

1855

Essex SS. To John Low Constable of the Town of Methuen in said County of Essex
[Seal] **Greeting**

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the male inhabitants of said Town of Methuen qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to meet and assemble at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the fifth day of March next at Ten O'Clock A.M. then and there to act on the following articles (viz.)

- 1st To choose a **Moderator** to govern said Meeting.
- 2nd To choose all necessary Town officers for the year ensuing.
- 3rd To bring in their votes for a County Treasurer.
- 4th To raise such sums of money as the Town may deem necessary to defray Town charges the year ensuing.
- 5th To see what sum the Town will vote to raise to repair Highways and Bridges the year ensuing.
- 6th To see what sum of money the Town vote to raise for the support of schools the year ensuing.
- 7th To see if the Town will authorize the Prudential School Committee to hire Teachers the year ensuing.
- 8th To see if the Town will vote to restrain Horses, neat cattle & swine from running at large the year ensuing and act thereon as the Town shall think proper.
- 9th To see what pay the Town will allow the members of the Engine Company the year ensuing, and act thereon as the Town shall think proper.
- 10th To hear the Report of Committees and act thereon.
- 11th By request of D. C. Rollins and others, to see if the Town will accept the private way leading from the Lowell road to County road near the house of David M. Richardson and lay out the same as a Town Road.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to Town Clerk at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal at Methuen this twenty fourth day of February
1855.

Essex SS. Methuen March 1, 1855.

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the male Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to meet and assemble at the time and place and for the purposes therein named.

John Low Constable

March 5, 1855 – Annual Meeting

Annual meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to be held on Monday March fifth, 1855, agreeably to Warrant No 5 File 7 said meeting was opened at 10 O'Clock A.M.

Frank Leathe was chosen **Moderator**

Prayer by the Rev. J. C. Phillips

Charles Shed was chosen **Town Clerk**

Charles Shed was chosen Treasurer

Charles Shed was chosen Collector

Selectmen Chosen

Wm. H. Frye John D. Gage George W. Butters.

County Treasurer

Allen W. Dodge had 129 votes
Charles Shed had 2 votes

School Committee

Stephen Huse, Frank Leathe, Jacob Emerson Jr.

Voted to adjourn until 1 ¼ O’Clock P.M.

Met agreeable to adjournment.

Constables

Daniel T. Morrison Lorenzo Dow

Fire Wardens

Benjamin Kimball accepted	John Wilson	Ebenezer Sawyer
accepted		
Andrew Thompson accepted	Jared S. How accepted	

Fence Viewers

E. G. Jackman John Russ

Surveyors of Lumber

Samuel Harvey	Jerome Cross	Henry Tewksbury
Francis R. Frye	John Anderson	John Frederic
Samuel Clark	George Mills	Hugh Mills
Aaron Sawyer	Henry Bodwell	
John Low	Amos Morse	

Surveyors of Wood & Bark

Voted that they be appointed by the Selectmen

Henry Tewksbury sworn	S. B. Merrill	Alfred Clark sworn
Nathaniel Gorrill	Wm. H. Frye sworn	Frederic Kimball
Joseph F. Ingalls	John B. Webster	George Mills
Ralph Clark	Andrew Thompson sworn	Phineas Smith
George Harris	Leverett Messer	Joshua Webster sworn

Field Drivers

Voted that the Field Drivers be appointed by Selectmen.

George W. Butters	Moody S. Wheeler sworn	Asa Palmer 2 nd
Nelson P. Cross	Charles Mills	Charles How
Moses Kimball	Joseph M. Emerson	Aaron Sawyer

Alba A. Farr sworn
Benjamin. King sworn

Eliphalet Richardson

John Russ sworn

Sealer of Weights & Measures

Voted that he be appointed by Selectmen.

Cristy E. Brock sworn

Pound Keepers

Voted that they be appointed by the Selectmen.

Alba A. Farr David Cole

Surveyors of Highways [there is no indication what the x signified]

x Charles How	Joseph Pecker	Francis R. Frye sworn
Varnum Tyler	Aaron Sawyer	Aaron Jacks
John Low	Amos Currier	x Alba A. Farr
Asa Whittier	George W. Gage	Josiah Fox
x Wm. Jackson	x Ralph Clark	x Michael Prescott
x Charles Merrill	Moses Webster	Robert Taylor
x John B. Webster	Francis Frye	Wm. Wallace sworn
Christopher How		

Article 4th **Voted** to raise Thirty two hundred dollars to defray the Town charges for the year ensuing

Article 5th **Voted** to raise Eighteen hundred dollars for repairs of Highways and Bridges for the year ensuing

Article 6th **Voted** to raise Two Thousand dollars for the support of Schools for the year ensuing

Article 7th **Voted** that the Prudential School Committee be authorized to employ Teachers for the year ensuing.

Article 8th **Voted** that Horses, Neat Cattle, and Swine be restrained from running at large the year ensuing.

Article 9th **Voted** to pay the members of the Engine Company twenty five cents per hour when on actual duty

Article 10th **Voted** that the Report of the School Committee be accepted.

Voted that the Financial Report be accepted.

Voted that the following list of **Jurors** be adopted and chosen.

Charles Ingalls	Joseph Currier	S. F. Dearborn
Ralph Clark	H. C. Gleason	Guy Carleton
John Russ	Josiah G. White	Joshua P. Hill
Lorenzo Dow	Alfred Clark	T. W. White
Joseph S. Morse	Daniel Merrill 2 nd	Michael Prescott
Amos Morse	G. W. Butters	Daniel Merrill 3 rd
Ebenezer Marsh	John Anderson	E. M. Clark
J. W. Carleton	Thomas Spofford	Justin E. Griffin
Samuel H. Harris	Gilbert Emerson	Hazen Bodwell
Lewis Gage	Samuel Richardson 2 nd	G. W. Gage
Theodore P. Huse	John W. Mann	Ebenezer Sawyer
David Gleason	Joseph F. Ingalls	Edmund P. Sargent
Leonard Morrison	John B. Webster	Henry Knight
Daniel Currier	Joseph Howe	
Matthew Messer	Charles E. Goss	

Article 11th **Voted** to accept the private way leading from the Lowell road to the County road near the house
of David M. Richardson

A verbal report on the River Road was made by the Selectmen.

Voted that the new board of Selectmen have authority to investigate the whole matter to employ
council if necessary and report at a future meeting.

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest Chas. Shed Town Clerk

Special Constables appointed by Selectmen.

Chas. E. Goss

T. C. Mason

Thomas Spofford

Police Officers appointed by Selectmen

James M. Richardson
Samuel Crosby

Leonard O. Waldo
Solomon Shattuck

Jotham S. Rider

(Seal)

Essex SS. To Lorenzo Dow Constable of the Town of Methuen
Greeting

You are hereby directed in the name of the
Common-
wealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the male inhabitants of said Methuen
qualified by law
to vote for Senators and Representatives in the General Court to meet and assemble at the
Town Hall
in said Methuen on Wednesday **the twenty third day of May (1855)** inst. (instant) it
being the Fourth Wednesday of said Month at Two O'Clock P.M. to bring in their votes
by ballot to the Selectmen for
or against either or all of the six Articles of Amendments to the Constitution of this
Commonwealth. Pursuant to Resolves of the General Court of Massachusetts, Entitled –

Resolves relating to the proposed Amendments of the Constitution approved by the **Governor** the first day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty five.

The Poll to be kept open till Five O'Clock
Hereof fail not and have you there this Warrant with your doings thereon.

Given under our hands and seal at Methuen this Eleventh day of May One
Thousand eight hundred and fifty five

Geo. W. Butters Selectmen
Wm. H. Frye } of
J. D. Gage Methuen

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified and warned the male inhabitants of Methuen qualified by law to vote in elections to meet and assemble at the time and place, and for the purposes therein named.

Lorenzo Dow Constable

A true Copy

Attest

Chas. Shed Town Clerk

May 23, 1855

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of Methuen qualified by law to vote in Town Affairs, held on Wednesday May 23rd 1855, agreeably to Warrant No. 6 File 7 for the purpose of bringing their votes by ballot to the Selectmen for or against either or all of the Six Articles of Amendments to the Constitution of this Commonwealth. Pursuant to Resolves of the General Court of Massachusetts. Entitled. Resolves relating to the proposed Amendments of the Constitution approved by the Governor the first day May in the year, one thousand eight

hundred and fifty five. The votes were sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made as the law directs and were as follows. Viz.:

Articles of Amendment

Article First	Yes	51
	No	3
Article Second	Yes	53
	No	1
Article Third	Yes	49
	No	5
Article Fourth	Yes	48
	No	5
Article Fifth	Yes	54
	No	
Article Sixth	Yes	47
	No	6

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest

Chas Shed Town Clerk

Methuen May 31 1855

Branch G. Gutterson was appointed Agent for the Town of Methuen for the purchase and sale of Intoxicating Liquors.

Essex SS. To Lorenzo Dow Constable of the Town of Methuen in said County of Essex

Greeting:

You are hereby directed in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the male Inhabitants of said Methuen qualified by law to vote in elections, to meet and assemble at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday the **sixth day of November next A.D. 1855** at Twelve O'Clock M. to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a **Governor** and Lieut. **Governor** of said Commonwealth, Secretary,

Treasurer and Receiver General Auditor of Accounts, Attorney General of said Commonwealth and for Five Senators for the said County of Essex, and for one County Commissioner, for County Treasurer, and for Register of Deeds for the County of Essex on one ballot.

Also to bring in their votes on a separate ballot for a Representative to represent the said Town in the General Court next to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next.
The Poll to be kept open until Four O'Clock P.M. and no longer.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with doings thereon to the Selectmen
at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal at Methuen this twentieth day of October A.D.
1855.

Geo. W. Butters } Selectmen
Wm. H. Frye } of Methuen

Essex SS. Town of Methuen October 27, 1855.

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen herein described to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned by posting up attested copies of this Warrant at each of the public Meeting Houses in said Town, ten days before the time set for said Meeting.

Lorenzo Dow Constable of Methuen
A true Copy Attest Chas. Shed Town Clerk

November 6, 1855

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified by law to vote in Elections held on Tuesday the sixth day November 1855, agreeable to Warrant No 7 File 7 at Twelve O.Clock M. (mid day) for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Governor and Lieut. Governor of the said Commonwealth, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor of Accounts, Attorney General of said Commonwealth and for five Senators for the

**said County of Essex, and for one County Commissioner, Country Treasurer, and for Register
of Deeds for the County of Essex: also for a Representative to represent the Town of
Methuen
in the General Court next to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday of January
next: the votes were sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made as the
law directs and were
as follows Viz.**

The whole number of Ballots for **Governor** was 406

Henry J. Gardner of Boston had	144 votes
Erasmus D. Beach of Springfield had	124 votes
Julius Rockwell of Pittsfield had	117 votes
Samuel H. Walley of Roxbury had	21 votes

The whole number of Ballots for **Lieut. Governor** was 404

Henry W. Benchley of Worcester had	141 votes
Caleb Stetson of Braintree had	123 votes
Simon Brown of Concord had	116 votes
Moses Davenport of Newburyport had	24 votes

The whole number of Ballots for **Secretary of State** was 402

Francis DeWitt of Ware had	138 votes
Jonathan E. Field of Stockbridge had	124 votes
George F. Williams of Boston had	117 votes
Wendell F. Davis of Greenfield had	23 votes

The whole number of Ballots for **Treasurer & Receiver General** was 402

Moses Tenney Jr. of Georgetown had	138 votes
Stedman Buttrick of Concord had	124 votes
Thomas J. Marsh of Waltham had	117 votes
John Sargent of Cambridge had	23 votes

The whole number of Ballots for **Auditor of Accounts** was 402

Chandler R. Ransom of Roxbury had	138 votes
Giles H. Whitney of Winchendon had	124 votes
Stephen N. Gifford of Duxbury had	118 votes
Joseph Mitchell of Boston had	22 votes

The whole number of Ballots for **Attorney General** was 402

Albert H. Nelson of Woburn had	138 votes
Nathaniel J. Lord of Salem had	124 votes
E. Rockwood Hoar of Concord had	118 votes
Reuben A. Chapman of Springfield had	22 votes

The whole number of Ballots for **Senators** was 402

John Batchelder of Lynn had	138 votes
William Sutton of Salem had	138 votes
Augustus C. Carey of Ipswich had	136 votes
Ben Osgood of Lawrence had	138 votes
William Hall of Bradford had	138 votes
Jefferson Knight of Marblehead had	124 votes
Alfred P. French of Methuen had	123 votes
William E. Currier of Newburyport had	124 votes
Eben H. Safford of Haverhill had	124 votes
Eben H. Stacey of Gloucester had	124 votes
Charles W. Upham of Salem had	116 votes
Eben F. Stone of Newburyport had	114 votes
John D. Black of Danvers had	114 votes
Marcus Morton Jr. of Andover had	114 votes
George Cogswell of Bradford had	115 votes
Nathaniel Sillsbee of Salem had	22 votes
Henry G. Gray of Marblehead had	23 votes
William N. Cleaveland of Topsfield had	23 votes
Henry H. Oliver of Lawrence had	24 votes
James H. Carleton of Haverhill had	23 votes

The whole number of Ballots for **Country Commissioners** was 399

Ebenezer B. Currier of Lawrence had	138 votes
Dean Robinson of W. Newbury had	124 votes
Edmund Kimball of Bradford had	116 votes
James D. White of Haverhill had	21 votes

The whole number of Ballots for **County Treasurer** was 383

Allen W. Dodge of Hamilton had	259 votes
John D. Cross of Ipswich had	124 votes

The whole number of Ballots for **Register of Deeds** was 261

Ephraim Brown of Salem had	261 votes
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The whole number of Ballots for **Representative to the General Court** was 398

Joseph F. Ingalls had	161 votes
John Low had	130 votes
Charles Shed had	105 votes
Franklin Boynton had	1 vote
E. Sawyer had	1 vote

The following Resolution was presented and passed unanimously.

