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March 2, 1840 – Annual Meeting

Annual Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs held March 2d 1840 agreeable to Warrant No 13 file 5

Opened Said Meeting and chose John Davis Esq. **Moderator**

Voted that the votes be brot (brought) in at the same time for the Town Clerk and three Selectmen to be deposited in two different (different) boxes –

Whole No. votes for **Town Clerk** was 380 and Moses Merrill had 215 votes & declared chosen and sworn. Josiah G. White had 165 votes

Chose Samuel H Harris and John Low **Selectmen & Sworn**

Voted to adjourn this meeting three fourths of an hour.

Meet (met) according to adjournment

Chose Moses Merrill **Town Treasurer**

Voted that the School Committee's report be printed and circulated –

Chose Reverend A. A. Miner, Reverend S. W. Fields and Reverent John C. Phillips School Committee

Surveyors of Highway

Edward Carleton	Samuel Cross	Alfred Clarke
Daniel Merrill 2d	J. B. Webster	Isaac Swan 2d
Mathew Messer	Hazen Lowell	Harris Whittier
Phineas M Gage	Aaron Jacks	John Russ Jr.
Isaiah wheeler	Ezekiel Clarke	Asa Whittier
John Smith 2d	Samuel Richardson	John P. Trull
Edward Kimball	Amos Griffen	Asa Currier

Fence Viewers – Sworn

Christopher Messer	John Frye	William Huse
Asa Currier	Joseph F. Ingalls	

Surveyors of Wood & Bark - Sworn

Amos Griffen	Samuel H. Harris	Joshua Buswell
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Artemas Herrick

Samuel Richardson

Joseph How

George A Waldo

Ebenezer Sawyer

William S Annis

Josiah C Lane

Edmond Sargent

Benjamin Griffen Jr.

Surveyors of Lumber - Sworn

John Wilson

Francis Frye 2d

B. B. Hall

Josiah C. Lane

Sealer of Weights & Measures – Sworn

George W Annis

Pound Keepers

Samuel Griffen

Samuel Crosby

Field Drivers – Sworn

Enos M Swent

Jeremiah N Doe

Joseph Buswell

Asa Barker

John Sawyer

Robinson How

Joshua C. Kent

Asa Whittier

Samuel Cross Jr.

? Frost

Fire Wardens

John Wilson

Frederic George

Joshua Buswell

Thomas Thaxter

Abiel Stevens

Ebenezer Sawyer

Voted to chose (choose) two **Constables** & chose Joshua Buswell and John Low

Voted to expt (accept) of the Report with Town Treasurer

Voted to raise twenty five hundred dollars to defray Town charges the year ensuing –

Voted to raise fifteen hundred dollars to repair Highways the year ensuing under the direction of the Surveyors of Highways

Voted to raise one thousand dollars for the support of schools the year ensuing –

Voted net cattle, horses and swine be restrained from going at large any part of the year

Voted that the Taxes be paid in to the Collector with a discount of 8 per cent on first 30 day & 6 per cent on 60 days and 4 per cent on 120 days next after the delivery of Tax bills after which the Collector is to proseed (proceed) to collect the taxes immediately & chose Moses Merrill Collector

Voted to reconsider the vote whereby the Town voted last fall to except (accept) the report for a new school district prayed for by Washington Merrill & others

Voted that the several Prudential School Committees be instructed to engage their own teachers –

Voted that the 12th article be referred to Selectmen to investigate whether the Town owns the Common or not & report to a future Meeting

Voted that the Selectmen furnish a harness for the Herse (hearse)

Voted to pass over 13(th) article

Votes for County Treasurer were for William F Wade Esq. 36 and George A Waldo one

Voted that the request of Horace Potter and Mrs Ayer be granted & then dissolved Said Meeting

Attest Moses Merrill Town Clerk

April 6, 1840

At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote for Senators and Representatives in General Court held April 6th 1840 agreeable to Warrant No. 14 file 5th for the purpose of giving in their votes by ballot for or against a propose article of Amendment of the Constitution –

The votes being given in sorted and counted and declaration thereof made were as follows

In favor of the Amendment 138 votes

Attest Moses Merrill Town Clerk

April 6, 1840

At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Town affairs held April 6 1840 agreeable to Warrant No 14 file 5th

Opened Said Meeting and chose John Davis Esq. Moderator

Voted to pass over 2d article

Voted to pass over 3d article

Voted to pass over 4(th) article

Attest Moses Merrill Town Clerk

November 1840

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified according to the Constitution to vote for Representative in General Court holden on the Second Monday of

November 1840 agreeable to Warrant No. 15 file 5 for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative of Said Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States for District No. 3

The votes being received sorted counted and declaration thereof made as the law directs when whole number of ballots were 451 and

Honorable Caleb Cushing had	242 votes
Honorable Gayton P Osgood had	204 votes
Honorable John Smith had	5 votes

Attest Moses Merrill Town Clerk

November 1840

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified according to the Constitution to vote for Representatives in General Court holden on the Second Monday of November 1840 agreeable to Warrant No 16 file 5 for the purpose of giving in their votes for Electors of President & Vice President of the United States.

