

## 1878

(Transcriber's note: this seems to have been added to page 149 of the original Minutes at a later time.)

### **Enlargement of the Old Burial Ground in the west part of the Town on the Lowell Road by the Court of County Commissioners, December Tenth 1877, recorded on pages 63 & 64, Book of Records for Roads**

Charles S. Whittier

**Methuen Dec 20 1878**

Town Clerk

### **Town Warrant March 1878**

#### **Essex S.S.**

To Eben G. Knight one of the Constables of the Town of Methuen

#### **Greeting**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall, in said Methuen, on Monday the fourth day of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, viz.

- Art. 1 To choose a Moderator to preside at said Meeting.
- Art. 2 To choose a Town Clerk, Treasurer, Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor, one School Committeeman to serve three years, (in place of Daniel W. Tenney whose term expires), and one School Committeeman to serve two years, (in place of Wm. R. Patterson, resigned), Constables, Auditor of Accounts, and Fence Viewers all on one ballot. Also to choose a Collector of Taxes, by ballot or otherwise, and all other necessary Town Officers, in such a manner as the Town may determine. The Polls to be kept open until half past twelve o'clock P.M.
- Art. 3 To hear the annual report of the Selectmen and act thereon.
- Art. 4 To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriations for the same.
- Art. 5 To determine the manner of collecting taxes the ensuing year, and act thereon as the Town may think proper.
- Art. 6 To determine by what method the Town will appropriate their highway taxes and repair highways for the ensuing year.
- Art. 7 To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to hire, in behalf of the Town, a sufficient sum of money to pay any notes that may become due during the year, or

that may be necessary to pay orders drawn by the Selectmen and empower the Treasurer to sign such notes, in behalf of the Town.

- Art. 8 To see if the Town will vote to approve and accept the list of Jurors the ensuing year.
- Art. 9 To hear the report of Committees and act thereon.
- Art. 10 To determine what compensation the Town will grant to members of the Fire department for their services the ensuing year.
- Art. 11 To see if the Town will vote to restrain neat cattle, horses and swine, from going at large the ensuing year.
- Art. 12 To determine the manner of appropriating the amount received from going (?) dog tax, in accordance with Chapter 250 of Acts of 1869.
- Art. 13 To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars, to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen, in laying flagging at street crossings and act thereon as the Town may think proper.
- Art. 14 By request of G. Albert Butters and others, to see if the Town will vote to erect and maintain a street light at the corner of Lawrence and East Street, near the burying ground.
- Art. 15 To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to lease rooms in the Town House, and act thereon as the Town may think proper.
- Art. 16 By request of Grand Army Post 100 and also Joseph E. Buswell, to see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of One Hundred dollars, to be expended by said Post in defraying the expenses of decorating the graves of those soldiers of Methuen who lost their lives in the War of the Rebellion.
- Art. 17 By request of Joseph E. Buswell, to see if the Town will vote to increase the School Committee to the number of seven, without pay, and authorize said Committee to elect a Superintendent, at a salary not exceeding five hundred dollars.
- Art. 18 To see what action the Town will take in relation to a claim of James Snell, for damage to his property received in the summer of 1876 when the wall on Charles Street was rebuilt.
- Art. 19 By request of E. G. Knight and others, to see if the Town will accept and allow as a Town way a street laid out by the Selectmen, running northerly from Pleasant Street past the houses of Caroline T. Blood ~ Antoinette S. Davis, and Mary Pettingill.
- Art. 20 By request of John A. Stevens and others, to see if the Town will vote to accept as a Town way a street laid out by the Selectmen, extending from near the house of John

A. Stevens on High Street, northerly past the house of John W. Hall to land of David Nevins; also a street running westerly from said street last mentioned to Gage Street.

Art. 21 By request of John S. Bicknell and others, to see if the Town will vote to accept as a Town way a street laid out by the Selectmen, running northerly from Pleasant Street past the houses of Chas. E. Goss and John S. Bicknell.

Art. 22 By request of James Ingalls and others, to see if the Town will vote to purchase a pair of horses to work on the streets, and be used by the Fire Department when needed, and make an appropriation therefor.

Art. 23 By request of the Board of Engineers, to see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to purchase hose for the use of the Fire Department and if so to determine the amount.

Art. 24 By request of the Board of Engineers, to see if the Town will vote to extend the water pipes from the pipe at the corner of Broadway and Pleasant streets to Whittier Street; also from the pipe near the Methodist Church on Lowell Street to cemetery Street; also from same pipe near said church to the dwelling house of Gilbert Bowen, on Pelham Street; also, from the pipe on corner of Hampshire and Lowell Streets to the dwelling house of S. H. Harris, on High Street or any portion thereof, and make the necessary appropriation for the same.

Art. 25 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate two hundred dollars for fencing and laying out the burying ground on Lowell Street, and take any other action in relation to said burying ground that the Town may think proper.

Art. 26 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to pay Police Officers appointed for special duty, and make an appropriation therefore.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting houses, and at the Town House in said Town, eight days at least before said meeting.

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, this **twenty third day of February, in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy Eight.**

Joseph S. Howe } Selectmen  
John W. Frederick} of  
M. G. Smith } Methuen

A true copy attest  
Darius Pierce  
Town Clerk, Pro Tem

Essex S.S.

February 23<sup>rd</sup> A.D. 1878

By virtue of this warrant I have this day notified the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen to meet at the Town Hall in said Town, at the time and for the purpose within named by posting up attested copies of this warrant on each of the Public Meeting Houses and at the Town House in said Town.

E. G. Knight

A true copy attest:

Constable of Methuen

Darius Pierce

Town Clerk Pro Tem

### March 4, 1878 - Annual Town Meeting

**The Annual Town Meeting of the inhabitants of Methuen, was held at the Town Hall, in said Town on Monday the fourth day of March A.D. 1878 at ten o'clock a.m. agreeably to warrant no 15, file 111.**

The Town Clerk being absent, the meeting was called to order by the Chairman of the Selectmen, and a ballot was held for Town Clerk Pro Tem which resulted in the election of Darius Pierce, who was duly sworn into said office.

Art. 1      Granville E. Foss was elected **Moderator**, and sworn.

Prayer was offered by Rev. S. C. Farnham

Voted that the Collector of taxes, and the Road Commissioners be chosen by ballot.

Art. 2      Joseph S. Howe was chosen **Town Clerk**, and sworn  
Joseph S. Howe was chosen **Treasurer**, sworn  
Joseph S. Howe was chosen **Collector**, sworn

### For Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor

Joseph S. Howe  
John C. Webster and  
H. Newton Coburn were elected and sworn

### For School Committee

Wm. M. Rogers was elected for three years  
Daniel W. Tenney was elected for two years

### **For Constables**

Eben. G. Knight was elected and sworn  
J. Newton Webster was elected  
Daniel Currier was elected

Amos L. Gale was elected **Auditor**

### **For Road Commissioners**

John Q. Hill was elected and sworn  
Moses E. Kimball was elected and sworn  
James M. Moreland was elected and sworn  
B. Frank Woodbury was elected and sworn  
James E. Messer was elected and sworn

### **For Fence Viewers**

Geo. O. Marsh, sworn  
Geo. A. Butters, sworn  
Woodburn J. Nichols were elected

### **For Field Drivers**

W. C. Morris, sworn	Geo. H. Emerson, sworn
Frank Copp, sworn	Patrick Cox, sworn
John H. Russell, sworn	Morris Pomphrett
Geo. C. Snell, sworn	Eugene C. Kimball, sworn
Jos. M. Dowding	

Were elected

**Voted that the Sealer of Weights & Measures, be appointed by the Selectmen.**

### **For Pound Keepers**

Stephen W. Williams and Hezekiah Chadwick – were chosen  
**For Surveyors of Lumber**

Ralph Clark, sworn	Jesse A. Towne
Frank Saunders	Alonzo P. Chase
Horace Whittier, sworn	Frank Ingalls
Samuel A. Harvey, sworn	Joseph S. Howe
John Q. Hill	Moses E. Kimball, sworn
John H. McFarland, sworn	Moses G. Copp, sworn
Jos. O. Parker, sworn	Varnum Corliss, sworn

Edmund Dowding Andrew Taylor, sworn  
Jos. R. Emerson, sworn Richard Welch, sworn  
Were elected

## **Surveyors of Wood and Bark**

Alonzo P. Chase, sworn	James Allen, sworn
Chas. R. Ayer, sworn	Moses G. Smith
Walt. E. Stevens, sworn	Ralph Clark
Geo. O. Marsh, sworn	Nelson M. Blodgett, sworn
Jos. C. Messer, sworn	Danl Dowding
Mark Smart	Moses C. Kimball, sworn
Danl. Merrill 2d	Richard Welch
Patrick Cox, sworn	Peter J. Lucus, sworn

Art. 3 Voted to indefinitely postpone.

Art. 4 Voted to appropriate for defraying Town charges the ensuing year. The following named sums of money the sum being the estimate made by the Selectmen.

For Support of Schools, seventy eight hundred fifty	7,850.00
Repairs of School Houses three hundred dollars	300.00
Supplies for Schools three hundred dollars	300.00
Special repairs on School Houses six hundred dollars	600.00
Highways & Repairs on Roads four thousand dollars	4,000.00
Roads & Bridges & Opening Roads twelve hundred dollars	1,200.00
Fire Department eight hundred dollars	800.00
Pauper Department twenty two hundred dollars	2,200.00
Contingencies one thousand dollars	1,000.00
Town Officers eight hundred dollars	800.00
School Committee three hundred dollars	300.00
Interest on Town Debt forty five hundred dollars	4,500.00
Collecting Taxes three hundred fifty dollars	350.00
Street Lights six hundred dollars	600.00
Librarian two hundred dollars	<u>200.00</u>
	\$25,000.00

- Art. 5      Voted the same as last year.
- Art. 6      Voted that the Repairs on Highways and the appropriation of the tax be the same as last year.
- Art. 7      Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to hire in behalf of the Town a sufficient sum of money to pay any notes that may become due during the year or that may be necessary to pay orders drawn by the Selectmen and the Treasurer be empowered

to sign such notes in behalf of the Town.

Art. 8 Voted to accept the List of Jurors as presented by the Selectmen, with the name of E. M. Clark substituted for that of W. H. Jewell and that of Charles P. Whittier stricken out. The list as accepted is as follows, viz.

David N. Ayer	John Boardman	Jos. E. Buswell
Geo. A. Butters	Melvin M. Blodgett	John W. Bodwell
J. Varnum Coburn	Varnum Corliss	Hezekiah Chadwick
H. Newton Coburn	Daniel E. Cole	Alfred Clark
Elihu F. Chase	J. Madison Doe	Edmund Dowding
Joseph R. Emerson	John W. Frederick	Joseph W. Fulton
Geo W. Gage	Rufus A. Griffin	Chas. H. Harvey
Henry N. Hall	Benj. M. Hall	Jos. S. Howe
Charles Howe	E. M. Clark	Chas. Jackson
Jos. O. Parker	Amos C. Rollins	Danl. C. Rollins
A. P. Russell	Fred A. Russell	Frank Saunders
Moses G. Smith	Nathan A. Smith	Levi Swan
Geo. W. Sawyer	Chas. E. Trow	Chas. L. Tozier
Andrew J. Taylor	Daniel W. Tenney	B. Frank Woodbury
Edmund M. Hutton	Stephen W. Williams	Chas. L. Wilson
John C. Webster		

Art. 9 Vote to accept the report of the committee on building a new School House, and that an addition be made to the present High School building in accordance with the recommendation of the Committee.

And that Four Thousand Dollars be appropriated therefor and expended under the direction of the same committee.

Art. 10 Voted that the compensation be the same as last year

Art. 11 Voted to restrain horses, cattle & swine from going at large the ensuing year.

Art. 12 Voted to appropriate the amount received for Dog Tax to the Public Library

Art. 13 Voted to appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Dollars to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen in laying flaggins at Street Crossings.

Art. 14 Voted that the Selectmen be instructed to erect and maintain a street light at the corner Lawrence and East Street near the burying ground.

Art. 15 Voted that the Selectmen be so instructed.

