

1890

Warrant for Annual Town Meeting – March 3, 1890 – File 11 – No. 24.

Essex SS: -

To Amos G. Jones, 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 Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Methuen, on Monday, the third day of March, next at nine and one-half o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, viz.: -

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

Article 2 To choose a Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, two School Committeemen to serve three years in place of William M. Rogers and James T. Wall, also one School Committeeman to serve the un-expired term of two years of Lewis E. Barnes, resigned, one Trustee of Nevins Memorial Hall for two years, in place of George E. Woodbury, Constables, Auditor of Accounts, and Fence Viewers, all on one ballot, "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town?", the vote to be by separate ballot. Also to choose all other necessary Town officers in such manner as the Town may determine, the polls to be kept open until half past twelve o'clock p.m.

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

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

Article 5 To determine the manner of collecting taxes the ensuing year, and act thereon as the Town may think proper.

Article 6 To determine by what method the Town will appropriate their highway taxes, and repair their highways the ensuing year.

Article 7 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of taxes of the ensuing year, or to hire money to renew, replace or pay any existing loan or loans, or any part thereof, and issue notes of the Town therefor.

Article 8 To see if the Town will vote to approve and accept the list of Jurors prepared by the Selectmen for the ensuing year.

Article 9 To hear the reports of committees and act thereon.

Article 10 To determine what compensation the Town will grant the members of the Fire Department for their services the ensuing year.

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

Article 12 To determine the manner of appropriating the amount received from Dog taxes, in accordance with Chap. 102, Sec. 107 of the Public Statutes.

Article 13 By request of Col. William B. Greene Post 100, G.A.R., to see if the Town will vote to appropriate one hundred and twenty five (\$125.00) for the purpose of decorating the graves of our soldiers and sailors on Memorial Day, May 30, 1890, the money to be expended under the direction of said Post.

Article 14 To see if the Town will vote to build an addition and make alterations in the Alms House, in accordance with plans provided by the Selectmen, and appropriate seven thousand dollars (\$7,000.00), and act thereon as the Town may think proper.

Article 15 To see if the Town will vote to fill up and widen Lawrence Street, commencing at the corner of Brown Street, running northerly three hundred and fifty feet, and appropriate four hundred dollars for the same.

Article 16 By request of Eben W. Powell and others, to see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapt. 158 of the Acts of 1871, or of sections 74, 75, 76 and 77 of Chapter 27 of the Public Statutes relating to Road Commissioners.

Article 17 By request of E. W. Powell and others to see if the Town will vote to build a reservoir on land of Elias Grimes, near Prospect Street, and appropriate three hundred dollars for that purpose.

Article 18 By request of the School Committee, to see if the Town will vote to build a new school house on the west side of the village and appropriate six thousand dollars for the same, or enlarge, repair and change the old school house in that section and appropriate two thousand dollars for the same.

Article 19 By request of the Fire Engineers to see if the Town will vote to appropriate eight hundred dollars (\$800.00) for a new boiler for the E. A. Straw engine.

Article 20 By request of the Fire Engineers, to see if the Town will vote to buy one thousand feet of hose; and appropriate eight hundred dollars (\$800.00) for the same.

Article 21 By request of the Fire Engineers, to see if the Town will vote to build a reservoir on Chelmsford Street, and appropriate three hundred and fifty dollars (\$350.00) for that purpose.

Article 22 By request of H. N. Coburn and others to see if the Town will vote to extend the Fire Alarm system from the corner of Pleasant Whittier Streets, to the corner of Prospect and Pleasant Streets, and appropriate three hundred and fifty dollars (\$350.00) for the same.

Article 23 By request of John Q. Hill and others, to see if the Town will vote to appropriate ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) to be laid out in granite block paving on Broadway Street.

Article 24 By request of John Q. Hill, to see if the Town will vote to buy a plow for the highways, and appropriate seventy five dollars (\$75.00) for the same.

Article 25 By request of John Q. Hill and others to see if the Town will vote to require the Boston & Maine Railroad to maintain gates at Union Street crossing.

