathan Merrill	Washington Parker	Joshua Swan
Capt John Russ	Christopher Messer	Capt Asa Currier
Daniel Merrill	James Frye Jr	Benjamin Osgood
Esq.		

Asa Currier	Jonathan Merrill 2d	Asa Palmer
Peter Harris	Capt Samuel Griffen	Ebenezer Carleton Jr.
David Clarke		

Fence Viewers – All sworn

Asa Griffen	Capt Jonathan Currier	Moses Bixby
Capt Amos Bunker		

Surveyors of Lumber – All Sworn

Isaac Bodwell	Jonathan Merrill 2d	Joshua Buswell
Abiel How	Jonathan Griffen	Amos Bunker
Capt Joseph Griffen	Jonathan Griffen Jr.	Stephen Gage

Surveyors of Wood & Bark – All sworn

Thomas How 2d	Samuel Girffen	William Richardson
Jesse Boles	Amos Barker	Stephen Gage
Jonathan Griffen	Joseph Bodwell	Aaron Sawyer
Samuel Eaton		

Field Frivers – All sworn

Peter Harris	Sameul Bodwell	Ebenezer Carleton, Jr.
William Cross	Caleb Swan	Jonas Richardson
Isaac Bodwell 2d	Stephen Kimball	Phineus Goodhue
Amosa Sargent		

Sealer of Weights & Measurers – and Sworn

Abiel How

Hog Reaves – Chosen & Sworn

Capt Isaiah Silver	William Carleton	William Cross
Henry J. Davidson		

Sealer of Leather – Sworn

Moses Merrill

School Committees

No. 1

Winthrop Barker
Aaron Sawyer
Asa Griffen

No. 2

Christopher Messer
Jonathan Morse 2d
Stephen Bunker 2d

No. 3

Zadock Bodwell
Jonathan Jennings
Samuel Bodwell

No. 4

William Richardson
Isaac R. Bodwell
Daniel Merrill

No. 5

Niles Tilden
James Frye Jr.
Stephen Messer

No. 6

Thomas How
Nathaniel Merrill
Capt. Robinson How

No. 7

Capt John Boles
Herman Harris
David N. Clary

No. 8

Jeremiah Frye
Moses Merrill
William Richardson 2d

No. 9

James Merrill
Daniel Emerson
Stephen Currier Jr.

Fish Wardens – chosen & sworn

Samuel Huse
Capt Asa Currier

Joseph T. Tippets
John Town

Daniel How
Nathaniel Merrill

Tything Men – chosen & sworn

Capt Samuel Griffen

William Bodwell Jr.

Voted that the Town shall hire Solomon Jennings cow pasture

Voted that swine shall not go at large the year ensuing

Voted that Capt Asa Currier be set off from School Ward No. 5 and annex him to Ward No. 6

Voted that Capt Jonathan Crrier be set off from School Ward No. 4 and annex him to Ward No. 5

Voted that one third part of the school money be laid out in women schooling

Voted that this Meeting be adjourned to Monday 9th Instant 1 oclock P.M.

Met according to adjournment and Nathaniel Wade Esq. had twenty four votes for County Treasurer and Amos Chote Esq. had twenty one votes for Register of Deeds and then dissolved the Meeting

Attest: Moses Merrill, Town Clerk

Report of committee that reckoned with Capt Jonathan Merrill former Treasurer for Town of Methuen.

We the Subscribers have examined the accounts of Capt Jonathan Merrill, Treasurer for the Town of Methuen and find that on settlement with said Treasurer March 3 1820 that there was in his hands as Treasurer due from back collectors and others of the Town's money

\$

1932.81

That there has been put into his hands since that date as follows:
by order on Christopher Messer Constable for 1820

2034.91

by Note against Christopher Messer

7.52

by ditto against Bailey Davis

15.00

by cash received of Jonathan Currier that he received of the Town of Scituate
for support of Elisha Curtis

46.00

by cash which the Town paid the County Treasurer for Benjamin Town and is
included in Silvers note to Town Treasurer

247.00

by cash received of sundry persons for Executriion ofTreasuring
14.00

by cash received of William Carleton for Bridge Timber

00.20

by note against Amos Osgood

13.00

by cash received of Amos Osgood's note for Interest
.68

by Note against Joseph W. Carleton

15.00

by Note against Ebenezer Mitchel

7.77

by Do Bailey Davis

3.52

by Do Christopher Messer

7.64

by Do Abnear Stevens
1.11
by Do Ebenezer Whittier
1.83
by Do John Tarbox
2.04
by Do William Richardson 2d
2.95
by Do William Sargent
1.29
by Do John Bailey
1.32
By cash receied of Jonathan Currier 2d in part for what D. Crosses personal
Estate sold for
7.72
Making in the whole four thousand three hundred and sixty five dollars \$
4365.31
and 31 cents
and we find that said Treasurer has paid by assessors orders since said settlement
2305.07
which leaves a balance in favor of the Town of two thousand a sixty dollars
2060.24
& 24 cents
and we find there is due the Said Treasurer from collectors & sundry persons
as follows:
from Christopher Messer Constable for 1820
1334.91

from Bailey Davis on Note
15.00
from Isaiah Silver collector fo remainder Benjamin Town list
16.47
from Isaiah Silver collector for 1815
17.12
Ebenezer Merrill Note
11.04
Amos Barker Note
10.91
Uncurrent Money
41.50
Isaiah Silvers Note
447.64
Joseph W. Carletons note
15.00
Ebenezer Mitchels note
7.77

