

# 1863

## Essex SS.

To Charles E. Goss 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 Town affairs to meet and assemble at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the **second day of March (1863)** next at Ten O'Clock A.M. then and there to act on the following Articles Viz.:

- Article 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a **Moderator** to govern said meeting
- Art. 2<sup>nd</sup> To choose all necessary Town officers for the year ensuing
- Art. 3<sup>rd</sup> To raise such sums of money as the Town may deem necessary to defray the Town charges for the year ensuing
- Art. 4<sup>th</sup> To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise to repair Highways and Bridges the year ensuing
- Art. 5<sup>th</sup> To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the support of School the year ensuing
- Art. 6<sup>th</sup> To determine the manner of collecting Taxes the year ensuing and act thereon as the Town may think proper
- Art. 7<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will vote to restrain neat cattle, Horses and swine from going at large the year ensuing
- Art. 8<sup>th</sup> To see what pay the Town will allow the members of the Engine Company the year ensuing
- Art. 9<sup>th</sup> To hear the annual Report of the Selectmen and Auditor and all Committees which are to report at this meeting and act thereon
- Art. 10<sup>th</sup> To act on list of Jurors as reported by the Selectmen
- Art. 11<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will authorize the Prudential Committees to hire teachers the year ensuing
- Art. 12<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will vote to act on the question of abolishing School Districts as required by the

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Section of the 39<sup>th</sup> Chapter of the General Statutes

Art. 13<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will vote to arrange in proper form the records of the roads in said Town

Art. 14<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will vote to provide a place for the safe keeping of their records and a vault for the convenience of the Town House, and choose a Committee to carry the same into effect.

Art. 15<sup>th</sup> To determine how Town Meetings shall be notified and warned

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 at Methuen this Fourteenth day of February A.D. 1863.

Charles F. Abbott      } Selectmen  
D. T. Morrison      } of  
John W. Frederick      } Methuen

**Essex SS. Town of Methuen March 2<sup>nd</sup> 1863.**

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified and warned 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 an attested copy of this warrant at the Town House and at each  
of the public meeting  
houses in said Town eight days before the time set for said meeting and I have caused the  
substance  
of said warrant to be published in a public newspaper printed in the adjoining City of  
Lawrence. I  
also caused copies to be posted upon several of the School Houses in said Town.

Charles E. Goss Constable of Methuen

A true Copy

## Attest

Chas. Shed Town Clerk

## **March 2, 1863 – Annual Town Meeting**

**The Annual Town Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen  
was held at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> A.D. 1863 agreeably**

**to Warrant No 38, File 7 at Ten O'Clock A.M.**

Article 1<sup>st</sup> Jacob Emerson Jr. was chosen **Moderator** & sworn  
Prayer by Rev. E. Davis

Art. 2<sup>nd</sup> Charles Shed was chosen **Town Clerk** & Sworn  
Charles Shed was chosen **Treasurer & Collector** & sworn

**Selectmen chosen**

John W. Frederick sworn as **Selectman & Assessor**  
Daniel T. Morrison sworn as **Selectman & Assessor**  
George W. Gage sworn as **Selectman & Assessor**

**School Committee**

J. Brown Lord for 3 Years  
Edwin Davis for 2 Years

**Constables**

Charles O. Barker sworn  
George A. Harris sworn

**Auditor**

Samuel G. Sargent sworn

**Fire Wardens**

John Low accepted accepted	Chas. E. Goss accepted	Lorenzo Dow
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**Fence Viewers**

Christopher How	E. G. Jackman	Jonathan Morse
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**Surveyors of Lumber**

John B. Webster sworn	Aaron Sawyer	Franklin Saunders
Joseph S. How sworn	Jerome Cross	J. W. Frederick sworn
J. M. Emerson sworn	John Wilson sworn	Samuel Richardson
Jesse Town sworn	Amos Currier	Hugh Mills
George F. Harvey sworn	Ralph Clark sworn	James O. Parker
D. H. Patterson appointed & sworn		

### Surveyors of Wood & Bark

Joseph S. How sworn	John B. Webster	Daniel Merrill 3 <sup>rd</sup>
sworn		
Edmund P. Sargent sworn	D. H. Patterson	Aaron Sawyer
Franklin Saunders sworn	Ralph Clark sworn	Frederick Kimball
Joshua P. Hill appointed	Justin E. Griffin sworn	Enoch A. Merrill
Samuel Richardson 2 <sup>nd</sup> sworn		

### Field Drivers

H. C. Richardson	T. B. Currier	John Merrill
Enoch H. Griffin	James M. Richardson	Joshua P. Hill
Michael Prescott sworn	Mark Gorrell	A. J. Whittier
Moody S. Wheeler sworn	Francis Sawyer appointed	Ervin Stevens

### Sealer of Weights and Measures appointed

F. J. L. Boynton sworn

### Pound Keepers

S. W. Williams	Hezekiah Chadwick
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### Road Commissioner appointed

Joseph F. Ingalls

### Surveyors of Highways

Darius Taylor	Charles Smith
Daniel Dowding sworn	Albert Butters sworn
Hezekiah Chadwick sworn	Edmund P. Sargent sworn
David W. Noyes sworn	Charles Merrill sworn
John Searles	Guy Carleton sworn
Daniel E. Cole sworn	Ebenezer Sawyer sworn
Samuel Cross sworn	James Messer
L. C. Clark	Saml H. Harris sworn
Jonathan Morse	Gorham Poor sworn
Nathan Perley	B. F. Woodbury
Mark S. Gorrell	Nathan Currier
John Sands	Nathan Perley sworn
B. F. Woodbury sworn	Mark Gorrell sworn

Nathan Currier sworn                    John Sands sworn

Art. 3<sup>rd</sup>    **Voted** that the Selectmen be a Committee of Finance to hire money for the Town for a term of from Five to Twenty years to pay the Town debt.

Art. 4<sup>th</sup>    **Voted** to raise Two Thousand dollars to repair Highways and Bridges the year ensuing

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

Art. 6<sup>th</sup>    **Voted** that the Taxes be collected the same as last year

Art. 7<sup>th</sup>    **Voted** that they be restrained

Art. 8<sup>th</sup>    **Voted** that they be paid the same as last year

Art. 9<sup>th</sup>    **Voted** that the Financial Report of the Selectmen and Treasurer and School Committee be accepted

Art. 10<sup>th</sup>    **Voted** that the following list of Jurors reported by the Selectmen be accepted.

Charles F. Abbott	Hazen Messer
George W. Butters	Leonard Morrison
Varnum Corliss	H. M. Perley
Stephen Currier	Aaron Gilcreast
Samuel F. Dearborn	Daniel Currier
Alfred Clark	E. K. Kent
Jacob Emerson Jr.	Benjamin M. Hall
Ralph Clark	Isaac H. Laney
John W. Frederick	Charles Freeman
Joseph F. Ingalls	Moses G. Smith
Gilbert Emerson	Asa Simonds
Edmund P. Sargent	John Low
Joseph Smith	Benjamin F. Woodbury
John Russ	David Gleason
John B. Webster	George Harris
Henry Knight	Samuel Cross
David W. Noyes	Charles Smith
Stephen W. Williams	Samuel Richardson 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Joseph S. How	Lewis Gage
Charles Jackson	Joseph Gardner

Art. 11<sup>th</sup>    **Voted** that the Prudential Committees be authorized to hire teachers the year ensuing

Art. 12<sup>th</sup>    **Voted** not to abolish the School District System

Art. 13<sup>th</sup> **Voted** that the Town Clerk be authorized and instructed to arrange and place in proper form, the old Records of the Town for reference hereafter

Art. 14<sup>th</sup> **Voted** that the subject be referred to the Selectmen and that they report at some future meeting

Art. 15<sup>th</sup> **Voted** that Town Meetings hereafter be notified and warned by posting up attested copies of the warrant at the Town House, and at each of the Public Meeting Houses in said Town, seven days at least, before the time mentioned in the warrant for holding said meeting.

**Voted** that three Truant Officers be chosen to carry into effect the Truant laws.

The following persons were chosen **Truant Officers**

Charles E. Goss sworn Charles F. Abbott Charles L. Tozier sworn

The following Resolution was passed

**Resolved**, that in consideration of the danger to the traveler, and consequent liabilities of the Town,  
 that the Selectmen be authorized and directed to secure the sides of the highway leading from Methuen to Lawrence viz.: commencing at Harvey's Bridge so called, by erecting a good and substantial fence upon the causeway, passing the hill to erect on the left bank the entire distance to the bridge a good and substantial fence – also that an addition be made of 8 feet to the width of the Harvey Bridge on the east side sufficient for a side walk.

**Voted** that the Selectmen be authorized to put up Guide Boards where they are needed

**Voted** to dissolve the meeting

Attest Chas. Shed Town Clerk

**Treasurer's Report**

**1863 Feby 20**

**Town of Methuen in account with Chas. Shed Dr**

For Cash paid Selectmen's Orders	\$37,862.15
For Cash paid State Tax	2,826.00
For Cash paid County Tax	1,567.65

For Cash paid Principal on Notes	10,825.00
For Cash paid Interest on Notes	1,920.61
Discount on Taxes	765.11
Collecting on Taxes	114.00
Making out and distributing Tax Bills	25.00
Collecting Recording & Indexing Births, Marriages & Deaths	22.90
Making Returns of Births, Marriages, Deaths & Militia Roll	8.00
Services as Treasurer	30.00
Cash paid for Express, Stamps, Envelopes, P.O. Bill etc	15.70
Cash in the hands of the Treasurer Feby 20 1863	937.98
Taxes uncollected	<u>320.93</u>
	\$57,241.03