Article 26 By request of John Q. Hill, to see if the Town will vote to build a sewer from Woodbury's block to Charles Street, about 250 feet, and appropriate three hundred and seventy five dollars (\$375.00) for the same.

Article 27 By request of S. L. Holman and others, to see if the Town will erect and maintain street lamps in the following places, viz.: at the corner of Barker and Lowell Streets, at the corner of Lowell and Arnold Streets, at a corner on Arnold Street near the house of William Hubbard, one on the corner of Annis and Tenney Streets, and on Kirk Street, and appropriate seventy five dollars for the same.

Article 28 By request of J. Calvin Taylor and others, to see if the Town will vote to put in a bank wall on Railroad Street, running from Arnold Street south, to prevent the caving out of said street, and appropriate one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for the same.

Article 29 By request of Patrick Keefe to see if the Town will vote to put in a bank wall against his land on the line of Lawrence Street to prevent the bank from falling off, and appropriate two hundred dollars for the same.

Article 30 By request of G. (?) W. Davis and others to see if the Town will vote to lower the bed of Hawkes Brook two feet, said brook crossing the street

leading from Grosvenor's corner to Ayer's Village, also to lengthen said bridge four feet and appropriate seventy five dollars (\$75.00) for the same.

Article 31 By request of E. J. Castle and others, to see if the Town will vote to purchase a stone crusher, and engine for the same, and appropriate the sum of sixteen hundred dollars.

Article 32 By request of Col. William B. Greene Post 100 G.A.R., to see if the Town will erect a flagpole on the high school building, and appropriate twenty five dollars for the same.

Article 33 By request of H. Newton Coburn, to see if the Town will vote that the Board of Assessors shall consist of different persons than the Board of Selectmen, and act thereon.

Article 34 By request Harrison Blodgett and 41 others to see if the Town will vote to build a plank sidewalk on Pelham Street, through what is known as the large willows, also to erect and maintain two street lamps, viz.: - one near the house of Patrick Donahue, and one near the house of Michael McNamara and appropriate two hundred dollars for that purpose.

Article 35 By request of John A. Crosbie and others, to see if the Town will vote to erect and maintain three street lights, viz.: - one at the corner of Tenney and Centre Streets, one opposite the P.M. Church on Centre Street, and one on Chelmsford Street, near the house of Richard Ongham, and appropriate forty dollars for the same.

Article 36 To see if the Town will vote to construct and maintain a sewer, commencing at the corner of High and Stevens Streets, running southerly past the stone church to connect with a sewer on Pleasant Street and appropriate four hundred dollars for the same.

And you are hereby 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 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 aforesaid.

Given under our hands and the seal of the Town of Methuen this twenty first day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety.

John W. Frederick	Selectmen
Geo. O. Marsh	of
Addison P. Russell	Methuen

Essex SS.:

Methuen February 22nd 1890.

By virtue of the within precept, I have notified the within named inhabitants of the Town of Methuen, by posting attested copies of the same at the Town House, and at each of the public meeting houses, eight days before said meeting.

Methuen

A true copy of warrant and return

Amos G. Jones – Constable of

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

**Record of Annual Town Meeting held March 3rd 1890
Warrant No. 24, File 11**

**Pursuant to Warrant No. 24, File 11 the Annual Meeting of the
Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen, was held at the Town Hall in said Town, on
Monday, March 3rd A.D. 1890.**

The meeting was called to order at half past nine o'clock a.m. by Joseph S. Howe, the
Town

Clerk, who commenced to read the warrant. After reading the first article, a motion was made to suspend the further reading of the warrant, which was carried. The polls were then opened for the choice of Moderator the checklist being used.

Art. 1 **Moderator**

The whole number of ballots cast for Moderator was six. Granville E. Foss had that number and was declared elected and sworn.

The remainder of the warrant was read by the Town Clerk.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Robert McDonald

The Moderator appointed as tellers to assist him in checking the names of voters, assorting and counting votes, and operating the ballot boxes, John E. Sawyer, W. L. S. Gilcreast, J. Haskell Gordon, John H. George and E. R. Frederick and they were sworn.