John Tarbox note
2.04
William Richardson 2d note
2.95
William Sargent note
1.29
John Bailey note
1.32
To Money on hand
121.18

\$2060.24

Methuen March 2 1821

Stephen Barker
Jonathan Currier 2d } Selectmen
Joseph Griffen Jr.
Jonathan Merril, Town Treasurer

Recorded from the original

Attest: Moses Merrill, Town Clerk

April 2, 1821

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held on Monday 2d day of April 1821 for the choice of State Officers agreeable to Warrant No 102 file 4

The votes being given in sorted & counted by the Selectmen and Town Clerk were as follows:

For Governor

His Excellency John Brooks had	94 votes
Honorable William Eustin had	93 votes

For Lieutenant Governor

Hon. William Phillips had	94 votes
Hon. Levi Lincoln had	92 votes
Hon. Israel Bartlett had	63 votes
Hon. Ebenezer Mmosley had	185 votes
Hon. Robert Rantoul had	92 votes
Hon. Robert Clarke had	93 votes
Hon. John Glen King had	185 votes
Nathaniel Tilsbee had	93 votes
Hon. Willard Peele had	93 votes

William P. Parrot had	93 votes
Benjamin Osgood had	20 votes
Samuel Griffen had	1 vote
Jonathan Griffen had	1 vote
Asa Griffen had	1 vote
Aaron Sawyer had	1 vote
Miles Flint had	1 vote

Attest: Moses Merrill, Town Clerk

April 2, 1821

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held Monday April 2 1821 agreeable to Warrant No. 103 file 4

1st Opened the meeting and chose Stephen Barker Esq. Moderator

2nd Voted that the Selectmen shorten and widen the road as they think proper near Mr William Richardson 2d

3rd Voted that the Surveyors through whose Distric the turnpike runs work out part of their taxes on said turnpike

4th Voted to abate the following persons taxes in Jesse Sargents lists for 1818 and 1819:
 the Heirs of Asa Palmer and highway tax for 1817
 ? Hibberds for 1818 & 1819
 Nathaniel Kimball for 1819

Voted William Swans tax, John Ayer and George Guttersons be referred to Selectmen

Voted this meeting be adjourned to Monday next at 1 oclock P.M.

Monday April 19 met agreeable to adjournment and voted to abate the following persons taxes in the list committed to Benjamin Town to collect for 1817 viz. Joseph Cross, L. Haynes, Aaron Robinson, Uriah French, Joseph Hays, Nathaniel Kimball, Caleb J. Knight, S. W. Rowell, Dorothy Tippets, David Martin, Joseph H. White tax referred to Selectmen - Meeting dissolved

Attest: Moses Merrill, Town Clerk

April 9, 1821

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held on Monday 9th April 1821 for the purpose of taking the yeas and nays on the 14 proposed amendments of the Constitution agreeable to Warrant No 104 file 4

Article 1 yeas 34 nays 190

Article 2 yeas 5 nays 148

Article 3 yeas 7 nays 146

Article 4 yeas 1 nays 152

Article 5 yeas 9 nays 144

Article 6 yeas 34 nays 119

Article 7 yeas 1 nays 152

Article 8 yeas 60 nays 92

Article 9 yeas 4 nays 148

Article 10 yeas 1 nays 152

Article 11 yeas 5 nays 147

Article 12 yeas 4 nays 149

Article 13 yeas 10 nays 143

Article 14 yeas 5 nays 148

Meeting Dissolved

Attest: Moses Merrill, Town Clerk

May 10, 1821

At a Legal Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held May 10th 1821 agreeable to Warrant No. 105 file 4

Opened the Meeting and chose Stephen Barker, Esq. Moderator

2nd Voted to except (accept) the report of the committee appointed to widen the road near William Richardson 2d and then dissolved the Meeting

Attest: Moses Merrill, Town Clerk

May 10, 1821

At a Legal Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held May 10th 1821 agreeable to Warrant No. 106 file 4 for the choice of a Representative to General Court and Benjamin Osgood Esq. was chosen

Attest: Moses Merrill, Town Clerk

June 7, 1821

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held on Thursday 7 June 1821 agreeable to Warrant No. 107 file 4 –

Opened the Meeting and chose Jonathan Currier Esq. for Moderator

2nd Voted that the assessors shall Att (At)end at peoples houses for the purpose of taking the valuation

Voted that they Att (At)end said business soon after haying

3rd Voted to ? 3rd article and then dissolved the Meeting.

Attest: Moses Merrill, Town Clerk

1822

March 3, 1822 - Annual Meeting

Annual Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen March 3 1822 agreeable to Warrant No. 108 file 4

Opened the Meeting and chose Benjamin Osgood Esq. for Moderator

Chose Moses Merrill, Town Clerk & Treasurer and was sworn

Chose Capt. Joseph Griffen, Capt. Jonathan Currier, Mr Christopher Messer Selectmen and they were sworn

Voted to pass over 2nd article till the money is raised

Voted to raise nineteen hundred dollars to defray Town charges

Voted to raise five hundred dollars for schooling for this year

Voted to choose a committee to look over School Regulations and chose Benjamin Osgood, Rev, J. W. Eastman, John M. Grosvenor and Rev. Charles O. Kimball for Said committee.