The whole number of persons who gave in their votes was ascertained as directed in the Revised Statutes Chapter 4, Sec. 13 by counting the whole number of ballots given in and the whole number of ballots were 449

And the whole number of votes given in were received sorted counted and declared and record thereof made in open Town meeting as by Law directed and were as follows

Electors at Large

Honorable Isaac C Bates had	243 votes
Honorable Perley Sprague had	243 votes
Honorable William P Walker had	198 votes
Honorable Ebenezer Fisher had	198 votes
Honorable Francis Jackson had	6 votes
Silas Grosvenor had	6 votes
Seth Sprague had	1 vote
Amos Farnsworth had	1 vote

District No. 1

Richard Houghton had	243 votes
Caleb Eddy had	198 votes
Henry G Chapman had	7 votes

District No. 2

Stephen C Phillips had	243 votes
Robert Upton had	198 votes
William B Bassett had	6 votes
Jonathan Buffom (?) had	1 vote

District No. 3

Rufus Longley had	243 votes
Nathaniel Stevens had	198 votes
Ezekiel Hale Jr had	6 votes
Josiah Caldwell had	1 vote

District No. 4

Sydney Willard had	243 votes
Timothy Thompson had	198 votes
Stephen Goodhue had	6 votes
Josiah Bartlett had	1 vote

District No. 5

Ira M. Barton had	243 votes
Samuel ? Spurr had	195 votes
Joshua T Everett had	7 votes

District No. 6

George Grinnell Jr. had	243 votes
Caleb Hubbard had	198 votes
Samuel Ware had	6 votes
James Done (Dunn) had	1 vote

District No. 7

Thaddeus Pomroy had	243 votes
John Leland had	198 votes
Tyler Thacher had	7 votes

District No. 8

Samuel Minter had	243 votes
James Fowler had	198 votes
John M Fisk had	6 votes
Jefferson Church had	1 vote

District No. 9

Thomas French had	243 votes
Artemas Brown had	198 votes
Samuel Sewell had	7 votes

District No. 10

Wilkes Wood had	243 votes
Nathan C Brownell had	198 votes
Samuel Shaw had	7 votes

District No. 11

Joseph Tripp had	243 votes
Thomas Mandell had	198 votes
Rodney French had	7 votes

District No. 12

John B Thomas had	243 votes
Jesse Pierce had	197 votes
Elias Richards had	6 votes
Lovering M Reed had	1 vote

Attest Moses Merrill Town Clerk

November 9, 1840

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor Lieutenant Governor of Said Commonwealth, Senators and Counselors for Essex County held November 9 1840 agreeable to Warrant No 17 file 5

The votes being received sorted counted and declaration thereof made as the Law directs were as follows

Whole No. of ballots was 453

For Governor

Honorable John Davis had	240 votes
Honorable Marcus Morton had	207 votes
Wendell Phillips had	6 votes

For Lieutenant Governor

Honorable George Hull had	240 votes
Honorable Nathan Willis had	207 votes
Seth Sprague had	6 votes

Senators

Daniel P King had	241 votes
David Choate had	241 votes
Amos Abbot had	239 votes
Stephen Oliver had	241 votes
Henry W Kinsman had	241 votes
Horatio Robinson had	204 votes
John Gott had	204 votes
Benjamin F. Newhall had	204 votes
Joseph Kittredge had	204 votes
Nathan Webster had	204 votes
James P. Boyce had	6 votes
James O Black had	6 votes
William Jenkins had	6 votes
Benjamin Emerson had	6 votes
William Carruth had	6 votes

Attest Moses Merrill Town Clerk

November 9, 1840

**At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote for
Representatives held November 9 1840 agreeable to Warrant No. 18 file 5 for the purpose
of choosing one Representative to Represent Said Town in the General Court appointed to
be held at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next.**

The votes having been given in sorted counted and declaration thereof made as the Law directs were
as follows.

Whole number of ballots were 446 – and Samuel H Harris had 201 votes
Moses Webster had 1 vote
Moses Merrill had 243 votes and declared elected

Attest Moses Merrill Town Clerk

November 9, 1840

At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Town affairs held November 9 1840 agreeable to Warrant No 18 file 5

Opened Said Meeting and chose George A Waldo **Moderator**

Voted to except (accept) the Report of Selectmen on the petition of Walter Merrill & others to widen said road and then dissolved

Attest Moses Merrill Town Clerk

Record of School District No 10

Pursuant to a vote of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen passed at a legal meeting thereof held March 9th 1841 the subscribers Selectmen of said Methuen have set off a new School District No 10 in said Town upon & agreeable to the within Petition. The petitioners on their part having complied with the said vote of the said inhabitants. The new School we have set off as follows

Commencing at the house of Joseph Buswell & including the same
Thence to the house of Jonathan Currier Esq. including the same
Thence on the new Road to Christopher How's including said How
Then on the Village Road to the Village District