**Town of Methuen in account with Chas. Shed Cr**

Cash in Treasurer's hands Feby 20 1862	\$ 474.93
Taxes uncollected	296.32
Cash Rec'd of Ebenezer Kimball	510.00
Cash Rec'd of Ebenezer Kimball	3.67
Tax List for 1862	11,399.92
Cash Rec'd of Frederick Blodgett	285.00
Cash Rec'd of David Gleason	300.00
Cash Rec'd of Hannah Webster	750.00
Cash Rec'd of Frederick Blodgett	15.00
Cash Rec'd of Spicket Falls Bank	1,000.00
Cash Rec'd of Jeremy B. Barker	700.00
Cash Rec'd of Henrietta Currier	200.00
Cash Rec'd of David Gleason	500.00
Cash Rec'd of Spicket Falls Bank	10,000.00
Cash Rec'd of State Treasurer School Money for 1862	96.02
Cash Rec'd of Pemberton Bank	9,000.00
Cash Rec'd of Levi S. Blodgett	200.00
Cash Rec'd of Henry Carleton	100.00
Cash Rec'd of Andover Savings Bank	10,000.00
Cash Rec'd of Pemberton Bank	3,000.00
Cash Rec'd of State Treasurer for State Aid	1,625.42
Cash Rec'd of James W. Morse	1,000.00
Cash Rec'd of Frank H. Johnson	500.00
Amount of State aid overdrawn by J. A. Troy in 1861	6.15
Amount of State aid overdrawn by J. L. Keyser in 1861	2.00
Cash Rec'd of United States for subsistence of Recruits	68.80
Cash Rec'd of George Clark	700.00
Cash Rec'd of Mrs. S. G. Stevens for expenses of the sickness of S. A. Bodwell	164.35
Amount of State overdrawn by E. Sullivan in 1861	6.00
Amount of State aid overdrawn by J. E. Cross in 1861	.19
Cash Rec'd of George Foot Trustee	1,500.00

Cash Rec'd of Patrick Donahoe	600.00
Amount of State aid overdrawn by E. Sullivan in 1861	3.00
Cash Rec'd for Dog Licenses	101.00
Cash Rec'd of Merrill Gage for Stone	11.00
Cash Rec'd for Clothing Box	.33
Cash Rec'd of Liquor Agent	575.53
Cash Rec'd for Rents of Town House	421.40
Cash Rec'd of Hannah H. Mason	125.00
Cash Rec'd of George Foot Trustee	<u>1,000.00</u>
	\$57,241.03

**E.E.**

Chas. Shed Town Treasurer

**Essex SS.**

To Charles O. Barker 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 said Town of Methuen qualified by law to vote for Senators and Representatives in General Court to meet and assemble at the Town Hall in said Town, on Monday the Sixth day of April next at 2 O'Clock P.M. then and there (pursuant to Resolves of the General Court entitled "Resolves concerning the Amendment to the Constitution" approved by the **Governor** on the twentieth day of February A.D. 1863.) give in their ballots, for or against the following article of amendment – to wit:

**Resolved** that the twenty third article of the articles of amendment of the Constitution of this Commonwealth which is as follows to wit:

"No person of foreign birth shall be entitled to vote or shall be eligible to office, unless he shall have resided within the jurisdiction of the United States for two years subsequent to his naturalization and shall be otherwise qualified according to the constitution and laws of this Commonwealth; provided that this amendment shall not affect the rights which any person of foreign birth possessed at the time of the adoption thereof; and provided further, that it shall not affect the rights of any child of a citizen of the United States, born during the temporary absence of the parent therefrom" is hereby wholly annulled.

The form of said ballot shall be as follows  
Amendment to the Constitution, "Yes" or "No"

The Polls to be kept open until 4 O'Clock

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 first day of March in the year of our Lord One thousand and eight hundred and sixty three.

John W. Frederick      } Selectmen  
Daniel T. Morrison      } of  
George W. Gage      } Methuen

**Essex SS.      Methuen April 6<sup>th</sup> 1863**

I have served the within Warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at each of the Public Meeting Houses in said Town and at the Town House, eight days before the time of holding this meeting.

Chas. O. Barker Constable of Methuen  
A true Copy      Attest Chas. Shed      Town Clerk

**April 6, 1863**

**At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held at the Town hall in said Town on the sixth day of April A.D. 1863 agreeably to Warrant 39 File 7**

**Voted** on the Amendment of the Constitution as follows

Yes      Eighteen votes  
No      Sixteen votes

**Voted** to dissolve the meeting.

Attest  
Chas. Shed  
Town Clerk

**Essex SS.**

To George A. Harris 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 Town affairs, to meet and assemble at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the twenty first day of September current at 2 O'Clock P.M. then and there to act on the following Articles Viz.:

Article 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a **Moderator** to govern said meeting

Article 2<sup>nd</sup> To see if the Town will vote to raise by tax or otherwise the sum of Five Thousand Three Hundred sixty seven 26/100 dollars, it being the sum the said Town of Methuen is required forthwith to raise and pay to the Treasurer of the Commonwealth (his warrant having been drawn therefore) agreeable to Chap. 218 of the Laws and Resolves of 1863, entitled an Act to provide for the Reimbursement of Bounties paid to Volunteers

Article 3<sup>rd</sup> To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen of said Town to appropriate aid to families and dependents of those persons who have been or may be drafted and serve in the army of the United States according to Chap. 176 of the Laws and Resolves of 1863

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

Given under our hands at Methuen this twelfth day of September A.D. 1863.

J. W. Frederick	} Selectmen
D. T. Morrison	} of
G. W. Gage	} Methuen

A true copy

Attest

Chas. Shed Town Clerk

By virtue of this warrant I have notified and warned the qualified voters of the Town of Methuen to meet as therein directed by posting up five attested copies thereof at the usual places of posting notices, upon the four several churches and in the Town Hall entry, eight days before the time for holding said meeting

**Methuen Sept. 21, 1863**

George A. Harris Constable of the  
Town of Methuen

A true Copy

Attest

Chas. Shed Town Clerk

**September 21, 1863**

**At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held at the  
Town Hall  
in said Town on Monday the twenty first day of September A.D. 1863 agreeably to  
Warrant  
No 40 File 7.**

Article 1<sup>st</sup> Choose Jacob Emerson Jr. **Moderator**

Art. 2<sup>nd</sup> **Voted** that the Town of Methuen hereby elect the manner prescribed in the 9<sup>th</sup> Section of Chapter 218 of the Acts of 1863, as the way in which it will adjust its proportion of the State Tax called for under the provisions of said act: and the Town Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a certified copy of this vote to the Treasurer of the Commonwealth.

Art. 3<sup>rd</sup> **Voted** that the Selectmen be authorized to pay to the families of drafted men who serve in the United States Army, the same aid as that received by the families of Volunteers: Provided however, that if any person drafted into the service of the United States shall procure a substitute and not go into the service personally his family shall not be entitled to receive any aid under this vote.

**Voted** to dissolve the meeting.

Attest

Chas. Shed

Town Clerk

**Essex SS.**

To George A. Harris, 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 inhabitants of said Methuen qualified to vote in Town

Elections to meet and assemble at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the second day of

November next at 2 O'Clock P.M. to act on the following articles. Viz.:

Article 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a **Moderator** to govern said meeting

Article 2<sup>nd</sup> To see what action the Town will take to fill its quota of 300,00 Men under the call of the President of the United States, dated October seventeenth One Thousand Eight Hundred and sixty three.

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

Given under our hands **this twenty fourth day of October A.D. One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty three.**

J. W. Frederick	{ Selectmen
D. T. Morrison	{ of
G. W. Gage	{ Methuen

By virtue of this warrant I have notified and warned the qualified voters of the Town of Methuen to meet as therein directed by posting up four attested copies thereof at the usual places of posting warrants, upon the several churches and in the entry of the Town House seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

**Methuen Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1863.**

George A. Harris Constable of Methuen

A true Copy Attest Chas. Shed Town Clerk

**November 2, 1863**

**At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held at the Town Hall  
in said Town on Monday the second day of November at 2 O'Clock P.M. A.D. 1863,  
agreeably  
to Warrant No 41 File 7.**

Art. 1<sup>st</sup> Chose Ebenezer Sawyer **Moderator**

Art. 2<sup>nd</sup> **Voted** that the Selectmen be a Committee to procure Volunteers to fill the quota of this Town under the late call of the President of the United States for 300,00 Drafted men and that they have power to appoint one or more persons to assist in Recruiting the same.

**Voted** to dissolve the meeting

Attest

Chas. Shed Town Clerk

**Essex SS.**

To Charles O. Barker 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 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 at Ten O'Clock in the forenoon then and there to give in their ballots to the Selectmen

for **Governor** of the Commonwealth, Lieutenant **Governor**, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General,  
Attorney General Auditor of Accounts, Counselor for District number Two, One Senator for the Third  
Essex District one County Commissioner, and one Register of Probate and Insolvency for the County  
Of Essex all on one ballot

Also for one 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 on a separate ballot, the Polls to be kept open until Four O'Clock P.M.

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 **Seventeenth day of October in the year of our Lord**  
**One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty Three.**

J. W. Frederick	}Selectmen
D. T. Morrison	}of
G. W. Gage	}Methuen

**Essex SS.    Methuen Nov 3, 1863.**

I have served the within warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at each of the public Meeting Houses in said Town and at the Town House fifteen days before the time of holding this meeting.