Voted that one third part of school money be laid out for womens schooling

Voted to set up the collection of taxes to the lowest bidder and struck off to Moses Bixby at two cents and 40 mills per dollar

Surveyors of Highways – All Sworn

Pound Keeper

Peter Marston, sworn John Dole, not sworn

Sealer of Leather

Moses Merrill

School Committees**Ward No 1**

Washington Parker
Peter Harris
Asa Griffen

Ward No 2

Joseph Griffen Jr
Jonathan Morse 2d
Stephen Barker 2d

Ward No 3

Zadock Bodwell
Jonathan Jennings
Stephen Barker, Esq.

Ward No 4

William Richardson
Joseph Bodwell
Daniel Merrill

Ward No 5

Stephen Gage
John Parker Jr
Joseph Frye

Ward No 6

Robinson How
Jonathan Currier
Capt. Asa Currier

Ward No 7

John Peabody
Jesse Heath
Jesse Boles

Ward No 8

Moses Merrill
Ben Osgood
Samuel Huse

Ward No 9

Ebenezer Emerson
Samuel Eaton
John M. Grosvenor

Voted that neat cattle and horses shall not go at large from April 1st to Dec 1st

Voted that swine shall not go at large

Voted that Surveyors through whose Distirck the Trunpike runs shall work out
part of
their taxes and said Turnpike

Voted to set off Peter Marston from School Ward No. 4 and annex him to Ward
No. 6

Voted to adjourn this meeting to 1st Monday of April 2 oclock P.M.

Voted to except (accept) the Report of Committee for Revising School Regulations and
chose Stephen Barker 2nd, John M. Grosvenor and Ben Osgood for Towns School Committee

Voted to raise twele hundred dollars for repairing highways and private ways the year ensuing

Taxes abated in Christopher Messers list for 1820 – Nathaniel Emerson, John Mondit, Sarah Hibbard, Asa Palmers Heirs & Francis Richardson Jr.

Abatements in Jesse Sargents list for 1818 & 1819 – John Morse, Thomas Plumer, Elisha Richardson, Henry J. Davidson

Voted that John Searl have to work out his highway tax which was in Plumers list for 1819

Voted that the Selectmen sell the Town House when and as they think proper

Votes brot (brought) in for County Treasurer and they were as follows
for Nathaniel Wade Esq. Forty
for Joseph W. Carleton Three
for William Bodwell one – and then dissolved the Meeting

Attest: Moses Merrill, Town Clerk

Report of Committee that reckoned with Moses Merrill, Treasurer for the Town of Methuen ~

We the Subscribers having examined the account of Moses Merrill, Treasurer for the Town of Methuen and find that on settlement with Said Treasurer March 3d 1821 that there was in his hands as Treasurer due from back collections and others of the Town's money

2060:24

That there has been put into his hands since that date as followeth by orders on Moses Bixby Constable for 1821

2076:89

by Note of hand against Jonathan G Davis

4.92

by Note of Nathaniel Land

3.19

by cash received of the overseers of the poor of Town of Haverhill

16.71

by cash received of sundry persons for exemption from training
10.00

by Note against Ebenezer Carleton Jr
3.15

by Note against Joseph Griffen Jr
2.44

by Note against John Burnt
2.56

by Note against Elijah Jennings
200.00

by cash received for interest on Jennings note
24.72

by interest received on sundry persons notes
1.63

Making in the whole four thousand four hundred and six dollars
& forty five cents

\$4406.45

And we find that said Treasurer has paid out by assessors orders since said
settlement

1852:72

Which leaves a balance in favor of the Town of two thousand five hundred
& fifty three dollars and sixty three cents

2553.73

And we find that there is due to said Treasurer from Collectors and sundry other
persons as follows

from Moses Bixby collector for 1821
1591.53

from Christopher Messer collector for 1820
150.00

from Isaiah Silver collector for 1815
17.12

from Isaiah Silver collector for remainder of Towns list
16.47

from Bailey Favis note
15.00

from Ebenezer Merrills note
11.04

from Amos Barkers Note
10.91

in uncurrent money
41.50

Isaiah Silvers note
346.10

Ebenezer Mitchels Note
7.77

Bailey Davis' Note
3.52
Christopher Messers Note
7.77
Ebenezer Whittiers Note
1.83
William Sargents Note
1.89
John Burnts Note
2.56
Elijah Jennings Note
157.91
Jonathan G. Davis Nnote
4.92
Nathaniel Lands Note
3.19
To cash in the Treasurers hands
183:43

\$2553.73

Methuen March 1st 1822

A true copy

Jonathan Currier 2d
Joseph Griffen Jr. } Selectmen
Joseph W Carleton
Moses Merrill, Town Treasurer

Attest: Moses Merrill, Town Clerk

April 1, 1822

**At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held on
Monday 1st
day of April 1822 for the choice of State Offices agreeable to Wrrant No. 109
file 4**

The votes being given in sorted and counted by the Selectmen and Town Clerk
were as follows