Methuen March 12th 1841

J. F. Ingalls	Selectmen
S. H. Harris } of	
E. Sawyer	Methuen

The Subscribers being by a vote of the Town of Methuen made a committee to reckon with the Treasurer and having attended that service they report thereon as follows (to wit) –

That there was in the Treasurer's hands on the 26 th day of February last Twelve	
Hundred Sixty eight dollars and sixty nine cents	\$1268.69
And there has been put into his hands since that time as follows	
Cash received of Commonwealth for support of paupers	137.82
Interest on State School Fund	74.46
Poll tax of Joseph Eastman	1.19
Silas Wheeler's Note	58.80
Interest on Fry Austins Note	.41
Rent in part of Elisa Bixbys pew	2.41

Tax list for the year 1840		<u>3568.16</u>
	Making in all	\$5111.94
And Said Treasurer has paid out as follows		
On Selectmen's Orders of 1840		\$3543.95
Interest paid on Sundry Notes against Said Town		128.88
Discount on Taxes for 1840		<u>223.06</u>
Leaving a balance in favor of the Town of	1206.05	\$3905.89

And we find due Said Treasurer as follows (to wit)

From Moses Merrill Collector for 1829	8.37
From Moses Merrill Collector for 1832	23.47
From Moses Merrill Collector for 1833	18.85
From Moses Merrill Collector for 1834	52.18
From Moses Merrill Collector for 1835	116.77
From Moses Merrill Collector for 1836	61.03
From Moses Merrill Collector for 1837	139.62
From Moses Merrill Collector for 1838	109.76
From Moses Merrill Collector for 1839	181.95
From Moses Merrill Collector for 1840	283.02
Note against Joseph Griffen	17.57
Note against Jacob W Morse	1.97
Note against James Gutterson	15.15
Note against Peabody & Pettengill	16.53
Note against Silas Wheeler	<u>58.80</u>
	\$1105.09
Cash in Treasurer's hands	<u>100.96</u>
	\$1206.06

All of which is respectfully submitted for the consideration of the Town

Moses Merrill Town Treasurer

1841

March 1, 1841 – Annual Meeting

Record of Annual Town Meeting for 1841

Annual Meeting o f the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held Monday March 1st 1841 agreeable to Warrant No. 19 file 5 for choice of Town officers

Opened Said Meeting and chose John Davis Esq. **Moderator**

Voted to bring in their votes for Town Clerk and Selectmen at the same time the votes being deposited in diverent (different) boxes

Chose Moses Merrill **Town Clerk and Sworn**

Voted to adjourn three fourths of an hour

Meet (met) according to adjournment

After balloting twice and no choice for Selectmen the meeting was adjourned to Monday next at 10 oclock A.M.

March 8 – Meet (met) according to adjournment

And chose Joseph F Ingalls Selectman

Voted to adjourn an hour

Meet according to adjournment

And chose Samuel H. Harris and Ebenezer Sawyer **Selectmen & Sworn**

Voted to adjourn to Tuesday next at one oclock P.M. March 9 1841

Meet (met) according to adjournment

And chose Moses Merrill **Town Treasurer & Sworn**

The School Committee made their Annual Report which was read & exepeted (accepted) and ordered to be printed & distributed

Chose Reverend A. A. Minor, Reverend J. C. Phillips & Reverend S. W. Field **School Committee**

Surveyors of Highway – Sworn

Michael Prescott
William Cross

Joseph A Bodwell
George W Gage

George Harris
Simon A. Harris

Enoch G. Jackman

April 5, 1841

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in elections held April 5 1841 agreeable to Warrant No. 20 file 5th for the purpose of giving in their votes for three County and two Special Commissioners for the County of Essex –

The votes being given in sorted counted & declaration thereof made as the Law directs were as follows (viz.)

Whole Number of ballots was 212

For County Commissioners

John Tenney had	105 votes
David Putnam had	102 votes
Moses Newell had	101 votes
Asa W Wildes had	86 votes
Asa T Newhall had	92 votes
Thomas E Payson had	89 votes
Charles Kimball had	16 votes
Robert Patten had	16 votes
William Whipple had	16 votes
Samuel H Harris had	1 votes

For Special Commissioners

John Safford had	118 votes
William Whipple had	101 votes
John W Allen had	90 votes
John Tenney had	68 votes
Benjamin F Newhall had	16 votes
Richard Luscomb had	1 vote
John T Allen had	1 vote

Attest Moses Merrill Town Treasurer

April 5, 1841

At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Town affairs held April 5th 1841 agreeable to Warrant No. 20 file 5th

Opened Said meeting and chose John Davis Esq. **Moderator**

Voted to pass over 2d article

3d article withdrawn by the Petitioner

Voted to pass over the 4th article

Voted that the Selectmen be aurtherised (authorized) to prevent any encroachments that may occur within their knowledge on the highways in Said Town –