Whereas this village has been visited within the last three weeks by two destructive Fires, which were undoubtedly set by the midnight incendiary, and whereas, we are still as liable to suffer yet more severely from the same outrages if immediate means are not adopted to avert the calamity, therefore

Resolved, that the Selectmen of the Town be requested to offer the highest reward, allowed in the Statutes, for the discovery and apprehension of the guilty persons.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Attest,
Chas. Shed Town Clerk

Special Police Officers appointed by the Selectmen

Francis Sawyer appointed Police officer to be in office eight months from June 18 1855.

The following persons were appointed Special Police Officers Nov. 8 1855 and to continue in office until March 1, 1856.

Samuel E. Foss	Granville Mason
Lorenzo Dow	Samuel A. Harvey

The following persons were appointed Police officers Nov 10, 1855 with all the powers of Constable except the power of serving in a Civil Process and to continue in office until March 1, 1856.

Charles E. Goss	Thomas C. Mason
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1856

[Seal]

Essex SS. To Lorenzo Dow Constable of the Town of Methuen in said County of Essex

Greeting

You are hereby requested in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the male inhabitants of said Town of Methuen qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to meet and assemble at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the Third day of March next at Ten O'Clock A.M. then and there to act on the following Articles. Viz.

- 1st To choose a **Moderator** to govern said Meeting.
- 2nd To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
- 3rd To raise such sums of Money as the Town may deem necessary to defray Town Charges the year ensuing.
- 4th To see what sum of Money the Town will vote to raise to repair Highway & Bridges the year ensuing.
- 5th To see what sum of Money the Town will raise for the support of Schools the year ensuing.
- 6th To see the Town will authorize the Prudential Committee to hire Teachers the year ensuing.
- 7th To see if the Town will vote to restrain Neat Cattle, Horses, and Swine the year ensuing, or any part thereof.
- 8th To see what pay the Town will allow the members of the Engine Company, the year ensuing, and act thereon as the Town may think proper.
- 9th To hear the Report of Committees and act thereon.
- 10th At the request of J. C. Kent to see what action the Town will take in regard to that part of the Burying Ground laying east of Lawrence Street, so called, and in case of sale to give deed of the same also to see what they will do in regard to the fences around the Burying Ground.

11th At the request of Joseph R. Bodwell to see if the Town will authorize some person or persons to sell and give a deed of the same of a piece of land near his house laid common by the new road.

12th At the request of Edward Young of Dracut, to see if the Town will authorize some person or persons to sell him a piece of land, (and give a deed of the same) laying near his land and belonging to the Town Farm, or make such arrangements in the case as they may think proper.

13th To see what action the Town will take in regard to a suit now pending between the City of Boston and Town of Methuen.

14th At the request of P. W. Smith and Daniel Currier and others, to see if the Town will vote to rent the Town Hall for Singing Schools for the benefit of the Town for One Dollar per night or at cost.

15th At the request of Charles F. Abbot to see if the Town will allow him to work out his Highway Tax on the private way between his house and the main road.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doing thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal at Methuen **this twenty third day of February 1856.**

Geo. W. Butters } Selectmen of
Wm. H. Frye } Methuen

Essex SS.

Town of Methuen Feby 23 1856

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen herein described to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned by posting up attested copies of this Warrant at three public places in said Town ten days before the time set for said meeting.

A true copy Attest

Lorenzo Dow. Constable of Methuen
Chas. Shed, Town Clerk

March 3, 1856 – Annual Meeting

**Annual Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified by law to vote
in Town affairs, held on Monday March third 1856, agreeably to Warrant No 8 File 7 said Meeting was opened at 10 O'Clock A.M.**

Art. 1st John Davis was chosen **Moderator**
Prayer by Rev. J. C. Phillips
Art. 2nd Charles Shed was chosen **Town Clerk**
Charles Shed was chosen **Treasurer**
Charles Shed was chosen **Collector**

Selectmen Chosen

Joseph F. Ingalls sworn, Saml. H. Harris sworn, John C. Webster sworn.

Voted to adjourn until One O'Clock P.M.

Met agreeable to adjournment.

School Committee Chosen

J. C. Phillips	B. F. Bronson	W. Spaulding
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Constables Chosen

Daniel G. Morrison sworn	Lorenzo Dow sworn
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Fire Wardens Chosen

John Low accepted Sawyer	John Wilson accepted	Ebenezer
Benjamin Kimball accepted	Andrew Thompson accepted	

Fence Viewers Chosen

E. G. Jackman sworn	John Russ sworn	Rufus Griffin
J. O. Parker	Parker Morse sworn	Perley Morse
Moody Wheeler sworn		

Surveyors of Lumber Chosen

Samuel Harvey Tewksbury	Jerome Cross sworn	Henry
Francis R. Frye sworn	John Anderson sworn	John Frederick
Samuel Clark	George Mills sworn	Hugh Mills
Aaron Sawyer sworn	Henry Bodwell	John Low
Amos Morse	J. O. Parker sworn	

Surveyors of Wood & Bark

Voted that they be appointed by the Selectmen.

Henry Tewksbury sworn	E. Sawyer	P. W. Smith
Joshua Webster sworn Kimball	Wm. H. Frye sworn	Frederick
Alfred Clark	John B. Webster	Geo. W. Gage
Andrew Thompson	George Mills sworn	

Field Drivers

Voted that they be appointed by the Selectmen.

John Russ	Charles Howe	Samuel Cross
Charles E. Goss	Ralph Clark	Asa Whittier
Charles O. Barker Kimball	Alfred Clark	Edward
William P. Cross	George Lowell	Alba A. Farr

Sealer of Weights & Measures

Voted that he be appointed by the Selectmen. - C. E. Brock sworn

Pound Keepers

Voted that they be appointed by the Selectmen.

Hezekiah Chadwick	David Cole
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Surveyors of Highways

George Mills Frye sworn	Jerome Cross sworn	William H.
James Messer sworn sworn	James Allen sworn	Wm. Currier
John Low sworn sworn	Benaiah Pettengill	H. Chadwick
Asa Whittier sworn	Geo. W. Gage sworn	Elijah Hall
Gilman H. Smith sworn	H. M. Perley sworn	Samuel Poor

Augustus Moody sworn	Robert Taylor	E. G. Jackman
John Russ sworn	Francis Frye	Perley Morse
Chas. Richardson sworn		

Art. 3rd **Voted** to raise Thirty Five Hundred Dollars to defray the Town charges the year ensuing.

Art. 4th **Voted** to raise Eighteen Hundred Dollars for repairs of Highways & Bridges the year ensuing.

Art. 5th **Voted** to raise Twenty One Hundred Dollars for the support of Schools, the year ensuing.

Art. 6th **Voted** to authorize the Prudential Committee to hire the Teachers the year ensuing.

Art. 7th **Voted** to restrain Neat Cattle, Horses and Swine the year ensuing.

Art. 8th ***Voted** that the pay of the members of the Engine Company be the same as last year.

Art. 9th **Voted** that the Financial Report be accepted and adopted.

Voted that the School Report be accepted and adopted.

Voted that the List of Jurors be accepted and adopted.

List of Jurors

The following List of Juror was accepted and adopted.

J. F. Ingalls	Saml. H. Harris	Jared S. Howe
Henry Knight	Thomas Spofford	John L.
Blaisdell		
Saml. Richardson 2 nd	Josiah G. White	Enoch G.
Jackman		
Daniel Merrill 3 rd	B. G. Gutterson	Leverett
Messer		
Joshua P. Hill	Wm. H. Wallace	Wm. H. Frye
Hazen Bodwell	John Emerson	Henry A.
Bodwell		
Joseph How	Charles Shed	Chas. F.
Abbott		
Leonard Morrison	John W. Mann	Thos. C.
Mason		
T. P. Huse	S. R. Merrill	Benjn. Blood

Ebenezer Sawyer	Wm. Jackson	Elbridge
Griffin		
John Russ	Lewis Gage	George Harris
John Anderson	Henry Townsend	Chas O.
Barker		
Gilbert Emerson	Jonathan Cluff	John W.
Searle		
John B. Webster	Nelson P. Cross	

Art. 10th **Voted** that the subject be referred to the Selectmen with authority to act as they may think best and should they make a sale.

Voted that the Treasurer should be authorized to give a deed of the same under the direction of the Selectmen.

Art. 11th **Voted** that the Selectmen be authorized to make sale of the land: and that the Treasurer be authorized to give a deed of the same under the direction of the Selectmen.

Art. 12th **Voted** that the subject be referred to the Selectmen for them to act as they may think proper and should they make a sale **Voted** that the Treasurer be authorized to give a deed under the direction of the Selectmen.

Art. 13th **Voted** that the subject be referred to the Selectmen with full power to act as they may think proper.

Art. 14th **Voted** that the prayer of the Petitioners be granted when the Hall is not otherwise wanted.

Art. 15th **Voted** that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

Voted that the thanks of the Town be tendered to John Davis, Esq. for the faithful and impartial manner he has presided as **Moderator** at their Town Meetings during the many past years.

On motion of Ebenezer Sawyer

Resolved, that the Selectmen be permitted to close up their accounts on the middle of February.

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest

Chas. Shed, Town Clerk

Selectmen's Report

Dr.

Treasurer's Account

For Amount Paid Selectmen's Orders	\$4614.37
For Amount Paid County Tax	1496.00
For Amount Paid State Tax	841.50
For Interest on Notes	876.96
For Amount Paid R. Howe's Note in part	100.00
For Amount Paid B. G. Gutterson's Notes & Interest	802.50
For Amount Paid R. M. Sawyer Note in part	100.00
For Amount Paid A. H. Hunt Note in part	25.00
For Amount Paid R. Emerson's Note & Interest	525.17
For Amount Paid Discount on Taxes	514.90
For Amount Paid Collecting Taxes	77.00
For Amount Paid Recording Births, Deaths & Marriages	17.56
For Amount Paid Making out returns of Births, Death & Marriages and recording Militia Roll	5.00
For Amount Cash Paid Springfield Fire Ins. Co.	22.50
For Amount Cash Paid Etna Fire Ins. Co.	22.50
For Amount Cash Paid for Printing stationery books Express etc.	13.40
	\$10,074.36
Balance in Treasurer's hands	<u>1,529.88</u>
	\$11,604.24

Cr. **Treasurer's Account**

By Balance due on settlement March, 1855	\$ 4765.68
By Balance Tax List for 1855	7707.67
By Cash of State School Fund for 1854	106.56
By Cash of State School Fund for 1855	94.35
By Cash of State Paupers	5.24
By Cash of City of Lawrence for their proportion Of State & County Tax for 1854	94.54
By Cash Hired of Individuals	2375.00
By Cash Rent of Town House	603.20
By Cash of S. Shattuck	100.00
By Cash of Lorenzo Dow for Tent of Town Hall to Feby (February) 29 1856.	37.00
By Cash of Lorenzo Dow for use of Selectmen's Room for Court.	<u>5.00</u> \$11,604.24

The Selectmen have examined the Books and Accounts of the Treasurer of said Town and find them correctly kept and he has proper vouchers for his payments.

The foregoing abstract will show the amount of money received and paid out during the past year, and the amount now remaining in his hands.

Geo. W. Butters } Selectmen of
Wm. H. Frye } Methuen

Methuen March 1, 1856

A true Copy

Attest

Chas. Shed Town Clerk

Special Constables

Charles E. Goss and Thomas C. Mason were appointed Special Constables to exercise the same powers as other Constables so far as regards the preserving of the Public Peace and the service of Criminal Process for One Year from March 3, 1856.