Chas. O. Barker Constable

A true copy Attest Chas. Shed Town Clerk

**November 3, 1863**

**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 Methuen on Tuesday the Third day November A.D. 1863 agreeably to warrant No 42, 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 <b>Governor</b>	Two Hundred and eighty six	286
John A. Andrew of Boston had	One Hundred and eighty nine	189
Henry W. Paine of Cambridge had	Ninety Seven	97
The whole number of votes for <b>Lieut. Governor</b>	Two Hundred and eighty six	286
Joel Hayden of Williamsburg had	One Hundred eighty nine	189
Thomas F. Plunket of Pittsfield had	Ninety seven	97
The whole number of votes for <b>Secretary of State</b>	Two Hundred and eighty six	286
Oliver Warner of Northampton had	One Hundred and eight nine	189
Frederick O. Prince of Winchester had	Ninety seven	97
For <b>Treasurer and Receiver General</b> was	Two Hundred and eighty six	286
Henry K. Oliver of Salem had	One Hundred and eighty nine	189
Nathan Clark of Lynn had	Ninety seven	97
The whole number of votes for <b>Attorney General</b>	Two Hundred and eighty six	286
Dwight Foster of Worcester had	One Hundred and eighty nine	189
Theodore H. Sweetser of Lowell had	Ninety seven	97
The whole number of votes for <b>Auditor of Accounts</b>	Two Hundred & eighty six	286
Levi Reed of Abington had	One Hundred and eighty nine	189
Moses Bates of Plymouth had	Ninety seven	97
For <b>Councilor for District No. 2.</b> was	Two Hundred and eighty six	286

Eben S. Poor of South Danvers had One Hundred and eighty nine	189
William Nutting Jr. of Marblehead had Ninety seven	97
For <b>Senator for Third Essex District</b> was Two Hundred and eighty six	286
Thomas Wright of Lawrence had One Hundred and eighty nine	189
Samuel Gould of Lawrence had Ninety seven	97
For <b>County Commissioner</b> was Two Hundred and eighty six	286
James Kimball of Salem had One Hundred and eighty nine	189
Moses Newell of West Newbury had Ninety seven	97
For <b>Register of Probate and Insolvency</b> was Two Hundred and eighty six	286
Abner C. Goodell of Salem had One Hundred and eighty nine	189
George R. Lord of Ipswich had Ninety seven	97

**For Representative to General Court in District No. Fifteen**

Jacob Emerson Jr. of Methuen had One Hundred and eighty eight	188
Thomas J. Richardson of Methuen had Seventy six	76
S. Harris Jr. of Methuen Two	2
Daniel Merrill 3 <sup>rd</sup> of Methuen One	1
Hazen Messer of Methuen One	1

**Voted** to dissolve the meeting

Attest                    Chas. Shed                    Town Clerk

**Votes for Representative in Ward Five Lawrence**

Jacob Emerson Jr. of Methuen had (left blank)  
 Thomas J. Richardson of Methuen had (left blank)

**Perambulation**

of the line between the Town of Haverhill and Methuen

We the subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Haverhill and Methuen met **October twenty eighth 1863** and perambulated the line between the said towns of Haverhill and Methuen and find the line to be as follows viz.: beginning at a point on the southwesterly side of Hawks Meadow brook at its junction with Merrimack river – then running North about 39-1/2 degrees West about two hundred

and Eighty two rods to a stone Monument marked M. H. standing on the Northerly side of the road heretofore called the New Road. – Thence about One Hundred and seventy eight rods to a stone standing on the Northerly side of the road near the house of Nathan and Edmund Perley.

Thence about Four Hundred and Thirty six rods to a stone marked M. H. on the easterly side of the new road near Obadiah Fosters. – Thence about Seventy two rods to a stone marked M. H. on the Northerly side of the road near Gilman Haynes House.

Thence about One Hundred and Twelve rods to a large stone monument at the line of the Town of Salem N.H. one half degrees West all of which has been agreed upon by the said parties, as the boundary line between said towns.

Haverhill Octr 28<sup>th</sup>, 1863.

Levi Taylor      } Selectmen of  
A. A. Sargent    } Haverhill

J. W. Frederick      } Selectmen  
D. T. Morrison        } of  
G. W. Gage            } Methuen

A true Copy

Attest

Chas. Shed    Town Clerk

## 1864

### Essex SS.

To Charles O. Barker 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 Town affairs to meet and assemble at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday seventh day of March next Ten O'Clock A.M. then and there to act on the following articles Viz.:

Article 1<sup>st</sup> To a (choose) a Moderator to preside at said meeting

Art. 2<sup>nd</sup> To choose all necessary Town officers for the year ensuing

Art. 3<sup>rd</sup> To raise such sums of money as the Town may deem necessary to defray the Town charges the year ensuing

Art. 4<sup>th</sup> To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise to repair Highways and Bridges the year ensuing

Art. 5<sup>th</sup> To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the support of Schools the year ensuing

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Art. 8<sup>th</sup> To see what pay the Town will allow the members of the Engine Company the year ensuing

Art. 9<sup>th</sup> To hear the Annual Report of the Selectmen and Committees which are to report at this meeting and act thereon.

Art. 10<sup>th</sup> To act on List of Jurors as reported by the Selectmen

Art. 11<sup>th</sup> To see how the Town will vote to divide the money raised for School purposes among the several School Districts

Art. 12<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will vote to establish a High School in conformity to Chapter Thirty Eight Section Second of the General Statues of this Commonwealth and make the necessary appropriation therefore.

Art. 13<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to hire money to pay any notes of the Town that may become due during the year or in their discretion to renew any such note and to empower the Treasurer to sign any notes in behalf of the Town that may be necessary therefore.

Art. 14<sup>th</sup> By request of Moody S. Wheeler to see if the Town will vote to reimburse to the men that were drafted in 1863, and paid the commutation or furnished substitutes, the amount paid by them to clear them from the draft, and act thereon as the Town may think proper.

Art. 15<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will continue to pay State aid to the families of soldiers as provided for by the laws of this Commonwealth relating thereto.

Art. 16<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will vote to charge interest on all taxes not paid within the time expressed on the

tax bill.

Art. 17<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will authorize the Prudential Committees to hire teachers the year ensuing

Art. 18<sup>th</sup> By request of Alfred Clark and others to see if the Town will vote to unite the two Highway Districts in the westerly part of said Town described as follows viz.: commencing at the State line near the house of George Gutterson thence past the Alms-house to the School House in District No 1 also from the house of Jesse Heath to the main road, also from the corner near the house of Ezekiel Clark then past the house of Gorham P. Poor to the State line also from the corner near the house of Alfred Clark thence past the house of the late John N. Hall to the corner near the house of James Palmer.

Art. 19<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will vote to widen and repair the road leading from the corner near the house of John Walsh to Dracut line near William Mansur's.

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

Given under our hands at Methuen **this twenty seventh day of February A.D.**  
**1864.**

J. W. Frederick	} Selectmen
D. T. Morrison	} of
G. W. Gage	} Methuen

**Essex SS.      Methuen March 7 1864**

I have served the within warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at each of the Public Meeting Houses in said Town and at the Town House seven days before the time of holding this meeting.

A true Copy	Chas. O. Barker Constable Methuen
Attest	Chas. Shed Town Clerk

**March 7, 1864 – Annual Town Meeting**

The Annual Town Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen  
was  
held at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday March 7<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1864 agreeably to  
Warrant  
No 1 File 8 at Ten O'Clock A.M.

Article 1<sup>st</sup> Jacob Emerson Jr. was chosen **Moderator**. Sworn

Art. 2<sup>nd</sup> Prayer by Rev J. B. Holman  
Charles Shed was chosen **Town Clerk**. Sworn  
Charles Shed was chosen **Treasurer**. Sworn  
Charles Shed was chosen **Collector**. Sworn

## Selectmen

J. W. Frederick. Sworn as **Selectman and Assessor**  
D. T. Morrison. Sworn as **Selectman and Assessor**  
G. W. Gage. Sworn as **Selectman and Assessor**

## **School Committee**

Samuel G. Sargent for 3 Years

## **Constables**

John S. Day. Sworn Chas. E. Goss. Sworn and Bond given

**Auditor**

George E. Carleton. Sworn

## **Fire Wardens**

## Fence Viewers

## Surveyors of Lumber

John B. Webster sworn	Aaron Sawyer sworn
Franklin Saunders sworn	Joseph S. How
Jerome Cross	J. W. Frederick sworn
J. M. Emerson sworn	John Wilson sworn

Samuel Richardson	Jesse A. Town sworn
Amos Currier	George F. Harvey sworn
Ralph Clark sworn	D. H. Patterson sworn
	J. O. Parker sworn

### **Surveyors of Wood & Bark**

Joseph S. How	John B. Webster sworn
Daniel Merrill 3 <sup>rd</sup> sworn	Edmund B. Sargent
D. H. Patterson sworn	Aaron Sawyer sworn
Cyrus Blood	Ralph Clark sworn
S. C. Crosby sworn	Justin E. Griffin sworn

Samuel Richardson 2 <sup>nd</sup> sworn	J. O. Parker sworn
J. M. Grosvenor sworn	George E. Carleton appointed sworn

### **Field Drivers**

Stephen Hoyt	John Russ sworn
David M. Cole sworn	R. L. Page sworn
S. C. Crosby sworn	Michael Prescott sworn
George W. Chadwick sworn	Lafayette Whittier sworn
A. J. Whittier	Ervin Stevens sworn
Francis Sawyer sworn	J. O. Parker appointed / sworn

### **Sealer of Weights & Measures appointed**

E. B. Homer sworn

### **Pound Keepers**

S. W. Williams	Hezekiah Chadwick
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### **Road Commissioner appointed**

J. F. Ingalls

### **Surveyors of Highways - sworn**

John How	E. M. Walton	Rufus Griffin
W. Annis - appointed	Alba A. Farr	R. K. Miller
Samuel Batchelder	Oliver Emerson	John Carleton
D. H. Patterson	Daniel E. Cole	George E. Carleton
Samuel Cross	Justine E. Griffin	Aaron Palmer
J. M. Grosvenor - appointed	Jonathan Morse	Hazen Bodwell
J. M. Emerson	John Russ	Charles Richardson

Matthew Messer - not sworn

**Truant Officers**

Chas. E. Goss

J. G. Hubbard

Chas L. Tozier

Art. 3<sup>rd</sup> **Voted** to raise Six Thousand Four Hundred and Forty Five dollars to defray the Town charges the year ensuing

Art. 4<sup>th</sup> **Voted** to raise Two Thousand dollars to repair Highways and Bridges the year ensuing

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

Art. 6<sup>th</sup> **Voted** that the Taxes be collect in the same manner as they were last year

Art. 7<sup>th</sup> **Voted** to adopt the following By Laws subject to the approval of the Superior Court

1<sup>st</sup> No person shall pasture cattle or other animals either with, or without a keeper, upon any of the streets or ways in the Town, provided that this By Law shall not affect the right of any person to the use of land within the limits of such way adjoining his own premises.

2<sup>nd</sup> Whoever violates the provisions of this By-Law shall forfeit and pay the sum of Ten dollars one half to the use of the informer, and the other half to the use of the Town.

Voted that the above by laws be presented to the Superior Court by J. Brown Lord for their approval

Art. 8<sup>th</sup> **Voted** that they receive the same pay as last year, also twenty five cents an hour for two hours each month for practice.

**Voted** that the Fire Wardens be a committee to cooperate with the Enginemen for the purpose of creating more interest in the company.