Voted to expt (accept) the list of Jurors as presented by the Selectmen

Voted to pass over 8th article

Voted that the Town pay one half of the expense of a private school for three months or less as the District may pay the other half of the expense in District No. 3

Voted to refer the 10th article to the Selectmen to act as they think proper and then dissolved Said meeting

Attest Moses Merrill Town Treasurer

May 5, 1841

At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Elections held May 5th 1841 agreeable to Warrant No 21 file 5th for the purpose of giving in their votes for three County Commissioners and one Special Commissioner

The votes being given in sorted counted and declaration thereof made were as follows

Whole No. of Ballots were 176

County Commissioners

John Tenney had	84 votes
David Putnam had	84 votes
Moses Newell had	83 votes

Asa W Wildes had	87 votes
Asa T Newhall had	92 votes
Thomas E Payson had	91 votes
Charles Kimball had	1 vote
Thomas Payson had	1 vote
Samuel H Harris had	1 vote
Joshua Davis had	1 vote
Thomas C Payson had	1 vote

Special Commissioner

John W. Allen had 91 votes
William Whipple had 84 votes

Attest Moses Merrill Town Treasurer

August 5, 1841

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in elections held August 5th 1841 agreeable to Warrant No 22 file 5th –

The votes being given in sorted counted and declaration thereof made were as follows viz. —

Ralph H French	46 votes
Samuel Phillips	54 votes
Ebenezer M Dalton	2 votes
Stephen P Webb	1 vote

Attest Moses Merrill Town Treasurer

To Moses Merrill Town Clerk of Methuen

The Subscribers Selectmen of Methuen certify that the Real Estate tax (taxed) to John Marston and Ebenezer Austin of Salem N.H. and David Perry and George W Chadwick of Nashua N.H. is located in School District No. 10 which recently set off from District No. 4 and 6.

J. F. Ingalls

Ebenezer Sawyer } Selectmen

Samuel H Harris

A True Copy – Moses Merrill Town Clerk

1842

March 7, 1842 – Annual Meeting

Record of Annual Town Meeting

Annual Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held Monday March 7th 1842 agreeable to Warrant No 23 file 5 for choice of Town officers –

Opened Said meeting & chose George A. Waldo **Moderator**

Voted that the votes for Town Clerk & Selectmen be brought in at the same time & deposited in sepperate (separate) boxes.

Josiah G. White was chosen **Town Clerk & Sworn**

Samuel H. Harris, William Swan & George Harris were chosen **Selectmen & sworn**

Voted to adjourn to three fourth of an hour –

Met according to adjournment –

Josiah G. White was chosen **Treasurer & Sworn**

The School Committee made their annual report which was read & accepted & ordered to be printed & distributed

The Selectmen were chosen a committee to get said report printed & to distribute the same

Voted that there be one printed for each family in Town –

Chose Rev. A. A. Miner, Rev. P. C. Phillips & Rev. S. W. Field **School Committee**

Chose for **Constables** John Low – Sworn & James Long – Sworn

Surveyors of Highways – Sworn

Robinson How	Nelson P. Cross	Isaiah Silver
P. S. Morse	John B. Webster	Thomas O. Poor
Gorham P. Poor	Jacob Tyler	Christopher Messer
Abial Stevens	Daniel Merrill Jr.	Isaac B. Gardner
Leverett Bradley	Jonathan Merrill 2d	George Gutterson
John Whittier	Hezekiah Chadwick	Samuel Richardson
Asa Harvey	Ralph Clark	Christopher How
		Benjamin Richardson

Surveyors of Lumber – Sworn

John Wilson
Francis Frye 2d
Ezekiel Clark

K. C. Gleason
Nathaniel Hastings
Samuel Clark

Aaron Sawyer
C. C. Kimball
Samuel Richardson

Sealer of Weights & Measures – Sworn

Alvah Bennett

Pound Keepers

John Smith 2d Samuel M. Griffin

Voted that the Highway Surveyors be Field Drivers –

Voted that the following names be added to the list of **Field Drivers & Sworn**

John Low
Charles Ingalls

David Hupey
J. G. Webster

William Huse
Ebenezer Bark

Fire Wardens

John Wilson
William Thaxter

Frederick Gage
Abial Stevens

Joshua Buswell
Branchely Gutterson

Fence Viewers

Christopher Messer
Joseph Currier

John Frye
Joseph F. Ingalls

William Huse
Jonathan Morse

Surveyors of Wood & Bark – Sworn

Amos Griffin
James Herrick
J. F. Ingalls
Samuel H. Harris
S. L. Fogg
Edmund Sargent

Joshua Buswell
J. B. Atkinson
John Sawyer
Samuel Richardson
William Swan
Ebenezer Marsh

Geo. A. Waldo
K. C. Gleason
John B. Webster
Ebenezer Sawyer
John Russ 2

Voted to accept the report with Town Treasurer

Voted to raise eighteen hundred dollars to defray Town charges.