J. Decatur was appointed Police Officer for the year ensuing. Aug 2, 1856.

Reorganization of Spiggot Engine Company

G. P. Mason - Foreman x	William Wallace - Steward x
Lorenzo Dow, - Ass. Foreman x	John N. Webster - Steward x
D. A. W. Perkins - Clerk x	Luke Hutchinson - Steward x
Samuel Foss - L. Hoseman x	A. S. Frost - Steward x
Phineas Stevens - L. Hoseman x	David Richardson - Steward x
Henry Merrill - L. Hoseman x	S. P. Coolidge - Steward x
W. H. Butters - L. Hoseman x	Aaron Gilcrest - Steward x
David Ingalls - L. Hoseman x	T. J. Richardson - Steward x
Charles Butters - L. Hoseman x	S. A. Harvey - Steward x
William Wallace - Stand of Com. x	James Harvey - Steward x
Samuel Foss - Stand of Com. x	J. M. Richardson - Steward x
Henry Tewksbury - Stand of Com. x	John Harvey - Steward x
William Mansur - Stand of Com. x	Warren McKay - Steward x
Ransom Goodell - Stand of Com. x	Joseph R. Sanborn - Steward x
George H. Townsend x	F. H. Merrill x
Henry A. Currier x	E. M. Gage x
Calvin J. Sargent	Jerome Stevens x
Adams H. Cogswell x	George W. Hennison x
Cyrus Blood	Edmund E. Gage x
W. C. Varnum x	A. S. Stevens x
Andrew Coleman x	D. H. Milbury
Moses W. Bowen	Simon Norwitzky
Daniel Batchelder	J. S. Rider
J. G. Douglass	John W. Rowe

O. H. Dow
Daniel Gleason
A. S. Hill
George Harvey

J. E. Sager
John C. Webster
Eben. Sawyer
Franklin Saunders

(Seal) Essex SS. To Lorenzo Dow Constable of the Town of Methuen in said County of Essex

Greeting

You are hereby directed in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the male inhabitants of said Methuen qualified by law to Vote in Elections to meet and assemble at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday the **fourth day of November next A.D. 1856** at Ten O'Clock A.M. to bring in their votes to the Selectmen, for a **Governor**, and Lieut. **Governor**, of said Commonwealth, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General, Attorney General, Auditor of Accounts, District Attorney for the Eastern District, Councilor for District Number six, for five Senators for the County of Essex, three Commissioners of Insolvency for the County of Essex, Register of Insolvency for said County, Sheriff of said County, Register of Probate for said County, Clerk of the Courts of said County, One County Commissioner, and Two Special Commissioners, all on one ballot. Also for thirteen Electors of President and Vice President of the United States, and for a Representative in the Congress of the United States, for District Number Seven (on one ballot).

Also for one Representative to represent this Town in the next General Court, on a separate ballot, the Poll to be kept open till four O'Clock and no longer.

Thereof fail not and due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at the time and place of said Meeting.

Given under our hands and seal at Methuen this twenty second day of **October A.D. 1856.**

Joseph F. Ingalls Selectmen
Sam H. Harris } of
 John C. Webster

Methuen

Essex SS.

Town of Methuen October 25th 1856.

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen herein described to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned by posting up attested copies of this Warrant in three public places in said Town ten days before the time set for said meeting.

Lorenzo Dow Constable of Methuen

A true Copy

Attest

Chas. Shed Town Clerk

November 4, 1856

**At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of Methuen qualified by law to vote in Elections,
held on Tuesday the Fourth day of November A.D. 1856, agreeable to Warrant No 9
File 7
at Ten O'Clock A.M. for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor and
Lieut. Governor, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General, Attorney General,
Auditor of Accounts, District Attorney for the Eastern District, Councilor for
District number Six, for the Five Senators
for the County of Essex, three Commissioners of Insolvency for the County of Essex,
Register
of Insolvency for said County, Sheriff of said County, Register of Probate for said
County,
Clerk of the Courts of said County, One County Commissioner, and Two Special
Commissioners, Thirteen Elector of President and Vice President of the United States,
Representative in the Congress of the United States for District Number Seven, also
for One Representative to represent this Town in the next General Court, the votes
were sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made as the law directs and
were as follows, Viz.,**

The whole number of Votes **for Governor** was 484

Henry J. Gardner of Boston had	291 votes
Erasmus D. Beach of Springfield had	140 votes
George William Gordon of Boston had	42 votes
Luther V. Bell of Charlestown had	11 votes

The whole number of Ballots **for Lieut. Governor** was 483

Henry W. Benchley of Worcester had	292 votes
Albert Currier of Newburyport had	139 votes
Homer Foot of Springfield had	52 votes

The whole number of Ballots **for Secretary** was 483

Francis DeWitt of Ware had	292 votes
Jonathan E. Field of Stockbridge had	139 votes
William M. Cornell of Boston had	42 votes
William S. Lincoln of Worcester had	10 votes

The whole number of Ballots **for Treasurer and Receiver General** was 483

Moses Tenney Jr. of Georgetown had	292 votes
George Foster of Lynn had	42 votes
Stedman Buttrick of Concord had	139 votes
John Sargent of Cambridge had	10 votes

The whole number of Ballots **for Attorney General** was 483

John H. Clifford of New Bedford had	344 votes
Ezra Wilkinson of Dedham had	139 votes

The whole number of Ballots **for Auditor of Accounts** was 483

Chandler R. Ransom of Roxbury had	292 votes
Giles H. Whitney of Winchendon had	139 votes
Timothy Ingraham of New Bedford had	42 votes
Joseph Mitchell of Boston had	10 votes

The whole number of Ballots **for District Attorney** was 432

Alfred A. Abbott of South Danvers had	292 votes
Benjamin F. Watson of Lawrence had	139 votes
John H. Clifford of New Bedford had	1 vote

The whole number of Ballots **for Councilor for Dis. No. 6** was 431

William J. Eames of Malden had	292 votes
Walter Fessenden of Townsend had	139 votes

The whole number of Ballots **for Councilor for Dis. No. 5** was 52

James G. Carleton of Haverhill had	52 votes
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The whole number of Ballots **for Senators for the County of Essex** was 483

John Batchelder of Lynn had	292 votes
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Caleb D. Hunking of Haverhill had	292 votes
Charles W. Upham of Salem had	292 votes
Eben F. Stone of Newburyport had	292 votes
Eben S. Poor of South Danvers had	291 votes
Alfred J. French of Methuen had	139 votes
John Parsons of Gloucester had	139 votes
John Adams of Topsfield had	139 votes
Henry Durant of Lynn had	139 votes
Henry Johnson of Newburyport had	139 votes
Moses Davenport of Newburyport had	52 votes
James Manning of Rockport had	52 votes
Charles E. Schoff of Lynn had	52 votes
George Wilson of Marblehead had	52 votes
David Daniels of South Danvers had	52 votes
E. F. Putnam had	1 vote

The whole number of Ballots **for Commissioners of Insolvency for the County of Essex** was 182

Lonson Nash of Gloucester had	293 votes
Daniel E. Safford of Hamilton had	293 votes
John G. King of Salem had	293 votes
Thomas P. Pingree of Salem had	189 votes
Eben Blatchford of Rockport had	189 votes
Thomas Stevens of Beverly had	189 votes

The whole number of Ballots **for Register of Insolvency** was 482

Sidney C. Bancroft of South Danvers had	50 votes
Abner C. Goodell of Lynn had	293 votes
Charles H. Stickney of Lynn had	139 votes

The whole number of Ballots **for Sheriff for the County of Essex** was 481

James Carey of Lawrence had	289 votes
Thomas E. Payson of Rowley had	139 votes
Thomas E. Payson of Salem had	53 votes

The whole number of Ballots **for Register of Probate for the County of Essex** was 343

Jonathan Perley Jr. of Salem had	280 votes
James Ropes of Salem had	63 votes

The whole number of Ballots **for Clerk of the Courts of Essex County** was 474

Asahel Huntington of Salem had	292 votes
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Harrison G. Johnson of Newburyport had 182 votes

The whole number of Ballots **for County Commissioner** was 482

George Haskell of Ipswich had	284 votes
Robert G. Walker of Haverhill had	139 votes
Asa W. Wildes of Newburyport had	58 votes
George Mitchell of Ipswich had	1 vote

The whole number of Ballots **for Special Commissioners** was 481

John J. Ladd of Groveland had	292 votes
Charles B. Holmes of Lynn had	293 votes
Benjamin Lindsey of Marblehead had	139 votes
Amos Batchelder of Middleton had	139 votes
Amos Poor Jr. of West Newbury had	50 votes
Edward Staten of Gloucester had	50 votes

Electors of President and Vice President of the United States

The whole number of Ballots **for Electors at Large** was 491

Julius Rockwell of Pittsfield had	299 votes
Thomas Colt of Pittsfield had	299 votes
Nathaniel J. Lord of Salem had	141 votes
Whiting Griswold of Greenfield had	141 votes
William Appleton of Boston had	51 votes
Charles D. Stockbridge of Whateley had	51 votes

The whole number of Ballots **for Electors for District Number One** was 491

John Vinson of Edgartown had	299 votes
Abram Howland of New Bedford had	141 votes
John Baylies of New Bedford had	51 votes

The whole number of Ballots for Electors **for District Number Two** was 491

A. B. Wheeler of North Bridgewater had	299 votes
Jared Pratt of Middleboro had	141 votes
Henry Dimon Jr. of Fall River had	51 votes

The whole number of Ballots for Electors **for District Number Three** was 491

George R. Russell of West Roxbury had	299 votes
Bradford L. Wales of Randolph had	141 votes
A. B. Ely of Newton had	51 votes

The whole number of Ballots for Electors **for District Number Four** was 491

George Odiorne of Boston had	299 votes
Patrick Riley of Ward 7 of Boston had	141 votes
Archelaus Wilson of Boston had	51 votes

The whole number of Ballots for Electors **for District Number Five** was 491

Lucius B. Marsh of Boston had	299 votes
Daniel Draper of Boston had	141 votes
Zelotes Hosmer of Cambridge had	51 votes

The whole number of Ballots for Elector **for District Number Six** was 491

George H. Devereux of Salem had	299 votes
William Hammond of Marblehead had	141 votes
Henry Luscomb Jr. of Salem had	51 votes

The whole number of Ballots for Elector **for District Number Seven** was 491

James M. Usher of Medford had	299 votes
Edward Riddle of Charlestown had	141 votes
Luther V. Bell of Charlestown had	51 votes

The whole number of Ballots for Elector **for District Number Eight** was 491

John Nesmith of Lowell had	299 votes
James C. Abbott of Lowell had	141 votes
Jefferson Bancroft of Lowell had	51 votes

The whole number of Ballots for Elector **for District Number Nine** was 491

J. S. C. Knowlton of Worcester had	299 votes
George W. Bentley of Worcester had	141 votes
J. W. Leland of Grafton had	51 votes

The whole number of Ballots for Elector **for District Number Ten** was 491

Charles Forbes of North Hampton had	299 votes
Lorenzo V. Blanchard of Palmer had	141 votes
John E. Marsh of Chicopee Falls had	51 votes

The whole number of Ballots for Elector **for District Number Eleven** was 491

Franklin Ripley of Greenfield had	299 votes
Thomas F. Plunkett of Pittsfield had	141 votes

Franklin Weston of Dalton had 51 votes

The whole number of Ballots **for Representative to Congress for District Number Seven** was 491

Nathaniel P. Banks Jr. of Waltham had	300 votes
Isaac H. Wright of Lexington had	140 votes
Isaac Storey of Somerville had	51 votes

The whole number of Ballots **for Representative to General Court** was 487

Willard Spaulding had	296 votes
John Low had	133 votes
Charles Shed had	49 votes
J. M. Grosvenor had	9 votes

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Attest

Chas. Shed Town Clerk

(Seal) Essex SS.

To Lorenzo Dow Constable of the Town of Methuen in the County of Essex

Greeting

You are hereby requested in the name of the

Commonwealth
of Massachusetts to notify and warn the male inhabitants of said Town of Methuen
qualified by law
to vote in Town affairs, to meet and assemble at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday
the Fourth
day of November next A.D. 1856, at Three O'Clock in the afternoon, to act on the
following

Articles. Viz.

First. To choose a **Moderator** to govern meeting

2nd On petition of Aaron Sawyer and others, to see if the Town will appoint an Agent to appear if necessary before the Legislature and oppose the repeal of the 289 Chapter of the Acts of 1856, in relation to a Fishway through the Essex Company Dam at Lawrence and act thereon as the

3rd On petition of Aaron Sawyer and others to see if the Legislature in behalf of said Town of Methuen for the purpose of obtaining an act similar to the one which passed the Senate at the last Session, providing remedies for persons injured by the water of said Company dam, and act thereon as the Town may think proper.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting.

Given under our hands and seal at Methuen this **twenty second day of October**
A.D. 1856.

Joseph F. Ingalls Selectmen
Sam. H. Harris } of
John C. Webster Methuen

Essex SS. Town of Methuen October 25 1856

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen herein described to meet at the time, place and for the purposes within mentioned by posting up attested copies of this Warrant at three public places in said Town ten days, before the time set for said meeting.

Lorenzo Dow Constable of Methuen

A true Copy

Attest

Chas. Shed Town Clerk

November 4, 1856

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified by law to vote in Town affairs held in the Town Hall on Tuesday the fourth day of November A.D. 1856 agreeable to Warrant No 10 File 7, the meeting was opened at Three O'Clock P.M.

Article 1 Chose J. G. White **Moderator**

Art. 2nd Voted to pass over this Article

Art. 3rd **Voted** the Representative from this Town be appointed as Agent to carry out the purposes contained in this Article

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest

Chas. Shed Town Clerk

Essex SS.