Art. 16 **Road Commissioners**

Voted – to take up for consideration Article Sixteen of the warrant. A motion was made to strike Article Sixteen from the warrant, which was carried by a hand vote – ninety four to forty nine.

Voted – to consider Article Thirty Three of the warrant.

Art. 33

Election of Assessors

Jos. E. Buswell moved that the article be adopted. The polls were then opened for the choice of the those officers to be chosen by ballot, and for deposit of the "Yes" and "No" ballots, and the ballot boxes were not removed from public view until the close of the meeting. The ballot boxes were opened and found to be empty and were then locked, and the key thereof given to Amos G. Jones, Constable in attendance. The figures on the registers indicated four ciphers. It was voted that the polls be kept open until 12:45 p.m. at which time the polls were declared closed. The figures on the ballot box in which the ballots for Town Officers were cast indicated 527. The figures on the ballot box in which the "Yes" and "No" votes were cast, indicated 420.

The number of ballots cast for Town Officers agreed with the number indicated By the register and with the number of marks on the checklist. The number of "Yes" and "No" ballots was found hundred and twenty. The votes given in were sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made as the law directs, and were as follows: -

Art. 2

Election of Officers

For Town Treasurer

Joseph S. Howe had five hundred and twenty four	524
And Joseph S. Howe was declared elected and was sworn.	

For Town Clerk

Joseph S. Howe had five hundred and twenty three	523
A. Leon Russell had one	1
And Joseph S. Howe was declared elected Town Clerk & sworn.	

For Collector of Taxes

Joseph S. Howe had five hundred and twenty four	524
And Joseph S. Howe, was declared elected, and was sworn.	

For Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor

George O. Marsh three hundred and ninety seven	397
George B. Bradley three hundred and ninety	390
Joseph W. Fulton three hundred	300
Edwin J. Castle two hundred and thirty	230
James T. Wall one hundred and forty nine	149
John G. Low ninety	90
Albert B. Gordon one	1

F. A. Lowell one 1
And George O. Marsh, George B. Bradley, and Joseph W. Fulton were declared elected Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor and were sworn into those offices respectively.

For School Committee

Charles H. Oliphant for three years – five hundred and eighteen	518
Edward F. Johnson for two years – five hundred and eleven	511
Fred. A. Lowell for three years – three hundred and one	301
William M. Rogers for three years – two hundred and twenty four	224
William M. Rogers for two years – nine	9
Fred. A. Lowell for two years – four	4
John G. Low for two years – one	1
E. J. Castle for three years – one	1
J. D. Emerson – one	1
E. F. Sullivan – one	1
G. E. Foss Jr. – one	1

And Charles H. Oliphant and Fred A. Lowell were declared elected School Committee for three years and Edward F. Johnson was declared elected School Committee for two years.

For Constables

Amos G. Jones four hundred and eighty eight	488
Frank W. Bodwell three hundred and eighty seven	387
Joseph Martin three hundred and eighty three	383
Albert B. Gordon three hundred and eighty two	382
John H. George three hundred and sixty five	365
James C. Taylor two hundred and sixty five	265
William H. Silver two hundred and fifty five	255
Frank McDermott one hundred and sixty eight	168
Cyrus B. Gage one hundred and thirty eight	138
Horace G. Rounds one hundred and thirty two	132
George B. Bradley three	3
E. J. Castle one	1

And Amos G. Jones, Frank W. Bodwell, Joseph Martin, Albert B. Gordon, John H. George and James C. Taylor were declared elected Constables, and were sworn.

For Fence Viewers

Daniel T. Morrison three hundred and ninety five	395
Addison P. Russell three hundred and ninety four	394
Leverett Swan two hundred and seventy eight	278
Stephen W. Williams two hundred and forty eight	248

James H. Moreland one hundred and thirty two 132
William Brackett one hundred and thirty two 132
And Daniel T. Morrison, Addison P. Russell and Leverett Swan (sworn)
were declared elected Fence Viewers.