Voted to raise fifteen hundred dollars to repair roads & bridges the year ensuing –

Voted to raise twelve hundred dollars for the support of schools the year ensuing –

Voted that horses net cattle & swine be not permitted to go at large any part of the year –

Voted for **County Treasura (treasurer)**,

William F. Wade had thirty eight votes –

Voted to have the Taxes collected the same way they were last year –

J. G. White was **Collector & Sworn**

Voted that the Selectmen be aurtherised (authorized) to provide a place for holding future Town meetings –

Voted to pass over the 10th Article –

Chose the Selectmen (a) committee to examine the road leading form Jeremiah Frye's house to John Russ Esq. house to see what alteration is necessary to be made there, & report at the next meeting –

Voted to accept the 12th Article – whereby Benjamin Farington petitioned to have the Town accept the widening of the road near his house, as staked out by the Selectmen

Voted to set off Davis Farm from School District No 8 & annex it to No 10.

Voted to lay out the Methuen Company's highway tax, on the turnpike road, between Jonathan Merrill's house and Andover Bridge – under the direction of the Selectmen –

Voted to divide the Highway District in which John Tarbox was Surveyor last year –

Voted to leave it with the Selectmen to purchase a piece of land, of James Gage, near the Alms House –

Voted that the following Notes be distroyed (destroyed) –

Joseph Griffin vote dated 1823 for	\$17.57
James Gutterson Note dated 1824 for	15.15
Peabody & Pettengill Note dated 1827 for	16.58
Jacob W. Morse Note dated 1825 for	1.97

Voted to dissolve Said Meeting

Attest Josiah G. White Town Clerk

March 18, 1842

At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Town affairs held March 28th 1842 agreeable to Warrant No 24 file 5

Opened Said meeting & chose J. W. Carleton Esq. **Moderator**

Voted to pass over 2d Article

Voted to pass over 3d Article

Voted to dissolve Said Meeting

Attest Josiah G. White Town Clerk

The Subscribers being by a vote of the Town of Methuen made a Committee to reckon and settle with the Treasurer, and having attended that service they report thereon as follows.

To wit, That there was in the Treasurer hands on the twenty third day of February last twelve hundred six dollars & five cents 1206.05

and there has been put into his hands since that time as follows viz.

Tax List for the year 1841	3504.32
Cash received of the Commonwealth for support of State paupers, 1840 & 1841	83.90
Interest on State school fund of 1841	87.07
Cash received of Selectmen for board of Enoch Marshall's son	8.00
Cash received of Asa Palmer due to Eunice Marble	10.~~
Cash received of Town of Andover assistance rendered Sophia Shattuck	24.75
Cash received of Town of Andover assistance rendered E. Hall Family 1840	41.55
Cash received of Henry Spencer rent of Elija Bixby Pew	2.94
Note of F. S. Smith which was due to Eunice Marble	<u>7.50</u>
Making in all	\$4975.27

We find that Said Treasurer has paid out as follows

On Selectmen Orders of 1841	\$3259.69
Interest paid on Sundry Note against Town	145.03
Cash paid on Ebenezer Hibbard Note	100.00
Discount on taxes for 1841	<u>275.07</u>
Leaving a balance in favor of the Town	\$3779.79
	\$1195.48

And we find due the said Treasurer as follows

From Moses Merrill Collector for 1832	\$ 10.60
From Moses Merrill Collector for 1833	10.40
From Moses Merrill Collector for 1834	38.41
From Moses Merrill Collector for 1835	95.29
From Moses Merrill Collector for 1836	31.58
From Moses Merrill Collector for 1837	120.31
From Moses Merrill Collector for 1838	63.29

From Moses Merrill Collector for 1839	119.79
From Moses Merrill Collector for 1840	111.96
From Moses Merrill Collector for 1841	270.87
Note against Joseph Griffen dated 1823	17.57
Note against Jacob W. Morse dated 1825	1.97
Note against James Gutterson for 1824	15.15
Note against Peabody & Pettengill for 1827	16.58
Note against Silas P. Wheeler for 1841	58.80
Note against Francis S. Smith for 1839	7.50
Leaving a balance of Cash in Treasury	<hr/> \$205.71
	989.77

Notes against the Town	
One in favour of Lorenzo Sargent	\$ 564.60
One in favour of Clarisa Marston	250.00
One in favour of Ebenezer Hibbard	900.00
One in favour of John Davis	<hr/> 500.00
Amounting to	\$2214.60

All of which is respectfully submitted by

J. F. Ingalls
Samuel H. Harris } Committee
E. Sawyer

Methuen March 1st 1842

Signed Moses Merrill Town Treasurer
J. G. White Town Clerk

November 28, 1842

**At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote for
Representatives to General Court held Nov. 28th 1842 it being the fourth Monday in said
month agreeable to Warrant No 26 File 5th for the purpose of giving in their votes for one
Representative to represent said Town in the next General Court to be holden in Boston
on the first Wednesday of January next –**

1st Voted to reconsider the vote whereby it was voted on November 14th to not send a
Representative to General Court –

The votes being received, sorted, counted & declaration thereof made were as follows

Whole number of votes were 475

William Swan had	226
John Tenney	236
Jonathan Merrill	3
Aaron Jacks	2
Joseph How	1

S. H. Harris	1
John Russ Jr.	1
Amos Morse 3d	1
Wm S. Annis	1
John Russ	1
Asa Horn	2

There being no choice it was voted to dissolve the Meeting –

J. G. White Town Clerk

1843

February 13, 1843

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen, qualified according to the Constitution to vote for Representative in General Court, holden on Monday the thirteenth day of February 1843 agreeable to Warrant No 27 file 5th for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative of said Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States for district No 3

The votes being received, sorted, counted, & declaration thereof made as the Law directs.