Art. 9<sup>th</sup> **Voted** that the Annual Report of the Selectmen be accepted

**Voted** that the Annual Report be made up to February first to be printed and ready for distribution ten days before the Annual Town Meeting

Art. 10<sup>th</sup> **Voted** to approve and adopt the following list of Jurors

George W. Butters  
Stephen Currier

Varnum Corliss  
Samuel F. Dearborn

Jacob Emerson Jr.	John W. Frederick
Joseph F. Ingalls	Gilbert Emerson
Hazen Bodwell	Hazen Messer
Aaron Gilcreast	Daniel Currier
Elbridge K. Kent	Isaac H. Laney
Charles Freeman	Moses G. Smith
Asa Simonds	Edmund P. Sargent
Joseph Smith	John Russ
John B. Webster	Henry Knight
David W. Noyes	Stephen W. Williams
Joseph S. How	Charles Jackson
John Low	Benjamin F. Woodbury
George Harris	Samuel Cross
Charles Smith	Samuel Richardson 2 <sup>nd</sup>
David Gleason	Joseph Gardner
John Cluff	George W. Gage
Abner Stevens	S. R. Merrill
John W. Bodwell	James M. Richardson

Art. 11<sup>th</sup> **Voted** to pass over this article until the Article 12<sup>th</sup> is acted upon

Art. 12<sup>th</sup> **Voted** that the subject be referred to the School Committee and one from each school district viz.: Samuel G. Sargent, Edwin Davis, J. Brown Lord, Dis. No. 1: J. G Hubbard, No. 2: Jonathan Morse, No. 3: J. B. Barker, No. 4: S. Huse, No. 5: J. F. Ingalls, No. 6: G. W. Gage, No. 7: J. S. How, No. 8: S. H. Harris.

Art. 13<sup>th</sup> **Voted** to authorize the Selectmen to hire money to pay any notes of the Town that may become due during the year, or in their discretion to renew any such note, and to empower the Treasurer to sign any notes in behalf of the Town that may be necessary therefore

Art. 14<sup>th</sup> **Voted** to pass over this Article

Art. 15<sup>th</sup> **Voted** to pay State aid to families of soldiers as heretofore

Art. 16<sup>th</sup> **Voted** to charge interest on all taxes not paid within the time expressed on the tax bills

Art. 17<sup>th</sup> **Voted** to pass over this Article until the 12<sup>th</sup> Article is acted upon

Art. 18<sup>th</sup> **Voted** to grant the prayer of the petitioner

Art. 19<sup>th</sup> **Voted** to pass over this Article

**Voted** that the Resolution passed at Annual Town Meeting be carried into effect this year

**Voted** to adjourn until four weeks from today at Two P.M.

Attest Chas. Shed Town Clerk

**Adjourned Meeting**

**Met according to adjournment April 4<sup>th</sup> 1864.**

**Voted** that the Selectmen be authorized to post up copies of the By Laws passed at the Annual meeting relative to the pasturing animals on the street in the different sections of the Town.

**Voted** to accept the Report of the Selectmen on Guide Boards and Posts and that they be authorized to supply the deficiencies.

**Voted** to take up the Report of the Committee on High School section by section.

Art. 12<sup>th</sup> **Voted** that it is not expedient to establish a High School.

Art. 11<sup>th</sup> **Voted** that the money be divided as heretofore.

Art. 17<sup>th</sup> **Voted** that they be authorized to hire teachers

**Voted** to reconsider the vote passed March 7, 1786 instructing the Selectmen to carry out the Resolution passed at the Annual Meeting in 1863

**Voted** that the Resolution be passed

**Voted** to reconsider the vote passed on the 19<sup>th</sup> Article at the Annual Meeting

**Voted** that the Selectmen be authorized to act on the 19<sup>th</sup> Article as they think best

**Voted** to accept the resignation of Edwin Davis as school Committee and H. S. Hall was chosen by ballot to fill the vacancy

**Voted** to dissolve the meeting

Attest Chas Shed  
Town Clerk

**CR Town of Methuen in Account with Charles Shed Treasurer Feby 20 1864**

For Cash paid Selectmen's orders	\$13,008.35
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For Cash paid Bounty Tax	5,367.26
For Cash paid State Tax	3,768.00
For Cash paid County Tax	1,567.65
For Cash paid Principal on Notes	28,845.00
For Cash paid Interest on	3,321.87
Discount on Taxes	982.75
Collecting Taxes	144.60
Making out and distributing Tax Bills	25.00
Collecting, recording and indexing births, deaths and marriages	16.10
Services as Treasurer	50.00
Cash paid express, stamps, P.O. bill, etc.	28.03
Cash in the hands of the Treasurer Feby 20 1864	7,707.40
Taxes uncollected	346.75

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Cash in Treasurer's hands Feby 20, 1863	937.98
Taxes uncollected	320.93
Tax List for 1863	14,459.85
Cash received of Abiah Richardson	150.00
Cash received of First Bap. Society Methuen	288.00
Cash received of G. W. Gage	275.00
Cash received of Pemberton Bank	9,000.00
Cash received of Hannah Webster	200.00
Cash received of Hannah Clark	500.00
Cash received of Merrill W. Gove	600.00
Cash received of Henry Spencer	50.00
Cash received of Frederick Blodgett	300.00
Cash received of Warren Ordway	1,500.00
Cash received of F. F. Johnson	125.00
Cash received of William H. Johnson	750.00
Cash received of Rebecca S. Swan	2,000.00
Cash received of Lynn Ins. For Savings	10,000.00
Cash received of Miles Taylor	1,000.00
Cash received of Emeline S. Taylor	600.00
Cash received of Aaron Palmer	1,000.00
Cash received of Abner Stevens	700.00
Cash received of Samuel G. Sargent	200.00
Cash received of Delinda Messer	100.00
Cash received of Jonathan Jennings	600.00
Cash received of Cristie Brock	600.00
Cash received of Sophia Batchelder	500.00
Cash received of Hannah Webster	50.00
Cash received of Frederick Blodgett	250.00
Cash received of Trustees First Bap. Society	600.00
Cash received of State Treasurer for Bounties	10,500.00

Cash received of State Treasurer for State Aid	5,494.79
Cash received of Town Liquor Agent	561.97
Cash received for Rent of Town House	490.00
Cash received for Dog Licenses	113.00
Cash received of Ed. Sullivan State Aid overdrawn in 1861	6.00
Cash received of Ed. Sullivan State Aid overdrawn in 1861	2.00
Cash received of State Treasurer School Money for 1863	95.73
Cash received of U. S. for making enrollment of draft for 1862	36.00
Cash received of J. Brown Lord for violation of Dog Law	10.00
Cash received of J. S. Snell Note and interest	23.60
Cash received of Town of Stow	2.00
Cash received of John Cluff for board of wife at St Lun Hos. Wor.	<u>114.51</u>
	\$65,188.76

**Essex SS.**

To John S. Day 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 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  
 Twenty  
 fifth of April current at 2 O'Clock P.M. then and there to act on the following Articles  
 Viz.:

Article 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting

Article 2<sup>nd</sup> By request of H. C. Gleason and others to see if the Town will vote to establish a High  
 School and appropriate money for the same

Article 3<sup>rd</sup> To see if the Town will vote to divide the money for School purposes among the several  
 School Districts

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 at Methuen this **sixteenth day of April A.D. 1864**

J. W. Frederick      } Selectmen  
 D. T. Morrison      } of  
 Methuen

**Essex SS. Methuen April 25 1864**

I have served the within warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at each of the public Meeting Houses in said Town and at the Town House, seven days before the time of holding this meeting.

John S. Day Constable Methuen

A true Copy

Attest

Chas. Shed

Town Clerk

**April 25, 1864**

**At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of Town of Methuen on Monday the twenty fifth day of April A.D. 1864 at 2 O'Clock P.M. agreeably to Warrant No 2 File 8.**

Article 1<sup>st</sup> Joseph How was chosen Moderator

Article 2<sup>nd</sup> **Voted** that the whole subject be passed over until the next annual meeting

**Voted** to dissolve the meeting

Attest

Chas. Shed

Town Clerk

**Essex SS.** To Charles E. Goss Constable of the Town of Methuen in the said County of Essex,

**Greeting:**

You are directed in the name of the

Commonwealth of

Massachusetts to notify 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 Monday the thirtieth day of May

current at 2 O'Clock P.M. then and there to act on the following Articles, Viz.:

Article 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting

Article 2<sup>nd</sup> To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to pay to the amount of One Hundred and twenty five dollars (\$125.) to each person who shall volunteer into the service of the United States

for the quota of the Town of Methuen to the number of thirty six or more (36) in anticipation of a call of the President of the United States for 300,000 Troops, and make the necessary appropriation therefore, agreeable to Chapter 120, Sect. 1. of the Laws and Resolves of A.D. 1864.

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

Given under our hands this **twenty first day of May A.D. 1864.**

J. W. Frederick	} Selectmen
D. T. Morrison	} of
G. W. Gage	} Methuen

**Essex SS.      Town of Methuen May 30<sup>th</sup> 1864**

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 and at the Town House in said Town, eight days at least before the time set for said meeting.

Charles E. Goss Constable of Methuen  
A true Copy  
Attest  
Chas. Shed  
Town Clerk

**May 30, 1864**

**At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday May 30<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1864 agreeably to Warrant No 3 File 8.**

Article 1<sup>st</sup> Joseph How was chosen Moderator

Article 2<sup>nd</sup> The following Resolutions were adopted

**Resolved** that the Selectmen be authorized as agents of the Town to pay the amount of One Hundred and twenty five dollars to each person who shall volunteer into the service of the United States for the quota of the Town of Methuen, to such a number as in the exercise of their best judgment will be sufficient to fill the same, not exceeding the number of fifty in anticipation of a call of the President of the United States for 300.00 Troops agreeably to Chapter 12- Sec. 1 of the Laws and Resolves of A.D. 1864.

**Resolved** that the Selectmen be and are hereby authorized to borrow a sufficient sum of money to pay said bounties and the necessary expenses attending the recruiting and that the Treasurer is hereby authorized to sign a note or notes for and in behalf of the Town for said money.