Art. 16 Voted to pass over this article by a vote of 88 to 87

Art. 17 Voted to indefinitely postpone this article.

Art. 18 Voted to refer the whole matter to the Selectmen.

Art. 19 Voted to accept as a public way, the private street mentioned in this article.

Art. 20 Voted to accept as a Public Way, the Private Street mentioned in this article to a point seven hundred and seventy feet (770) from the starting point on High Street.

Art. 21 Voted to accept as a Public Way, the Private Street mentioned in this article.

Art. 22 Voted to indefinitely postpone this article.

Art. 23 Voted that eight hundred (\$800) Dollars be appropriated for the purchase of hose for the Fire Department and that the Engineers be instructed to expend the amount named.

Art. 24 To indefinitely postpone this article.

Art. 25 Voted that the sum of two hundred (\$200) dollars be appropriated, and the Selectmen be instructed to expend the same, and that they be authorized to sell lots and make any other arrangements thereto that they may deem best.

Art. 26 Voted that One Hundred and Fifty (\$150.) Dollars be appropriated, and expended under the direction of the Selectmen.

Art. 6 was taken off and Voted that as regards the expenditure of Highway Money, that the Commissioners be instructed to expend three quarters (3/4) of their appropriation on or before the first day of July next but that these instructions shall not apply to the Commissioner of the Village District.

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

Darius Pierce  
Town Clerk, Pro Tem

**Methuen, March 9, 1878**

Whereas Charles S. Whittier, Collector of Taxes in the Town of Methuen, for the years 1876 and 1877 and also Collector of Taxes pro tem for a part of the tax assessed in 1875, has absconded leaving a portion of the taxes assessed in each of the years above named uncollected, and has also embezzled a large amount of money belong to said Town now, therefore, we the undersigned Selectmen of Methuen, at a meeting held this day for that purpose, hereby remove said Charles S. Whittier from his office as Collector Taxes, thereby imposing the duty of collecting the uncollected taxes for the years above named, upon his successor already chosen at the last Annual Meeting.

Jos. S. Howe   } Selectmen  
John C. Webster } of Methuen

A true copy, attest, Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

**DR. Treasurer Account: Charles S. Whittier, Treasurer in a/c with the Town of Methuen**

<b>TO</b>	Cash in Treasury Feb. 1, 1877	\$8,517.61
	School Funds	226.13
	Rents	1,099.76
	Dog tax	882.25
	Town Sketches	1.95
	Paupers	55.93
	Burials	22.00
	Loans	87.15
	Corporation Tax	1,082.53
	National Bank Tax	660.55
	State Aid	1,062.47
	Tax Lists 1875, 1876, 1877	36,281.25
	Interest	234.02
	Licenses	2.00
	Geo. W. Palmer	18.58
	Pump	5.00
	Bills payable	<u>9,500.00</u>
		59,739.18

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<b>BY</b>	Selectmen's orders paid	\$24,166.48
	Interest	4,203.07
	Bills Payable	9,500.00
	County tax	1,993.00
	State tax	2,010.00
	Bank tax	1,091.79
	Tax List 1875	53.63
	Tax List 1876	679.06
	Tax List 1877	<u>4,116.15</u>
		59,739.18

\*The above account was indefinitely postponed at Town Meeting March 4.

**Report of Committee on Schoolhouse**

The Committee to whom was referred at our last Annual Town Meeting, the matter of providing some arrangement for relieving the too crowded state of our schools in Methuen village, would respectfully submit the following report. After looking over various sites upon the west side of the village, and a careful inspection of the building now used as a schoolhouse in that locality, and taking into consideration the census of scholars residing in said locality, with the

prospective growth, your committee would report, as the best action to be taken in the matter, (in their judgment), would be the building of an addition to the schoolhouse situated near the Baptist Church; the addition to consist of an L. in the rear of the present building, of same finish, the rooms to be of same size as rooms in present building, and a separate hallway connecting the yard with said rooms. By making the above addition your committee think sufficient room would be obtained to accommodate all scholars needing accommodation for at least the next five years; and at the same time the Town would be following a practice exemplified by experience, as most conducive the

progress, viz.: - a collection of pupils in one building and an establishment of grades, that could not be done with scholars attending mixed schools widely separated; and furthermore while the present schoolhouse is not a thing of beauty to the eye the addition would render it far more comely in appearance, and at the same time render it much more safe in case of fire, as there would be two outlets where there is but one now. And another important item that claims attention is the cost of the erection of a new schoolhouse, compared with the cost of the addition proposed. A new brick building with four rooms of the same size of each of the three to be obtained by the proposed addition would cost in the judgment of your committee \$8,000, while the addition proposed would cost about \$3,500; and this estimate is made by competent mechanics; and your committee after careful investigation and painstaking efforts, would unanimously recommend the building of an addition to the present school house mentioned, as the most beneficial and judicious means, coupled with that economy which the present times demand, of meeting the wants of the citizens of the Village District.

Respectfully submitted by

Joseph E. Buswell  
Daniel W. Tenney } Committee  
Jos. S. Howe

**Methuen, March 4, 1878**

A true copy

Attest – Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

### **Warrant for Special Town Meeting, April 22, 1878**

**Essex S.S.: -**

To Eben G. Knight, one of the Constables of the Town of Methuen

**Greeting: -**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Methuen on Monday, the twenty second day of April instant, at two o'clock in the afternoon, then and there, to act on the following articles viz.: -

Article 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Article 2<sup>nd</sup> To see if the Town will vote to ratify and sanction the action of the Selectmen, in commencing suits for the recovery of the funds taken from the Town Treasury, by the late Treasurer Chas. S. Whittier.

Article 3d To take such action as the Town may think proper concerning the defalcation of Chas. S. Whittier or any matter relating thereto.

Article 4<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will take action for the greater security of the funds in the Town Treasury, either by amending the By-laws of the Town or otherwise.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, at the Town House, and at each of the public meeting houses in said Town, seven days at least, before the time of holding said meeting.

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

Given under our hands, **this thirteenth day of April, A.D. eighteen hundred and seventy eight.**

Jos. S. Howe      } Selectmen  
John C. Webster } of  
H. N. Coburn      } Methuen

**Essex SS. April 13, 1878**

By virtue of this warrant I this day notified the legal voters of the Town of Methuen to meet at the Town Hall, at the time and for the purpose within named by posting attested copies of this warrant at the Town House and at each of public meeting houses, it being more than seven days before said meeting.

E. G. Knight – Constable of Methuen

A true copy,  
Attest Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

**Special Town Meeting, April 22, 1878**

**At a meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held at the Town House in said Town on Monday the twenty second day of April 1878, at two o'clock p.m. to act on the foregoing warrant, No. 16 File 10.**

Art. 1      Granville E. Foss was chosen Moderator

Art. 2      Voted to ratify and sanction the action of the Selectmen in commencing suits for the recovery of the funds taken from the Town Treasury by the late Treasurer, Chas. S. Whittier.

Art. 3      Voted that the present Board of Selectmen be a Special Committee to examine and ascertain what settlement can be made with the defaulting Treasurer, and his sureties and report at a future meeting.

Voted to empower the Special Committee to employ legal counsel, if they deem it necessary.

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to carry on shits already commenced and to employ legal counsel if they deem it necessary.

Art. 4      Voted that the Treasurer and Collector of the Town of Methuen shall make all his deposits of money in any National Bank that shall be approved by the Selectmen, with the exception of the deposit necessary to be made in a Boston bank to meet the interest on Town bonds, and shall not be liable for the inability of said Bank, to pay over money so deposited.

Voted that the Selectmen, with Wm. M. Rogers, Esq. constitute a committee to revise the By-laws of the Town.

Voted that it shall be the duty of the Auditor to examine the accounts of the Treasurer and Collector, and the money deposited by him as Treasurer and Collector, every three months, or oftener as he may deem necessary. Adjourned to Monday, May 6 at two o'clock p.m.

Attest, Jos. S. Howe, Town Clerk

### **Adjourned Town Meeting held May 6, 1878**

**The meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen, adjourned from April twenty second, 1878, was opened at the Town Hall in said Methuen, on Monday the sixth of May, at two o'clock p.m., Granville E. Foss, Moderator, the records of the meeting held on the twenty second day of April, were read and approved.**

The Committee appointed to examine and ascertain what settlement can be made with the defaulting Treasurer, and his sureties, reported verbally, that they had been unable to obtain any definite statement from the defaulting Treasurer and his sureties, but an unsigned paper given them by Chas. S. Whittier as embodying his intentions, was read, which stated substantially, that he proposed to do what is right and just by the Town, and to discharge all his obligations to the Town at as early a day as is possible, and that he is now taking the necessary measures to enable him to do this; that as soon as he is able, he proposes to make a definite proposition and statement to the Town Officers, but is advised that it is not best for him to make a proposition or statement in a public meeting. The report of the Committee was accepted, and no further action relating to the subject matter in consideration was had. The Committee appointed to revise the By-laws of the Town asked for further time.

Voted that they have further time, and be instructed to report at the Annual Meeting in March next.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Attest – Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

## **Warrant for a Town Meeting November 1878**

**Essex S.S.:**

To Ebenezer G. Knight, one of the Constables in the Town of Methuen in said County,

**Greeting: -**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen, qualified to vote as the law directs, to assemble at the Town Hall in said Town, on Tuesday, the fifth 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, Councilor for District Number Six, Secretary of State, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor of Accounts, Attorney General, one Senator for the Sixth Essex District, County Treasurer, to fill the unexpired term of Allen W. Dodge deceased, Register of Probate and Insolvency, one County Commissioner, and one Representative to represent the Seventh Congressional District of the Commonwealth in the next Congress of the United States, all to be balloted for on one ballot, Also to bring in their ballots for three Representatives to represent Essex District number nineteen, in the next General Court of the Commonwealth, on a separate ballot.

The polls to be opened at ten o'clock a.m. and kept open until four o'clock p.m. and no longer. And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the public meeting houses, and at the Town House, in said Town eight days at least before said meeting.

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

Given under our hands at Methuen, **this twenty sixth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy eight.**

Jos. S. Howe      } Selectmen  
John C. Webster } of  
H. N. Coburn      } Methuen

**Essex S.S.      October 26, A.D. 1878**

By virtue of this warrant I this day notified the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen, qualified to vote as the law directs, to meet at the Town Hall, at the time, and for the purpose within named, by posting an attested copy of this warrant on each of the public meeting houses, and at the Town House, it being more than eight days before the time of said meeting.