For Trustee for Nevins Memorial – for 2 years

George E. Woodbury five hundred and twenty six 526
And George E. Woodbury was declared elected Trustee

For Auditor

John H. Morse five hundred and twenty six 526
And John H. Morse was declared elected Auditor.

The whole number of ballots cast on the question
**“Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this
Town?”** was four hundred and twenty 420

The number of voters voting “Yes” was one hundred and fifteen 115
The number of voters voting “No” was three hundred and five 305

For Field Drivers – appointed by meeting

Lewis E. Barnes – sworn	Patrick Dooley
Edmund Dowding – sworn	Charles F. Austin – sworn
George C. Snell – sworn	George F. Stevens – sworn

It was voted that the **Sealer of Weights and Measures** be appointed by the
Selectmen.

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

Stephen W. Williams	Joseph E. Buswell
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The following named persons were appointed **Surveyors of Lumber**

John H. George – sworn	Samuel Emerson – sworn
James O. Parker – sworn	James Allen – sworn
Samuel J. Pedler – sworn	Millard F. Emerson – sworn
George W. Copp – sworn	John W. Frederick – sworn
Edmund Dowding – sworn	John W. Shirley
Jesse A. Town Clerk	

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

Lyman B. Gage	Jesse A. Towns
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Silas K. Nowell
George W. Copp
Nahum P. Winn

W. O. Norris
George A. Page

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

Nelson M. Blodgett – sworn	James Allen – sworn
Edmund Dowding – sworn	Millard F. Emerson – sworn
Silas L. Holman	John A. Shirley
John H. George – sworn	Fred. A. Russell
John Griffin	Eben W. Powell – sworn
Charles Jackson – sworn	George O. Marsh – sworn
Darius Pierce John Q. Hill – sworn	
Charles Austin – sworn	Isaac C. Brown

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

Art. 4 The estimate of the Selectmen, of the sums of money necessary to be raised to defray Town charges for the ensuing year was considered item by item, and the sums voted and appropriated were as follows: -

FOR

Support of schools, teachers, janitors, fuel and music the sum of	\$9000.00
Supplies for schools	900.00
Repairs on School houses	950.00
Services of School Committee	400.00
Opening Roads	1500.00
Highways and Bridges	5800.00
Street Lights	1300.00
Sidewalks	500.00
Contingencies	1500.00
Pauper Department	3000.00
Fire Department	2000.00
Town Officers	1400.00
Interest	2700.00
Collecting Taxes	500.00
Special Police	500.00
Suppression illegal sale of liquor	300.00
Sewer Department	500.00
Edge stones	300.00
Military Aid	300.00
Fire escape, Town House	<u>125.00</u>
	33,475.00

Voted – that taxes be collected same as last year. Also
Voted – that on all taxes remaining unpaid after October first interest shall
be paid from that date to the time of payment, at the rate of six per cent per
annum.

Art. 6 **Highways**

Voted – that the money raised for highways be appropriated under the
direction of the Selectmen and Road Commissioner.

Art. 7 **Town Loans**

Voted – By a unanimous vote – that the Treasurer be authorized with the
approval of the Selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of taxes of the next
ensuing year, or to hire money to renew, replace or pay any existing loan or
loans, or any part thereof, and to issue notes of the Town therefor.

Art. 8 **List of Jurors**

The List of Jurors proposed by the Selectmen was next considered

Voted – By request of John C. Sanborn – to substitute for his own name, the
name of Thompson E. Gammons.

The **Jury List** as amended was approved and is as follows: -

Ayer David M.	Kimball Sylvanus G.
Butters George A.	Marsh George O.
Beedle Charles T.	Martin Joseph
Blodgett Nelson M.	Messer James E.
Blodgett J. Sylvester	Messer Cummings
Baker Walter A.	Morse James W.
Bradley George B.	Nichols Woodburn J.