**Resolved** that the Selectmen and two other persons who shall be elected at this meeting be a committee to obtain said Volunteers if possible.

**Voted** that Charles E. Goss and Ebenezer Sawyer be on the Committee with the Selectmen as above.

**The following Preamble and Resolutions were unanimously adopted.**

**Whereas.** In the course of events, although long spared, many of our friends, neighbors and townsmen have been stricken down upon the battlefield, several of whom have fallen to rise no more in this life, and many more lie suffering from terrible wounds, from the effects of which they never can recover except by the smiles of Providence, and the tenderest care of friends, therefore

**Resolved:** That we the citizens of Methuen in Town meeting assembled, thus publicly desire to declare and express our grief for the lost and their friends, and our interest in, and sympathy for the wounded and their relatives.

**Resolved.** That we regret exceedingly to learn that not less than thirty and perhaps more of our men have been laid low in death as sacrifices upon the altar of our country.

**Resolved**, that we hereby extend our tenderest sympathies to their families and friends; that we will mourn with those that mourn, and "weep with them that weep;" that we pledge ourselves to watch over, council, care for and assist their widows and orphans.

**Resolved**, that we are extremely anxious for those of our soldiers who are now confined in the Hospitals or camps necessarily in a crowded situation during this warm weather, suffering from the effects of wounds, and sickness; and whatever we possess shall be freely given for their comfort and support.

**Resolved**, that some person who may be selected by the Selectmen be sent forthwith to visit our wounded as an agent for this Town, and that said agent be instructed to see to it that those sick and wounded ones want for nothing which may be in his power to give, and we pledge ourselves as citizens to pay the bills.

**Resolved**, that while we mourn for the lost and the maimed, we can but smile through our tears and rejoice that when the hour of trial came **Massachusetts First Heavy Artillery** Essex County men nearly all, and Methuen well represented, did its duty, bravely, nobly.

**Resolved**, that we honor, and rejoice with those who braved the danger of that fatal night and came out unharmed; in their gallantry, and fidelity we glory, and address them nearly in the language of the old bard.

"For you our tears shall fall;  
For you our prayers ascend;  
For you our cares and toils be given  
Till toils and cares shall end."

**Voted**, that the foregoing Resolutions be published in the Lawrence papers, and that a copy of them be sent to each member of Company B, and to each of their families.

**Voted**, to dissolve the meeting

Attest

Chas. Shed Town Clerk

**Essex SS.** To either of the Constables of the Town of Methuen in said County of Essex **Greeting**  
You are directed in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify 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 Monday the fifth day of September

next at Two O'Clock P.M. then and there to act on the following Articles Viz.

Article 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting

Art. 2<sup>nd</sup> To determine upon what plan to rebuild the Bridge near Harvey's Mills so called and make the necessary appropriation therefor.

Art. 3<sup>rd</sup> To see if the Town will vote to deposit with the Treasurer of the Commonwealth, the sum of \$125 for each recruit in accordance with General Order No 27

Art. 4<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to pay the sum of \$125 to each person who shall enlist in the Military Service of the United States and be credited to the said Town of Methuen.

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 at Methuen this **twenty seventh day of August A.D.**  
**1864.**

J. W. Frederick	} Selectmen
D. T. Morrison	} of
G. W. Gage	} Methuen

### **Essex SS. Town of Methuen Sept. 5, 1864**

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 an attested copy of the within warrant at the usual place of posting up notices upon the Town house and upon each of the public meeting houses in said Town nine day s before the time set for said meeting.

Charles E. Goss Constable of Methuen  
A True copy  
Attest Chas. Shed Town Clerk

### **September 5, 1864**

**At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held at the  
Town Hall in said  
Town on Monday the Fifth day of September A.D. 1864, agreeably to Warrant No 4  
File 8.**

Article 1<sup>st</sup> Jacob Emerson Jr. was chosen Moderator and sworn

Art. 2<sup>nd</sup> **Voted** not to build a Bridge

**Voted** to adjourn this meeting one week from this day at 2 O'Clock P.M.

Attest                    Chas. Shed            Town Clerk

**Met agreeably to adjournment September 12 at 2 O'Clock P.M.**

Art. 3<sup>rd</sup> **Voted** that the Selectmen be authorized to deposit money in accordance with General Order No 27  
& 4<sup>th</sup> with the State Treasurer to obtain 25 men if in their judgment they thought best, or to procure them in any other manner at the same rate.

**Voted** to reconsider the vote passed at the meeting held September the Fifth whereby it was voted not to build a bridge.

**Voted** that Joseph How, Geo. W. Butters and John Low be a Committee to investigate the subject of building a bridge near Harvey's Mills (so called) and report at an adjourned meeting.

**Voted** to adjourn this meeting one week from this day at 2 O'Clock P.M.

Attest  
Chas. Shed            Town Clerk

**Met agreeably to the adjournment September 19<sup>th</sup> at 2 O'Clock P.M.**

The report of the Committee chosen at the last meeting was read and accepted.

**Voted** that the whole subject be referred back to the Committee for a full and detailed account to be reported at some future meeting.

**Voted** to dissolve the meeting.

Attest  
Chas. Shed            Town Clerk

**Essex SS.**      To either of the Constables of the Town of Methuen in said County of Essex

**Greeting:**

You are directed in the name of the Commonwealth  
of  
Massachusetts to notify 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 Tuesday the eighth day of  
November

next at Ten O'Clock in the forenoon, then and there to give in their Ballots for a  
Governor of the  
Commonwealth, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General,  
Attorney General,  
Auditor of Accounts, Councilor for District number Two, One Senator for the Third  
Essex District and  
one County Commissioner, County Treasurer, and a Register of Deeds for the County of  
Essex, all on  
one ballot.

Also for twelve Electors of President and Vice President of the United States, and  
One  
Representative to represent the Sixth Congressional District of the Commonwealth in the  
next Congress of the United States on a separate ballot.

Also for 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 on 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 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 ninth day of October in the year  
of our Lord**  
**One thousand Eight hundred and Sixty four.**

J. W. Frederick	} Selectmen
D. T. Morrison	} of
G. W. Gage	} Methuen

**Essex SS. Town of Methuen Nov. 8 1864.**

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 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

\*Save the following sentence which was left out of two of the copies by mistake. "Also for 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 on a separate ballot"

A true copy

Attest Chas. Shed

Town Clerk

**November 8, 1864**

**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 A.D.  
1864 at Ten O'Clock A.M. agreeably to Warrant No 5 File 8.**

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

The whole number of votes for **Governor** was Four Hundred and Forty two      442

John A. Andrew of Boston had Two Hundred and eighty seven	287
Henry W. Paine of Cambridge had One Hundred and fifty five	155

The whole number of votes for **Lieut. Governor** was Four Hundred and forty one 441

Joel Hayden of Williamsburg had Two Hundred and eighty six	286
Thomas F. Plunkett of Pittsfield had One Hundred and fifty five	155

**For Secretary of State**      441

Oliver Warner of Northampton had Two Hundred and eighty six	286
F. O. Prince of Winchester had One Hundred and fifty five	155

<b>For Treasurer &amp; Receiver General</b>	440
Henry K. Oliver of Salem had Two Hundred and eighty five	285
Nathan Clark of Lynn had One Hundred and fifty five	155
<b>For Attorney General</b>	441
Chester P. Reed of Taunton had Two Hundred and eighty six	286
S. O. Lamb of Greenfield had One Hundred and fifty five	155
<b>For Auditor of Accounts</b>	441
Levi Reed of Abington had Two Hundred and eighty six	286
Moses Bates of Plymouth had One Hundred and fifty five	155
<b>Councillor for District No. Two</b>	441
Eben S. Poor of South Danvers had Two Hundred and eighty six	286
William Nutting Jr. of Marblehead had One Hundred and fifty five	155
<b>Senator for Third Essex District</b>	440
George Foster of Andover had Two Hundred and eighty five	285
John B. Nichols of Haverhill had One Hundred and fifty five	155
<b>County Commissioner</b>	441
Jackson B. Swett of Haverhill had Two Hundred and Eighty six	286
John P. Ladd of Groveland had One Hundred and fifty five	155
<b>County Treasurer</b>	441
Allen W. Dodge of Hamilton had Two Hundred and eighty six	286
Joseph D. Tuck of Beverly had One Hundred and fifty five	155
<b>Register of Deeds</b>	
Ephraim Brown of Salem had	441
<b>Votes for Electors of President and Vice President of the United States</b>	
<b>Votes for Electors at Large</b>	
Edward Everett of Boston Two Hundred ninety two	292
Whiting Griswold of Greenfield Two Hundred ninety two	292
Robert C. Winthrop of Boston One Hundred fifty eight	158

Erasmus D. Beach of Springfield One Hundred fifty eight	158
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**Electors for District No 1.**

Richard Borden of Fall River Two Hundred ninety two	292
A. H.. Howland of New Bedford One Hundred fifty eight	158

**District No.2.**

Artemas Hale of Bridgewater Two Hundred ninety two	292
John Wilson Jr. of Cohasset One Hundred fifty eight	158

**District No. 3.**

George Putnam of Roxbury Two Hundred ninety two	292
Abraham Jackson of Boston One Hundred fifty eight	158

**District No. 4.**

J. M. S. Williams of Cambridge Two Hundred ninety two	292
Andrew Pierce of Boston One Hundred fifty eight	158

**District No. 5.**

John G. Whittier of Amesbury Two Hundred ninety two	292
Samuel E. Peabody of Salem One Hundred fifty eight	158

**District No. 6.**

George L. Davis of No. Andover Two Hundred ninety two	292
James H. Carleton of Haverhill One Hundred fifty eight	158

**District No. 7.**

Stephen M. Weld of West Roxbury Two Hundred ninety two	292
L. Saltonstall of Newton One Hundred fifty eight	158

**District No. 8.**

Levi Lincoln of Worcester Two Hundred ninety two	292
Isaac Davis of Worcester One Hundred fifty eight	158

**District No. 9.**

William S. Clark of Amherst Two Hundred ninety two	292
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William H. Fuller of Whately One Hundred fifty eight	158
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**District No. 10.**

John Wells of Chicopee Two Hundred ninety two	292
Abram Paige of Springfield One Hundred fifty eight	158

**Representative in Congress for the Sixth Congressional District**

Daniel W. Gooch of Melrose had Two Hundred and ninety two	292
Thomas J. Greenwood of Malden had One Hundred and fifty seven	157

**Representative in General Court for District No. Fifteen**

John W. Frederick of Methuen had Two Hundred and Seventy nine	279
John M. Grosvenor of Methuen had One Hundred and Fifty one	151
J. Brown Lord One	1

**Votes of Ward Five of Lawrence for Representative**

John W. Frederick of Methuen had One Hundred and twenty	120
John M. Grosvenor of Methuen Fifty two	52

**Voted** to dissolve the meeting

Attest

Chas. Shed

Town Clerk

**Essex SS.**

To either of the Constables 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 Town affairs to meet and assemble at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday the eighth

day of November next at 2 O'Clock P.M. then and there to act on the following Articles Viz.:

Article 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a **Moderator** to govern said meeting

Article 2<sup>nd</sup> To hear a full and detailed account of the Committee appointed at a previous meeting to investigate the subject of building a Bridge near Harvey's Mill (so called) 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 meeting as aforesaid.