To Lorenzo Dow Constable of the Town of Methuen in the County of
Essex

Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet and assemble at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the Eighth day of December next 1856, at Two O'Clock in the afternoon to act on the following Articles. Viz.:

First To choose a **Moderator** to govern said meeting

2nd To see what action, if any, the Town will take in relation to the petition of G. W. Gage and others to the County Commissioners of the County of Essex For a Town Road, beginning at the head of the Lowell road so called at a point near the Hat shop or dwelling house of David Gleason thence acrost (across) said Gleason's land, and land of John Wilson, J. M. Does, and Lucy Walker's, to the Turnpike road so called, near the house of Asa Currier.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town

Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands and seal this the **twenty eighth day of November in the year 1856.**

December 8, 1856

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified by law to vote in Town affairs held at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the eighth day of December A.D. 1856 at Two O'Clock in the afternoon agreeable to Warrant No. 11 File 7

Article 1st Chose Joseph F. Ingalls Moderator

Article 2nd **Voted.** that the Town do not oppose the laying out the road, petitioned for by G. W. Gage and others by the County Commissioners

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest

Chas. Shed Town Clerk

1857

(Seal) Essex SS.

To Lorenzo Dow Constable of the Town of Methuen in
said County

of Essex Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of
Massachusetts

To notify and warn the male inhabitants of said Town of Methuen qualified By law to
vote in Town

affairs, to meet and assemble at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the second day
of March

next at Ten O'Clock A.M. then and there to act on the following Articles, Viz:

- 1st To choose a **Moderator** to govern said meeting
- 2nd To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing
- 3rd To raise such sums of money as the Town may deem necessary, to defray the Town
charges
the year ensuing
- 4th To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise to repair Highway and Bridges
the year ensuing
- 5th To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the support of Schools the
year ensuing
- 6th To see if the Town will authorize the Prudential Committee to hire Teachers the year
ensuing
- 7th To see if the Town will vote to restrain Neat Cattle Horses and Swine from going at large
the year ensuing or any part thereof
- 8th To see what pay the Town will allow the members of the Engine company the year
ensuing
and act thereon
- 9th To hear reports of committees and act thereon

10th To determine the manner of collecting Taxes for the year ensuing and act thereon as the Town may think proper

11th By request of Lorenzo Dow to see if the Town will vote to build an addition to the Engine House for the purpose of making a Tower to be used for drying the hose to the Engine when necessary and act thereon.

12th To see what action the Town will take if any in relation to repairing the Barn on the Town Farm and act thereon as the Town may think proper.

13th By request of Daniel Merrill 2nd to see if the Town will vote to divide the Highway District to which he belongs and make such alterations in the Highway District adjoining as the Town may think proper.

14th By request of Edward Young of Dracut to see if the Town will vote to sell him a piece of land belonging to the Town Farm near his house and act thereon as the Town may think proper.

15th By request of George W. Butters to see if the Town will pay him damage for digging out gravel on the road so as to undermine his stone wall and act thereon

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal at Methuen this twentieth day of February 1857.

Joseph F. Ingalls	Selectmen
Sam. H. Harris	}
John C. Webster	of
	Methuen

Essex SS. Town of Methuen February 21, 1857

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen herein described to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned by posting up attested copies of this Warrant at each of the public meeting houses in said Town, ten days before the time set for said meeting.

Lorenzo Dow Constable of Methuen

A true Copy

Attest

Chas. Shed Town Clerk

March 2, 1857 – Annual Meeting

Annual Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified by law
to vote
in Town affairs, held on Monday March 2nd 1857 at the Town Hall in said Town
agreeable
to Warrant No 12. File 7

Said meeting was opened at 10 O'Clock A.M.

Art. 1st Jacob Emerson Jr. was chosen **Moderator**
Prayer by Rev. B. F. Bronson

Art. 2nd Charles Shed was chosen **Town Clerk** sworn
Charles Shed was chosen **Town Treasurer** sworn
Charles Shed was chosen **Town Collector** sworn

Selectmen Chosen

George W. Butters sworn	Daniel Currier sworn	Nelson P.
Cross sworn		

School Committee Chosen

B. F. Bronson	J. C. Phillips	Samuel G.
Sargent		

Voted to adjourn until One O'Clock P.M.

Met agreeable to adjournment.

Constables Chosen

Daniel T. Morrison sworn	Lorenzo Dow sworn
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Fire Wardens Chosen

William H. Wallace accepted	John Low	John Wilson
Andrew Thompson accepted	Ebenezer Sawyer accepted	

Fence Viewers Chosen

E. G. Jackman sworn	Alfred Clark	John Russ
John Low	Daniel Merrill 2 nd	Christopher
How		

Isaiah Silver Jr. did not accept Moody Wheeler sworn

Surveyors of Lumber Chosen

Samuel Harvey sworn	Jerome Cross sworn	J. O. Parker
Francis R. Frye	John Anderson sworn	John Frederick
sworn		
Joseph M. Emerson sworn	George Mills	Hugh Mills
sworn		
Aaron Sawyer sworn	John B. Webster sworn	John Low
Amos Morse	Henry Tewksbury not accept	Ralph Clark
sworn		

Surveyors of Wood & Bark

Appointed by Selectmen

J. O. Parker sworn	Phineas W. Smith sworn	George Mills
Ebenezer Sawyer sworn	Jerome Cross sworn	G. W. Gage
Ralph Clark sworn	Frederick Kimball sworn	Joshua
Webster sworn		
Andrew Thompson sworn	Moses E. Garland not accepted	

Field Drivers

Appointed by Selectmen

John Russ	Charles How sworn	Samuel Cross
J. M. Doe sworn	Ralph Clark sworn	Aaron Sawyer
sworn		
S. R. Merrill	Alfred Clark	William P.
Cross sworn		
Silas H. Rogers sworn	Alba A. Farr sworn	Isaac Currier

Sealer of Weights & Measures

Appointed by the Selectmen

C. E. Brock
Pound Keepers

Appointed by the Selectmen

J. W. Mann did not accept	Stephen Williams accepted	A. A. Farr
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Surveyors of Highways

James M. Moreland sworn	Charles Russell sworn	Daniel
Carleton sworn		
Varnum Tyler sworn	Francis Sawyer	Eben Marsh
Daniel Merrill 3 rd sworn sworn	Samuel H. Harris sworn	Joshua P. Hill
Asa Whittier sworn sworn	Matthew Messer	David Clark
John D. Glidden sworn sworn	F. B. Barnett	John Chase
Moses Webster sworn sworn	Joseph How	Irwin Stevens
John Russ sworn	Joseph Smith sworn	John Cluff

Art 3rd **Voted** to raise **Thirty five Hundred dollars** to defray the Town charges the year ensuing.

Art. 4th **Voted** to raise **Eighteen Hundred dollars** to repair Highway and Bridges the year ensuing.

Art. 5th **Voted** to raise **Twenty One Hundred dollars** for the support of Schools the year ensuing.

Art. 6th **Voted** that the Prudential Committee be authorized to hire teachers the year ensuing

Art. 7th **Voted** that Neat Cattle, Horses and Swine be restrained from going at large the year ensuing

Art. 8th **Voted** to pay the members of the Engine Company twenty five cents per hour when on actual duty.

Art. 9th **Voted** that the debt against Silas P. Wheeler be cancelled by the Town.

Voted that the amount against Charles E. Goss be cancelled by the Selectmen on receiving the property now in his hands as security for rent of Town Hall.

Voted that the amount against John Low be cancelled.

Voted that the Financial Report be accepted and adopted.

Mr. Willard Spaulding as Agent of the Town to petition the Legislature for security
against
damage occasioned by the flowage of the Essex Company.

Reported that it was first expedient to appoint a Committee to settle with the Company if such settlement could be effected.

Voted that the Report of Mr. Spaulding be accepted and adopted.

Voted that a Committee be appointed consisting of Joseph How, Samuel H. Harris & John Low, that said Committee be authorized by the Town to consult the Essex Company and effect a settlement of such unpaid damages as the Town has sustained and all such damages as the Town hereafter may sustain by flowage in consequence of said Company's dam at Lawrence; that said Committee be instructed to take a suitable bond from said Company for the payment of such damages, the same to be determined by three Referees, one of whom to be indicated by said Company, One by the Selectmen of the Town, and the third by the two so indicated; and that said Committee also be instructed to act immediately.

Voted that the following list of Jurors be accepted and adopted.

List of Jurors

George W. Annis	Phineas Smith	Charles O. Barker
Hazen Bodwell	R. M. Bailey	Alvah Bennett
Amos Currier	Daniel Carleton	G. W. Cochrane
Daniel Currier	S. F. Dearborne	Gilbert Emerson
Jacob Emerson Jr.	Charles Freeman	Lewis Gage
Elbridge Griffin	Joseph Gardner	George Harris
Joseph How	S. H. Harris	Hazen Messer
Ebenezer Jackson	Daniel Merrill 3 rd	Joseph S. Morse
Ebenezer Marsh	John W. Mann	T. C. Mason
Enoch Merrill	Jonathan Morse	Alfred M. Norris
H. M. Perley	John Russ	Samuel Richardson 2 nd
Aaron Sawyer	Ebenezer Sawyer	Joseph Smith
John B. Webster	Josiah G. White	

Art. 10th **Voted** that all Poll Taxes, where there is no real or personal estate to be taxed for, be paid in thirty days after the delivery of the Tax Bill: and that there be no discount made on delinquent Highway Taxes; also that a discount of 8 per cent be allowed on all Taxes, aside from delinquent Highway Taxes, paid within thirty day, 6 per cent on all paid within sixty days, 4 per cent on all paid within One hundred & twenty days, next after the delivery of the Tax Bills.

Also it shall be duty of the Treasurer to issue executions against all persons indiscriminately who do not pay their Taxes within the longest times above specified.

Voted the times for the payment of Taxes be from the date of the Tax Bill; which date is to be fixed upon by the Collector.

Art. 11th **Voted** that the whole subject be referred to the Selectmen to act as they may think proper.

Art. 12th **Voted** that the whole subject be referred to the Selectmen, with full power to act as they may think proper.

Art. 13th **Voted** that the whole subject be referred to the Selectmen.

Art. 14th **Voted** to pass over this article.

Art. 15th **Voted** that Mr Butters be paid.

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest

Chas Shed Town Clerk

Selectmen's Report

Dr	Treasurer's Account	
For Amt. Paid on Selectmen's Orders		\$5,753.69
For Amt. Paid on County Tax		1,870.00
For Amt. Paid on State Tax		1,122.00
For Amt. Paid on Interest on Notes		620.87
For Amt. Paid Rufus Howe's Note in part		50.00
For Amt. Paid Rachel M. Sawyer's note in part		130.00
For Amt. Paid William Huse's Note & Interest		832.93
For Amt. Paid Discount on Taxes		589.88
For Amt. Paid Collecting Taxes		88.00
For Amt. Paid Making & Distributing Tax Bills		20.00
For Amt. Paid Recording Births Marriages & Deaths		17.20
For Amt. Paid Making Returns of Births Marriages Deaths and Recording Militia Roll		5.00
For Amt. Paid on Stationery Stamps Express etc.		7.64
For Amt. Cash Paid for Printing Tax Bills		3.50
For Cash In Treasurer's Hands Feby 20 1857		1,099.72
For Taxes Uncollected for the year 1854		6.24
For Taxes Uncollected for the year 1855		5.15
For Taxes Uncollected for the year 1856		<u>131.59</u>
		\$12,353.41

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Treasurer's Account

By Cash in Treasurer's hands March 1856	\$ 1,405.23
By Taxes uncollected of 1854 & 1855	124.65
By Tax List for 1856	8,834.22
By Taxes assessed and added to tax List	5.40
By Cash Rec'd of Selectmen for Rent of Town House	683.20
By Cash Rec'd of Joel Richardson	64.42
By Cash Rec'd of Joel Richardson on Note	87.15
By Cash Rec'd of State Treasurer for Taking Census etc.	73.50
By Cash Rec'd of State Treasurer for School Money 1856	88.86
By Cash Rec'd of B. G. Gutterson	519.20
By Cash Rec'd of City of Lawrence for their Proportion of State & County Tax for 1855	105.15
By Cash Rec'd of City of Lawrence for their Proportion of State & County Tax for 1856	133.96
By Cash Hired of Solomon Shattuck	200.00
By Cash Rec'd of J. W. Boody Tax 1855 abt.	.95
By Cash Rec'd of Asa Whittier for Bridge Timber	2.50
By Cash Rec'd of Essex Co. damage from flowing	<u>25.20</u>
	\$12,353.41

The Selectmen have examined the Books and accounts of the Town Treasurer and find
them
correctly kept and cast, and he has proper vouchers for his payments. The foregoing
abstract
will show the amount of money received and paid out during the past year, and the
amount
now remaining in his hands.

All of which is respectfully submitted

Joseph F. Ingalls } Selectmen
Sam. H. Harris } of
John C. Webster } Methuen

Methuen Feby 26 1857

A deed of a piece of land, belonging to the Town of Methuen and situated near the house
of
Joseph R. Bodwell, was given to Joseph R. Bodwell, agreeable to a vote of the Town
passed
March 3rd 1856.