A True Copy of warrant and returns

E. G. Knight – Constable of Methuen

Attest, Jos. S. Howe ~ Town Clerk

### **Methuen Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> 1878**

**At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen, qualified to vote in elections, held at the Town Hall on Tuesday the fifty day of November, at ten o'clock a.m. A.D. 1878, pursuant to Warrant No. 17, File 111, 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 six hundred and sixty two 662

Thomas Talbot of Billerica had four hundred and forty six	446
Benjamin F. Butler of Lowell had one hundred eighty four	184
Josiah G. Abbott of Boston had thirty one	31
A. A. Miner of Boston had one	1

The whole number of votes for **Lieutenant Governor** was six hundred and sixty two 662

John D. Long of Hingham had four hundred and forty seven	447
John F. Arnold of North Adams had one hundred and thirty seven	137
William R. Plunkett of Pittsfield had seventy seven	77
George C. Ewing of Holyoke had one	1

The whole number of votes for **Secretary of State** was six hundred and sixty two 662

Henry B. Pierce of Abington had four hundred and forty eight	448
Weston Howland of Fairhaven had one hundred and thirty four	134
Henry C. Ewing of Holyoke had seventy nine	79
D. B. Gurney of Abington had one	1

The whole number of votes for **Treasurer and Receiver General** was  
Six hundred and sixty 660

Charles Endicott of Canton had four hundred and forty seven	447
John H. Jennings of New Bedford had one hundred and thirty four	134
David N. Skillings of Winchester had seventy nine	79

The whole number of votes for <b>Attorney General</b> was six hundred and sixty one	661
George Marston of New Bedford had four hundred and forty seven	447
William D. Northend of Salem had one hundred and thirty five	135
Richard Olney of Boston had seventy eight	78
O. T. Gray of Hyde Park had one	1
 The whole number of votes for <b>Auditor</b> was six hundred and fifty nine	659
Julius L. Clarke of Newton had four hundred and forty seven	447
Davis J. King of Boston had one hundred thirty three	133
 John E. Fitzgerald of Boston had seventy eight	78
J. H. Orn of Marblehead had one	1
 The whole number of votes for <b>Councilor</b> was five hundred and fifty nine	659
Joseph A. Harwood of Littleton for District No. 6 two hundred and fifteen	215
Joseph A. Harwood of Littleton for District No. 7 two hundred and thirty two	232
Alonzo V. Lynde of Melrose had two hundred and eleven	211
Joshua Merrill of Lowell had one	1
The whole number of votes for <b>Senator 6<sup>th</sup> Essex District</b> was	
Six hundred and fifty nine	659
 Jacob Emerson of Methuen had four hundred and eighty seven	487
A. A. Lamprey of Lawrence had one hundred and seventy one	171
James O. Parker of Methuen had one	1
 The whole number of votes for <b>Representative to Congress</b> was	
Six hundred and forty	640
 William A. Russell of Lawrence had four hundred and fifty eight	456
John K. Tarbox of Lawrence had one hundred and seventy nine	179
Samuel M. Stevens of Lowell had one	1
Jacob Emerson of Methuen had one	1
James Dudley of Methuen had one	1
 The whole number of votes for <b>County Treasurer</b> was six hundred and sixty	660
John W. Raymond of Beverley had four hundred and forty nine	449
A. H. Pettengill of Newburyport had seventy eight	78
Sewell F. Prescott of Haverhill had one hundred and thirty four	234
 The whole number of votes for <b>Register of Probate and Insolvency</b> was	
Six hundred and sixty	660

Abner C. Goodell Jr. of Salem had four hundred and forty nine	449
J. T. Mahoney of Salem had two hundred and eleven	211
<b>For Representatives to the General Court for the Nineteenth Essex District</b>	
The w hole number of votes was six hundred and sixty six	666

William a Brooks of Haverhill had four hundred and fifty three	453
Charles E. Kelly of Haverhill had four hundred and forty five	445

**For Representative to the General Court Nineteenth Essex District**

Edmund P. Sargent of Methuen had four hundred and sixty three	463
James O. Parker of Methuen had two hundred and one	201
D. Smith Kimball of Haverhill had two hundred and seventeen	217
Joseph Ridgway of Haverhill had one hundred and ninety four	194

Voted to adjourn

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

**City of Haverhill, November 6, 1678 – Office of City Clerk**

At a meeting of the City Clerk of Haverhill, and the Town Clerk of Methuen, said City and Town forming the Nineteenth Essex Representative District, held at noon this day in accordance with the law in such cases made and provided, upon comparing the transcript of the returns, the following appears as the result of the ballottings in said District at meetings held on Tuesday November 5<sup>th</sup> 1878.

	Haverhill	Methuen	Total
William A. Brooks of Haverhill had	1280	453	1733
Charles E. Kelly of Haverhill had	1186	445	1631
Edmund P. Sargent of Methuen had	1239	463	1702
D. Smith Kimball of Haverhill had	1410	217	1627
Joseph Ridgway of Haverhill had	1294	194	1488
James O. Parker of Methuen	1282	201	1483
Edmund F. Sargent of Methuen had	1		1
W. A. Brooks of Haverhill had	1		1
C. E. Kelly of Haverhill had		1	1

In accordance with the foregoing returns, Certificates of Election were this day duly issued to the three persons having the largest number of votes for Representatives to the General Court from the Nineteenth Essex District.

To Wit: -

William A. Brooks of Haverhill

Attest

Charles E. Kelly of Haverhill  
Edmund P. Sargent of Methuen  
David B. Tenney City Clerk of Haverhill  
Jos. S. Howe Town Clerk of Methuen

**Special Town Meeting Nov. 30, 1878  
Warrant (File 10, No. 18)**

**Essex SS:**

To Eben. G. Knight, one of the Constables of the Town of Methuen,

**Greeting: -**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen, qualified to vote in elections, and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Methuen, on Saturday the thirtieth day of November instant (instant=of the present year) at two o'clock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following articles, viz.: -

Article 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Article 2d By request of Samuel A. Harvey, and others of the Board of Engineers, to see what action the Town will take as regards purchasing a Hose Carriage for the Fire Department, and making an appropriation therefore.

Article 3d By request of the same, to see what action the Town will take as regards purchasing one thousand feet of hose for the Fire Department, and making an appropriation thereof.

Article 4<sup>th</sup> By request of the same, to take any other action that the Town may think necessary to promote the efficiency of the Fire Department.

Article 5<sup>th</sup> To see what action the Town will take in relation to certain suits brought against them for damages.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, at the Town House, and at each of the public meeting houses in said Town, seven days at least, before the time of holding said meeting.

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

Given under our hands, this twenty third day of November A.D. eighteen hundred and seventy eight.

Jos. S. Howe   } Selectmen  
John C. Webster } of

H. N. Coburn } Methuen

**Essex SS: - November 23d A.D. 1878**

By virtue of this warrant I this day notified the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen, to meet at the Town Hall of said Town at the time and for the purpose within named by posting attested copies of warrant at the Town House of said Town, and at each of the public meeting houses as within directed it being seven days before the time of holding said meeting.

A true copy Attest – Jos. S. Howe, Town Clerk Eben G. Knight – Constable of Methuen

## **Special Town Meeting, held Nov. 30, 1878**

**At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held at the Town Hall in said Town, on Saturday, November thirtieth, at two o'clock p.m. in pursuance to Warrant No. 18 File 10.**

Art. 1<sup>st</sup> Granville E. Foss was chosen Moderator.

Art. 2d E. T. Johnson moved that the Board of Engineers be authorized to purchase a four wheeled, hand hose carriage, and that three hundred and fifty dollars be appropriated for the purchase of the same. J. E. Buswell moved that this motion lie upon the table until the next annual meeting: decided in the negative, - 19 to 38. Mr. Buswell then moved an amendment that the motion be subject to the approval of the next Annual Meeting: decided in the negative – Yeas 14, Noes 56.  
The motion of Mr. John was then carried.

Art. 3d Gilbert Bowen moved that eight hundred dollars be appropriated for the purchase of hose. Mr. Buswell moved to amend by substituting the sum of two thousand dollars for eight hundred. The amendment was lost after some discussion, and the motion of Mr. Bowen was carried.

On motion of J. S. Howe, voted that the appropriation be expended under the direction of the Board of Engineers. J. H. Morse then moved to reconsider the vote whereby it was voted to appropriate eight hundred dollars for the purchase of hose. The motion was lost.

Art 4<sup>th</sup> J. E. Buswell moved that the sum of five hundred dollars be appropriated for the establishment and maintenance of a hose company. The motion was lost.

Art. 5<sup>th</sup> Voted to authorize the Selectmen to defend the suits brought against the Town by Cyrus Wilson, Max Petzolt and Fanny Watson, or if they deem best to make settlements of the same.

J. S. Howe then offered the following resolution.

Resolved – that it is the sense of this meeting that the fire escape formerly on the High School Building should be placed upon the rear of the Town House. Jacob Emerson moved the passage of the resolution, with an amendment, that the Selectmen be authorized to place the Fire Escape on the Town House. The amendment was carried and the resolution was then passed.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk.

## 1879

### **Warrant for Annual Meeting, March 3, 1879 - No. 19 File 111**

**Essex SS: -** To Eben G. Knight one of the Constables of the Town of Methuen,  
**Greeting: -**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Methuen, on Monday the third day of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, viz.: -

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

Art. 2d To choose a Town Clerk, Treasurer, Selectmen, Assessors of Poor, one School Committeeman to serve three years, (in place of Lyman B. Gage whose term expires) Constables, Auditor of Accounts and Fence Viewers, all on one ballot. Also to choose a Collector of Taxes, by ballot or otherwise, and all other necessary Town Officers, in such a manner as the Town may determine. The polls to be kept open until half past twelve o'clock p.m.

Art. 3d To hear the Annual Report of the Selectmen and act thereon.

Art. 4<sup>th</sup> To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriations of the same.

Art. 5<sup>th</sup> To determine the manner of collecting taxes the ensuing year, and act thereon as the Town may think proper.

Art. 6<sup>th</sup> To determine by what method the Town will appropriate their highway taxes, and repair highways for the ensuing year.

Art. 7<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to hire in behalf of the Town, a sufficient sum of money, to pay any notes that may become due during the year, or that may be necessary to pay orders drawn by the Selectmen, and empower the Treasurer to sign such notes in behalf of the Town.

Art. 8<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will vote to approve and accept the list of Jurors prepared by the Selectmen for the ensuing year.

Art. 9<sup>th</sup> To hear the report of Committees, and act thereon.

Art. 10 To determine what compensation the Town will grant to members of the Fire Department for their service the ensuing year.

Art. 11 To see if the Town will vote to restrain neat cattle, horses and swine from going at large the ensuing year.

Art. 12 To determine the manner of appropriating the amount received from Dog tax in accordance with Chapter 250 of Acts of 1869.

Art. 13 By request of George A. Closson and others, to see if the Town will accept and allow as a Town way a street laid out by the Selectmen, running southeasterly from Lowell Street, past the house of George A. Closson.

Art. 14 By request of Charles R. Mason and others to see if the Town will accept and allow as a Town way, a street laid out by the Selectmen, running westerly and then southerly from Broadway Street, it being a portion of the private ways known as Chase and French Streets.

Art. 15 By request of Ebenezer Sawyer and others to see if the Town will vote to straighten Union Street from a point near the house of John Keefe, to a point near the house of John Bond as laid out by the Selectmen, and make an appropriation therefore.

Art. 16 By request of John Mitchell and others, to see if the Town will vote to reimburse L. H. Mitchell for time, and expense incurred by him in defence of a suit brought against him in consequence of his action in the arrest of John Desmond.

Art. 17 By request of Post No. 100, G.A.R. to see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars for the purpose of decorating the graves of our soldiers and sailors on Memorial Day, May 30, 1879. Said money to be expended under the Direction of Col. W. B. Greene Post No. 100 G.A.R.

Art. 18 By request of Albert S. Fales to see if the Town will vote to lay a drain to carry the water from Pelham Street, near Pelham Avenue.

Art. 19 By request of Fred Davis and others, to see if the Town will vote to give the Methuen Cornet Band, the instruments now used by the band.

Art. 20 By request of John Q. Hill and others, to see if the Town will vote to erect and maintain a street light at the corner of Pelham and Mystic Streets.

Art. 21 By request of Varnum Corliss and others, to see if the Town will vote to enlarge and rebuild the bridge on Pelham Street, near the outlet of Mystic Pond.

Art. 22 By request of E. G. Knight, to see if the Town will vote to reimburse him for loss of time and expense incurred by reason of injury received while performing police duty.

Art. 23 To take such action as the Town may think proper in relation to the suits now pending against C. S. Whittier and his bondsmen.

Art. 24 To see if the Town of Methuen will establish a Fire District and act thereon.

Art. 25 To see if the Town will vote to sell the Stearn Fire Engine and lay water pipes over the said Fire District and act thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting houses, and at the Town House in said Town eight days at least before said meeting.

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 **this twenty second day of February in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy nine.**

Jos. S. Howe      } Selectmen  
John C. Webster    } of  
H. N. Coburn      } Methuen

Essex SS.,

**February 22, A.D. 1879.**

By virtue of this warrant, I this day notified the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Methuen at the time and for the purpose within named by posting up attested copies of this warrant at the Town House and at each of the public meeting houses as within directed.

A true copy of warrant and return,

Eben G. Knight – Constable of Methuen

Attest, Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk.

## Annual Town Meeting 1879

**The Annual Town Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen was held at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the third day of March A.D. 1879 at ten o'clock a.m. in accordance with Warrant No. 19, File 111.**

The meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk who read the foregoing warrant.

Art. 1 Granville E. Foss was chosen Moderator

Prayer was then offered by Rev. R. T. Polk.