Cross George L.	Powell Andrew J.
Chases Elihu F.	Phippen German S.
Cole Daniel E.	Russell Addison P.
Coburn H. Newton	Russell Frederick A.
Davis Stephen W.	Rollins Daniel C.
Dodge Selwin A.	Saunders Franklin
Dow Homer	Sawyer George W.
Douglas Clarence W.	Salls James E.
Emerson Millard F.	Shirley John A.
Edwards Joseph H.	Smith Moses G.

Frederick John W.	Smith Nathan A.
Foss Granville E.	Stickney William H.
Foster Joel 1 st	Swan Leverett
Gale Amos L.	Sargent Samuel G.
Griffin Justin E.	Sargent Walter S.
Gage Lyman B.	Gammons Thompson
George John H.	Taylor Elbridge B.
Harvey Samuel A.	Tenney Daniel W.
Hall Henry N.	Tenney George W.
Howe Isaiah	Williams Stephen W.
Homer Elisha B.	Webster George K.
Kent Elbridge K.	Wall James T.

Art. 9 **Committee Reports**

No Committees reported.

Art. 10 **Fire Department Pay**

Voted – that the compensation of the Fire Department be the same as last year.

Art. 11 **Cattle, etc.**

Voted – to restrain neat cattle, horses and swine from going at large the ensuing year.

Art. 12 **Dog Licenses**

Voted – that the money received from Dog Licenses be appropriated to the use of the schools.

Art. 13 **Memorial Day**

Voted – to appropriate one hundred and twenty five dollars for the purpose of decorating the graves of our soldiers and sailors on Memorial Day, May 30, 1890, the money to be expended under the direction of Col. William B. Greene Post, 100 G.A.R.

Art. 14 Voted – to accept the report of the Committee; which was, that it would cost seven thousand dollars to provide suitable building at the Town Farm. On motion of John H. George, it was voted, that a committee be appointed by the chair, to consider the whole subject of better accommodations for the Town Paupers, with instructions to report at a special meeting to be called for four weeks from this day; said Committee to consist of the Selectmen and three persons in addition.

The persons appointed by the chair were John H. George, Moses G. Smith and James O. Parker. Subsequently Darius Pierce was added to the Committee.

Art. 23
24
& 31

called

Paving Stone Crusher - Plough

William M. Rogers moved that a Committee of three be appointed by the Moderator to take into consideration the whole matter in regard to Articles 23, 24, and 31 of the warrant and report at a special Town meeting to be

in four weeks, the road commissioner to be on of the committee. This motion was carried and the chair appointed Daniel W. Tenney, Charles W. Mann and Joseph S. Howe.

Art. 15

Lawrence Street

Voted to fill up and widen Lawrence Street, commencing at the corner of Brown Street, running northerly 350 feet, and appropriate four hundred dollars for the same. Also that the work be done under the supervision of the Selectmen.

Art. 17

Reservoir Pros. Street

It was voted to build a reservoir on or near the land of Elias Grimes, near Prospect Street, and appropriate three hundred dollars for that purpose.

Art. 18

New School House

Voted – to refer the subject matter of Article 18 to a Committee of three, to be appointed by the chair, with instructions to report at the meeting to be held in four weeks.

The Chair appointed William M. Rogers, James O. Parker and John W. Frederick as the Committee.

Art. 19

Engine Boiler

Voted – to appropriate eight hundred dollars for a new boiler for the E. A. Straw engine, and that the money be expended under direction of the Board of Engineers.

Art. 20

Hose

Voted – to buy one thousand feet of hose, and appropriate eight hundred dollars for that purpose. Also – voted that the money be expended under the direction of the Board of Engineers.

Art. 21 **Reservoir Chelmsford Street**
Voted – to build a reservoir on Chelmsford Street and appropriate three hundred and fifty dollars for that purpose. Also – voted that the money be expended under the direction of the Board of Engineers.