Consideration of which was \$15.00

Attest

Chas. Shed Town Clerk

(Seal)

Essex SS.

To Lorenzo Dow Constable of the Town of Methuen
Greeting.

You are hereby directed in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the male in habitants of said Methuen qualified by law to vote for Senators and Representatives in General Court, to meet and assemble at the Town Hall in said Methuen on Friday the First day of May inst. it being the first Friday of said Month, at Two O'Clock P.M. to bring in their votes by ballot to the Selectmen for or against either or all of the Three Articles of Amendment to the Constitution of this Commonwealth. Pursuant to Resolved of the General Court of Massachusetts Entitles Resolves relating to the proposed Amendments of the Constitution approved by the **Governor** the ninth day of April in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and fifty seven.

The Poll to be kept open till Five O'Clock. Hereof fail not and have you there this Warrant with your doings thereon.

Given under our hands and seal at Methuen this Seventeenth day of April One Thousand Eight hundred and fifty seven.

Geo. W. Butters } Selectmen of
Daniel Currier } Methuen

Essex SS. Town of Methuen April 18 1857

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen herein described to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned by posting up attested copies of this Warrant at each of the Public Meeting Houses in said Town, ten days before the time set for said meeting.

A true copy Attest

Lorenzo Dow Constable of Methuen

Chas. Shed Town Clerk

May 1, 1857

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in
Town affairs,
held on Friday the first day of May 1857, agreeably to Warrant No 13 File 7 for the
purpose of
brining in their votes by ballot to the Selectmen for or against either or all of the
Three Articles
of Amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth Pursuant to the Resolves
of the General
Court of Massachusetts Entitled Resolves relating to the proposed Amendment of
the Constitution
approved by the Governor the ninth day of April in the year of our Lord One
Thousand Eight
Hundred and fifty seven, the votes were sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration
thereof made,
as the law directs, and were as follows, viz.:

Articles of Amendment

Article First	Yes	77
	No	24
Article Second	Yes	93
	No	8
Article Third	Yes	93
	No	8

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest

Chas. Shed Town Clerk

(Seal) Essex SS.

To Lorenzo Dow Constable of the Town of Methuen in
said County of Essex

Greeting.

You are hereby required in
the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the male inhabitants
of said Methuen qualified by law to vote in Elections, to meet and assemble at the Town
Hall in said Town on Tuesday the **third day of November next A.D. 1857** at Twelve

O'Clock M. to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a **Governor** and Lieut. **Governor**
of said Commonwealth, Secretary Treasurer and Receiver General, Attorney General,
Auditor of Accounts, Councilor for District Number Two, for a Senator for District
number Three, for Register of Probate for said County of Essex, and One County
Commissioner all on one ballot.

Also for one Representative to represent this Town in the next General Court, on a separate ballot, the Poll to be kept open until Four O'Clock.

Given under our hands and seal at Methuen this **Twenty third day of October A.D. 1857.**

Geo W. Butters } Selectmen of
Daniel Currier } Methuen

Essex SS. Town of Methuen October 24th 1857

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen herein described to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes within mentioned by posting up attested Copies of this Warrant at each of the public meeting houses in Said Town, ten days before the time set for said meeting.

Lorenzo Dow Constable of Methuen

A true copy attest Chas. Shed Town Clerk

November 3, 1857

**At a meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified by law to vote in
Elections, held on Tuesday the Third day November A.D. 1857 agreeable to
Warrant No. 14
File 7 at Twelve O'Clock M. (M=Noon) for the purpose of giving in their votes for
Governor
and Lieut. Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Treasurer & Receiver
General, Secretary, Attorney General, Auditor of Accounts, Councilor for District
Number Two, for a Senator for District Number Three, for Register of Probate for
said County of Essex, and One County Commissioner. Also for One Representative
to the next General Court.**

The votes were sorted, counted, recorded and declaration thereof made as the law directs and were as follows **Viz.!**

The whole number of votes **for Governor** was Three Hundred and Eighty six 386

Henry J. Gardner of Boston had One Hundred and Seventeen	117
Nathaniel P. Banks of Waltham had One Hundred and Seventy	170
Erasmus D. Beach of Springfield had Ninety Nine	99

The whole number of votes **for Lieut. Governor** was Three Hundred and Eighty six 386

Alexander DeWitt of Oxford had One Hundred and Sixteen	116
Eliphalet Trask of Springfield had One Hundred and Seventy One	171
Albert Currier of Newburyport had Ninety Nine	99
For Councilor for District No 2. The whole number of votes was	
Three Hundred and Eighty five	385
Daniel P. Pike of Newburyport had One Hundred and Sixteen	116
George Coggswell of Bradford had One Hundred and Seventy one	171
William Nutting of Marblehead had Ninety Eight	98
The whole number of votes for Secretary was Three Hundred and Eighty six	386
Benjamin L. Allen of Boston had One Hundred and sixteen	116
Oliver Warner of Northampton had One Hundred and seventy two	172
Jonathan E. Field of Stockbridge had Ninety eight	98
The whole number of votes for Treasurer & Receiver General was	
Three Hundred and Eighty five	385
Timothy Ingraham of New Bedford had One Hundred and sixteen	116
Moses Tenney Jr. of Georgetown had One Hundred and seventy one	171
Charles Thompson of Charlestown had Ninety Eight	98
The whole number of votes for Attorney General was Three Hundred	
and Eighty four	384
John H. Clifford of New Bedford had One Hundred and sixteen	116
Stephen H. Phillips of Salem had One Hundred and Seventy	170
Ezra Wilkinson of Dedham had Ninety Eight	98
The whole number of votes for Auditor of Accounts was Three Hundred	
And Eighty four	384
Chandler R. Ransom of Roxbury had One Hundred and sixteen	116
Charles White of Worcester had One Hundred and seventy	170
Seymour L. Meade of Nantucket had Ninety Eight	98
The whole number of votes for Senator for Essex District No 3 was	
Three Hundred and Seventy three	373
John Gale of Lawrence had One Hundred and fifteen	115
Joseph F. Ingalls of Methuen had One Hundred and fifty nine	159
E. J. M. Hale of Haverhill had Ninety Eight	98
G. W. Cochrane of Methuen had One	1

The whole number of votes cast in the Town of Methuen for Representative to General Court for Essex, District No. 15 was three Hundred and Seventy eight	378
George W. Butters of Methuen had One Hundred and Seventy six	176
Charles Shed of Methuen had One Hundred and two	102
John Low of Methuen had Ninety Eight	98
H. C. Gleason of Methuen had Two	2
The whole number of votes for Register of Probate was Three Hundred and Eighty six	386
James Ropes of Salem had Two Hundred and fifteen	215
Charles H. Hudson of Newburyport had One Hundred and Seventy one	171
The whole number of votes for County Commissioner was	
Three Hundred and Eighty six	386
George Wilson of Marblehead had Three Hundred and Eighty six	386

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Attest
Chas. Shed Town Clerk

**To either of the Constables of the Town of Methuen
Greeting:**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote
in Elections, to meet at the Town Hall in Methuen on Wednesday the **seventh day of January next (1858)** at two of the Clock P.M. to give in their votes for one Representative to represent them in the Congress of the United States of America, Congressional District Number seven, for the remainder of the term of two years from the fourth of March 1857.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty sixth day of December in the year One thousand Eight hundred and fifty seven.

Geo. W. Butters } Selectmen

Daniel Currier } of Methuen

Essex SS.

Town of Methuen December 26 1857

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen herein described to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned by posting up attested copies of this warrant at each of the public meeting houses in said Town, ten days before the time set for said meeting.

Lorenzo Dow Constable of Methuen

A true Copy

Attest Chas. Shed Town Clerk

1858

January 7, 1858

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified by law to vote in Elections held at the Town Hall in said Town on Wednesday the seventh day of January 1858 at 2 O'Clock P.M. agreeable to Warrant 15 File 7 to bring in their votes for one Representative to represent them in the Congress of the United States for District number seven.

The whole number of Ballots was One Hundred and Forty eight 148

Daniel W. Gooch of Melrose had Ninety votes	90
George Osborne of South Danvers had Forty-Eight	48
Luther V. Bell of Charlestown had Ten	10

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest

Chas. Shed Town Clerk

(Seal)

Essex SS.

To Lorenzo Dow Constable of the Town of Methuen in said County of Essex

Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the

Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the male inhabitants of said Town of Methuen qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet and assemble at the Town Hall in said Town on **Monday the first of March next (1858)** at Ten O'Clock A.M. then and there to act on the following Articles. **Viz.:**

- Article 1st To choose a **Moderator** to govern said meeting.
- Art. 2nd To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing
- Art. 3rd To raise such sums of money as the Town may deem necessary to defray the Town charges for the year ensuing
- Art. 4th To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise to repair Highways and Bridges the year ensuing.
- Art. 5th To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the support of Schools the year ensuing.
- Art. 6th To see if the Town will authorize the Prudential Committee to hire Teachers the year ensuing.
- Art. 7th To see if the Town will vote to restrain Neat Cattle, Horses, and Swine from going at large the year ensuing or any part thereof.
- Art. 8th To see what pay the Town will allow the members of the Engine Company the year ensuing and act thereon.
- Art. 9th To hear the report of Committees and act thereon.
- Art. 10th By request of Charles Ingalls to see what action, if any, the Town will take relative to the Bridge near his house.
- Art. 11th By request of Joshua C. Kent to see what action, if any, the Town will take relative to the Burying Ground on Lawrence Street: also with regard to the purchase of a new Hearse or repairing of the one now in use.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting.

Given under our hands and seal at Methuen this Twentieth day of February 1858.

Geo. W. Butters } Selectmen
Daniel Currier } of
Nelson P. Cross } Methuen

Essex SS.

Town of Methuen February 20th 1858.

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen herein described to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned, by posting up attested copies of this Warrant at each of the public meeting houses in said Town Ten days before the time set for said meeting.

Lorenzo Dow Constable of Methuen

A true Copy

Attest

Chas. Shed Town Clerk

March 1, 1858 – Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen
qualified by
law to vote in Town affairs, was held on Monday March First A.D. 1858 at ten
O'Clock A.M.
at the Town Hall in said Town, agreeable to Warrant No. 16, File 7. Said Meeting
was opened
at 10 O'Clock A.M.

Article 1st Jacob Emerson Jr. was chosen **Moderator**.

Prayer by Rev. J. C. Phillips

Art. 2nd Charles Shed was chosen **Town Clerk** and sworn
Charles Shed was chosen **Town Treasurer** and sworn
Charles Shed was chosen **Town Collector** and sworn

Selectmen Chosen

George W. Butters sworn, Nelson P. Cross sworn, Charles Shed, sworn

***School Committee Chosen**

Stephen Huse, B. F. Bronson, S. G. Sargent

Constables Chosen

J. L. Hibbard sworn, William H. Wallace

Voted to adjourn until half past One O'Clock P.M.

* The above named gentlemen received a majority of the votes cast for School Committee, without reference to the term of service of each, which the new law contemplates, subsequently the Town passed the following Resolution:

Resolved: that the School Committee shall consist of three members, who shall serve in the order in which they stand. Viz.: the first named one year; the second named two years; and the third named three years.

Met agreeable to adjournment.

Fire Wardens Chosen

John Low accepted	John Wilson accepted	William H.
Wallace		
Robert Taylor	Ebenezer Sawyer accepted	

Fence Viewers Chosen

E. G. Jackman sworn	Alfred Clark sworn	John Russ
John Low sworn	Daniel Merrill 2 nd sworn	Christopher
How sworn		
Moody S. Wheeler sworn		

Surveyors of Lumber Chosen

Samuel Harvey	Jerome Cross	Henry
Tewksbury		
Hugh Mills	John Frederick sworn	Ebenezer
Marsh sworn		
George Mills sworn	Francis R. Frye sworn	Aaron Sawyer
sworn		
John B. Webster sworn	Jos. M. Emerson sworn	J. O. Parker
sworn		
Ralph Clark sworn	Jesse Towne sworn	Ebenezer
Sawyer sworn		

Surveyors of Wood and Bark - Appointed by Selectmen

Saml. Richardson 2 nd sworn	J. O. Parker sworn	Phineas W.
Smith sworn		
Ebenezer Sawyer sworn	George Mills	Jerome Cross
Frederick Kimball	G. W. Gage	Ralph Clark
Isaiah Silver Jr. sworn	Ebenezer Marsh sworn	Alfred Clark
sworn		

Alba A. Farr
3rd sworn
Amos L. Gale sworn

S. R. Merrill

Daniel Merrill

Field Drivers Chosen

Charles Ingalls
J. M. Doe sworn
Wheeler sworn
Samuel Webster
sworn
Silas H. Rogers sworn
Currier sworn
John G. White sworn
sworn
Isaac Brown sworn

Jeremiah R. Putnam sworn
Ralph Clark sworn

Alfred Clark sworn

Hezekiah Chadwick

Chas. E. Goss

P. J. Lucas sworn

Samuel Cross
Moody S.
John Frye
William
John Russ

Sealer of Weights and Measures - Appointed by Selectmen

C. E. Brock

Pound Keepers - Appointed by Selectmen

Hezekiah Chadwick

Stephen Williams

Surveyors of Highways

James M. Moreland
sworn
Edward McCoy sworn
sworn
Jeremiah R. Putnam sworn
sworn
Jonathan Morse sworn
sworn
E. H. Griffin sworn
Hall Chas. L. Tozier
John Russ sworn
How sworn

Moses E. Kimball
Edmund Dowding sworn
Daniel Merrill 3rd sworn
E. P. Sargent sworn
Benjamin Blood sworn
E. G. Jackman sworn
M. Doe sworn

Charles Smith
L. C. Clark
Dean Emerson
J. Nelson Hall
Benjamin M.
Christopher

Art. 3rd

Voted. To raise Thirty Five Hundred Dollars to defray the Town charges the year ensuing.