For Governor

His Excellency John Brooks	94
Hon. William Eustis	97

For Lieutenant Governor

Hon. William Phillips	94
Hon. Levi Lincoln	94
Capt Joseph Griffen	2

For Senators

Hon. Robert Rantoul	94
Hon. Robert Clark	95
Hon. Nathaniel Hooper	94
John Glen Kin	94
Benjamin Osgood Esq.	95
Edward S. Rand Esq.	94
Hon. Nathaniel Tilsbee	95
Hon. Daniel Kilham	95
Hon. Benjamin W. Crowninshield	93
William W. Parrott Esdq.	79
Moses Wingate Esq.	95
David Cummins Esq.	94
William Parrott	15
Jonathan Griffen	2
Niles Flint	2
Caleb B Flint	2
Asa Griffen	2
Aaron Sawyer	2

Attest: Moses Merrill, Town Clerk

May 9, 1822

**At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held on Thursday
May 9 1822 agreeable to Warrant No. 110 file 4**

Opened the meeting and chose Stephen Barker Esq. Moderator

Voted to refer 4th article to the Selectmen converning the road near Niles Tildens to act as they think proper

Voted to set off Joseph Marston from school Ward No. 4 and annex him to Ward No. 6

Voted that Col. Stephen Runnels have leave to work out his highway tax on his own land – and then dissolved said meeting

Attest: Moses Merrill, Town Clerk

May 9, 1822

At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held on Thursday May 9 1822 agreeable to Warrant No. 111 file 4 for choice of a Representative to General Court the votes being given in sorted and counted by the Selectmen and Stephen Barker Esq. was chosen

The votes were as followeth	Stephen Barker Esq.	108
	John Russ, Esq.	6
	Jonathan Currier, Esq.	1
	Capt. Joseph Griffen	1
	Moses Merrill	64

Attest: Moses Merrill, Town Clerk

November 4, 1822

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held on Monday Nov. 4 1822 agreeable to Warrant No. 112 file 4

Opened the meeting and chose Benjamin Osgood, Esq. for Moderator

Voted to abate John Harris highway taxes in all the bark collectors lists.
Voted that the Selectmen settle the line between Dracutt and Methuen by the old perambulated line as each Town has taxed their inhabitants for a number of years past
and then dissolved said meeting

Attest: Moses Merrill, Town Clerk

November 4, 1822

At a legal Town Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen on Monday Nov. 4 1822 for the choice of a Representative to Congress of the United States agreeable to Warrant No. 113 file 4

Amos Spaulding, Esq. had thirty nine votes	39
Hon. Jeremiah Nelson had twenty nine votes	29

Attest: Moses Merrill, Town Clerk

School Regulations

Preamble

Whereas the proper education of youth is of vast importance for the support of a Republican Government and as the Town of Methuen is annually at considerable expence for the support of schools it is necessary that sitable measures be adopted to advance this interesting object and to appropriate such expence to the best advantage. The Town has therefore judged proper to combine the following Regulations in conformity to the taxes of this Commonwealth for the particular government of their several schools

Section 1.

Concerning the School Committees

Article 1. There shall be two School committees called the Town and District Committees –

Article 2. The Town Committee shall consist of three persons who shall be elected by ballot annually at the Town Meeting in March or April besides the Ministers of the Gospel of the Town who are made members of this committee ex officio by the Statute Law.

Article 3. The District Committee shall consist of three persons in each School District who shall be chosen annually sometime in the month of March by their respective districts. The first meeting for such choices shall be warned by the present district committee for the preceding year. The names of this committee shall be lodged with the Town Clerk by the Moderator of the meeting in which they are elected.

Section 2.

Concerning the Duty of the Town Committee

Article 1. It shall be the duty of the Town Committee to visit each school near the commencement and close of each term to examine into the state of the schools by ascertaining the number of scholars who usually Att (At)end, the term of their Att (At)endance, their literary standing, their supply of books and whatever relates to their progress in the Arts and Sciences.

Article 2. It shall be the duty of the committee to inquire into the regulations the mode of government and the method of instruction practices in the schools and it shall be their duty to correct any deficiency that may be therein.

Article 3. Should any Instructor appear so essentially deficient in the mode of government method of instruction or literary qualifications as not to be useful it shall be the duty of the committee to remove him or her from the care of the school.

Article 4. The committee shall have power to rectify any disorders or difficulties whatever which shall take place between the Instructors and their scholars while such scholars are under the care of such Instructors.

Article 5. It shall be the duty of the committee to select & recommend to the several schools a uniformity of the most approved and useful books in the various arts and sciences including the sacred scriptures and also the quality of their stationary.

Article 6. It shall be the duty of the committee to make a report at the Town meeting in March giving an account of the number of Scholars their term of Att (At)endance, supply of books & srationaly and literary standing and also the method of government and instruction in all the schools.

Section 3.

Concerning the Duty of the District Committee

Article 1. It shall be the duty of the committee to superintend the percuniary concerns of the district to employ & settle with the Instructors to provide fuel for the winter school and take the charge of the School House.

Article 2. It shall be the duty of the committee carefully to Att (At)end to the word & literary qualifications of the Instructors and to employ who do not possess such credentials as are required by the Statute Law.

Article 3. It shall be the duty of the committee to keep a record of all their proceedings to present a copy of those Regulations to the Instructors to be read in school and to notify the Town committee of the commencement & close of their respective schools reasonable fo that committee to visit them. It shall also be their duty to visit their respective schools with the Town Committee.

Section 4.

Concerning the Duty of Instructors of Schools

Article 1. It is recommended to Instructors to open their schools in the morning and close them in the evening with prayer.