Given this Twenty ninth day of October in the year of our Lord  
One thousand eight hundred and sixty four.

J. W. Frederick      } Selectmen  
D. T. Morrison      } of  
G. W. Gage      } Town of Methuen

Essex SS. Town of Methuen Nov 8 1864

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 the warrant at the Town House and at each of the public  
meeting houses  
in said Town ten days before the time set for said meeting.

Chas. E. Goss Constable of Methuen  
A true copy Attest Chas. Shed Town Clerk

**November 8, 1864**

**At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held at the Town Hall  
in said Town  
on Tuesday the eighth day of November A.D. 1864 at 2 O'Clock P.M. agreeably to  
Warrant No 6.**

File 8.

Article 1<sup>st</sup> John Davis was chosen **Moderator**

Article 2<sup>nd</sup> Voted that the report of the Committee be accepted

### **Voted to adopt the following Resolution**

**Resolved** that the whole subject be referred back to the same Committee with full power to build a Bridge near Harvey's Mill (so called) something after plan reported by them, varying in any minor matters which they in their judgment may think best; and also, that the same Committee be and are hereby authorized to act for the Town, to make any arrangement with the proprietors of the adjoining lands or parties interested as to Grading about the Bridge and on the causeway below.

**Voted** to dissolve the meeting

Attest

Chas. Shed

Town Clerk

**1865**

**Essex SS.** To either of the Constables 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 Town affairs to meet and assemble at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the Sixth day of March next at Ten O'Clock A.M. then and there to act on the following Articles Viz.:

Article 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting

Art. 2<sup>nd</sup> To choose a Town Clerk, Treasurer, and Collector

Art. 3<sup>rd</sup> To choose Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor

Art. 4<sup>th</sup> To choose all other necessary Town officers for the year ensuing

Art. 5<sup>th</sup> To raise such sums of money as the Town may deem necessary to defray the Town charges for the year ensuing

Art. 6<sup>th</sup> To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise to repair Highways and Bridges the year ensuing

Art. 7<sup>th</sup> To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the support of Schools the year ensuing

Art. 8<sup>th</sup> To determine the manner of collecting taxes the year ensuing and act thereon as the Town may

think proper

- Art. 9<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will vote to restrain Neat Cattle, Horses and Swine from going at large  
the  
year ensuing
- Art. 10<sup>th</sup> To see what pay the Town will allow the members of the Engine Company the year  
ensuing
- Art. 11<sup>th</sup> To hear the annual Report of the Selectmen and Committees which are to report at this  
meeting and act thereon.
- Art. 12<sup>th</sup> To act on List of Jurors as reported by the Selectmen
- Art. 13<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will vote to establish a High School in conformity to Chapter thirty  
eight Section second of the General Statutes of this Commonwealth and make the  
necessary appropriation therefor
- Art. 14<sup>th</sup> To see how the Town will vote to divide the money raised for School purposes among the  
several School Districts
- Art. 15<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to hire money to pay any notes of the  
Town that may become due during the year, or in their discretion to renew such notes and  
to empower the Treasurer to sign any notes in behalf of the Town that may be necessary  
therefor
- Art. 16<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will continue to pay State Aid to the Families of Soldiers as provided  
for by the Laws of this Commonwealth relating thereto
- Art. 17<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will authorize the Prudential Committees to hire teachers the year  
ensuing
- Art. 18<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will vote to raise the amount allowed per hour for labor on the  
highways from 12 1/2 cents to 16 2/3 cents per hour and act thereon as the Town may think  
proper
- Art. 19<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will vote to provide Hooks and Ladders for the Engine Company
- Art. 20<sup>th</sup> By request of Henry C. Richardson to see if the Town will vote to pay the members of  
the Tiger Engine Co. No 2 for services as fireman for the coming year and if so, to  
determine the amount to be paid for such services, also to see if the Town will pay for  
keeping the engine in repair
- Art. 21<sup>st</sup> By request of J. O. Parker to see if the Town will vote to allow the Ladies Soldiers Aid  
Society, to work for the Sanitary Commission, the use of the Town Hall one evening in a  
week for the next year without pay

Art. 22<sup>nd</sup> By request of George Harris to see if the Town will vote to allow the Ladies Soldiers Aid Society to work for the Christian Commission, the use of the Town Hall one evening in a week for the next year free of charge

Art. 23<sup>rd</sup> By request of Charles Ingalls to see if the Town will vote to abolish the Liquor Agency: indemnify the Selectmen against loss in case of prosecution for not appointing an agent, and act upon any thing relating to the same that the Town may think proper

Art. 24<sup>th</sup> By request of Daniel Currier to see if the Town will vote to consolidate the three Highway Districts a part of which embrace the village; and allow the taxes to be paid in money and expended under the direction of a Street Commissioner and act upon anything relating to the subject that the Town may think proper

Art. 25<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will vote to construct Reservoirs in suitable places in Town or act upon anything relating to the same and make the necessary appropriation therefor

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 at **Methuen this twenty fifty day of February A.D. 1865.**

J. W. Frederick	} Selectmen
D. T. Morrison	} of
G. W. Gage	} Methuen

#### **Essex SS. Town of Methuen Feby 25, 1865.**

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 and at each of the public meeting houses in said Town two days before the time set for said meeting.

A true copy	John S. Day	Constable of Methuen
Attest	Chas. Shed	Town Clerk

#### **The Annual Town Meeting – 1865**

**The Annual Town Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen was  
held at the  
Town Hall in said Town on Monday the Sixth day of March A.D. 1865 at Ten  
O'Clock A.M. agreeably to Warrant No 7 File 8**

Article 1<sup>st</sup> Jacob Emerson Jr. was chosen **Moderator** sworn  
Prayer by Rev K. S. Hall

Art. 2<sup>nd</sup> Chas. Shed was chosen **Town Clerk** sworn  
Chas. Shed was chosen **Treasurer** sworn  
Chas. Shed was chosen **Collector** sworn

Art. 3<sup>rd</sup> **Selectmen**

Daniel T. Morrison sworn as **Selectman and Assessor**  
George W. Gage sworn as **Selectman and Assessor**  
Samuel G. Sargent sworn as **Selectman and Assessor**

Art. 4<sup>th</sup> **School Committee**

K. S. Hall for 3 years

**Constables**

Chas. E. Goss sworn Justus L. Boynton sworn (moved out of Town Oct. 18, 1865. C. Shed  
Town Clerk)

**Auditor**

J. Brown Lord  
**Fire Wardens**

John Low

Chas. E. Goss

John Wilson

**Fence Viewers**

Christopher How sworn  
sworn

E. G. Jackman

Jonathan Morse

**Surveyors of Lumber**

John B. Webster  
Franklin Saunders  
Jerome Cross sworn  
J. M. Emerson sworn  
Samuel Richardson

Aaron Sawyer sworn  
Joseph S. How sworn  
J. W. Frederick sworn  
John Wilson sworn  
J. A. Town

Geo. F. Harvey sworn  
D. H. Patterson

Ralph Clark sworn  
J. O. Parker sworn

## Surveyors of Wood & Bark

Chas. Jackson sworn  
E. P. Sargent  
Aaron Sawyer  
Ralph Clark sworn  
Justin E. Griffin sworn  
J. O. Parker sworn  
Joseph S. How sworn

Daniel Merrill 3<sup>rd</sup> sworn  
D. H. Patterson  
Cyrus Blood  
S. C. Crosby  
Saml. Richardson 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Asa Harris  
E. W. Webster sworn

## Field Drivers

Stephen Hoyt sworn  
Chas. H. Harvey sworn  
Wilson sworn  
G. W. Chadwick Jr. sworn  
sworn  
H. J. Blodgett  
sworn  
Joseph How sworn  
sworn  
Chas. E. Goss

Walter E. Stevens  
Edson Lowell sworn  
  
John Russ sworn  
  
J. L. Boynton sworn  
  
E. P. Sargent sworn  
  
John A. White sworn

E. K. Kent  
Geo. H.  
J. O. Parker  
Cyrus B. Gage  
Chas. Ingalls

## **Sealer of Weights & Measures (appointed)**

E. B. Homer

## Pound Keepers

### **Road Commissioner (appointed)**

J. C. Sawyer sworn

## **Surveyors of Highways – sworn**

Darius Taylor  
Sylvester Merrill  
Smith  
Amos Sargent  
Webster (not sworn)

John Frye  
Joseph F. Brown  
  
John Carleton

Ezra Holmes  
Moses G.  
John B.