Art. 4th **Voted.** To raise Eighteen Hundred Dollars for repairs of Highways and Bridges the year ensuing

Art. 5th **Voted.** To raise Twenty One Hundred Dollars for the support of Schools the year ensuing

Art. 6th **Voted.** That the Prudential Committee be authorized to hire Teachers the year ensuing

Art. 7th **Voted.** That Neat Cattle, Horses and Swine be restrained from going at large the year ensuing

Art. 8th **Voted.** To pay the members of the Engine Company Twenty Five cents per hour when on actual duty, it being the same amount paid the past year.

Art. 9th **Voted.** To accept the Financial Report.

Voted. To accept the following

List of Jurors

John Russ	Gilbert Emerson	Henry
Townsend		
Charles Freeman	Ebenezer Sawyer	James M.
Troy		
Daniel Carleton	Lewis Gage	Aaron Sawyer
Elbridge Griffin	Alvah Bennett	Alfred M.
Norris		
Ebenezer Marsh	George Harris	Hazen
Bodwell		
Charles Smith	Jonathan Morse	Josiah G.
White		
Joseph Gardner	John W. Mann	Harvey M.
Perley		
Jacob Emerson Jr.	Hazen Messer	Amos Currier
Joseph Smith	S. W. Harris	Gorham P.
Poor		
T. C. Mason	Charles Russell	Samuel Cross
Wm. C. Sleeper	Francis R. Frye	Charles
Richardson		
Benjamin M. Hall	Gilman H. Smith	Isaac H.
Laney		
J. P. Flint	Milan Morse	Francis F.
Johnson		
David Gleason	Enoch Merrill	

Art. 10th **Voted.** that a Committee be raised to take into consideration the present condition of the Bridge,
to estimate the expense to build an arch Bridge; also the expense of a wider Bridge; also the annual
expense of keeping a wooden Bridge in repair; the following persons were chosen to act as that Committee. viz.:.

Joseph How John Low B. B. Gordon

John Low

B. B. Gordon

Voted. That this Committee Report at a future meeting.

Art. 11th **Voted**, that it be referred to the Selectmen.

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest

Chas. Shed. Town Clerk

For Amount Paid on Selectmen's Orders	\$8,205.26
For Amount Paid on County Tax	1,870.00
For Amount Paid on State Tax	1,683.00
For Amount Paid on Interest on Notes	884.69
For Amount Paid on Monroe Ayer Note & Interest	1,020.00
For Amount Paid on Joseph A. Bodwell Notes & Interest	205.01
For Amount Paid on Ira Sanborn Note & Interest	126.77
For Amount Paid on Rufus How Note & Interest	171.47
For Amount Paid on R. M. Sawyer's Note in part	200.00
For Amount Paid on S. Hunt Note in part	75.00
For Discount on Taxes	625.95
For Collecting Taxes	94.44
For Making out and Distributing Tax Bills	20.00
For Recording & Indexing Births Marriages & Deaths	19.75
For Making Returns of ditto & Recording Militia Roll	5.00
For Stationery, Express, Stamps etc.	8.61
	<u>\$15,216.95</u>
Cash in Treasurer's hands Feby 20, 1858	\$291.86
Taxes uncollected for the year 1856	34.36
Taxes uncollected for the year 1857	<u>364.59</u>
	<u>690.91</u>
	<u>\$15,907.86</u>

Cr Treasurer's Account

By Cash in Treas. Hands Feby 20 1857	1,099.72
By Taxes uncollected of 1854, 1855, & 1856	142.98
By Tax List for 1857	9,444.05

By Cash Hired of Daniel Gleason	1,200.00
By Cash Hired of David Gleason	700.00
By Cash Hired of Moses W. Bowen	600.00
By Cash Hired of Sarah M. Wilson	400.00
By Cash Hired of Asenath Evans	300.00
By Cash Hired of Ebenezer Kimball	265.44
By Cash Hired of Moses Webster	250.00
By Cash Rec'd of Selectmen for Rent of Town House	441.75
By Cash Rec'd of B. G. Gutterson	772.48
By Cash Rec'd of City of Lawrence proportion	
State & County Tax for 1857	162.78
By Cash Rec'd of State Treasurer School Money for 1857	102.64
By Cash Rec'd of Joseph R. Bodwell for	
Land near his house	15.00
By Cash Rec'd Delinquent Taxes from the estate	
Of Robert Rantoul Jr. up to 1837	5.02
By Cash Rec'd of John Wilson for Cement, etc.	6.00
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	\$15,907.86

The Selectmen have examined the Books and accounts of the Treasurer and find them correctly kept and cast and he has proper vouchers for his payments. The forgoing abstract will show the amount of money received and paid out during the past year and the money now remaining in his hands all of which is respectfully submitted.

A true copy

Attest

Chas. Shed Town Clerk

(Seal)

Essex SS.

To Isaac L. Hibbard Constable of the Town of Methuen in said
County

Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of
and warn the inhabitants of said Methuen

qualified
by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet and assemble at the Town Hall in said Town on
Friday
the sixteenth day of April (1858) instant at 2 O'Clock P.M. to act on the following
particulars: viz.

1st To choose a **Moderator** to govern said meeting

2nd To hear the Report of the Committee chosen to examine the Bridge near Charles Ingalls' and act thereon as the Town may think proper.

3rd By request of Oliver Mears to see if the Town will allow him to send his children to school in District No 8 and that his proportion of the school money be transferred from District No 9 to District No 8.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of said meeting.

Clerk at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal at Methuen this **Third day of April A.D. 1858.**

Nelson P. Cross } Selectmen of
Chas. Shed } Methuen

Essex SS. Town of Methuen April 3, 1858.

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen herein named to meet at the time and place for the purposes within mentioned, by posting up attested copies of this warrant at each of the public meeting houses in said Town, twelve days prior to said meeting.

Isaac L. Hibbard Constable of Methuen
A true Copy
Attest
Chas. Shed Town Clerk

April 16, 1858

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, held at the Town Hall in said Methuen on Friday April 16 A.D. 1858 at 2 O'Clock P.M. agreeable to Warrant No 17 File 7.

1st James O. Parker was chosen **Moderator**

2nd The Report of the Bridge Committee chosen at the last meeting was read and accepted.

Voted. That an arch Stone Bridge be built over the Spicket River near the house of Charles Ingalls.

Voted. That Ebenezer Sawyer be added to the present Bridge Committee which shall constitute a

Building Committee.

Voted. That Joseph How be excused from serving on this Committee.

Voted. That Charles Ingalls be one of the Building Committee in place of Joseph Howe excused.

Voted. That the whole subject matter of building the Bridge be left to the Committee with authority to draw orders on the Selectmen.

Building Committee

Charles Ingalls Sawyer

John Low

B. B. Gordon

Ebenezer

3rd

Voted. That the request of Oliver Mears be granted.

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest

Chas. Shed

Town Clerk

Notice

The Selectmen and Superintending School Committee of the Town of Methuen are requested to meet at the Selectmen's Room on Saturday May 15th at 3 O'Clock P.M. to vote for a person to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of the Rev. B. F. Bronson as the second member of the board of Superintending School Committee of the Town of Methuen

Chas. Shed } One of the Selectmen
of Methuen

Methuen May 8, 1858.

Methuen May 15th, 1858

The Selectmen and Superintending School Committee met agreeably to the above notice at the time and place specified and made choice of Harvey Hersey by a unanimous vote, to fill the vacancy of the Rev. B. F. Bronson.

Attest

Chas. Shed

Town Clerk

Perambulation

of the lines between the Towns of Dracut and Methuen

September 7th 1858.

The Selectmen of Dracut in the County of Middlesex and the Selectmen of Methuen in the County of Essex, met at the House of Theodore Parker Esq. in Dracut to perambulate the lines between said Towns, which they did by commencing at a stone Monument marked D. M. situated near the Merrimack River a little west of a small brook emptying into said River on or near the land of Heirs of Obadiah Richardson 2nd thence North 2 degrees West 393 Rods to a Stone Monument in the wall on the west side of the road near the House of John Whittier: thence North 2 degrees 40' West 729.5 Rods to a white Oak Tree in the wall on the west side of the road in land of Jonathan G. Clough, thence North 3 degrees. West 134.8 Rods to a stone Monument n land of Robinson H. Bodwell thence North 4 degrees 20' West 210 Rods to a Stone Monument on the State Line marked M.S.

George W. Coburn	Selectmen
Colburn Blood	} of
Josiah Ames Jr.	Dracut

Geo. W. Butters	Selectmen
Nelson P. Cross	} of
Chas. Shed	Methuen

A true Copy

Attest.

Chas. Shed,

Town Clerk.

Essex SS. To Isaac L. Hibbard Constable of the Town of Methuen in said County of Essex

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of

Massachusetts

of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Elections to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on **Tuesday the second day of November next it being the first Tuesday after the first Monday**

of said November at Twelve of the Clock M. (M=Noon) to bring in their votes to the Selectmen,
for a **Governor**, Lieutenant **Governor**, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor and
Attorney General of the Commonwealth; and for a Senator for the Third Essex District, a
Councilor,

a County Commissioner, a Register of Probate and Insolvency, a Register of Deeds, and a Treasurer
for said County of Essex all one ballot.

Also a Representative to the General Court for the Representative District number Fifteen, composed of the Town of Methuen and the fifth Ward of the City of Lawrence one separate ballot. And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting Houses in said Town.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves at the time and place of meeting.

Given under hands at Methuen this Eighteenth day of October in the year of our Lord One Thousand eight hundred and fifty eight.

Geo. W. Butters	}	Selectmen
Nelson P. Cross	}	of
Chas. Shed	}	Methuen

Essex SS.

Methuen Oct. 19 1858

Pursuant to the within Warrant to me directed by the Selectmen of the within named Town of Methuen, I have posted attested copies of this Warrant at each of the within named meeting Houses in the Town of Methuen fourteen days prior to said Meeting.

Isaac L. Hibbard, Constable of Methuen

A true Copy

Attest.

Chas. Shed Town Clerk

November 2, 1858

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday the second day of November A. D. 1858 agreeable to Warrant No 15 File 7 at 12 O'Clock M. (M=Noon).

The votes were sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made as the law directs and were as follows viz.

The whole numbers of votes for Governor was	Two Hundred and Ninety seven	297
Nathaniel P. Banks of Waltham had	One Hundred and Ninety two	192
Erasmus D. Beach of Springfield had	One Hundred and four	104
Amos A. Lawrence of Brookline had	One	1
The whole number of votes for Lieut. Governor was		
Two Hundred and Ninety seven		297
Eliphalet Trask of Springfield had	One Hundred and Ninety two	192
Charles Thompson of Charlestown had	One Hundred and four	104
Increase Sumner of Great Barrington had	One	1
The whole number of votes for Secretary of State was		
Two Hundred and Ninety seven		297
Oliver Warner of Northampton had	One Hundred and Ninety three	193
John M. Cole of Williamstown had	One Hundred and three	103
Benjamin L. Allen of Boston had	One	1
The whole number of votes for Treasurer and Receiver General was		
Two Hundred and Ninety six		296
Moses Tenney Jr. of Georgetown had	One Hundred and Ninety two	192
Silas Pierce of Boston had	One Hundred and three	103
Alban G. Underwood of Milford had	One	1
The whole number of votes for Auditor of Accounts was		297
Charles White of Worcester had		193
Seymour L. Mead of Nantucket had	One Hundred and three	103
Chandler P. Ransom of Roxbury had	One	1
The whole number of votes for Attorney General was		296
Stephen H. Phillips of Salem had	One Hundred and ninety two	192
Ezra Wilkinson of Dedham had	One Hundred and three	103
Andrew A. Richmond of Adams had	One	1
The whole number of votes for Representative to Congress 7th District was		
Two Hundred and ninety six		296
Daniel W. Gooch of Melrose had	One Hundred and ninety three	193
Charles A. Welch of Waltham had	One Hundred and Two	102
E. C. Baker of Medford had	One	1

The whole number of votes for Councilor Second District was	
Two Hundred and ninety six	296
George Cogswell of Bradford had One Hundred and ninety four	194
William Nutting Jr. of Marblehead had One Hundred and two	102
The whole number of votes for County Commissioner was	
Two Hundred and ninety five	295
Ebenezer B. Currier of Lawrence had One Hundred and ninety two	192
Dean Robinson of West Newbury had One Hundred and three	103
The whole number of votes for Register of Probate and Insolvency was	
Two Hundred and ninety four	294
Abner C. Goodell of Lynn had One Hundred ninety one	191
E. A. Ingalls of Lynn had One hundred and three	103
The whole number of votes for Register of Deeds was	
Two hundred and ninety five	295
Ephraim Brown of Salem had Two hundred and ninety five	295
The whole number of votes for County Treasurer was	
One hundred and ninety four	194
Allen W. Dodge of Hamilton had One hundred and ninety two	192
Samuel Richardson 2 nd of Methuen had Two	2
The whole number of votes for Senator for 3rd Essex District was	
Three hundred	300
George L. Davis of North Andover had One hundred and ninety four	194
E. J. M. Hale of Haverhill had One hundred and five	105
John Gale of Lawrence had One	1
The whole number of votes for Representative to General Court for District No 15. From Ward 5 of the City of Lawrence was for	
George W. Butters of Methuen	55
David Gleason of Methuen	31

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest

Chas. Shed

Town Clerk

1859

(Seal) Essex SS.