Art. 22 **Fire Alarm**
Voted – to extend the Fire Alarm system from the corner of Pleasant and Whittier Streets to the corner of Prospect and Pleasant Streets, and appropriate three hundred and fifty dollars for the same. Also – voted that the money be expended under the direction of the Board of Engineers.

Art. 25 **B & M Railroad Crossing**
Voted – to require the Boston & Main Railroad to maintain gates at Union Street crossing.

Art. 26 **Charles St. Sewer**
Voted to build a sewer from Woodbury's block to Charles Street, about 250 feet, and appropriate three hundred and seventy five dollars for the same.

Art. 27 **Street Lights**
Voted to erect and maintain street lamps in the following places, viz.: at the corner of Barker and Lowell Streets, at the corner of Lowell and Arnold Streets, at a corner near the house of William Hubbard, one on the corner of Annis and Tenney Streets, and one on Kirk Street, and appropriate seventy five dollars for the same.

Art. 28 **Bank Wall Railroad Street**
Voted – that the Selectmen be empowered to build the bank wall described in Article 28, if in their judgment the public good requires it; and that one hundred dollars be appropriated.

Art. 29 **Bank Wall Pat. Keefe**
Voted – to refer Article 29 to the Selectmen with full power and to appropriate two hundred dollars for the purpose of complying with the provisions of the Article if thought best.

Art. 30 **Hawkes Brook Bridge**

Voted – to refer Article 30 to the Board of Selectmen with full power, and voted to appropriate seventy five dollars.

Art. 32 **Flagpole**

Voted to erect a flagpole on the high school building and appropriate twenty five dollars for the same, and that it be expended under the direction of the school committee.

Art. 34 **Sidewalk on Pelham Street**

Voted – to build a plank sidewalk on Pelham Street through what is known as the large willows, also to erect and maintain two street lamps, viz.: one near the house of Patrick Donahue, and one near the house of Michael McNamara, and to appropriate two hundred dollars for that purpose. Also that the work be done under direction of the Selectmen.

Art. 35 **Street Lights**

Voted – to erect and maintain three street lights, viz.: - one at the corner of Tenney and Centre Streets, one opposite the Primitive Methodist Church on Centre Street, and one on Chelmsford Street, near the house of Richard Ingham, and appropriate forty dollars for the same.

Art. 36 **Sewer**

Voted – to construct and maintain a sewer, commencing at the corner of High and Stevens Streets, running southerly past the Stone Church to connect with a sewer on Pleasant Street and appropriate four hundred dollars for the same.

At five o'clock and forty five minutes, it was voted to dissolve the meeting the business for which it was called having all been transacted.

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

**Warrant for Special Town Meeting, March 31, 1890.
Warrant No. 25 File 11.**

Essex SS: -

To Amos G. Jones one of the Constables of the Town of Methuen in said County: -

Greetings: -

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required

forthwith to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in elections
and

Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Methuen on Monday the thirty first day of
March instant (meaning 1890) at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the
following articles, viz.:

- Article 1 To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- Article 2 To hear the report of the Committee on the purchase of a stone crusher, plough, and repairs on Broadway Street, and to take such action concerning to purchase of machinery for road building, and repairing Broadway as the Town may think proper, and make the necessary appropriations for the same.
- Article 3 To hear the report of the Committee on school house on the west side of the village, and act thereon, and also to see whether the Town will vote to purchase a lot of land and build a new school house and make the necessary appropriations for the same; and if a different lot is selected than the one now occupied, the Town to authorize the Selectmen to sell the lot and building now in use, upon such terms as they may judge for the interest of the Town.
- Article 4 To hear the report of the Committee on Alms House and act thereon, and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to make such alterations and repairs or buy such property as the Town may think proper.
- Article 5 By request of George N. Barnard, to see if the Town will vote to rebuild and raise the height of the bank wall on Cemetery Street, and appropriate one hundred dollars for the same.
- Article 6 To see if the Town will vote to erect a flagstaff on the Arlington schoolhouse and appropriate twenty five dollars for the same.
- Article 7 By request of John Q. Hill and others, to see if the Town will vote to grant J. A. O'Neil et als. The privilege of excavating and laying water pipes through the streets of Methuen Village for the purpose of introducing a system of water works for said Town and also to see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen or a committee to contract with said O'Neil et als. For sixty (60) hydrants for fire purposes at a yearly rental of 45.00 per hydrant.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies at each of the public meeting houses, also at each of the school houses outside of the village and at the Town House 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 said meeting.