Whole number of votes were 393

Joseph W. Mansur had	208
Amos Abbot had	177
John G. Whittier had	8

February 13, 1843

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Town affairs held February 13th 1843 agreeable to Warrant No 28 file 5th

Opened Said Meeting.

1st Chose John Davis Esq. **Moderator**

2d Article was to see what the Town would do respecting the claim the Town of Braintree has against the Town of Methuen for the assistance rendered Jeremiah B. Land in sickness in 1841

Chose Samuel H. Harris and John Tenney Esq. a Committee with authority to act in premises
To settle, or contest the same according to the best of their judgment.

3d To see what the Town would do with the road laid out by the County Commissioners on
Petition of Isaiah Silver & others.

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to let out, & cause the same to be built.

4th To see what the Town would do with road widened by the County Commissioners on
petition of Leverett Bradley & others

Voted, that the Town of Methuen lay out two hundred and fifty dollars on said road,
provided individuals pay in one hundred dollars to be laid out on said road under the direction of the
Selectmen.

Voted to dissolve said Meeting

Josiah G. White Town Clerk

March 6, 1843 – Annual Meeting

**Annual Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held Monday March 6th 1843
agreeable to Warrant No 29 file 5th for the choice of Town officers –**

Opened said meeting and chose John Davis Esq. **Moderator**

Voted that the ballots for **Town Clerk** & Selectmen be brought in at the same time & deposited
in separate boxes –

Whole number votes for Town Clerk was 287

Josiah G. White had	283 and was chosen & sworn
Josiah Dearborn had	2
Joshua Buswell had	1
John Davis had	1

Whole number ballots for **Selectmen** were 415

John Tenney Esq. had	212 and was chosen & sworn
J. W. Carleton Esq. had	167 and was not chosen
John Wilson had	197 and was not chosen
Joseph Currier had	194 and was not chosen
Amos Morse 3d had	195 and was not chosen
George Harris had	200 and was not chosen
Scattering	71

Voted to adjourn until half past one o'clock P.M.

Met according to adjournment

Voted the second time for Selectmen	
Whole number of ballots were	423
Necessary for a choice	212
Amos Morse 3d had	188
George Harris had	198
J. F. Ingalls had	203
John Wilson had	208
Scattering	57

There being no choice, the Town voted to pass over the chooseing (choosing) of the remaining Selectmen until the adjournment –

The votes were then brought in for **Treasurer**

Josiah G. White was chosen & sworn

The School Committee's Report was read & accepted

Voted that it be printed under the direction of the Said Committee –

Voted that the said report be amended by inserting the number of each district –

Voted that each teacher be furnished with a copy of the report –

Voted that the report of the School Committee be distributed to each family through each school when it commences –

Votes were then brought in for **School Committee**

Chose Rev. J. C. Phillips, Rev. S. W. Field and Rev. H. R. Nye for said committee

Chose for **Constables** John Low & Sworn & Joshua Buswell

Surveyors of Highways – Sworn

Benjamin Blood	Frederick Kimball	Elijah Hall
Joseph S. Morse	Asa Harris	Thomas O. Poor
Joseph F. Ingalls	Dean Emerson	Varnum Tyler
Nathan Wells	Joshua Webster	Nathaniel Gorrell
Charles Merrill	Moses Webster	Perley Morse
Joseph Buswell	Samuel Richardson	Asa Harvey
Samuel Griffin	Amos Morse 2d	Asa Bodwell
		James Currier

Surveyors of Lumber – Sworn

John Wilson	B. B. Hall	Samuel Harvey
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Aaron Sawyer
Amos Stickney
Samuel Richardson

Francis Frye 2d
Ezekiel Clark
Charles Clay

Nathaniel Hasting
Samuel Clark
John Anderson

Sealer of Weights & Measures – Sworn

Alvah Bennett

Pound Keepers – Chosen

John Smith 2nd

Samuel M. Griffin

Field Drivers – Sworn

John Low
Samuel Bodwell
George W. Gage
Isaiah Silver
Amasa S. Welch

George Barker
Jered S. How
Hemon Webster
Moody S. wheeler
John Frye

B. A. Stevens
Rufus How
Perley Morse
William Swan

Fire Wardens

John Wilson
John Low

Frederick George
Abial Stevens

Joshua Buswell
B. G. Gutterson

Fence Viewers – Sworn

Christopher Messer
Isaac Swan 2d

William Huse
Joseph Currier

Joseph F. Ingalls
Ezekiel Clark

Surveyors of Wood & Bark - Sworn

Amos Griffin
Frederick George
Samuel Richardson
John Russ Jr.
G. W. Cochrane
Samuel H. Harris