To William H. Wallace Constable of the Town of

Methuen
in said County of Essex

Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the

Commonwealth
of Massachusetts to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said Town of Methuen
qualified by law
to vote in tow affairs to meet and assemble at the Town Hall in said Town of Methuen on
Monday
the Seventh day of March next at Ten O'Clock A.M. then and there to act on the
following Articles. **Viz.:**

- Article 1st To choose a **Moderator** to govern said meeting
- Art. 2nd To choose all necessary Town officers for the year ensuing
- Art. 3rd To raise such sums of money as the Town may deem necessary to defray the Town
charges for
the year ensuing.
- Art. 4th To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise to repair Highways and Bridges
the
year ensuing.
- Art. 5th To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the support of Schools the
year ensuing.
- Art. 6th To see if the Town will authorize the Prudential Committee to hire Teachers the year
ensuing.
- Art. 7th To see if the Town will vote to restrain Neat Cattle, Horses, and Swine from going at
large the
year ensuing or any part thereof.
- Art. 8th To see what pay the Town will allow the members of the Engine Company the year
ensuing

and act thereon.

Art. 9th To hear the reports of Committees and act thereon.

Art. 10th By request of Edward Young of Dracut to see if the Town will vote to sell him a piece of land near his house and belonging to the Town Farm and act thereon as the Town may think proper.

Art. 11th To see what action the Town will take relative to the suit commenced against the Town of Methuen by John L. Hutchinson.

Art. 12th By request of James Crombie to see if the Town will vote to set off his Farm (formerly owned by Joseph A. Bodwell) from School District No 1 and annex it to School District No 4.

Art. 13th By request of Joshua C. Kent to see what action if any the Town will take relative to the Burying Ground on Lawrence Street also relative to the purchasing a new Hearse or repairing the one now in use.

Art. 14th By request of Charles Ingalls to see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for rebuilding the old wall connected with the Bridge near his house.

Art. 15th By request of Chas. Ingalls and others to see what action the Town will take relative to a new road running from the Turnpike near the house of Chas Ingalls westerly to the road leading to the Raid Road Depot and the road leading by the ? house of Moses W. Bowen, as petitioned for by said Chas. Ingalls and others.

Art. 16th By request of Joseph F. Ingalls to see what action the town will take relative to establishing a code of By-Laws for the Town.

Art. 17th By request of Chas. E. Goss to see if the Town will adopt the following By Laws.

1st No person shall fire any Rocket, Squibs, Crackers, or other thing formed of Gunpowder or other explosive substances in whole or in part, nor except in the performance of some duty authorized by law, discharge any field piece, Gun or other Fire-arms, in or upon any street or other way within the compactly settler part of the village.

2nd No person shall within the compactly settled part of the village, Coast on sleds, throw stones,

or other missiles, in any street or other public places, to the annoyance of other persons.

3rd Any person offending against either of the above By Laws shall forfeit and pay for each

offence a fine of not less than One dollar nor more than twenty, provided that the complaint

for such offence be instituted within six months from the time of its commission.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings
thereon to the

Town Clerk at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal at Methuen **this twenty fourth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty nine.**

Geo. W. Butters } Selectmen
Nelson P. Cross } of
Chas. Shed } Methuen

Essex SS.

Town of Methuen Feb. 25, 1859.

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen herein described to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned by posting up attested copies of this Warrant at each of the public meeting houses in said Town, ten days before the time set for said meeting.

Wm. H. Wallace } Constable of
Methuen

A true Copy

Attest.

Chas Shed

Town Clerk

March 7, 1859 – Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, was held at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday March Seventh

A.D. 1859, agreeable to Warrant No 19 File 7.

Said Meeting was opened at Ten O'Clock A.M.

Article 1st Thomas C. Mason was chosen **Moderator** – sworn.

Prayer by Rev. Charles W. Broadbent.

Art. 2nd Charles Shed was chosen **Town Clerk** – sworn
Charles Shed was chosen **Town Treasurer** – sworn
Charles Shed was chosen **Town Collector** – sworn

Selectmen Chosen

Charles Shed sworn	John C. Webster sworn	Daniel Merrill
3 rd sworn		

School Committee

Harvey Hersey one year	James O. Parker for 3 years
Constables	

William H. Wallace sworn	Charles E. Goss sworn & bond given
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Fire Wardens

John Low accepted	John Wilson	William H.
Wallace		
Ebenezer Sawyer	Andrew Thompson accepted	

Fence Viewers

E. G. Jackson sworn	Alfred Clark sworn	John Russ
sworn		
Daniel Merrill	Thomas C. Mason	Christopher
How sworn		
Moody S. Wheeler sworn		

Surveyors of Lumber Chosen

Samuel Harvey	Jerome Cross	Henry
Tewksbury		
Hugh Mills	John Frederick sworn	Ebenezer
Marsh sworn		
George Mills	Francis R. Frye	Aaron Sawyer
sworn		

John B. Webster sworn	John Wilson	J. O. Parker
sworn		
Ralph Clark sworn	Jesse Towne	Ebenezer
Sawyer		

Surveyors of Wood & Bark

Appointed by Selectmen by vote of the Town

Samuel Richardson 2 nd	James O. Parker sworn
Phineas W. Smith	Ebenezer Sawyer
Jerome Cross	Frederick Kimball
Edmund P. Sargent	Ralph Clark sworn
Isaiah Silver Jr.	Ebenezer Marsh
Alfred Clark sworn	Daniel Merrill 3 rd
Amos L. Gale	Hazen Messer
John B. Webster sworn	Jonathan Morse
Andrew Thompson sworn	

Field Drivers Chosen

Charles Ingalls sworn	Robert C. Mann
Samuel Cross	J. M. Doe
Ralph Clark	Moody S. Wheeler sworn
Samuel Webster	Enoch Griffin
Irvin Stevens sworn	Samuel C. Crosby sworn
Daniel Carr sworn	John G. White sworn
Chas. E. Goss sworn	John Russ sworn
Isaac Brown sworn	P. J. Lucas sworn
Samuel F. Sawyer sworn	

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Appointed by Selectmen by vote of the Town

C. E. Brock sworn

Pound Keepers

Appointed by Selectmen by vote of the Town

Hezekiah Chadwick	Stephen Williams
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Surveyors of Highways Chosen – All sworn

A. M. Norris	Newall D. Leach	Chas. Smith
James Messer	Edmund Dowding	Jonathan G.
Clough		
Daniel Merrill 3 rd	Gilbert Emerson	J. R. Putnam
Asa Whittier	George W. Gage	Elijah Hall
Ralph Clark	Nathan Perley	Chas. Merrill
Moses Webster	Joseph S. How	John B.
Webster		
Leonard Morrison	William H. Wallace	Nathan
Currier		
John N. Hall appointed in place of Elijah Hall		

Art. 3rd **Voted** to raise Four Thousand dollars to defray the Town charges for the year ensuing.

Art. 4th **Voted** to raise Eighteen Hundred dollars for the repair of Highways and Bridges the year ensuing.

Art. 5th **Voted** to raise Twenty Five Hundred dollars for the support of Schools the year ensuing.

Art. 6th **Voted** that the Prudential Committee be authorized to hire teachers the year ensuing.

Art. 7th **Voted** that they be restrained from going at large during the year.

Art. 8th **Voted** to pay the members of Engine Company Twenty five cents per hour when on actual duty.

Art. 9th **Voted** to accept the Selectmen's Report of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Town.

Voted to accept the Report of the Superintending School Committee.

Voted to accept the following List of Jurors prepared by the Selectmen.

Alfred Clark	John Russ
Hazen Messer	Charles Freeman
Charles Richardson	Hazen Bodwell
George W. Gage	Benjamin M. Hall
Joseph Smith	William C. Sleeper
Ebenezer Marsh	Elbridge Griffin
J. P. Flint	Hervey M. Parley
Daniel Carleton	Alvah Bennett
Josiah G. White	James M. Troy
Enoch Merrill	Francis R. Frye
John W. Mann	Jacob Emerson Jr.
Charles Smith	George W. Butters
Charles Russell	Joseph S. How

Gilbert Emerson	Edmund P. Sargent
Alfred M. Norris	John Mitchell
Lewis Gage	John Carleton
Gilman H. Smith	Michael Prescott
Ebenezer Sawyer	Joseph Currier
Gorham P. Poor	Lorenzo Dow
Joseph Gardner	Ralph Clark
Aaron Sawyer	

Art. 10th **Voted** to pass over this Article.

Art. 11th **Voted** that the Selectmen be a Committee to take the case into consideration to consult council
and to act as they may think proper to settle or defend the case.

Art. 12th **Voted** to pass over this Article.

Art. 13th **Voted** that the subject be left with the Selectmen to act as they may deem proper.

Art. 14th **Voted** to pass over this Article.

Art. 15th **Voted** that Ebenezer Sawyer, John B. Webster, and Daniel T. Morrison be a Committee to make
an estimate of the expense of the Road and report at a future meeting.

Art. 16th **Voted** that the subject be submitted to a Committee, consisting of Joseph F. Ingalls,
Joseph How
and John Low.

Also that the same Committee take into consideration the expediency of naming the Streets,
and report at a future meeting.

Art. 17th **Voted** to pass over this Article.

Voted to adjourn until four weeks from this day, to April 4th at Two O'Clock P.M.

Attest
Chas. Shed
Town Clerk

Met agreeable to adjournment April 4, 1859 at 2 O'Clock P.M.

Voted that the reading of the Record of the former meeting be accepted.

Voted that the Report of the Committee on the road prayed for by Chas. Ingalls and others agreeable to Article 15th be adopted.

Voted that the Report of the Committee appointed to draft a Code of Bye Laws (By-Laws) for the Town of Methuen be recommitted to the same Committee.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Attest

Chas. Shed

Town Clerk

Essex SS.

To William H. Wallace Constable of the Town of Methuen in said County

Greeting:

You are hereby directed in the name of the

Commonwealth

of Massachusetts to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Methuen qualified by law to vote for Senators and Representative in the General Court to meet and assemble at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the Ninth day of May next, at Two O'Clock P.M. to bring in their votes by ballot to the Selectmen, for or against an Article of Amendment to the Constitution of this Commonwealth approved by the **Governor** the **twenty fifth day of March A.D. One thousand eight hundred and fifty nine.** The Poll to be kept open until Five O'Clock.

Hereof fail not and have you there this Warrant with your doings thereon.

Given under our hands at Methuen this twenty eighth day of April A.D. One thousand eight hundred and fifty nine.

John C. Webster Selectmen
Chas. Shed } of
Daniel Merrill 3rd Methuen

Essex SS Town of Methuen April 28, 1859.

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen herein described to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within named by posting up attested

Copies of this Warrant at each of the Public Meeting Houses in said Town Ten days
before the time
set for said meeting

Wm. H. Wallace } Constable of the
Town of Methuen

A true Copy

Attest

Chas. Shed

Town Clerk

May 9, 1859

**At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified
to vote
for Senators and Representatives in General Court held at the Town Hall in said
Town on Monday the Ninth day of May, agreeable to Warrant No 20 File 7, to bring
in their votes for
or against the Amendment of the Constitution.**

The following is the result of the balloting

Yes Forty Eight

No Twenty Three

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest

Chas. Shed

Town Clerk

Nonresident Taxes

Methuen June 21st 1859.