Art. 2 The meeting then proceeded to vote for the officers to be elected by ballot with the following result.

For **Town Clerk**, Jos. S. Howe had 332 votes

Jos. W. Fulton had 154 votes

And Jos. S. Howe was declared elected and sworn.

For **Town Treasurer** Jos. S. Howe had 333 votes

Jos. W. Fulton had 153 votes

And Jos. S. Howe was declared elected and sworn.

For **Collector of Taxes** Jos. S. Howe had 333 votes

Jos. W. Fulton had 153 votes

And Jos. S. Howe was declared elected and was sworn.

### For **Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor**

John W. Frederick had 309 votes

Granville E. Foss had 352 votes

Stephen W. Williams had 319 votes

John H. George had 218 votes

James O. Parker had 147 votes

Jos. S. Howe had 72 votes

Scattering 12 votes

And John W. Frederick were

Granville E. Foss declared elected

Stephen W. Williams and were sworn.

### For **School Committee for Three Years**

Lyman B. Gage had 305 votes

Daniel Currier had 178 votes  
Scattering 4 votes  
And Lyman B. Gage was declared elected.

**For Constables**

Eben G. Knight had	446 votes
George A. Closson had	331 votes
Roscoe A Fifield had	310 votes
Henry A. Currier had	150 votes
Frank Ingalls had	184 votes
And Eben G. Knight	were declared
George A. Closson	elected and
Roscoe A. Fifield	were sworn.

**For Auditor of Accounts**

Amos L. Gale had 482 votes  
And was declared elected.

**For Fence Viewers**

W. J. Nichols had	342 votes
Horace S. Whittier	319 votes
Marcus W. Keyes had	293 votes
George O. Marsh had	180 votes
Daniel Merrill had	158 votes
Peter Cassidy had	145 votes
German S. Phippen had	21 votes
Scattering	2 votes
And W. J. Nichols	
Horace W. Keyes	
Were declared elected and sworn.	

**For Road Commissioners**

John Q. Hill had	327 votes
James M. Moreland had	314 votes
B. Frank Woodbury had	487 votes
James E. Messer had	397 votes
Moses E. Kimball had	299 votes
Thomas McElroy had	173 votes
Frank Ingalls had	139 votes
Darius Taylor had	153 votes
Horace S. Whittier had	86 votes
G. A. Butters had	19 votes

Scattering 2 votes

John Q. Hill      James M. Moreland      B. F. Woodbury  
James E. Messer      Moses E. Kimball  
Were declared elected **Road Commissioners** and sworn.

The following persons were appointed **Field Drivers**

W. O. Morris      Clarence Walton, sworn      Geo. C. Snell

Voted that the **Sealer of Weights and Measures** be appointed by the Selectmen.

The following persons were appointed **Pound Keepers**

Stephen W. Williams      Hezekiah Chadwick

The following persons were appointed **Surveyors of Lumber**

Ralph Clark, sworn	Andrew J. Taylor, sworn	W. J. Nichols
Horace S. Whittier, sworn	James O. Parker, sworn	John. H. McFarland
Moses E. Kimball, sworn	Jos. R. Emerson	M. G. Copp

The following persons were appointed **Surveyors of Plastering**

W. O. Norris      Jesse A. Towns      Millett G. Copp      George H. Page

The following persons were appointed **Surveyors of Wood and Bark**

Alonzo P. Chase, sworn	George O. Marsh, sworn
Charles R. Ayer, sworn	James E. Messer, sworn
Eben G. Knight, sworn	Daniel Merrill
Patrick Cox, sworn	James Allen
Ralph Clark, sworn	Nelson M. Blodget, sworn
Moses E. Kimball, sworn	Peter J. Lucas
German S. Phippen, sworn	

Art. 25 On motion of Mr. Phippen it was voted to take up Article 25. It was then voted to lay Article 25 on the table, and to consider Article 24.

Art. 24 On motion of Mr. Gage it was voted to indefinitely postpone Articles 24 and 25. A motion to reconsider was negative.

Art. 3 Voted to accept the Annual Report of the Selectmen.  
Voted that the Selectmen omit from future reports, the amounts charged for board of Jos. Kent and W. H. Cole.

Art. 4 Voted to appropriate the sums reported necessary to defray Town charges by the Committee on Finance – as follows.

<b>For</b>	Support of Schools seven thousand eight hundred and fifty dollars	7,850.00
	Repairs on Schoolhouses three hundred dollars	300.00
	Supplies for schools three hundred dollars	300.00
	Maps and apparatus two hundred dollars	200.00
	Highways and Repairs on roads four thousand dollars	4,000.00
	Roads, Bridges, and Opening Roads twelve hundred dollars	1,200.00
	Fire Department twelve hundred dollars	1,200.00
	Pauper Department twenty two hundred dollars	2,200.00
	Contingencies one thousand dollars	1,000.00
	Town Officers eight hundred dollars	800.00
	School Committee three hundred dollars	300.00
	Interest on Town Debt forty five hundred dollars	4,500.00
	Collecting taxes three hundred and fifty	350.00
	Street Lights seven hundred dollars	700.00
	Librarian two hundred dollars	200.00
	Special police one hundred dollars	<u>100.00</u>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>25,200.00</b>

Art. 5 Voted that it be the same as last year.

Art. 6 Voted to appropriate the same as last year, and that the pay for services of Street Commissioners, shall not exceed two dollars per day, and shall be alike in all parts of the Town; Also that the pay for teams shall be equal in all parts of the Town.

Art. 7 Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to hire in behalf of the Town, a sufficient sum of money, to pay any notes, that may become due during the year, or that may be necessary to pay orders drawn by the Selectmen, and that the Treasurer be empowered to sign such notes in behalf of the Town.

Art. 8 Voted to accept the list of Jurors prepared by the Selectmen as follows: -

#### **List of Jurors for 1879**

Ayer David M.	Harvey Charles H.
Butters George A.	Howe Joseph S.
Butters George W.	Howe Charles
Boardman John	Jackson Charles
Blodgett Nelson M.	Merrill S. Ransom
Beedle Charles T.	Merrill Daniel
Bradley George B.	Marsh George O.
Buswell Joseph E.	Messer James E.
Bodwell John W.	Messer Hazen

Barker William H.	Morse William P.
Coburn J. Varnum	Morse James W.
Coburn H. Newton	Mitchell John
Chase Elihu F.	Parker James O.
Corliss Varnum	Rollins Daniel C.
David Stephen W.	Russell Fred A.
Doe J. Madison	Saunders Franklin
Dowding Edmund	Smith Moses G.
Emerson Joseph R.	Smith Nathan A.
Foster Joel 1 <sup>st</sup>	Swan Leverett
Frederick John W.	Trow Charles E.
Fifield Roscoe A.	Tozier Charles L.
Fulton Joseph W.	Taylor Andrew J.
George John H.	Tenney George W.
Griffin Rufus A.	Woodbury B. Frank
Gage George W.	Walton Edmund M.
Hall Henry N.	Wilson Charles L.
Hall Benjamin M.	Webster John C.

Art. 9      The Committee to whom was referred the subject of a Revision of the Bylaws of the Town reported a list of Bylaws, which, after two amendments, were adopted and passed as follows: -

**By-Laws of the Town of Methuen**

- Section 1.      The Annual Town Meeting for the election of Town Officers and for other purposes shall be held annually on the first Monday of March.
- Section 2.      The warrants for all Town Meeting shall be directed to either of the Constables of the Town, and meetings shall be notified by posting attested copies of the warrant, at the Town House, and at each of the churches and meeting houses in Town, eight days at least before the day of meeting. And whenever a Special Town meeting is called it shall be the duty of the Selectmen to cause printed notices of the same, in addition to those already required, to be posted upon the several schoolhouses, outside the limits of Methuen village, eight days at least before said meeting.
- Section 3.      No vote shall be reconsidered at the same meeting except upon a motion made within one hour of the adoption of such vote, unless ordered by two thirds of the voters present and voting thereon.
- Section 4.      The Selectmen shall have full authority, as agents of the Town, to institute and prosecute suits in the name of the Town and to appear and defend suits brought against it, unless it is otherwise specially ordered by a vote of the Town.
- Section 5.      Whenever it shall be necessary to execute any deed or other instrument, required to carry into effect any vote of the Town, the same shall be executed by the

Selectmen, or a majority thereof in behalf of the Town, unless the Town shall otherwise vote in any special case.

Section 6. The Selectmen shall be a Committee on Finance, whose duty it shall be, previous to the Annual Meeting, to estimate the amount of money necessary to be raised for different purposes for the ensuing financial year, and they shall cause such estimate to be printed in the Annual Report.

Section 7. There shall be chosen at the Annual Town Meeting by ballot, one or more auditors, to audit the accounts of the Town, and no accounts shall be allowed by the Town, without being examined by said auditor. It shall also be the duty of the auditor, to examine the accounts of the Treasurer and Collector, and the money deposited by him as Treasurer and Collector, every three months or oftener, as he may deem necessary.

Section 8. The Treasurer and Collector of the Town shall make his deposits of money in any National Bank that shall be approved by the Selectmen, and shall not be liable for the inability of said Bank to pay over money so deposited; and a newly elected Treasurer shall not enter upon the duties of his office until his bond has been filed and accepted by the Selectmen.

Section 9. There shall be appointed annually by the Selectmen a Road Commissioner whose duty it shall be to see that no encroachments are made upon public streets, roads, or grounds, by fences, buildings or otherwise; and also to erect monuments at suitable places on the borders of the roads, or streets in Town where the Selectmen may think proper.

Section 10. When an article in any warrant for a Town meeting contains a petition or request, requiring an appropriation of money, it shall be accompanied by a written detailed statement of the estimated expense of the object for which said appropriation is sought, which statement shall be read to the meeting before the article is acted upon.

Section 11. The financial year shall begin with the first day of January in each year, and shall end with the thirty first day of December.

Section 12. No person shall keep ashes in any wooden vessel in any building situated within one hundred feet of any building or buildings belonging to any other person on penalty of forfeiting and paying the sum of one dollar for each offence.

Section 13. No person or persons shall coast or slide downhill on any sled, board, or any other vehicle, on any of the following streets, viz.: -

On Broadway Street, from the dwelling house of Lewis Gage, to the dwelling house of John Jones; on High Street between Broadway and Hampshire Streets; and on Osgood Street between the railroad bridge, and the bridge over Spicket River on penalty of forfeiting and paying fifty cents for each offence.

Section 14. Every child in the Town of Methuen, between the ages of five and sixteen years, who shall be an habitual truant; every child who shall not attend school, or being without any regular or lawful occupation, or growing up in ignorance, according to Chapter 42, Section 4 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding twenty dollars for any one breach.

Section 15. No persons shall pasture cattle, or other animals, either with or without a keeper, upon any of the streets or ways in the Town, provided that they Bylaw shall not affect the right of any person to the use of land within the limits of such way adjoining his own premises. 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.

Section 16. 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 the Village, nor more than town miles an hour 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.

Section 17. These By-Laws may be amended at any Annual Town Meeting; an article or articles for that purpose having been inserted in the warrant for such meeting.

Section 18. These By-Laws shall take effect from and after their approval by the Superior Court, and all By-Laws heretofore adopted by the Town are hereby repealed.

### **Methuen, April 10, 1879**

A copy of the foregoing By-Laws was presented to the Superior Court for approval, and was returned to the Town Clerk April 9<sup>th</sup> 1879 accompanied by the following endorsement.

“Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Essex SS: - At the Superior Court begun and held at Lawrence within and for said County of Essex, on the first Monday of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy nine, - and now, the foregoing By-Laws having been examined by the Court, it is considered that the same be and they are hereby allowed. – By the Court – Alfred A. Abbott – Clerk, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Essex SS.

(Seal)

I, Alfred A Abbott, Clerk of the Superior Court within and for said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of record. In witness whereof I herewith set my hand and affix the Seal of said Court this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April A.D. 1879. Alfred A. Abbott – Clerk”

A true copy from record – Jos. S. Howe, Town Clerk.