Given under our hands and the seal of the Town **this twenty second day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand, eight hundred and ninety.**

Geo. O. Marsh	Selectmen
Joseph W. Fulton	of
Geo. B. Bradley	Methuen

Essex SS: -

Methuen, March 22nd 1890.

By virtue of the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen, qualified to vote in Town affairs by posting up attested copies of the same at the public meeting house and at each of the school houses outside of the village and at the Town House eight days before said meeting.

Amos G. Jones
Constable of Methuen

Record of Special Town Meeting – March 31, 1890

A meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in elections, was held at the Town House in said Town, on Monday, March thirty first, A.D. 1890, at two o'clock p.m. pursuant to Warrant No. 25, File 11.

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

Art. 1 Moderator

A ballot was taken, the checklist being used, and Granville E. Foss was chosen Moderator & Sworn.

Art. 2 Roads etc.

The Committee appointed at the Annual Meeting to consider the subject of a stone crusher, etc. and repairs on Broadway presented the following report, which was read by Mr. Tenney.

Your Committee would respectfully submit the following report: -

As it seemed to be the general impression among the citizens

of the Town, that the cost of granite paving or the Telford McAdam road was too great, it was decided to investigate the system adopted in Bridgeport Conn. And known in that vicinity s the four inch construction of the McAdam Road. Your committee therefore visited

that city, and under the guidance of the very able and courteous Superintendent, Mr. B. D. Pierce, visited their quarry, examined the crushing machinery, and rode over and examined several miles of streets, McAdamized according to this system. Over fifty miles have been laid within the last five years at a cost of about \$200,000 or \$4000. per mile.

The method of construction is as follows: - the road is shaped into the proper

form from the materials that happen to be most convenient, such as the natural gravel, scrapings from the streets, or almost anything that is at hand. It is then rolled very hard with

a steamroller of from ten to fifteen tons weight. Then the broken stone is placed over the surface and again rolled; the screenings and dust from the stone crusher are then put on, and

the whole gain rolled until sufficiently solid. Some of these Bridgeport roads after five years

wear are just beginning to need a thin covering of stone when they will apparently be as good

as at first. Bridgeport has a population of about fifty thousand and is a very busy city, and it

seems certain that the traffic on many of the streets must be several times as great as that on Broadway.

After giving this system a full examination, and learning as much as possible

about its use in other towns, your committee are prepared to earnestly recommend its adoption

by this Town. They believe that with this system the main roads throughout the Town may be

permanently improved at a cost entirely within reasonable limits, and within a comparatively few years. As stated above, the cost in Bridgeport averages about \$4000 per mile and there seems to be no reason why the cost should be much greater here. Broadway being very wide, would of course cost more. Some of the country Town in the neighborhood of Bridgeport

are

covering their principal roads at about the above cost.

The machinery necessary for doing the work consists of

Steam roller costing	\$3400.
Crusher	1000.
Engine to run crusher about	500.
Drill	300.
Engine house and platform	<u>300.</u>

Making a total of \$5500.

And your Committee would recommend the appropriation of that sum for the purchase of the machinery, and the appropriation of \$2500.00 for the McAdamizing of a portion of Broadway according to the method herein outlines."

D. W. Tenney
Chas. W. Mann } Committee
Jos. S. Howe

Methuen, March 31, 1890.

Voted – unanimously, the Report of the Committee be accepted and adopted.

Voted – unanimously, that Fifty five hundred dollars be appropriated for the purpose of buying machinery for road building, and that Town Treasurer be authorized with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow a sum not exceeding that amount, for that purpose, for a time not longer than ten years, and to give the note or notes of the Town therefor.