George A. Waldo
H. G. Gleason
Moses Merrill
Samuel Clark
J. F. Ingalls
Ebenezer Sawyer

Abiel Stevens
John B. Webster
Frederick Kimball
Joshua Buswell
John Sawyer
John B. Atkinson

Voted to accept the Selectmen's report with Town Treasurer

Voted to raise eighteen hundred dollars to defray Town charges.

Voted to raise fifteen hundred dollars to repair roads and bridges the year ensuing –

Voted to raise fifteen hundred dollars for the support of schools the year ensuing.

Voted that horses net cattle & swine be not permitted to go at large any part of the year

Voted to have the Taxes collected the same way they were last year.

Josiah G. White was chosen **Collector & Sworn**

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to provide a place for holding future Town meetings.

Voted to set Perley Morse off from School district No 1 and annexed him to district No 2

Voted to carry forward Article No 11 to adjournment.

Voted to pass over article No 12

Voted for **County Treasurer**

William Foster Wade had seventy eight votes
Scattering, two

Voted to adjourn to one o'clock tomorrow P.M.

March 7th Met at one o'clock P.M. pursuant to adjournment.

Voted for the other two Selectmen

Whole number Ballots were 399
Necessary for a choice 200

No one having that number they proceeded the fourth time to choose them –

The fourth time the whole number Ballots were 424

Necessary for a choice 213

J. F. Ingalls had 215 & was chosen & sworn

John Wilson had 217 & was chosen & sworn

George Harris had 202

Amos Morse 3d had 193

Scattering 28

Voted to pass over Article No 11

Chose John Stevens **Field Driver**

Voted to reconsider the vote, wherein it was voted to raise fifteen hundred dollars for the Support of Schools.

Voted to raise thirteen hundred dollars for the support of schools the ensuing year.

Voted to dissolve said meeting.

Report of Committee

The Subscribers being by a vote of the Town of Methuen made a Committee to reckon and settle with the Treasurer, and having attended that service they report thereon as follows To wit.

We have examined the Books and Accounts of Said Treasurer and find them correctly kept and cast, and he has proper vouchers for his payments – He charges himself as follows

To Balance of cash in the Treasurer on last year's settlement	\$ 205.71
To cash received of Moses Merrill collector of taxes prior to 1841	332.98
To County, Town, school & Methuen Co. highway Tax	2815.49
To Cash of State Treasurer, School Fund	73.80
To Cash of Commonwealth for support of State paupers	50.99
To Cash of E. G. Gage which was due Eunice Marble	26.00
To Cash of Selectmen which was due Polly Ordway	21.85
To Cash of Selectmen rent & sale of the right of Eliza Bixby Pew	20.20
To Cash of Selectmen balance of account with Capt. Cross	11.37
To Cash of Francis S. Smith Note & interest which was due E. Marble	8.85
To Cash of Moses Morse 3d abated Tax	.92
To Cash of James Messer poll tax omitted in tax list	.92
To Cash of Silas P. Wheeler Note dated January 2d 1841	<u>58.80</u>
	\$4627.88

He credits himself as follows

By paid on Selectmen orders	\$2382.06
By paid old orders last year	116.86
By paid County Tax	626.80
By paid Clarisa Marston Note	250.00
By paid Interest on Sundry Notes	143.69
By paid discount on County, Town & School taxes	256.75
By paid Note against Silas P. Wheeler	<u>58.80</u>
Balance of Cash in Treasurer	\$3834.96
	\$ 792.92

Notes against the Town

One in favour of Lorenzo Sargent	\$ 564.60
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One in favour of Ebenezer Hibberd	900.00
One in favour of John Davis Esq.	<u>500.00</u>
Amounting to	\$1964.60

All of which is respectfully submitted by

Samuel H. Harris
William Swan } Committee
George Harris

Methuen Feb. 27th 1843

Attest Josiah G. White Town Treasurer
Josiah G. White Town Clerk.

April 3, 1843

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified according to the Constitution to vote for Representative in General Court, holden on Monday the third day of April 1843 agreeable to Warrant No 30 file 5th for the purpose for giving in their votes for a Representative of said Commonwealth in the Congress of United States for District No 3

The votes being received, sorted, counted, and declaration thereof made as the law directs.