- Art. 10 Voted that the compensation of members of the Fire Department be the same as last year.
- Art. 23 On motion of Mr. Goss Article 23 was taken up, and it was voted that a Committee of five be appointed by the Chair, to consult with the bondsmen of Mr. Whittier, in relation to the suits now pending against them.

The Chair appointed as their Committee:

Charles E. Goss	Charles Austin	John H. Morse
Charles Ingalls	Ebenezer Sawyer	

The Committee and the bondsmen retired to confer together and Article 23 was laid upon the table.

- Art. 11 Voted that neat cattle, horses, and swine be so restrained.
- Art. 12 Voted that the money received from the Dog tax be appropriated to the Public Library.
- Art. 13 Voted to accept the street petitioned for by George Closson and others, as laid out by the Selectmen.
- Art. 14 Voted to accept the streets petitioned for by Charles R. Mason and others, as laid out by the Selectmen.
- Art. 16 Voted to reimburse L. H. Mitchell to the amount of seventeen dollars, and that sum was appropriated therefore.
- Art. 17 Voted to appropriate one hundred dollars to be expended in accordance with the terms of Article 17 of the Warrant.
- Art. 18 Voted to refer to the Selectmen with full power.
- Art. 19 Voted that the request of Fred Davis and others be not granted.
- Art. 20 Voted to erect and maintain a streetlight at the corner of Pelham and Mystic Streets.
- Art. 21 Voted to instruct the Street Commissioner to enlarge and rebuild the bridge at the

outlet of Mystic Pond and at an expense not exceeding seventy five dollars; to be paid for from the Road and Bridge appropriation.

Art. 22 Voted to reimburse E. G. Knight to the amount of seventy five dollars, and to appropriate that sum therefore.

Art. 15 Voted to accept the alterations on Union Street, as laid out by the Selectmen; also that a Special Commissioner be appointed by the Selectmen, to build the road, and that three hundred and fifty dollars be appropriated for that purpose.

Art. 23 The Committee appointed to consult with the sureties of Charles S. Whittier, the Defaulting Treasurer, in relation to the suits brought against them by the Town, reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them, and that the four sureties of Mr. Whittier, against whom action has been commenced, offer to pay the sum of Fifty-Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars to settle the suits now pending, so far as their liability is concerned. After considerable discussion, it was unanimously voted to accept the proposition of the sureties. It was then voted that the retiring board of Selectmen be a Committee to make settlement with the sureties, and that they be authorized to receipt in behalf of the Town.

It was then voted to dissolve the meeting.

A true record

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk.

#### **Treasurer's Account – Chas. S. Whittier**

Cash in Treasury Feb. 1, 1878	\$11,926.00	By Cash paid Selectmen's orders	\$330.65
Uncollected taxes	4,848.84	By Cash paid Interest	9.00
Interest on Taxes	15.68	Deposit with N. E. Trust Co.	27.87
Essex County, land damages F. White	25.00	Uncollected taxes	4,404.38
		Balance unaccounted for	<u>12,043.62</u>
	<u>\$16,815.52</u>		\$16.815.52

#### **Treasurer's Account – Jos. S. Howe**

Cash in Treasury March 4, 1878	\$ 27.87	By Cash paid Selectmen's orders	31,249.77
School fund	225.72	By Cash paid Interest	4,286.51
Rents	1,105.25	By Cash Bills payable	7,300.00
Town Sketches	1.00	By Cash paid County tax	2,420.10
State Paupers	350.58	By Cash paid State tax	1,340.00
Burials	21.00	By Cash Bank tax	1,103.62

Towns	150.05	Uncollected taxes	6,978.56
Corporation tax	1,064.60	Cash in Treasury	4,027.65
National Bank Tax	556.79		
State Aid	924.00		
Taxes	40,181.48		
Interest on taxes	222.46		
Bills payable	13,759.41		
Licenses	4.00		
Trough, porch, boards, & old pipes	12.00		
Engine	<u>100.00</u>		
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	\$58,706.21		58,706.21

## Warrant for Special Town Meeting – April 2, 1879 - No. 20 File 10

Essex, SS: -

To Eben G. Knight one of the Constables of the Town of Methuen,

**Greeting: -**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen, qualified to vote in Elections and in Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Methuen, on Wednesday, the second day of April next, at two o'clock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following articles, viz.:

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

Art. 2d To see what action the Town will take in relation to a road petitioned for by L.Bradley and others and act thereon as they may think proper.

Art. 3d By request of Charles Ingalls and others, to see if the Town will reconsider the vote whereby they voted to accept the alterations on Union Street as laid out by the Selectmen, and take such action thereon as the Town may think proper.

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof, at the Town house and at each of the public meeting houses, and the several schoolhouses outside the limits of the village in said Methuen, eight days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

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

Given under our hands, this twenty second day of March A.D. eighteen hundred seventy nine.

G. E. Foss           } Selectmen  
J. W. Frederick   } of

S. W. Williams } Methuen

**Essex SS: - March 25th, 1879**

By virtue of this warrant, I this day notified the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Town elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Methuen, at the time and place, and for the purpose within named by posting up attested copies of this warrant on each of the public meeting houses and on each of the schoolhouses outside the limits of the village in said Methuen, it being eight days before the time of meeting aforesaid.

E. G. Knight  
Constable of Methuen

A true copy – Attest – Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk.

### **Special Town Meeting – held April 2d 1879**

**At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen, held at the Town Hall in said Town, on Wednesday April second A.D. 1879, at two o'clock p.m. in pursuance to Warrant No. 20, File 10.**

Article 1<sup>st</sup> Granville E. Foss was chosen Moderator.

Article 2d Wm. C. Sleeper moved that a Committee be appointed to oppose the road petitioned for by L. Bradley and others. Mr. Dow moved to amend the motion of Mr. Sleeper by adding the words “and that the Selectmen be that Committee.” After some discussion the amendment was adopted, and the motion of Mr. Sleeper as amended was carried.

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to employ Counsel if they deem it necessary.

Art. 3d On motion of George O. Marsh, it was voted that Article 3 of the Warrant, be passed over. Carried by a vote of 62 to 18.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Attest, Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk.

### **Warrant for Town Meeting held November 1879 – No. 21 File 111**

**Essex SS:-** To Ebenezer G. Knight one of the Constables in the Town of Methuen in said County:

### **Greeting: -**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote as the law directs to assemble at the Town Hall in said Town, on Tuesday the fourth 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, Councilor for District Number Six, Secretary of State, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor of Accounts, Attorney General, One Senator for the Sixth Essex District, County Treasurer, Registers of Deeds for Northern District Guest of Essex, and one County Commissioner, all to be balloted for on one ballot. Also to bring in their ballots for three Representatives to represent Essex District Number Nineteen in the next General Court of the Commonwealth on a separate ballot. The polls to be opened at ten o'clock a.m. and kept open

until  
four o'clock p.m. and no longer. And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up  
attested

copies thereof, at each of the public meeting houses, and at the Town House in said Town, eight days at least before said meeting.

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

Given under our hands at Methuen, this twenty fifth day of October in the year  
of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy nine.

Granville E. Foss      } Selectmen  
John W. Frederick      } of  
S. W. Williams      } Methuen

Essex SS: - October 25, 1879

By virtue of this warrant I this day notified the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen to assemble at the time and place, and for the purpose within named by posting up attested copies of this warrant on each of the public meeting houses and at the Town House in said Town.

E. G. Knight  
Constable of Methuen

## State Election – Methuen, Nov. 4, 1879

**At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in elections held at the Town Hall on Tuesday the fourth day of November, at ten o'clock a.m. A.D. 1879 pursuant to Warrant No. 21 file 111, the votes were given in sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made as the law directs and were as follows: -**

The whole number of votes cast for **Governor** was five hundred and sixty seven

567

John D. Long of Hingham had three hundred and fifty-one

351

Benjamin F. Butler of Lowell had one hundred and fifty five	155
John Quincy Adams, of Quincy had fifty nine	59
A. A. Miner of Boston had one	1
D. C. Eddy of Hyde Park had one	1
 The whole number of votes cast for <b>Lieutenant Governor</b>	
was five hundred and sixty eight	568
 Byron Weston of Dalton had three hundred and seventy two	372
Albert C. Woodworth of Chicopee had one hundred and thirty six	136
William R. Plunkett of Pittsfield had fifty nine	59
Daniel Eddy of Hyde Park had one	1
 The whole number of votes cast for <b>Secretary of State</b> was five hundred and sixty six	566
 Henry B. Pierce of Abington had three hundred and seventy nine	379
Michael T. Donohoe of Somerville had one hundred and eight six	186
Z. S. Holbrook of Methuen had one	1
 The whole number of votes cast for <b>Treasurer and Receiver General</b> was	
Five hundred and sixty six	566
 Charles Endicott of Canton had three hundred and seventy seven	377
David N. Skillings of Winchester had one hundred and eighty eight	188
Samuel G. Sargent of Methuen had one	1
 The whole number of votes cast for <b>Auditor</b> was five hundred and sixty seven	567
 Charles R. Ladd of Springfield had three hundred and seventy seven	377
Davis J. King of Boston had one hundred and twenty nine	129
Charles R. Field of Greenfield had sixty	60
R. T. Polk of Methuen had one	1
 The whole number of votes cast for <b>Attorney General</b> was five hundred and sixty seven	567
 George Marston of New Bedford had three hundred and seventy six	376
William D. Northend of Salem had one hundred and twenty nine	129
Richard Olney of Boston had sixty one	61
Marcus W. Keyes of Methuen had one	1
 The whole number of votes for <b>Councilor for District No. 6</b> was	
five hundred and sixty seven	567
 George Heywood of Concord had three hundred and seventy eight	378
John C. Sanborn of Lawrence had one hundred and eighty eight	188
T. J. House of Methuen had one	1

The whole number of votes cast for <b>Senator for Essex District No. 6</b> was five hundred and sixty four	564
Jacob Emerson of Methuen had four hundred and forty eight	448
Andrew C. Stone of Lawrence had one hundred and three	103
Moses T. Stevens of North Andover had twelve	12
Daniel T. Morrison of Methuen had one	1
The whole number of votes cast for <b>County Treasurer</b> was five hundred and sixty four	564
E. Kendall Jenkins of Andover had three hundred and seventy six	376
Benjamin A. Ward of Lynn had twenty	20
Florimund B. Mower of Lynn had one hundred and sixty seven	167
Calvin J. Sargent of Methuen had one	1
The whole number of votes cast for <b>Register of Deeds for Northern District of Essex</b> was three hundred eighty eight	388
John R. Poor of Lawrence had three hundred eighty seven	387
Charles J. Fulton of Methuen had one	1
The whole number of votes cast for <b>County Commissioner</b> was five hundred and sixty five	565
Zechariah Graves of Lynn had three hundred and forty eight	348
Joseph S. Howe of Methuen had two hundred and six	206
George J. L. Colby of Newburyport had ten	10
Fred S. Pearsons of Methuen had one	1
The whole number of ballots cast for <b>Representatives</b> to represent <b>Essex District No. 19</b> in the next General Court was five hundred and seventy one	671
Daniel T. Morrison of Methuen had three hundred and ninety three	393
Edwin Gage of Haverhill had three hundred and thirty eight	338
Levi Taylor of Haverhill had three hundred eighty nine	389
John G. Low of Methuen had two hundred thirty six	236
D. Smith Kimball of Haverhill had one hundred sixty nine	169
Randall A. Potter of Haverhill had one hundred and seventy	170
Joseph Ridgway of Haverhill had six	6
Fred A. Spear of Methuen had one	1
U. Dow of Haverhill had one	1
L. C. Field of Haverhill had one	1

The returns of the votes cast for the several officers balloted for were made up, properly certified, and delivered to the Town Clerk, and the ballots cast, and check list used, were sealed

up and delivered to the Town Clerk after which the meeting was dissolved –

Attest, Jos. S. Howe, Town Clerk.

**City of Haverhill, November 5, 1879**  
**Office of the City Clerk**

At a meeting of the City Clerk of Haverhill and the Town Clerk of Methuen, said City and Town forming the Nineteenth Essex Representative District, held this day in accordance with the law in such cases made and provided, upon comparing the transcript of the returns, the following appears as the result of the ballottings in said District at meetings held on Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> 1879.