Samuel Cross (not sworn)	Joel Foster	Geo. W. Paler
Isaac Wentworth	Jonathan Morse	Benjn. Blood
J. G. Hubbard	Geo. Clark	John Cluff
R. K. Miller		

J. O. Sawyer appointed by Selectmen as Road Commissioner of the consolidated Highway Districts.

### Truant Officers

Chas. E. Goss	J. G. Hubbard	Chas. S.
Tozier		

Art. 5<sup>th</sup> Voted to raise Sixteen Thousand Five Hundred and Eighty Five dollars to defray the Town charges the year ensuing

Art. 6<sup>th</sup> Voted to raise Twenty Six Hundred dollars to repair Highways and Bridges the year ensuing

Art. 7<sup>th</sup> Voted to raise Thirty Five hundred dollars for the support of Schools the year ensuing

Art. 8<sup>th</sup> Voted that the taxes be collected in the same manner as last year

Art. 9<sup>th</sup> Voted that they be restrained

Art. 10<sup>th</sup> Voted that they be paid same as last year

Art. 11<sup>th</sup> Voted to accept the report of the Committee on Guide Boards and of the Selectmen and that Guide Boards be furnished where they are wanted

Art. 12<sup>th</sup> Voted to accept and adopt the following list of Jurors

Isaac H. Laney	Stephen W. Williams	S. R. Merrill
Charles Freeman	Samuel Cross	Hazen Messer
Varnum Corliss	John W. Frederick	George W.
Butters		
Gilbert Emerson	Benjn. F. Woodbury	Hazen
Bodwell		
George Harris	John Cluff	Joseph Smith
James M. Richardson	Joseph F. Ingalls	Samuel
Richardson 2 <sup>nd</sup>		
Charles Jackson	Charles Smith	Aaron
Gilcreast		
Moses G. Smith	E. K. Kent	Henry Knight

David W. Noyes	Abner Stevens	Jacob
Emerson Jr.		
John B. Webster	Stephen Currier	John W.
	Bodwell	
Daniel Currier	George W. Gage	Joseph S. How
Jonathan Morse	Daniel T. Morrison	Ebenezer
	Sawyer	
D. H. Patterson	John J. Webster	John C.
	Webster	
J. G. Hubbard		
Art. 13 <sup>th</sup>	Voted to pass over this article	
Art. 14 <sup>th</sup>	Voted that it be divided in the same manner as last year	
Art. 15 <sup>th</sup>	Voted to authorize the Selectmen to hire money to pay any notes of the Town that may become due during the year or in their discretion to renew such notes; and to empower the Treasurer to sign any notes in behalf of the Town that may be necessary therefor.	
Art. 16 <sup>th</sup>	Voted that the Town continue to pay State Aid to Soldier's Families	
Art. 17 <sup>th</sup>	Voted to authorize the Prudential Committee to hire teachers the year ensuing	
Art. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Voted to raise the amount allowed per hour for labor on the highways from 12 ½ cents to 16 2/3 cents per hour	
Art. 19 <sup>th</sup>	Voted to refer the subject to the Selectmen	
Art. 20 <sup>th</sup>	Voted that the members of Tiger Engine No 2 receive the same pay for their services as the members of Spicket Engine No 1 also that the Engine be kept in repair by the Town	
Art. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Voted that the Ladies of the Soldiers Aid Society who work for the Sanitary Commission be allowed the use of the Town Hall free of charge once in two weeks provided it is not wanted for other purposes.	
Art. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Voted that the Ladies of the Soldiers Aid Society who work for the Christian Commission be allowed the use of the Town Hall, once in two weeks provided it is not wanted for other purposes.	
Art. 23	Voted that the Selectmen instruct the Liquor Agent to sell no more liquors excepting Alcohol and a little wine.	

\*Art. 24      Voted to consolidate the three Highway Districts apart of which embrace the village; and that the taxes be paid in money and expended under the direction of a Street Commissioner; and that the Commissioner be appointed by the Selectmen.

Art. 25      Voted that the Selectmen be a Special Committee on the subject and report at a future meeting

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest

Chas. Shed    Town Clerk

\*      The following vote was passed under Art. 24<sup>th</sup> as above.

**Voted** that the amount of Highway Tax assessed in the three former highway Districts which have been consolidated this day by vote of the Town agreeable to Art 24 of the warrant for this meeting be made out in a list as usual and delivered to the Street

Commissioner or Highway Surveyor who shall have been appointed to expend said tax, and said Commissioner or Surveyor is hereby empowered and directed to collect said tax in full in money (if possible) and expend all of said money so collected to improve and benefit the Highways and Bridges within the limits of said Consolidated District the same yare that it is raised, according to the best of his ability, and return the List at the end of the time for which he is appointed, with a report of his doings thereon, to the Selectmen,

Attest

Chas. Shed    Town Clerk

**DR**

**Town of Methuen in Account with Charles Shed Town Treasurer Feby 20, 1865**

Cash Paid Selectmen's Order	\$20,815.17
Cash Paid State Tax	3,768.00
Cash Paid County Tax	1,567.18
Cash Paid Principal on Notes	4,900.00
Cash Paid Interest on Notes	2,750.00
Discount on Taxes	1,015.41
Collecting Taxes	151.22
Making and Distributing Tax Bills	25.00
Collecting Recording and Indexing Births, Marriages and Deaths	20.80

Making Returns of Births, Marriages and Deaths and Militia Roll	10.00
Services as Treasurer	50.00
Cash Expenses Stamps P.O. Bill etc.	25.59
Cash in Hands of Treasurer Feby 1, 1865	8,052.15
Taxes uncollected	<u>456.04</u>
	<u><u>\$43,606.56</u></u>

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Cash in Treasurer's hands Feby 20, 1864	\$ 7,707.40
Taxes uncollected	346.78
Tax List for 1864	15,121.77
Cash Rec'd of Levi S. Blodgett	200.00
Cash Rec'd of Frederick Blodgett	160.00
Cash Rec'd of Mary A. Ingalls	400.00
Cash Rec'd of Spicket Falls Bank	2,000.00
Cash Rec'd of Spicket Falls Bank	1,000.00
Cash Rec'd of Spicket Falls Bank	1,500.00
Cash Rec'd of Samuel Batchelder	1,500.00
Cash Rec'd of Phebe Robinson	900.00
Cash Rec'd of Mahabi Kimball	300.00
Cash Rec'd of Sarah G. Day	500.00
Cash Rec'd of J. S. Stinson	2,000.00
Cash Rec'd of Joseph A. Fisk	200.00
Cash Rec'd of Peter J. Lucas	400.00
 Cash Rec'd of State Treasurer for State Aid	7,000.00
Cash Rec'd of State Treasurer School Money for 1863&4	110.40
Cash Rec'd of Treasurer U.S. Premium on Recruits	248.71
Cash Rec'd of E. Butler Liquor Agent	271.49
Cash Rec'd of Town of Andover for supplies furnished the	
Family of Abram Kimball	51.34
Cash Rec'd of D. T. Morrison for Wood and Hay cut in burial Grounds	16.00
Cash Rec'd of for old paper	12.00
Cash Rec'd of State Treasurer Corporation Tax	980.79
Cash Rec'd of Jonathan Morse for old Bridge Plank	4.00
Cash Rec'd of Jerome E. Cross State Aid overdrawn	2.29
Cash Rec'd of Town of Haverhill for Stone Monuments	30.50
Cash Rec'd of Rent of Town House	301.00
Cash Rec'd of Gutterson & Merrill Liquor Agents	329.03
Cash Rec'd of Interest on Taxes	7.51
Cash Rec'd of John Cluff for board of M. P. Cluff at Lunatic Hospital	<u>5.58</u>
	<u><u>\$43,606.56</u></u>

**Essex SS.** To either of the Constables 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 Town affairs to meet and assemble at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday, the Twenty fourth day of April current at 2 O'Clock P.M. then and there to act on the following Articles viz.:

Art. 1<sup>st</sup> To choose Moderator to govern said meeting

Art. 2<sup>nd</sup> To hear report of Committee appointed at the last annual meeting to see where cisterns were needed in Town for the use of the Fire Department, and to estimate the cost thereof and act thereon, and make the necessary appropriation to construct such cisterns as the Town may vote to build.

Art. 3<sup>rd</sup> To see if the Town will vote to reconsider that portion of the vote passed at our last annual meeting which relates to the raising by taxation this year the amount of money paid by the Town last year for recruits and if so, to make the necessary appropriation to pay the interest on said money:

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 at Methuen this **fifteenth day of April A.D. 1865.**

D. T. Morrison	}	Selectmen
G. W. Gage	}	of
S. G. Sargent	}	Methuen

**Essex SS. Town of Methuen April 24 1865**

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 and at each of the public meeting houses in said Town, ten days before the time set for said meeting.

J. L. Boynton Constable of Methuen

A true Copy

Attest

Chas. Shed

Town Clerk

**At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held at the Town Hall  
in said  
Town April 24<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1865 agreeable to Warrant No 8 File 8.**

Art. 1<sup>st</sup> J. S. How was chosen **Moderator**.

Art. 2<sup>nd</sup> Voted to accept and adopt the report of the Committee.

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to hire money to build these Cisterns.

Voted that J. O. Sawyer, Chas. E. Goss Jr., J. O. Parker be a Committee to superintend  
the building  
of the Cisterns.

Art. 3<sup>rd</sup> **Voted** to reconsider.

**Voted** not to assess this year.

**Voted** to dissolve the meeting.

Attest

Chas. Shed

Town Clerk

**Essex SS.** To either of the Constables 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 Town affairs, to meet and assemble at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the  
eighth day of May

next at 2 O'Clock P.M. then and there to act on the following Articles viz.:

Art. 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting.

Art. 2<sup>nd</sup> By request of John M. Grosvenor, and others, to see if the Town will vote to reconsider  
the vote

whereby they voted on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> instant to cause cisterns or reservoirs to be built in  
Methuen  
Village and appropriate money for the same 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 as aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Methuen **this twenty ninth day of April A.D. 1865.**

D. T. Morrison      } Selectmen  
G. W. Gage      } of  
S. G. Sargent      } Methuen

**Essex SS.      Town of Methuen May 8 1865.**

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 purpose within  
mentioned by  
posting up attested copies of this warrant at the Town House and at each of the public  
meeting houses  
in said Town ten days before the time set for said meeting.

J. L. Boynton Constable of Methuen

A true Copy

Attest

Chas. Shed

Town Clerk

**May 8, 1865**

**At a legal meeting of the inhabitants qualified by law to vote in Town affairs held at  
the Town  
Hall in said Town on Monday May 8<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1865 Agreeable to Warrant No 9 File 8.**

Art. 1<sup>st</sup>      John Davis was chosen **Moderator**

Art. 2<sup>nd</sup>      **Voted** to reconsider the vote whereby they voted on Monday April 24<sup>th</sup> to cause cisterns  
or reservoirs  
to be built in Methuen Village and appropriated money for the same.