Whole number of votes were 391

Joseph W. Mansur of Lowell had	184
Amos Abbott of Andover had	155
John G. Whittier of Amesbury had	47
Caleb Cushing of Newbury Port	5

April 3, 1843

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Town affairs held April 3d 1843 agreeable to Warrant No 31 file 5th

Opened said meeting

1st Chose John Tenney Esq. **Moderator**

2nd Chose John Tenney Esq. to give a Deed of a pew in the First Parish Meeting House

3d Voted to pass over Article 3d

4th Voted to abolish School District No 1

5th Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to appoint a man in each highway district who shall procure help & open the roads as may be necessary that men shall be allowed 8 cents per hour and oxen 10 cent per yoke & per hour while necessarily engaged in opening the roads.

6th Voted to appropriate twelve dollars out of the Town Treasurer for School District No 3 provided the said district will subscribe and pay in twelve dollars more for the benefit of said district.

7th Voted to pass over article 7th

Voted to dissolve said meeting.

Attest Josiah G. White Town Clerk.

June 5, 1843

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified according to the Constitution to vote for Representative in General Court, holden on Monday the fifth day of June 1843 agreeable to Warrant No 32 file 5th for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative of Said Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States for District No. 3

The votes being received, sorted, counted and declaration thereof made as the law directs

Whole number of votes were	307
Joseph W. Mansur had	141
Amos Abbott had	113
John G. Whittier had	51
John Tenney had	1
Asa Horne had	1

Attest Josiah G. White, Town Clerk.

June 5, 1843

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Town affairs held June 5th 1843 agreeable to Warrant No. 33 file 5th

Opened said Meeting.

1st Chose John Tenney Esq. **Moderator.**

2d Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen which relates to widening the road near Capt. Aaron Jacks.

3d Voted to accept that part of the report of the Selectmen which relates to widening the Road on John Grave's land and Mary Buswell's land.

4th Voted to accept that part of the report which relates to widening the road by land of Jeremiah Frye

4th Voted to refer the 4th Article to the Selectmen which is to rebuild the Bridge near Osgood's Mills.

5th Voted to refer the 5th Article to the Selectmen.

6th Voted to choose a Committee of three to oppose the laying out a Road through Joseph Marston's land as petitioned for by Matthew Messer & others
Chose Capt. Samuel H. Harris
Joseph How Esq. } for Said
J. W. Carleton Esq. Committee

7th Voted that the Town now proceed to district the Town anew into School Districts.

Voted that the inhabitants which were formerly in district number one & the inhabitants which are now in district No. 2 be put together and called No. 1

Voted that the remaining districts remain as they now are & numbered to correspond.

8th Voted to pass over 8th Article.

9th Voted to pass over 9th Article.

10th Voted that Elbridge Griffin have the privilege to work out his highway tax on the private way from his house to the main road.

Voted to dissolve meeting.

November 13, 1843

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Elections held November 13th 1843 agreeable to Warrant No. 34 file 5th for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor, Lieut. Governor of this Commonwealth, and five Senators, and

a Representative to Congress of the United States, all on one ballot. Also to choose one Representative to represent said Town in the General Court to be held at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next.

The votes for Governor, Lieut. Governor, Senators & Representative to Congress being sorted, counted, recorded & declaration thereof made as the law directs, were as follows.

For Governor

Marcus Morton had	194 votes
George N. Briggs had	180 votes
Samuel E. Sewell had	52 votes

For Lieutenant Governor

Henry H. Child	193 votes
John Reed had	180 votes
William Jackson had	53 votes

For Senators

George Hood had	193 votes
Gayton P. Osgood had	193 votes
Stephen Ilsley had	193 votes
George Savary had	193 votes
Samuel Gilbert had	193 votes
Allen W. Dodge had	174 votes
John Safford had	172 votes
Alfred Kittredge had	174 votes
Francis S. Newhall had	172 votes
Thomas J. Clarke had	174 votes
Jesse Putnam had	55 votes
Daniel Perley had	55 votes
Dan Weed had	54 votes
William Carey had	54 votes
John Russ Jr. had	51 votes

For Representative to Congress

Joseph W. Mansur had	184 votes
Amos Abbott had	169 votes

John G. Whittier had 66 votes

Votes for Representative to General Court being sorted, counted, recorded & declaration thereof made as the law directs were as follows

Josiah G. White had	181 votes
John Tenney Esq. had	178 votes
Aaron Jacks had	53 votes
John Russ Jr. had	2 votes
William Swan had	2 votes
Geo. A. Waldo had	1 vote
J. F. Ingalls had	1 vote
H. Frye had	1 vote

There being no choice for a Representative to General Court, it was voted that the meeting to choose a Representative to General Court be indefinitely postponed

J. G. White, Town Clerk.

November 13, 1843

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Town affairs held Nov. 13th 1843 agreeable to Warrant No. 35 file 5th

Opened said Meeting.

1st Chose John Tenney Esq. **Moderator**

2d Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to move the Barn & repair the buildings on the Town Farm according to article 2d in Warrant and make contracts to accomplish the business.

Voted to refer the 3d article in Warrant to the Selectmen.

Voted that the request of the petitioners in 4th article in Warrant, be granted, and the Treasurer was authorized to give Said petitioners a title for the same.

Voted to dissolve Said meeting.

Josiah G. White, Town Clerk.