Article 2. It shall be the duty of the Instructors to adopt such regulations as their judgment may dictate which shall operate uniform by and without partiality for the government of their respective schools and whence mild measures will not subject the idle & disobedient to good order and Att (At)ention they shall have a right to inflict a reasonable corporal punishment.

Article 3. In case of gross impropriety in a Scholar over fourteen years of age the Instructor shall have a right to expel him from the school by giving him a written instrument stating the reason of his expulsion a copy of which shall be lodged by the Instructor with the Town Clerk. Any such Scholar however shall have a right to appeal to the Town Committee whose duty it shall be to adjust the affair. Such Scholar shall not be admitted into any other school in the Town till the affair be settled & the expulsion taken from the Town Clerks office by order of the Town Committee.

Article 4. It shall be the duty of the Instructor to prohibit all kinds of yarning profane language or indecent behaviour either in school during the time of intermission or in going to or from school.

Article 5. It shall be the duty of the Instructor to keep a catalogue of the names & ages of all the scholars who Att (At)end their respective schools & their term of Att (At)endance & present the same to the Town Committee.

Article 6. It shall be the duty of the Instructor to impress upon the minds of the scholars both by precept & example the principals of virtue piety, justice, humanity & good order and an aversion to all kinds of vice and immorality, and also to give lessons every Saturday in the Sacred Scriptures.

Article 7. It shall be the duty of the Instructor to read these regulations at the commencement of their respective schools and from time to time such parts of them as may appear necessary for their instruction and government.

Section 5.

Concerning the duty of Parents & Guardians

Article 1. As much depends in the education of children & youth on the cooperation of parents and guardians, it is recommended that they furnish their children & those under their care with every facility in their power to prosecute their respective studies with success.

Article 2. It is earnestly recommended that parents and guardians be careful to uphold the orders & regulations of their respective schools & in case of disorders or difficulties have recourse to the proper authority for their adjustment.

Article 3. It is recommended by the authority of the Statute Law to parents & guardians that they be careful to keep their children & those under their care at school during its operation as much as possible knowing that constant Att (At)endance & application on the part of the scholars as well as wise and skilful instructions on the part of the instructor are necessary to success in obtaining an education.

Article 4. It is recommended to parents and guardians that they encourage the Att (At)endance of their children and those under their care on days of examination not only by precept but by the example of their own Att (At)endance this tending to animate them in the pursuit of elarning more than is generally imagined.

Conclusion

Duty of the Town Clerk

Article 1. It shall be the duty of the Town Clerk to transcribe a copy of these regulations for every School district in Town to be kept by the respective District Committees

Recorded by Moses Merrill, Town Clerk Ben Osgood
 J. W. Eastman } Committee
 J. M. Grosvenor
 C. O. Kimball

Methuen April 1 1822

1823

March 3d 1823 - Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held on Monday

March 3d 1823 according to Warrant No. 114 file 4

Opened the Meeting and chose Benjamin Osgood Esq. Moderator and chose Joseph W. Carleton Town Clerk & Treasurer & was sworn

Chose Jonathan Currier Esq, Joseph Griffen Jr, Samuel H. Harris Selectmen and all sworn

Voted to pass over the 2d Article until the money was raised

Voted to raise twelve hundred dollars to defray Town charges. Collection of Tax bid off by Cristopher Messer at 3 cents on the dollar also chose Cristopher Messer Constable for the year ensuing

Surveyors of Highways – All Sworn

Capt Zadock Bodwell
Joseph Frye

William Swan
Ebenezer How

Enoch Whittier
James Currier

John Peabody
Cristopher How
Jonathan Griffin
Ephraim Peabody

William Whittier
Samuel Eaton
Samuel Griffin
William Huse

Benjamin Osgood
Moses Morse
Cyrus Robinson

Field Drivers – All Sworn

David Plummer
Jeremiah Frye
Asa Palmer
Simon Hibbard

Joseph Brown
Jonathan Morse 2d
Moses Bixby

James Currier
Nathaniel Sargent Jr
James Frye Jr

Fence Viewers – All Sworn

Samuel Richardson Asa Currier William Whittier Amos Barker

Surveyors of Lumber – All Sworn

Isaac Bodwell
Joseph Griffin Jr.

Amos Barker
Samuel Clark

Abeal How
Stephen Gage

Ebenezer How

Hog Reafs – All Sworn

Jonathan Swan
Joseph Brown
Isaiah Prescott

Enos Blake
John T. Sargent
Asa Palmer

Nathan Bodwell
Jonathan Merrill 3d

Surveyors of Wood and Bark – All Sworn

Cyrus Robinson
William Richardson 2d
Jonathan Griffin
Samuel Eaton

Thomas How
Amos Barker
Joseph Bodwell

Samuel Griffin
Stephen Gage
Aaron Sawyer

Pound Keepers – All Sworn

Peter Marston John Dole

Voted to pass over part of the 2d Article

Voted to raise twelve hundred dollars to repair highways and private ways in said Town

Voted to raise six hundred dollars for schooling the year ensuing one third to be for

womens school

Voted that the school regulations accepted in 1821 are repeated

Voted to choose the school committee as formerly

Ward No 1

Asa Griffin
Aaron Sawyer
Jonathan Griffin

Ward No 2

Ebenezer How
Jonathan Morse 2d
Stephen Barker 2d

Ward No 3

Stephen Barker
Jonathan Jennings
Zadock Bodwell

Ward No 4

Joshua Buswell
John Russ Esq.
John Merrill Jr.