To wit: -

	<b>Haverhill Vote</b>	<b>Methuen Vote</b>	<b>Total Vote</b>
Levi Taylor of Haverhill	1406	389	1795
Edwin Gage of Haverhill	1305	338	1643
Daniel T. Morrison of Methuen	1363	393	1756
D. Smith Kimball of Haverhill	752	169	921
Randall A. Potter of Haverhill	1308	170	1478
Joseph Ridgway of Haverhill	709	6	715
John G. Low of Methuen	1276	236	1512
George Ham of Haverhill	26		26
Dudley Porter	1		1
Joseph Ridgway	9		9
Luther Day	1		1
Fred A. Spear of Methuen		1	1
H. Dow of Haverhill		1	1
L. C. Field of Haverhill		1	1

In accordance with the foregoing returns, certificates of Election were this day duly issued to the three persons having the largest number of votes for Representatives to the General Court from the Nineteenth Essex District.

To wit: -

Levi Taylor of Haverhill  
Edwin Gage of Haverhill, and  
Daniel T. Morrison of Methuen

Attest, David B. Tenney – City Clerk of Haverhill  
Jos. S. Howe - Town Clerk of Methuen  
A true copy of the record  
Attest, Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk.

**1880**

**Warrant for Special Town Meeting – to fill vacancy in the Office of County  
Commissioner – Jan. 20, 1880 – Warrant No. 22, File 11.**

**Essex SS: -**

To Ebenezer G. Knight one of the Constables in the Town of Methuen in  
Said County,

**Greeting: -**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen, qualified to vote as the law directs to assemble at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday the twentieth day of January inst. [inst.=instant=of that month] at twelve o'clock noon, then and there to give in their ballots for a County Commissioner, to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of Zechariah Graves of Lynn. The polls to be opened at twelve o'clock noon and kept opened until four o'clock p.m. and no longer. And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the public meeting houses, and at the Town Hall in said Town and at each of the schoolhouses in said Town, outside the village eight days at least before said meeting. Given under our hands at Methuen, this third day of January, in the yaer of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eighty.

Granville E. Foss   } Selectmen  
John W. Frederick   } of  
Stephen W. Williams} Methuen

**Essex SS: -**

**Jan. 6, 1880**

By virtue of this warrant I this day notified the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in elections to assemble in the Town Hall in said Methuen, at the time and for the purpose within named by posting up attested copies of this warrant at the Town House and at each of the public meeting houses in said Methuen, and at each of the schoolhouses outside the village as within directed.

E. G. Knight – Constable of Methuen

A true copy of warrant

Attest, Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

**Special Town Meeting for Election of County Commissioner - Jan. 20, 1880 – No. 22 File 10**

**At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen, held at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1880 in pursuance of the foregoing warrant, no. 22 file 10.**

The meeting was opened at twelve o'clock, the warrant read by the Chairman of Selectmen, and the polls then opened. The votes were given in, sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made as the law directs, and were as follows: -

The whole number of votes cast for County Commissioner was forty eight 48

Joseph S. Howe of Methuen had forty seven 47  
Benj. F. Butter of Lowell had one 1

The return of the votes cast for County Commissioner were made up, properly certified, and delivered to the Town Clerk and the ballots cast and check list used were sealed up and delivered to the Town Clerk after which the meeting was dissolved.

Attest, Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

**Warrant for Annual Town Meeting – March 1, 1880 – File 10 No. 23**

**Essex SS: -** To Eben G. Knight, one of the Constables of the Town of Methuen,

**Greeting: -**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen, qualified to vote in elections, and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Methuen, on Monday, the first day of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, viz: -

Art. 1 To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2 To choose a Town Clerk, Treasurer, Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of Poor, One School Committeeman to serve for three years (in place of Daniel W. Tenney whose term expires,) Constables, Auditor of Accounts, and Fence Viewers, all on one ballot. Also to choose a Collector of taxes, by ballot or otherwise and all other necessary Town Officers in such a manner as the Town may determine otherwise. The polls to be kept open until half past twelve o'clock p.m.

Art. 3 To hear the Annual Report of the Selectmen, and act thereon.

Art. 4 To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriations of the same.

- Art. 5 To determine the manner of collecting taxes the ensuing year, and act thereon as the Town may think proper.
- Art. 6 To determine by what method the Town will appropriate their highway taxes, and repair highways for the ensuing year.
- Art. 7 To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to hire in behalf of the Town, a sufficient sum of money, to pay any notes that may become due during the year, or that may be necessary to pay orders drawn by the Selectmen, and empower the Treasurer to sign such notes in behalf of the Town.
- Art. 8. To see if the Town will vote to approve and accept the list of Jurors, prepared by the Selectmen for the ensuing year.
- Art. 9 To hear the report of committees and act thereon.
- Art. 10 To determine what compensation the Town will grant to members of the Fire Department, for their services the ensuing year.
- Art. 11 To see if the Town will vote to restrain neat cattle, horses, and swine from going at large the ensuing year.
- Art. 12 To determine the manner of appropriating the amount received from Dog Tax, in accordance with Chapter 250 of Acts of 1869.
- Art. 13 By request of George O. Marsh and others, to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen, to locate and dig a well near "Marshes' Corner" and furnish the same with pump and trough, and make an appropriation of one hundred dollars for the same.
- Art. 14 To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen, to abate the taxes of those persons, who claim that they have paid Charles S. Whittier, and take such action thereon as they may think proper.
- Art. 15 By request of Post 100 G.A.R., to see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars for the purpose of decorating the graves of our soldiers and sailors on Memorial Day, May 30<sup>th</sup>, 1880, said money to be expended under the direction of Col. W. B. Green Post 100, G.A.R.
- Art. 16 By request of Charles H. Hall and others, to see if the Town will vote to erect and maintain a street light at the corner of Broadway and Brown Streets, and appropriate ten dollars for the same.
- Art. 17 By request of Rebecca Gustin, to see if the Town will vote to erect and maintain a street light on Hampshire Street, near her house, and appropriate the sum of ten dollars for the same.

Art. 18 By request of Leverett Swan and others, to see if the Town will vote to give the City of Lawrence leave to lower the grade from four to six feet, in the hill on the Currant Hill Road, so called and act thereon as the Town may think best.

Art. 19 By request of Patrick Donahue, to see if the Town will vote to pay him for gravel taken from the bank near his house for the use of the highway, and make an appropriation for the same.

Art. 20 By request of Daniel Cole, to see if the Town will vote to repair Forest Street, from Pelham Street to the Town pound, near house of Stephen W. Williams, and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars for the same. The money to be expended under the direction of a Special Commissioner. To be appointed by the Selectmen.

Art. 21 To see if the Town will vote to widen Broadway Street near house of Charles Ingalls, and make an appropriation for the same in accordance with plans and estimates furnished by the Selectmen.

Art. 22 By request of Samuel A. Harvey, to see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars, for the purchase of hose for the use of the Fire Department.

Art. 23 By request of Samuel A. Harvey, to see if the Town will vote to purchase two portable fire extinguishers, one to be located at the Town House, and one at the High School building, and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars for the same.

Art. 24 To see what action the Town will take in regard to the bill for damages, made by the owners of the land taken in straightening Union Street.

Art. 25 By request of E. P. Sargent, and one hundred and eighty five other legal voters of the Town of Methuen, to see if the Town will vote to appoint a committee whose duty it shall be to prosecute all persons engaged in the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors in the Town of Methuen.

Art. 26 By request of Samuel D. Chase and others, to see if the Town will accept and allow as a Town way, a street laid out by the Selectmen running westerly from Broadway Street, past the house of Mrs. Smith, thence southerly to French Street, thence westerly to land of the Arlington Mills Company, past the houses of J. B. Pierce, Thomas Manning and George Emmett.

Art. 27 By request of Moses E. Kimball and others, to see if the Town will accept and allow as a Town way, a street laid out by the Selectmen running easterly from Broadway Street to land of N. G. Piper.

Art. 28 By request of E. T. Chase and other, to see if the Town will accept and allow as a Town way, a street laid out by the Selectmen, running westerly from Lawrence line to land of Arlington Mills past the house of E. T. Chase and mill of E. J. Klaus and Co.

Art. 29 By request of James A. Richardson and others, to see if the Town will accept and allow as a Town way, a street laid out by the Selectmen running easterly from Lowell Street past the house of Isaac S. Arnold to Railroad Street.

Art. 30 By request of Eben G. Knight and John D. Spear, to see if the Town will vote to purchase the scenery now owned by them, and fitted to the stage of the Town Hall, and appropriate the sum of one hundred and twenty five dollars for the same.

Art. 31 By request of Asa Simonds and others, to see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen not to license the sale of intoxicating liquor for the year ensuing.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting houses, and at the Town House in said Town, eight days at least before said meeting.

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

Given under our hands, this nineteenth day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty.

Granville E. Foss Selectmen  
John W. Frederick of  
Stephen W. Williams Methuen

**Essex SS: - February 21<sup>st</sup> A.D. 1880**

By virtue of this warrant, I this day notified the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen, to meet for the purpose and at the time and place within named, by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting houses, and at the Town House in said Town, as within directed.

Eben G. Knight,  
Constable of Methuen

## **March 1, 1880 - 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 the first day of March A.D. 1880 at ten o'clock a.m. in accordance with warrant no. 23 file 10.

Art. 1 Jacob Emerson was chose Moderator by a unanimous vote.  
Prayer was offered by Rev. Z. S. Holbrook

Art. 2 The polls were then opened for the choice of those officers to be chosen by written ballots, and kept open until half past twelve o'clock p.m., when they were closed. The votes given in were then sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made, and were as follows:

The whole number of votes cast for **Town Clerk** was five hundred and four 504

Joseph S. Howe had five hundred and three 503  
Charles H. Foss had one 1  
And Joseph S. Howe was declared elected and sworn.

The whole number of votes cast for **Town Treasurer** was five hundred three 503

Joseph S. Howe had that number and was declared elected ~ and sworn.

The whole number of votes cast for **Collector** was five hundred and three 503

Joseph S. Howe had five hundred and two 502  
Charles H. Foss had one 1  
And Joseph S. Howe was declared elected ~ and sworn.

The whole number of votes cast for **Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor Of Poor** (who were all voted for on one ballot) was five hundred and six 506

John W. Frederick had three hundred and fifteen 315  
Stephen W. Williams had two hundred ninety two 292  
Fred A. Spear had two hundred thirty four 234  
John H. George had one hundred ninety two 192  
George O. Marsh had two hundred and twelve 212  
Granville E. Foss had two hundred and forty one 241  
And John W. Frederick, Stephen W. Williams,  
and Granville E. Foss were declared elected  
Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of Poor, and were sworn.

The whole number of votes for **Auditor** was five hundred twenty seven 527

Amos L. Gale had five hundred twenty six 526  
Amos Rollins had one 1  
And Amos L. Gale was declared elected.

The whole number of votes cast for **School Committee** was  
five hundred and fifteen 515

Rev. T. J. B. Klouse had two hundred and three 203

Joseph S. How had three hundred and eleven	311
Mary A. Webster had one	1
And Joseph S. Howe was declared elected.	
 The whole number of votes cast for <b>Constables</b> was five hundred and six	506
Eben G. Knight had three hundred and ten	310
Patrick Callahan had three hundred ninety one	391}resigned Sept. 11, 1880 See end of report of this meeting.
J. Calvin Taylor had three hundred and twenty	320
L. H. Mitchell had two hundred ninety nine	299
John E. Doran had two hundred and three	203
And Eben G. Knight, Patrick Callahan, J. Calvin Taylor And L. H. Mitchell, were declared elected, and were sworn.	

The whole number of votes cast for <b>Road Commissioners</b> was	
Five hundred and six	506
John Q. Hill had three hundred and fifty two	352
Horace S. Whittier had two hundred and twenty three	223
Nelson M. Blodget had two hundred sixty nine	269
George N. Carleton had three hundred and nine	309
Moses E. Kimball had four hundred and two	402
Edmund P. Sargent had ninety one	91
J. Haskell Gordon had one hundred and twenty	120
James M. Moreland had two hundred twenty three	223
George H. Sumner had two hundred and sixty	216
James E. Messer had two hundred and two	202
And John Q. Hill, Horace S. Whittier, Nelson M. Blodget, George N. Carleton, and Moses E. Kimball were declared elected and sworn.	