To Chas. Shed

Town Clerk

Sir

The nonresidents' land lying in said Town of Methuen

and owned by Moses Foster of North Andover, Elijah Thayer, Chamberlain V. Chase, Frederick H. Odeorne, Daniel J. Coburn, Pearmain & Others, James Whitney, A. R. Campbell, Joseph Snelling and Jacob Pierce of Boston, Walter Fletcher, West Cambridge, Eben Parker & Mary A. Varney of Charlestown, J. M. Currier, Cyrus Clement and J. B. Loomis of Chelsea, J. D. Gage & Bro. California, John Tirril, Chicago, Robert Wilson, Hopkinton, N. C., S. P. Prescott, Haverhill, Stephen Barker Jr. Lowell, Moses Burbank, Ludlow, Vt., Oliver Bryant, Thomas A. Parsons, Abial Stevens, Abial Stevens Jr., William Huse's Heirs, T. W. Currier, George J. Raynard, George W. Eaton, and Daniel B. Webster of Lawrence, Fillebrown & Whitmore, Newton, David Messa, Cyrus Wilson & John F. Tenney, Salem, N.H., Samuel Hobbs, Unknown, Josiah Osgood, Springfield is taxed in School District No. 4 as determined by the Assessors of said Town and so to remain as belonging to said School District until the Town is districted anew.

John C. Webster } Assessors
Daniel Merrill 3rd } of Methuen

Nonresident Taxes

Methuen June 22, 1859.

To Charles Shed Town Clerk

Sir

The Nonresident Land, lying in said Town of Methuen and owned by Thomas Webster, Leverett Silver, Daniel Silver, Samuel Day, Benjamin Day, and Betsy Noyes of Salem, N.H., John P. White's Heirs of Pelham, N.H., Edward Young, Dracut, Sarah Hoppin, Danvers, is taxed in School District No 1 as determined by the Assessors of said Town and so to remain as belonging to said School District until the Town is Districted anew.

John C. Webster } Assessors
Daniel Merrill 3rd } of Methuen

Essex SS. To Charles C. Goss Constable of Methuen in said County

Greeting:

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Methuen qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to meet and assemble at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the First day

of August next at Two O'Clock P.M. to act on the following particulars.

First. To choose a **Moderator** to govern said meeting.

Second By Petition of Charles Ingalls and others to see if the Town will accept and build a Road or Highway as laid out by the Selectmen agreeable to their Report: commencing near the Yellow House so called in the turnpike leading from said Methuen to Lawrence a few rods northerly of the dwelling house of Charles Ingalls, and leading in a northerly direction through to the road leading to the Raid Road Depot and the road leading by the dwelling house of Moses W. Bowen and act anything respecting said road the Town shall think proper.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the
Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting.

Given under our hands **this sixteenth day of July A.D. 1859.**

John C. Webster Selectmen
Chas. Shed } of
Daniel Merrill 3rd Methuen

Essex SS. Town of Methuen August 1st 1859

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the Town
of
Methuen herein described to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within
mentioned
by posting up attested copies of this Warrant at the Town House in said Town and at each
of the
public meeting houses in said Town ten days before the time set for said meeting.

Charles E. Goss
Constable of Methuen

August 1, 1859

**At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified
by law**

**to vote in Town affairs, held at the Town Hall in said Town August First A.D. 1859
agreeable to Warrant No. 21, File 7.**

Article First J. O. Parker was chosen **Moderator**

Article Second That the Report of the Selectmen be accepted and that they be instructed to build
the Road

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest

Chas. Shed

Town Clerk

Essex SS. To Charles E Goss Constable of Methuen in said County

Greeting:

You are hereby required in the name of
the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of
Methuen

qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to meet and assemble at the Town Hall in said
Town on Tuesday the Sixth day of September next at Two O'Clock P.M. to act on the
following particulars.

First. To choose a **Moderator** to govern said meeting

Second. By petition of Chas. Ingalls and others to see if the Town will accept and Build a road or
Highway

as laid out by the Selectmen agreeable to their Report, commencing at a point on the
easterly line

of the Boston and Maine Rail Road and at the termination of the southerly line of a Town
way laid out by the Selectmen of Methuen, and accepted by said Town August First A.D.
1859, thence N. 60 $\frac{3}{4}$ degrees west 27 feet to a post, thence N. 75 degrees west 78 feet
across the Boston and Maine Rail Road to the easterly side of the highway and act
anything respecting road the Town shall think proper.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings
thereon to the
Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting.

Given under our hands this **twenty fifth day of August A.D. 1859.**

John C. Webster } Selectmen
Chas. Shed } of
Daniel Merrill 3rd } Methuen

September 6, 1859

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified by law to vote in Town affairs held at the Town Hall in said Town, September 6th A.D. 1859 agreeable to Warrant No 22 File 7.

Art, First James O. Parker was chosen **Moderator**

Art. 2nd **Voted** that the Report of the Selectmen be accepted and adopted and also that they be instructed to build the road.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Attest
Chas. Shed
Town Clerk

Essex SS. To William H. Wallace Constable of the Town of Methuen in said
County of Essex **Greeting**

In the name of the Commonwealth of
Massachusetts you

are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote
in Elections

to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday the **Eighth day of November next
(1859)** it

being the First Tuesday after the first Monday of said November at Twelve of the Clock
M.

(M=Noon) to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for **Governor**, Lieutenant **Governor**,
Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General, Attorney General, Auditor of Accounts,
Councilors for District

number Two, District Attorney for the Eastern District, One Senator for the Third Essex
District,

Sheriff of Essex County, Three Commissioners of Insolvency, One County
Commissioner and

Two Special Commissioners for said County all on one Ballot; Also a Representative to
the

General Court for the Representative District Number Fifteen composed of the Town of
Methuen

and the Fifth Ward of the City of Lawrence, in a separate Ballot, the Polls to be kept open
until

Four O'Clock P.M. and you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested
copies thereof

at each of the Public Meeting Houses in said Town.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to
ourselves
at the time and place of meeting.

Given under our hands at Methuen this **twenty fourth day of October in the**
year of our
Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty nine.

John C. Webster } Selectmen
Chas. Shed } of
Daniel Merrill 3rd } Methuen

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of Town of Methuen herein described to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned by posting up attested copies of this warrant at each of the Public Meeting Houses in said Town Ten days before the time of said meeting.

W. H. Wallace Constable of Methuen
A true Copy Attest
Chas. Shed Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to
vote in
elections held at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday the Eighth day of
November at
Twelve O'Clock M. (M=Noon) agreeable to Warrant No 23, File 7.

The votes were sorted, counted, recorded and declaration thereof made as the law directs and were as follows viz.:

The whole number of votes for **Governor** was

Three Hundred and Twenty Six 326

Nathaniel P. Banks of Waltham had One Hundred and Fifty Nine	359
Benjamin F. Butler of Lowell had One Hundred and Forty Five	145
George N. Briggs of Pittsfield had Twenty Two	22

The whole number of votes of **Lieut. Governor** was

Three Hundred and Twenty Six 326

Eliphalet Trask of Springfield had One Hundred and Fifty eight	158
Stephen C. Bemis of Springfield had One Hundred and Forty five	145
Increase Summer of Great Barrington had Twenty Three	23
The whole number of votes for Secretary of State was	
Three Hundred and Twenty Five	325
Oliver Warner of Northampton had One Hundred and Fifty seven	157
S. W. Bowerman of Adams had One Hundred and Forty five	145
Benjamin L. Allen of Boston had Twenty Three	23
The whole number of votes for Treasurer and Receiver General	
was Three Hundred and Twenty Five	325
Moses Tenney of Georgetown had One Hundred and Fifty seven	157
George Dennett of Boston had One Hundred and Forty five	145
Charles Kimball of Ipswich had Twenty Three	23
The whole number of votes for Attorney General was	
Three Hundred and Twenty five	325
Stephen C. Phillips of Salem had One Hundred and Fifty seven	157
D. H. Mason of Newton had One Hundred and Forty five	145
Henry Morris of Springfield had Twenty Three	23
The whole number of votes for Auditor of Accounts was	
Three Hundred and Twenty five	325
Charles White of Worcester One Hundred and Fifty seven	157
J. E. Esterbrook of Worcester One Hundred and Forty five	145
James W. Sever of Boston had Twenty Three	23
The whole number of votes for Councilor for District No. 2 was	
Three Hundred and Twenty Three	323
John P. Baker of Beverly had One Hundred and Seventy eight	178
William Nutting Jr. of Marblehead had One Hundred and Forty five	145
The whole number of votes for District Attorney for the Eastern District was	
Three Hundred and Twenty five	325
Alfred A. Abbott of South Danvers had One Hundred and Eighty	180
Edward H. Phillips of Lynn had One Hundred and Forty five	145

The whole number of votes for Senator for the Third Essex District was		
Three Hundred and Twenty Six	326	
George L. Davis of North Andover had One Hundred and Eighty	180	
Simeon C. Nash of Lawrence had One Hundred and Forty Six	146	
The whole number of votes for Sheriff of Essex County was		
Three Hundred and Twenty five	325	
James Cary of Lawrence had Two Hundred and Eighty four	284	
Charles Peabody of Newbury port had Forty one	41	
For Commissioners of Insolvency		
Perley S. Chase of Lawrence had One Hundred and Seventy six votes	176	
Charles C. Dame of Newburyport had One Hundred and Seventy eight	178	
William G. Choate of Salem had One Hundred and Seventy eight	178	
Addison Gott of Rockport had One Hundred and Forty five	145	
J. P. Jones of Georgetown had One Hundred and Forty five	145	
Paul D. Patch of Hamilton had One Hundred and Forty five votes	145	
For County Commissioners		
Abraham D. Waitt of Ipswich had One Hundred and Seventy nine	179	
Dean Robinson of West Newbury had One Hundred and Forty five	145	
Special Commissioners		
Rufus Kimball of Lynn had One Hundred and Seventy nine	179	
O. H. P. Sargent of Essex had One Hundred and Seventy nine	179	
A. L. Kimball of Haverhill had One Hundred and Forty five	145	
John Choate of Essex had One Hundred and Forty five	145	
Representative to General Court for Essex District Number Fifteen		
David Gleason of Methuen had One Hundred and Seventy five	175	
George S. Merrill of Lawrence had One Hundred and Thirty eight	138	
Votes in Ward Five Lawrence for Representative		
George S. Merrill of Lawrence had Sixty Two	62	
David Gleason of Methuen had Forty nine	49	
Voted to dissolve the meeting		
Attest		

Chas. Shed
Town Clerk

Perambulation

Of the lines between Salem N.H. and Methuen

The subscribers, Selectmen of the Town of Salem, N.H. and
Methuen, Mass.

Met on **November twenty first 1859** and perambulated the line between the said towns
Salem and Methuen and found the Bounds substantially set and the courses from one
bound to the other as follows viz.: commencing at the Northeasterly corner of Methuen
at Haverhill line at a Stone set in the ground, thence south 48 degrees 14 minutes west 93
rods to a stone set in the ground a few rods south of Aaron G. Wilson's house, thence
south 5 degrees 38 minutes, 1159 rods to a stone set in the ground in Strong Water
meadow, then 64 degrees west, 691 $\frac{1}{2}$ rods crossing the Turnpike (so called) thence
North 89 degrees 35 minutes west 226 rods crossing the road in front of said Silvers on
the side of the hill to a stone set in the ground southwest of said Silvers, thence South 77
degrees 37 minutes west 137 Rods
to a stone set in the ground, at the corner of Salem and Pelham

Charles Kimball } Selectmen
Albertus Coburn } of
Geo. W. Merrill } Salem

Chas. Shed } Selectmen of
Daniel Merrill 3rd } Methuen

A true Copy
Attest
Chas. Shed
Town Clerk

Perambulation

We the subscribers, the Selectmen of the Town of Methuen, and a
Deputation appointed by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Lawrence have this day
perambulated to be as follows viz.: Beginning on the westerly line of the Andover
intersect in Merrimack River, thence Northerly in a straight line passing through a stone
monument on the bank of said river, marked L. M. and through a stone monument
marked and that of Ebenezer Barker, to a stone monument northerly from the house of
Jonathan Jennings marked L. M.

Theence Northeasterly passing through a monument on the Currants
Hill road

near the Catholic Burying Ground to a Monument on the easterly side of the Londonderry Turnpike
(so called) marked L. M. near the house of Abial Stevens.

Thence running North sixty one degrees east, passing through a Stone Monument marked L. M. on the easterly side of Lawrence Street to the Easterly line of School District number Four to a Stone Monument marked L. M. there set in the ground in the field between the said Turnpike and the old County Road.

Thence running South seventy nine degrees east in a straight line, passing through a Stone monument on the westerly side of said County Road, also through a Stone Monument on the westerly side of said County Road, also through a Stone Monument marked L. M. on the westerly side of the Street leading from Lawrence by the Old Burying Ground in Methuen, also through a Stone Monument marked L. M. on the easterly side of the Street between the house of Isaac B. Cobb, and the house of John Russ, also through a Stone Monument marked L. M. on the easterly side of the road leading from Lawrence to Haverhill, near the house of Daniel Carleton to a Stone Monument marked L. M. on the bank of Merrimack River thence to the line of the Town of Andover in said River.

All of which has been agreed upon by the said parties as the Boundary Lines between said Towns.

December 2nd 1859.

Oliver Bryant } of
L. Chapman } Lawrence

Chas. Shed } Selectmen
Daniel Merrill 3rd } of Methuen

A true Copy. Attest, Chas. Shed Town Clerk