Ward No 5

Niles Tilden
Stephen Runnels
Michael Gage

Ward No 6

Moses Bixby
Jonathan Currier 2d
Asa Currier 2d

Ward No 7

Abnear Stevens
David Clark
Ezekiel Clark

Ward No 8

Patrick Fleming
Ben Osgood
Jeremiah Frye

Ward No 9

Stephen Hastings
Isaac Cluff
James Merrill

Voted that cattle and horses shall be kept up from the first of April to the first of November

Voted that swine shall not go at large any part of the year

Voted to divide the Highway district in the northwest part of the Town at the cornear where Amos Moses

Chose John Peabody surveyor of the north part

Adjourned to April 7 at adjournment and Charles Joseph Wilson surveyor of Lumber then dissolved said Meeting

Attest: Joseph W. Carleton, Town Clerk

April 7, 1823

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held April 7th it being the first Monday of said month 1823 for the choice of State Officers agreeable to Warrant No. 115 file 5

The votes being given in sorted and counted by the Selectmen and Town Clerk were as follows

For Governor

Honorable William Eustis	158
Honorable Harrison G. Otis	96

For Lt. Governor

Honorable Levi Lincoln	158
Honorable Daniel Noble	99

Senators

Robert Rantoul	99
Nathaniel Hooper	99
Benjamin Osgood	100
John G. King	99
Hobert Clark	100
Edward S. Runel	99
Nathaniel Silsbee	158
John Prince	155
Nathaniel Noyes	157
William W. Parrot	158
Aaron Lummus	157
Moses Wingate	157

Attest: Joseph W. Carleton, Town Clerk

April 7, 1823

**At a Legal Meeting of the inhabitants of Methuen held April 7th 1823
agreeable
to Warrant No 116 file 4**

Opened the meeting and chose Benjamin Osgood Moderator

Voted that the Surveyors through whose district the Turnpike passes shall work out an equal proportion of the Tax on the Turnpike

Voted those districts which have never had any scrapes shall be provided with one by the Town

Voted to abate the Tax of Stephen Whittier in Jesse Sargent's list for 1819

Voted to abate the following persons Taxes in Ben Towns list

David Brand's	Ten	Joseph Richardson's	Ten
Joseph Cole's	Ten	Joshua Titcomb's	Ten
Jacob M Tamons	Ten	Thomas Huse	Tax
Ephraim Peabody	Ten	Ephriam Barnard	Ten
Frederick Davies	Tax	John Levit	Ten

Then dissolved Said Meeting.
Clerk

Attest: Joseph W. Carleton, Town

Report of the committee which reckoned with Capt Moses Merrill former Treasurer for the Town of Methuen, we the Subscribers having examined the accounts of Capt Moses Merrill Treasurer for the Town of Methuen and find that on Settlement with Said Treasurer March 1st 1823 there was in his hands as Treasurer due from back Collectors and others of the Town's money

2553.73

That there has been put into his hands since that date as follows

By order on Moses Bixby Collector for the year 1822
1841.53

By Cash Paid for sundry persons on exemption from Training
26.00

By Cash Received from the Town for the Poor House sail
98.00

By Interest on Sundry Persons notes
1.28

Making in the whole four thousand five hundred and twenty five dollars
And fifty four cents

4520.54

and we find that Said Treasurer has paid out by Assessors Orders
since Said Settlement

1273.09

By cash paid John Russ
100.00

Which leaves a balance in favor of the Town of three thousand one hundred
And forty seven dollars forty five cents

3147.45

And we find that there is due to Said Treasurer from collectors and Sundry
other persons as follows

From Moses Bixby Collector for 1822
1841.53

From Moses Bixby Collector for 1821
578.91
From Cristopher Messer Collector for 1820
40.00
From Isaiah Silver Collector for 1815
17.18
From Isaiah Silver Collector for the remainder of Benjamin Towns llist
16.47
Notes
 Beely Davis note
15.00
 Ebenezer Merrills note
11.04
 Amos Barkers note
10.91
 In incurrent money
41.50
 Isaiah Silvers note
296.10
 Ebenezer Mitchells note
7.77
 Baly Davis note
3.52
 Ebenezer Whittier note
1.83
 Elijah Jennings note
157.91
 Jonathan J. Davis note
4.92
 Nathaniel Lands note
3.19
Cash in Said Treasurers Hands
99.73

3147.45

Methuen July 28th 1823

Joseph Griffin Jr
Jonathan Currier 2d } Selectmen
Cristopher Messer

Attest: Joseph W. Carleton, Town

Clerk

May 8, 1823

At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held on Thursday May 8th 1823 agreeable to Warrant No 1117 file four, the choice of a

Representative to General Court the votes being given in sorted counted by the Selectmen and Stephen Barker Esq. was chosen

The votes were as follows	Stephen Barker Esq. had	115
	Jonathan Currier Esq.	68
	John Russ Esq.	3

Attest: Joseph W. Carleton, Town Clerk

May 8, 1823

At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held May 8th 1823 for the purpose of reqisting (requesting) the Town to defray the expence of Ringing the bell should there be on hiring at the East Parrish Meeting House (Warrant No 118 file 4)