The whole number of votes cast for <b>Fence Viewers</b> was	
Three hundred fifty nine	359
Woodburn J. Nichols had three hundred fifty seven	357
Horace S. Whittier had three hundred fifty four	354
Marcus W. Keyes had three hundred fifty nine (sworn)	359
James E. Messer had two	2
J. C. Taylor had one	1
And Woodburn J. Nichols, Horace S. Whittier, and Marcus W. Keyes Were declared elected.	

(Woodburn J. Nichols refused to qualify and Eben. G. Knight was appointed Fence Viewer to fill the vacancy by the Selectmen July 24, and sworn July 27 –  
J. S. Howe, Town Clerk)

The following persons were appointed **Field Drivers**.

Albert Marsh (sworn)	Samuel Cross
Henry A. Merrill	Albert V. Fisher (sworn)

The following persons were appointed **Pound Keepers**.

Stephen W. Williams	Hezekiah Chadwick
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The following persons were appointed **Surveyors of Lumber**.

Ralph Clark (sworn)	W. J. Nichols
James O. Parker (sworn)	Moses E. Kimball (sworn)
Andrew J. Taylor (sworn)	Horace S. Whittier (sworn)
John W. Frederick (sworn)	Joseph R. Emerson (sworn)
Millett G. Copp (sworn)	

The following persons were appointed **Surveyors of Plastering**.

Lyman B. Gage	Millet G. Copp
Jesse A. Towns	George A. Page

The following persons were appointed **Surveyors of Wood and Bark**.

Alonzo P. Chase (sworn)	Charles R. Ayer (sworn)
Daniel Merrill	Patrick Cox (sworn)
Fred A. Russell (sworn)	George O. Marsh (sworn)
John C. Webster	James E. Messer (sworn)
James Allen (sworn)	Nelson M. Blodget (sworn)
Peter J. Lucas	Moses E. Kimball (sworn)
Ralph Clark (sworn)	Eben G. Knight (sworn)

Art. 3 Voted to accept the Annual Report of the Selectmen.

Art. 4 Voted to appropriate the sums reported by the Committee on Finance as necessary to defray Town charges the ensuing year, as follows:

**For**

Support of Schools seven thousand eight hundred dollars	\$ 7,800
Supplies for Schools three hundred dollars	300
Repairs on Schoolhouses four hundred dollars	400

Maps and apparatus two hundred dollars	200
Public Library two hundred dollars	200
Roads and Bridges twelve hundred dollars	1,200
Repairs on Highways four thousand dollars	4,000
Street lights seven hundred dollars	700
Fire Department twelve hundred dollars	1,200
Contingencies one thousand dollars	1,000
Special Police one hundred dollars	100
Town Officers one thousand dollars	1,000
Collecting taxes three hundred and fifty dollars	350
Pauper Department twenty two hundred dollars	2,200
School Committee three hundred dollars	300
Interest on Town Debt forty five hundred dollars	<u>4,500</u>
	\$25,450

Art. 5 Voted that it be the same as last year.

Art. 6 Voted that it be the same as last year.

Art. 7 Voted that the Selectmen and Treasurer be so authorized and empowered, as stated by Article 7 of the Town Warrant.

Art. 8 The list of Jurors prepared by the Selected was read to the meeting, and the name of Daniel E. Cole was substituted for that of Charles Jackson. The list as amended was then approved and accepted. (The list of Jurors is recorded on the last leaf of this record.)

Art. 9 Was passed over.

Art. 10 Voted that the compensation of members of the Fire Department be the same as last year.

Art. 11 Voted that the neat cattle, horses, and swine be restrained.

Art. 12 Voted that the amount of money received from Dog tax be appropriated the same as last year (i.e.: purchase of books for Public Library)

Art. 13 Voted to authorize the Selectmen to locate and dig a well near Marsh's Corner and furnish the same with pup and trough.  
Voted to appropriate one hundred dollars therefor.

Art. 14 Voted that the taxes now standing on the books as uncollected, which parties owing them claim to have paid to Charles S. Whittier be abated if the parties against whom they stand make oath that the taxes were so paid.

Voted to lay the warrant on the table. On motion of J. W. Frederick it was voted that the unsettled claims of Highway Surveyors be settled by the payment of one dollar and fifty cents per day for teams. The warrant was then taken from the table.

- Art. 15 Voted that one hundred dollars be appropriated in accordance with Article 15 of the Warrant.
- Art. 16 Voted that the Town maintain a street light as asked for in Article 16 of the Warrant, if individuals erect the light.
- Art. 17 Voted that the whole subject of erecting and maintaining street lights the ensuing year be referred to the Selectmen with full power.
- Art. 18 Voted the whole subject referred to in Article 18 of the Warrant, be referred to the Selectmen, with full power.
- Art. 19 Voted that the subject contained in Article 19 be referred to the Selectmen with full power.
- Art. 20 Voted that two hundred dollars be appropriated and laid out on Forest Street, as asked for in Article 20, under the direction of the Street Commissioner for that part of the Town.
- Art. 21 Voted to widen Broadway Street near the house of Charles Ingalls and make an appropriation of one thousand dollars for the same; also voted that the work be done under the direction of the Selectmen, and that they advertise and receive proposals for doing the same.
- Art. 22 Voted to pass over Article 22 of the Warrant.
- Art. 23 Voted to appropriate one hundred dollars for the purchase of two portable fire extinguishers; also that the Selectmen be authorized to purchase. A motion to reconsider was then made and carried, and after considerable discussion it was voted not to appropriate the above sum, or purchase extinguishers.
- Art. 24 Voted that the subject contained in Article 24 of the Warrant be referred to the Selectmen with full power.
- Art. 25 Voted that a committee be appointed whose duty it shall be to prosecute all persons engaged in the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors in the Town of Methuen. It was moved by E. Sawyer that E. P. Sargent and one hundred and eighty five others "be that Committee, but after some discussion this motion was withdrawn. It was then voted that –

Patrick Callahan  
Calvin J. Taylor  
K. H. Mitchell                   } be that Committee

Robert P. Burnham  
E. A. Archibald  
Joseph Martin

Wheeler Perkins and E. P. Sargent were afterwards added to Committee. On motion of

Wheeler Perkins, it was voted (102 to 74), that this Committee be financially backed by the Town. Jos. E. Buswell raised the point of order that this vote was irregular – not being in conformity with Section 10 of the By-Laws – and asked the ruling of the Chair. The Chair sustained the objection of Mr. Buswell. Mr. Rogers moved that the vote relating to the “financial backing” of the Committee be reconsidered and the motion was carried. Mr. Eastman offered the following in writing: “We respectfully petition that this committee consisting of E. P. Sargent, Wheeler Perkins, Patrick Callahan, J. Calvin Taylor, L. H. Mitchell, Robert Burnham, E. A. Archibald and Joseph Martin, be authorized to draw upon the Town Treasury for the sum of Two Hundred Dollars if necessary, for the purpose of prosecuting the illegal sale of liquor in this Town. (Signed) L. S. Eastman.

This was put to a vote by the Chair and adopted without a count. On motion of Mr. Eastman, it was voted to take up Article 31 of the Warrant.

- Art. 31 Voted that the Selectmen be requested not to license the sale of intoxicating liquors the ensuing year. On motion of Mr. Rogers it was voted that all payments for services rendered, of the appropriation of the sum of two hundred dollars for the purpose of prosecuting the illegal sale of liquors in this Town be subject to the approval of a majority of the Committee and a majority of the Selectmen.
- Art. 26 Voted that the streets petitioned for an Article 26, be accepted as laid out by the Selectmen.
- Art. 27 Voted that the street asked for by Moses E. Kimball and others be accepted as laid out by the Selectmen.
- Art. 28 Voted that the street asked for by E. F. Chase and others be accepted as laid out by the Selectmen.
- Art. 29 Voted that the street asked for by James A. Richardson and others, be accepted from Lowell Street to land of Mary Abbott and no father, as laid out by the Selectmen.
- Art. 30 Voted to purchase the scenery now owned by E. G. Knight and John D. Spear and fitted to the state of the Town Hall, and appropriate the sum of one hundred and twenty five dollars therefor.

On motion of Albert B. Gordon it was voted that hereafter the Town accept no streets, laid out at any time after this date less than forty feet in width.

A motion of German S. Phippen that the Selectmen publish in the next Annual Report the name of every taxpayer, the amount of his real and personal estate and the amount of his taxes, was decided in the negative.

Voted that the Moderator be allowed town dollars for his services this day.

The Annual Town Meeting was then dissolved.

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk.

**Lawrence September 11, 1880**

**To the Selectmen of Methuen, in the County of Essex and State of Massachusetts.**

This is to give notice that I hereby resign the office of Constable of the Town of said Methuen. I was elected to said office at the Annual Town Meeting held in said Methuen, in the month of March A.D. 1880 and was afterwards duly sworn & qualified.

Witnessed by Wm. M. Rogers

A true copy

Patrick Callaghan

Attest Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

**Treasurer's Account Jan. 1, 1880 – (Feb. 1 1879 to Jan. 1 1880)**

**DR.**

Cash in Treasury, Feb. 1, 1879	\$ 4,027.65
National Bank of Methuen, Bal. Of	
Charles S. Whittier's account	58.18
Uncollected taxes, 1876, 1877 and 1878	6,978.56
Tax List for 1879	32,241.77
Bank tax list for 1879	1,511.91
Interest on taxes	328.59
National Bank of Methuen, loans	5,000.00
George W. Palmer loans	600.00
Clara E. Blodgett loans	500.00
Jacob C. Neal loans	500.00
Treas. of Essex Co. dog licenses	367.35
Sureties of Chas. S. Whittier	5,250.00
City of Lowell, support of poor	19.10

City of Boston support of poor	35.38
City of Springfield support of poor	127.55
City of Lawrence support of poor	95.72
City of Worcester support of poor	49.24
Town of Braintree support of poor	16.50
Town of Amesbury support of poor	10.00
Aid repaid support of poor	12.75
State of Mass., burial of state paupers	40.00
State of Mass., support of state paupers	642.86
State of Mass., relief to indigent soldiers	162.61
State of Mass., State aid	1,150.00
State of Mass., National bank tax	569.08
State of Mass., corporation tax	977.72
S. Q. Hersey, liquor license	125.00
Wm. U. Wardwell, liquor license	100.00
S. H. Harris rent, Feb. 1, 1879 to Jan. 1, 1880	275.00
Nat. Bank of Methuen, Rent, Oct. 1, 1878 to Jan. 1, 1880	375.00
E. G. Knight, rent of hall Feb. 1, 1879 to Jan. 1, 1880	476.50
Elmore Derly, wheel barrow	5.00
Geo. G. Bradley, auctioneer's license	2.00
Franklin Saunders auctioneer's license	2.00
George A. Butters, fencing stuff	1.50
J. W. Frederick, posts	.50
John Q. Hill, stone and loam	25.25
John Q. Hill, cash overpaid	.38
Geo. W. Palmer	121.11
Old iron sold	<u>.37</u>
	\$62,782.13

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Cash paid Selectmen's Orders	\$26,610.68
Cash paid Interest	4,682.02
Cash paid Sundry notes	6,500.00
Cash paid County tax	2,188.00
Cash paid State tax	670.00
Cash paid National Bank tax	1,079.19
Cash paid State Treasurer liquor license	56.25
Cash paid City of Lawrence	12.75
Uncollected taxes 1876	92.09
Uncollected taxes 1877	705.44
Uncollected taxes 1878	2,011.49
Uncollected taxes 1879	6,102.64
Cash in Treasury	\$12,071.58

## List of Jurors for 1880

Ayer David M.	Hall Benjamin M.
Butters George A.	Harvey Charles H.
Butters George W.	Howe Joseph S.
Boardman John	Cole Daniel E. (substitute for Chas. Jackson)
Blodgett Nelson M.	Merrill S. Ransom
Beedle Charles T.	Merrill Daniel
Bradley George B.	Marsh George O.
Buswell Joseph E.	Messer James E.
Bodwell John W.	Morse James W.
Barker William H.	Morison Daniel T.
Coburn J. Varnum	Mitchell John
Chase Elihu F.	Rollins Daniel C.
Corliss Varnum	Russell Addison P.
Davis Stephen W.	Russell Fred A.
Dorr Elliott F.	Saunders Franklin
Doe J. Madison	Sleeper William C.
Dowding Edmund	Smith Moses G.
Emerson Joseph R.	Smith Nathan A.
Foster Joel 1 <sup>st</sup>	Swan Leverett
Frederick John W.	Trow Charles E.
Fifield Roscoe A.	Taylor Andrew J.
Fulton Joseph W.	Tenney George W.
George John H.	Woodbury B. Frank
Griffin Rufus A.	Williams Stephen W.
Gage George W.	Woodburn Charles T.
Gordon J. Haskell	Webster John C.
Hall Henry N.	Walton James

A true Copy of List reported, and accepted. Attest, Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk.