**Voted** to adjourn sine die.

Attest

Chas. Shed  
Town Clerk

**Essex SS.** To either of the Constables 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 Town affairs to meet and assemble at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2 O'Clock P.M. then and there to act on the following Articles viz.:

Art. 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a **Moderator** to govern said meeting

Art. 2<sup>nd</sup> By request of Charles Freeman and others to see if they will vote to put in three or more reservoirs in Methuen Village and locate the same providing the cost to the Town shall not exceed twelve hundred dollars.

Art. 3<sup>rd</sup> To make the necessary appropriation therefor

Art. 4<sup>th</sup> To act on any other business in relation to the same

Art. 5<sup>th</sup> By request of J. G. Hubbard to see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation this year the amount of money paid by the Town last year for recruits as voted at the last annual meeting thereby reconsidering the vote relating to the same passed April twenty fourth of this present year and make the necessary appropriation therefor

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

Given under our hand at Methuen this **thirteenth day of May A.D. 1865.**

D. T. Morrison      } Selectmen  
G. W. Gage      } of  
S. G. Sargent      } Methuen

**Essex SS      Town of Methuen May 22 1865.**

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 attested  
copies of this warrant at the Town House and at each of the public meeting houses in  
said Town ten  
days before the time set for said meeting.

Chas. E. Goss Constable of Methuen

**May 22, 1865**

**At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified  
to vote in  
Town affairs held at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday May 22 1865 agreeable  
to Warrant  
No 10 File 8.**

Art. 1<sup>st</sup> J. S. How was chosen Moderator

Art. 2<sup>nd</sup> Voted that the article under consideration be deferred to the next Annual March Meeting  
and that the  
Selectmen be then requested to report to the Town how those reservoirs are to be filled  
with water and  
the estimated expense of the same.

Also that the Selectmen inquire into the expediency of building other reservoirs in Town  
and report  
thereon the number wanted, where they are, the expense of building and filling them with  
water, and the  
proportion of the expense that those interested will pay.

Art. 3<sup>rd</sup> Voted to pass over this article

Art. 4<sup>th</sup> Voted to pass over this article

Art. 5<sup>th</sup> Voted to pass over this article

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest

Chas. Shed

Town Clerk

**Essex SS.** To Charles E. Goss one of the Constables of the Town of Methuen  
**Greeting:**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Elections to meet and assemble at the Town House in said Methuen on Tuesday the 7<sup>th</sup> day of Nov. next at 10 O'Clock A.M. to bring in the subscribers Selectmen of Methuen their votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor and Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, a Representative to Congress from the Sixth District, a County Commissioner, and Two Special Commissioners, a Councilor, Sheriff, Three Commissioners of Insolvency and District Attorney for the County of Essex, a Senator for the Third Essex District, all on one ballot.

Also for a Representative to General Court for the Essex Representative District number Fifteen composed of the Town of Methuen and the Fifth Ward of the City of Lawrence on 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 an attested copy thereof at each of the meetinghouses and at the Town House in said Town.

Hereof fail not and make 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 seventh day of October in the year of our Lord One Thousand eight hundred and sixty five.**

D. T. Morrison	} Selectmen
G. W. Gage	} of
S. G. Sargent	} Methuen

**Essex SS.      Town of Methuen Nov. 7, 1865.**

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 meeting houses and at the Town House in said Town ten days before the time set for said meeting.

Charles E. Goss Constable of  
Methuen

A true copy

Attest

Chas. Shed

Town Clerk

**November 7, 1865**

**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 Nov. 7 A.D. 1865 at 10 O'Clock A.M.  
agreeable to Warrant No. 11 File 8.**

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

**The whole number of votes for Governor was Two Hundred and nineteen      219**

Alexander H. Bullock of Worcester had One Hundred and fifty one	151
Darius N. Couch of Taunton had Sixty six	66
Thomas J. Richardson of Methuen had Two	2

**The whole number of votes for Lieut. Governor was Two Hundred and twenty      220**

William Claflin of Newton had One Hundred and fifty	151
Thomas F. Plunkett of Pittsfield had Sixty nine	69

**For Councilor for District No 2      221**

Benjamin Evans of Salisbury had One Hundred and fifty two	152
William Nutting Jr. of Marblehead had Sixty nine	69

**Secretary      221**

Oliver Warner of Northampton had One Hundred and fifty two	152
S. O. Land of Greenland had Sixty nine	69

**For Treasurer and Receiver General      219**

Jacob H. Loud of Plymouth had One Hundred and fifty	150
Thomas C. Amory Jr. of Boston has Sixty nine	69

**For Auditor of Accounts      219**

Henry S. Briggs of Pittsfield had One Hundred and fifty	150
Arthur F. Devereux of Salem had	69

**For Attorney General      218**

Chester T. Reed of Taunton had One Hundred and forty nine	149
Horatio G. Parker of Cambridge had Sixty nine	69

**Senator for Third Essex District      219**

George Foster of Andover had One Hundred and fifty	150
James R. Nichols of Haverhill had Sixty nine	69
<b><u>Representative in Congress District No Six</u></b>	<b>221</b>
Nathaniel P. Banks of Waltham had One Hundred and fifty two	152
Thomas J. Greenwood of Malden Sixty nine	69
<b><u>For County Commissioner</u></b>	<b>219</b>
Abram D. Waitt of Ipswich had One Hundred and fifty	150
Nathl. Shatswell of Ipswich had Sixty nine	69
<b><u>For Special Commissioners</u></b>	
Nathl. H. Griffith of Groveland had One Hundred and fifty	150
Moses T. Whittier of Rowley had One Hundred and fifty	150
Ebenezer Payne of Saugus had Sixty nine	69
William C. Benney of Amesbury had Sixty nine	69
<b><u>For Sheriff</u></b>	
Horatio G. Herrick of Saugus had One Hundred and fifty	150
Moses Tenney of Georgetown had Sixty seven	67
<b><u>Commissioners of Insolvency</u></b>	
William Howland of Lynn had One Hundred and fifty	150
Nathaniel J. Holden of Salem One Hundred and fifty	150
Henry L. Sherman of Lawrence One Hundred and fifty	150
E. A. Ingalls of Lynn Sixty nine	69
John C. Choate of Essex had Sixty nine	69
H. G. Johnson of Newburyport Sixty nine	69
<b><u>For District Attorney for the County of Essex</u></b>	
Benjamin H. Smith of Gloucester had One Hundred and forty one	141
Alfred A. Abbott of South Danvers had Seventy nine	79
<b><u>For Representative to General Court for District Number Fifteen</u></b>	
John W. Frederick of Methuen had One Hundred and forty five	145
John M. Grosvenor of Methuen had Seventy two	72
<b>Voted</b> to dissolve the meeting	

Attest

Chas. Shed

Town Clerk

**Votes for Representative to General Court for District Number Fifteen Given at  
Ward Five Lawrence Nov. 7 1865**

John W. Frederick of Methuen Eighty	80
John M. Grosvenor of Methuen Thirty two	32

[Omitted]

**Notice**

We hereby give notice that J. Brown Lord Esq. has resigned his office as School Committee, and that the vacancy this occasioned will be filled April 15<sup>th</sup> at 2 O'Clock P.M.

D. T. Morrison      } Selectmen of Methuen  
S. G. Sargent      }

**Methuen April 8 1865.**

A true copy

Attest

Chas. Shed    Town Clerk

**At a meeting of the Selectmen and School Committee of the Town of Methuen held at the Selectmen's room April 15 1865 agreeable to the above notice the whole number of votes, being three were for E. H. Greeley to fill the vacancy in the School Committee caused by the resignation of J. Brown Lord.**

Attest

Chas. Shed

Town Clerk

**Essex SS.**

To Charles E. Goss, 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 Town affairs to meet and assemble at the Town Hall in said Town on Saturday the twenty third day of December at six O'Clock P.M. then and there to act on the following Articles Viz.:

Art. 1<sup>st</sup>    To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting

Art. 2<sup>nd</sup> To see if the Town will vote to make and ordain a By-Law whereby persons shall be prohibited from riding or driving horses or other beasts of burden carriage or draught, in or upon any of the streets or ways for public travel, at a rate of speed which they deem inconstant with the public safety or convenience, and act upon anything relating to the subject which the Town may think proper by virtue of authority granted in Chap. 31 of the General Laws and Resolves of 1865.

And you hereby directed to serve this warrant in accordance with a vote of the Town passed at its Annual Meeting March 2<sup>nd</sup> 1863.

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

Given under our hands at Methuen this **sixteenth day of December in the year of our Lord one Thousand eight hundred and sixty five.**

D. T. Morrison	}	Selectmen
G. W. Gage	}	of
S. G. Sargent	}	Methuen

**Essex SS.      Town of Methuen Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> 1865.**

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen herein described to meet and assemble 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 and at the usual place of posting notices in the Town House in said Town more than seven days before the time set for said meeting.

Chas. E. Goss Constable of Methuen  
A true Copy  
Attest  
Chas. Shed  
Town Clerk

**December 23, 1865**

**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 the said Town on Saturday Dec  
23<sup>rd</sup>  
A.D. 1865 at six O'Clock P.M. agreeable to Warrant No 12. File 8.**

Article 1<sup>st</sup> Jacob Emerson Jr. was chosen Moderator & sworn

Art. 2<sup>nd</sup> Voted to adopt the following By-Law viz.:

No person shall ride or drive horses, or other beasts of burden, carriage or draught in or upon any of the streets or ways for public travel within the limits of this Town at a rate of speed exceeding seven Miles an hour in School District (Village) nor more than ten miles in other parts of the Town, and every person riding or driving horses, or other beasts of burden in or upon any of the streets or ways for public travel shall conduct the same with reasonable care and prudence so as not to endanger the public safety. Any person offending against any of the provisions of this by-law shall forfeit and pay for each offence a fine of not less than two, nor more than twenty dollars, provided that complaint for such offence be instituted within six months from the time of its commission.

Voted that the above By-Law be presented by Charles E. Goss, to the Judge of the Superior Court, for his approval.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Attest  
Chas. Shed  
Town Clerk