Opened said Meeting and chose Ben Osgood Moderator

The question being put the Town voted not to compoly with said request then voted to dissolve said Meeting

Attest: Joseph W. Carleton, Town Clerk

**Report of the committee which reckoned with Joseph W. Carleton Town Treasurer
on February 27th 1824**

We the subscribers having examined the accounts of Joseph W. Carleton Treasurer for the Town of Methuen find that on settlement with the Treasurer March 1823 their was in his hands as Treasurer due from back Collectors and Others of the Town's money

3147.45

That their has been put into said Treasurers hands since that date as follows

by order on Cristopher Messer

1825.18

by Cash received for exemption from Training

2.00

by Cash received for rent Mary Hastings --

19.00

by Cash received for wood of Mary Hastings

15.00

by Cash received from Overseers Malden

5.50

by Cash received from Overseers South Brimfield

45.00

by note of Daniel Merrill 2d
9.50
by note of Dudley Davis
21.84
by note of Nathan Bodwell
1.33
by note of Joseph Griffin Jr
17.57
by Cash received of William Russ
1.51
Making in all five thousand one hundred and ten dollars and eighty eight cents
5110.88
and we find that Said Treasurer has paid out by Assessors Orders
1156.10
On notes of hand as follows
To Abijah Cross
164.20
To James Frye
160.27
To John Russ
131.82
Which leaves a valance in favor of the Town of two thousand eight hundred
2898.49
and ninety eight dollars and forty nine cents
And we find that there is due to Said Treasurer from Collectors and others
of the Town's Money as follows
From Moses Bixby Collector for 1822
404.57
From Christopher Messer Collector for 1823
1734.68
From Isaiah Silver Collector for the demand of Benjamin Towns lists
16.47
On notes of hand
Bailey Davis
15.00
Daniel Merrill
9.50
Elijah Jennings
157.91
Isaiah Silver
276.10
Amos Parker
10.91
Ebenezer Mitchell
7.77

Jonathan G Davis
4.92
Ebenezer Merrill
11.04

Joseph Griffen Jr
17.57
Nathan Bodwell
1.33
Dudley Davis
21.84
In incurrent Money
40.50
Cash in Treasurer's hands
151.26

Methuen Feb. 27th 1824

Jonathan Currier 2d
Joseph Griffin Jr } Selectmen
Samuel Harris

Attest: Joseph W. Carleton, Town Treasurer

1824

March 1st 1824 – Annual Town Meeting

**Annual Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen March 1st 1824
agreeable to Warrant No. 119 file 4**

Opened Said Meeting and chose Benjamin Osgood Esq. Moderator

Joseph W. Carleton Town Clerk & Treasurer and sworn

Joseph Griffen Jr. Selectmen
Jonathan Currier 2d } & Assessors
Cristopher Messer and Sworn

Voted to raise one thousand dollars to defray Town charges for the year ensuing

Voted to raise twelve hundred dollars to repair highways and private ways in said Town for the year ensuing

Voted to raise six hundred dollars for schooling for the year ensuing

The collection of Taxes was bid off by Cristopher Messer at two cents on the dollar and said Cristopher Messer was chosen Constable

Surveyors of Highways – All Sworn

Ben Richardson	Winthrop Parker	Francis Frye
Asa Currier 2d	Aaron Jacks	Samuel Cross
Moses Merrill	Jonathan Currier	Jacob Tyler
David Clark	Ebenezer Emerson	Baley Davis
Herman Harris	Benjamin Hall	William Swan
William Whittier	Amos Griffin	Jonathan Griffin Jr.

Fish Wardens – All Sworn

Samuel Baduck	True W. Sargent	Amos Morse 4 th
Alva Goodhue	Jonathan Morse 2d	Ben Richardson

Fence Viewers

Benjamin Kimball	Aaron Jacks	Zadock Bodwell
Eben How	Caleb Swan	Amos Barker

Field Drivers – All Sworn

Winthrop Parker	Joseph How Jr.	Ebenezer How
Jonathan Currier	Phineas Goodhue	Wiliam J. Whittier
James Frye Jr.	William Cross	Nehemiah Herrick
Parker L Bodwell	Amos Barker	

Hogreafs – All Sworn

George A. Waldo	Richard Whittier	Samuel Cross
Asa Harvey	James Messer Jr	John Huse
Benjamin Hall	True W. Sargent	William J. Whittier
MAttributed Messer		

Sealer of Weights & Measures

Abial How

Surveyors of Lumber – All Sworn

Amos Barker
Samuel Clark
Isaac Bodwell

Jonathan Swan
Stephen Gage
Aaron Sawyer

Ephraim Peabody
John Se----
Joseph Griffin Jr

Surveyors of Wood & Bark – All Sworn

Caleb Swan
Jonathan Griffin
Samuel Eaton

Cyrus Robinson
Joseph Bodwell
Thomas How

Amos Barker
Aaron Sawyer

Voted that cattle & horses be kept up from the first of April to the first of November

Voted that swine be not suffered to go at large any part of the year

Voted to choose a committee of five to make enquiry respecting the purchase of a farm and report at the adjournment - Joseph Griffin Jr, Jonathan Currier 2d, Christopher Messer, Benjamin Osgood & Stephen Barker constitute said committee –

Voted that each school Ward be empowered to choose their respective committees by ballot in the Ward

Voted to choose a committee of three whose duty it shall be to make diligent search in case any person have his shop broken open or horse stolen for such lost property at the expense of the Town. Voted Joseph Bodwell, Ben Osgood and Daniel Huse constitute said committee

Voted that the surveyors through whose district the Turnpike passes shall work out a part of their tax on the turnpike dissolved to April 5 1oclock

April 5 agreeable to adjournment met

Opened the meeting.