### **Warrant for Town Meeting held November, 1880 – File 10 No. 24**

**Essex SS: -**

To Ebenezer G. Knight one of the Constables of the Town of Methuen in  
said County,

**Greeting: -**

In the name of the Commonwealth of

Massachusetts,

you are required forthwith to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote as  
the

law directs, to assemble at the Town Hall in said Town, on Tuesday the second 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, Councillor for District Number Six, Secretary, Treasurer  
and Receiver General, Auditor of Accounts, Attorney General, one Senator for the Sixth Essex

District, Sheriff, District Attorney, three Commissioners of Insolvency, one County Commissioner,  
two Special County Commissioners, thirteen Electors for President and Vice-President, one Representative to Congress from the Seventh District, all to be balloted for on one ballot.

Also to bring in their ballots for three Representatives to represent Essex District Number Nineteen in the next General Court of the Commonwealth, on a separate ballot. The polls  
to be opened at ten o'clock a.m. and kept open until four o'clock p.m. and no longer.

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested, copies thereof, at each of the public meeting houses and at the Town House in said Town, eight days at least before  
said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Methuen, **this twenty third day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty.**

John W. Frederick      Selectmen  
Stephen W. Williams    of Methuen

**Essex SS. October 23, 1880**

By virtue of the within Warrant I this day notified the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen, qualified to vote in elections, to assemble at the time and place and for the purpose within named, by posting up attested copies of this warrant, at each of the public meeting houses and at the Town House in said Town, as within directed.

E. G. Knight  
Constable of Methuen

A true copy of Warrant and Return

Attest,  
Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

**November 2, 1880 – Town Meeting - National and State Elections**

**At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in elections, held at the Town Hall, on Tuesday, the second day of November, at ten o'clock a.m. A.D. 1880 pursuant to Warrant No. 24, File 10, the votes were given in sorted, counted,  
recorded, and declaration thereof made as the law directs and were as follows: -**

The whole number of ballots cast for **Presidential Electors** was Seven hundred and seventy five  
775

**For Electors at Large**

Paul A. Chadbourne of Williamstown had four hundred eighty seven	487
John M. Forbes of Milton had four hundred eighty seven	487
Josiah G. Abbott of Boston had two hundred and eighty five	285
Jonas H. French of Gloucester had two hundred and eighty five	285
Herbert B. Rowley of Shelburne Falls had three	3
Eugene J. Flaherty of Boston had three	3

**For District Number One**

Marshall S. Underwood of Dennis had four hundred eighty seven	487
Philander Cobb of Kingston had two hundred eighty five	285
Alexander Harvey of Middleboro had three	3

**For District Number Two**

William C. Lovering of Taunton had four hundred eighty seven	487
Peter Butler of Quincy had two hundred eighty five	285
Henry Gardner of Braintree had three	3

**For District Number Three**

Moody Merrill of Boston had four hundred eighty seven	487
Edward B. Rankin of Boston had two hundred eighty five	285
Peter O'Neil Larkin of Boston had three	3

**For District Number Four**

Rufus S. Frost of Chelsea had four hundred eighty seven	487
Charles Levi Woodbury of Boston had two hundred eighty five	285
Benjamin S. Goodwin of Chelsea had three	3

**For District Number Five**

Amos T. Breed of Lyn had four hundred eighty seven	487
Christopher E. Rymes of Somerville had two hundred eighty eight	288

**For District Number Six**

Augustus N. Clark of Beverly had four hundred eighty seven	487
James H. Carleton of Haverhill had two hundred eighty five	285
Luther Day of Haverhill had three	3

**For District Number Seven**

Francis Jewett of Lowell had four hundred and eighty seven	487
John C. Sanborn of Lawrence had two hundred eighty five	285
Henry K. Eastman of Lawrence had three	3

**For District Number Eight**

James J. W. Hall of Cambridge had four hundred eighty seven	487
Leverett Saltonstall of Newton had two hundred eighty five	285
Theodore N. Sherman of Milford had three	3

**For District Number Nine**

Charles E. Whitin of Northbridge had four hundred eighty seven	487
Edwin Conant of Worcester had two hundred eighty five	285
John Howes of Worcester had three	3

**For District Number Ten**

William B. C. Pearsons of Holyoke had four hundred eighty seven	487
Nahum Harwood of Leominster had two hundred eighty eight	288

**For District Number Eleven**

William C. Plunkett of Adams had four hundred eighty seven	487
Samuel W. Bowerman of Pittsfield had two hundred eighty five	285
Theodore Hess of Westfield had three	3
The whole number of ballots cast for <b>Governor</b> was	
Seven hundred and seventy five	775

John D. Long of Hingham had four hundred eighty nine	489
Charles P. Thompson of Gloucester had two hundred eighty two	282
Horace Binney Sargent of Salem had three	3
Michael Lynsky of Methuen had one	1

**For Lieutenant Governor**

Byron Weston of Dalton had four hundred eighty eight	488
Alpha E. Thompson of Woburn had two hundred eighty three	283
George Dutton of Springfield had three	3
Bill Kimball of Methuen had one	1
The whole number of ballots cast for Secretary of State was	
Seven hundred and seventy three	773

Henry B. Pierce of Abington had four hundred eighty eight	488
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Michael T. Donohoe of Somerville had two hundred eighty two	282
Jonathan Arnold of North Abington had three	3
The whole number of ballots cast for <b>Treasurer and Receiver General</b> was	
Seven hundred and seventy five	775
Daniel A. Gleason of Medford had four hundred eighty eight	488
Francis J. Parker of Newton had two hundred eighty four	284
Wilburn F. Whitney of Ashburnham had three	3
The whole number of ballots cast for <b>Auditor</b> was	
Seven hundred and seventy five	775
Charles R. Ladd of Springfield had four hundred eighty eight	488
Charles R. Field of Greenfield had two hundred eighty four	284
Charles T. Warner of Northampton had three	3
The whole number of ballots cast for <b>Attorney General</b> was	
Seven hundred and seventy three	
George Marston of New Bedford had four hundred eighty eight	488
Patrick Collins of Boston had two hundred eighty two	282
Israel W. Andrews of Danvers had three	3
The whole number of ballots cast for <b>Representative to Congress</b> was	
Seven hundred seventy three	773
William A. Russell of Lawrence had four hundred eighty eight	488
Samuel N. Aldrich of Marlborough had two hundred eighty two	282
Levi H. Whitney of Lowell had three	3
The whole number of ballots cast for <b>Councillor 6<sup>th</sup> Dist.</b> Was	
Seven hundred and seventy five	775
George Heywood of Concord had four hundred eighty eight	488
Daniel Wetherbee of Acton had two hundred eighty four	284
Walter Rayner of Reading three	3
The whole number of ballots cast for <b>Senator 6<sup>th</sup> Essex Dist.</b> Was	
Seven hundred and seventy four	774
Levi Emery of Lawrence had four hundred and twenty	420
John A. Wiley of North Andover had three hundred fifty one	351
Charles E. Tatro of Lawrence had three	3
The whole number of ballots cast for <b>Sheriff</b> was	
Seven hundred and seventy two	772

Horatio G. Herrick of Lawrence had three hundred ninety eight	398
J. Sidney Howe of Methuen had three hundred seventy four	374
The whole number of ballots cast for <b>County Commissioner</b> was	
Seven hundred and seventy three	773
Zechariah Graves of Lynn had four hundred eighty seven	487
Samuel M. Currier of Haverhill had two hundred eighty six	286
The whole number of ballots cast for <b>Two Special Commissioners</b> was	
Seven hundred and seventy three	773
Aaron Sawyer of Salisbury had four hundred eighty nine	489
Orlando B. Tenney of Georgetown had four hundred eighty nine	489
Mark Jewett of Rowley had two hundred eighty four	284
W. Frank Shepard of Marblehead had two hundred eighty four	284
The whole number of ballots cast for <b>Three Commissioners of Insolvency</b> was	
Seven hundred and seventy three	773
Nathaniel J. Holden of Salem had four hundred eighty eight	488
Warren Tilton of Haverhill had four hundred eighty eight	488
William L. Thompson of Lawrence had four hundred eighty eight	488
U. G. Johnson of Newburyport had two hundred eighty five	285
John C. Sanborn of Lawrence had two hundred eighty four	284
P. P. McCusker of Salem had two hundred eighty four	284
The whole number of ballots cast for <b>District Attorney</b> was	
Seven hundred seventy one	771
Edgar J. Sherman of Lawrence had four hundred and ninety	490
David O. Allen of Lynn had two hundred eighty one	281
The whole number of ballots cast for <b>Three Representatives to represent Essex District No. Nineteen in the next General Court</b> was	
Seven hundred and seventy four	774
Daniel T. Morrison of Methuen had five hundred thirteen	513
Levi Taylor of Haverhill had five hundred eleven	511
Edwin Gage of Haverhill had four hundred thirty five	435
Moses E. Kimball of Methuen had three hundred thirty four	334
George F. Sheldon of Haverhill had two hundred fifty one	251
John B. Nichols of Haverhill had two hundred fifty four	254
Charles Jackson of Methuen had one	1

The returns of the votes cast for the several officers balloted for were made up, properly certified, and delivered to the Town Clerk, and the ballots cast, and check list used, were sealed up and delivered to the Town Clerk, after which the meeting was dissolved.

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

**Record of Meeting of City and Town Clerks at Haverhill – Nov. 3, 1880**

**City of Haverhill November 3d 1880**

At a meeting of the City Clerk of Haverhill and the Town Clerk of Methuen, said City, and Town forming the Nineteenth Essex Representative District, held at noon this day in accordance with the law in such cases made and provided, upon comparing the transcript of the returns, the following appears as the result of the ballottings in said District, at meetings held on Tuesday November 2d 1880.

To wit: -

	<b>Haverhill</b> Votes	<b>Methuen</b> Votes	<b>Total</b> Votes
Levi Taylor of Haverhill	1924	511	2435
Edwin Gage of Haverhill	1931	435	2366
Daniel T. Morrison of Methuen	1839	513	2352
John B. Nichols of Haverhill	1385	254	1639
George F. Sheldon of Haverhill	1387	251	1638
Moses E. Kimball of Methuen	1326	334	1660
Wm. E. Blunt of Haverhill	1		1
G. L. P. Bragg of Methuen	1		1
Ira A. Abbott	1		1
Dudley Porter	1		1
M. E. Kimball of Methuen	1		1
J. B. Nichols of Haverhill	2		2
James H. Carleton of Haverhill	1		1
Levi Taylor	1		1
Charles Jackson of Methuen	1	1	1

In accordance with the foregoing returns, certificates of election were this day duly issued to the three persons having the largest number of votes for Representative to the General Court from the Nineteenth Essex District.

To wit: -

Levi Taylor of Haverhill  
Edwin Gage of Haverhill

Daniel T. Morrison of Methuen

Attest

David B. Tenney, City Clerk of Haverhill  
Jos. S. Howe, Town Clerk of Methuen

A true copy of the record

Attest, Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk of Methuen