Voted to choose 5 five Wardens – Chose Benjamin Osgood, Moses Merrill, Ebenezer Whittier, Jonathan Swan and John Bradley

Voted to omit purchasing a farm for the present

Voted to abate the following persons Taxes in Moses Bixbys lists for 1821 & 1822

Enoch Abbot

1.33 Jeremiah Abbot

1.54

Edward Richardson	1.33	Charles Bodwell	1.54
Samuel Harris Jr	2.24	Joseph Goodrich	1.54
Isreal Herrick	1.33	Thomas Morsehead	1.54
Rufus Peabody	1.33	William B. Miller	1.54
Lucy Palmer	3.43	Edward Richardson	1.54
John L. Richardson	6.90	Warren Boles	1.54
Stephen Whittier	1.33	Isreal Herrick	1.54
David Corless	3.15	Miles Flint	1.14
Jesses Sargent	1.33	Aaron Palmer	2.27
John T Sargent	.73	William J. Whittier	1.54

Votes for County Treasurer

The Honorable Nathaniel Wade had 30 votes
Then dissolved said Meeting

Attest: Joseph W. Carleton, Town Clerk

April 5, 1824

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held April 5th agreeable to Warrant No 120 file 4

Opened said Meeting and chose Benjamin Osgood Moderator

Voted to divide the district in Col. Benjamin Kimball lives and that the selectmen be a committee for that purpose

Voted to set Christopher How off from School Ward No. 5 and annex him to Ward No. 6

Dissolved said Meeting

Attest: Joseph W. Carleton, Town Clerk

April 5, 1824

At a legal Annual Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held April 5th 1824 it being the first Monday of Said month for the choice of Governor, Lt Govenor and Senator

The votes being sorted counted and declared were as follows

For Governor

The Honorable William Eustis had 164
The Honorable Samuel Lathrop had 98

For Lt Governor

Marcus Morton had	164
Richard Sullivan had	98

For Senators

Nathaniel Silsby	164	Dudley A Tyng
98		
John Prince	164	Benjamin Pickman
98		
Aaron Surinmus (?)	163	Edward S Rand
98		
Moses Wingate	164	Nathaniel Hooper
97		
Nathan Noyes	164	John Varnum
97		
William W Parrot	163	James Gardnear
98		
		John Gardnear

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Methuen April 5th 1824

Attest: Joseph W. Carleton, Town Clerk

May 10, 1824

At a Legal Meeting held May 10, 1824 agreeable to Warrant No 122 file 4 for the choosing of a representative to the General the votes being given in sorted and counted by the Selectmen, Stephen Barker Esq. was chosen

The votes were as follows

Stephen Barker Esq had	86
Jonathan Currier had	49
ScAtt (At)ering	15

Attest: Joseph W. Carleton, Town Clerk

May 10, 1824

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held May 10 agreeable to Warrant No. 123 file 4

Opened said Meeting and chose Stephen Barker Esq. Moderator

2nd Voted that one third the money voted to be raised for schooling the present year be expended in a womens school

3rd Voted not to accept of the road laid out by the Selectmen from Jesse Heath's to the road leading from David Clarks to Pelham

Dissolved the meeting

Attest: Joseph W. Carleton, Town Clerk

November 1, 1824

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen November 1, 1824 it hbeing the first Monday in said month agreeable to Warrant No 124 file 3 for the give in their votes for fifteen electors of President and Vice President also for to give in their votes for a Representative to Congress from Essex north district

The vote being given in sorted counted and declared were as follows for **Representative to Congress**

John Merrill Esq. had	87 votes
John Varnum Esq. had	51 votes
Amos Spaulding had	5 votes

For Electors of President and Vice President

Honorable William Gray of Boston had	116 votes
Honorable Levi Lincoln of Worcester had	116 votes

For Electors at Large

Honorable Thomas L. Winthrop of Boston had	116
Honorable Nathaniel Silsby had	116
Doctor Joseph Kittridge had	116
John Endicott had	116
Thomas Weston had	116
Edmond Cushing had	116
Jonathan Davis had	116
Cornelius Grinnel had	116
Augustus Tower had	116
Hezekiah Barnard had	116
William Walker had	116
Olvon (Alvin) Smith had	139
Enos Foot had	116
For Electors at Large } William Baglis had	23

	} William Reed had	23
Samuel Porter		23
Timothy Horton		23
Daniel Thissles (Thistles)		23
Edmond Foster		23
David How		22
William Sutton		23
Samuel Hubbard		23
Benjamin Raynolets		23
John M Williams		23
Benjamin Habert		23
Nimpheus Marston		23

November 1, 1824

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen November 1, 1824 agreeable to Warrant No 125 file 4

Opened said meeting and chose Jonathan Currier 2d Moderator

2nd Voted to take James Guttersons note for his Taxes in Jesse Sargents lists for 1819 & 1820 then dissolved said meeting

Attest: Joseph W. Carleton, Town Clerk