Voted – to appropriate twenty five hundred dollars to McAdamize Broadway.

Voted – that the same committee, be a committee to purchase the machinery for road building.

Art. 8

New School House

A majority of the Committee on new schoolhouse made the following report, which was read.

"A majority of the committee elected at the last annual Town meeting submit the following report:

They recommend that the school house and lot on which it stands, on the west side of the village be sold; and that a school house containing four rooms, about 75 by 35 be erected on a lot on the northerly side of Lowell Street, and the westerly side of Barker Street, containing thirty thousand square feet, and extending if need be, three hundred feet on said streets, one hundred and fifty feet on each.

This lot can be purchased for one thousand dollars, and additional land adjoining if needed

for three cents a foot. The land, building and appointments will cost seventy five hundred dollars.

Detailed statement of cost.

Cellar and grading	\$ 900.
Building with two rooms finished	4500.
Heating apparatus	400.
School furniture for 2 rooms	500.
Land	1000.
Contingent expenses	<u>200.</u>
	7500.

Respectfully submitted

William M. Rogers } Committee
J. O. Parker

Mr. Frederick reported verbally, in favor of raising the roof of the old school house, and repairing the same, making two schoolrooms.

Voted – that the report of the majority be accepted and adopted.

Voted – to purchase a lot of land situated in Methuen Village on the northerly side of Lowell Street, and the westerly side of Marker Street, containing about thirty thousand square feet, and erect a schoolhouse thereon, containing four rooms, paying one thousand dollars for the thirty thousand feet, and three cents a square foot for additional land to complete said lot.

Voted – to sell at private sale or at auction, the land and schoolhouse and other buildings situated on the south side of Lowell Street in Methuen Village, in the County of Essex, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and that William M. Rogers, James O. Parker, and John W. Frederick be a committee to make said purchase and sale and erect and complete said building; and that the Selectmen of said Methuen, execute and deliver deeds and proper writings necessary to sell and convey said premises on the south side of said Lowell Street.

Voted – unanimously that seven thousand five hundred dollars be appropriated for building a new school house on the corner of Lowell and Barker Streets, and purchasing a lot of land therefor, and that the Town treasurer be authorized with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow a sum not exceeding that amount, for that purpose, for a time not longer than ten years, and to give the note or notes of the Town therefor.

Art. 4

Alms House

The Committee to who was referred the subject of Alms House, presented two reports – as follows: -

The undersigned a majority of your committee appointed to investigate and report on repairing Alms House as called for in Art. 14 of the Town warrant, or report such other plans as they might deem proper would respectfully submit the following report: -

There have been three plans suggested.

One to repair the old house; one to buy lot near village and erect new buildings; one to buy the Pentucket House.

The plan for buying the Pentucket House calls for an outlay of \$7000.00 with an offset of selling the old farm for \$3500.00 or a direct outlay of \$3500.00. Then the manner in which the rooms are arranged we do not consider as convenient for a poor house. It cannot be divided so as to give the Superintendent separate rooms, nor can there be a division made to separate the male and female inmates without a considerable outlay; then we consider that such a set of buildings would be expensive to keep in repair. Then another thing worthy of your consideration is the expense of moving from the old farm and the changing of furniture, which would be required.

The plan we recommend is to repair the old house in accordance with plans which we can show you. By these we do not propose to change the main house but put on an ell 32 x 37; thereby giving us 14 additional rooms, a dining room, two sitting rooms, a pantry, and one bathroom and one sleeping room on first floors and six good sleeping rooms on second floor, and a basement with a good washroom and a bathroom, and a plenty of good cellar room for heating apparatus.

This will give us 24 rooms in the building, all well arranged and convenient for the purposes wanted 14 of which are sleeping rooms. This we believe will be all the room which will be required for years to come. This we are prepared to show you can be done for \$3000.00 without the heating or for \$3500.00 at the outside including the heating and all repairs required on the main house. And if the Town thought proper they could sell a part of their land, retaining 20 or 25 acres which we deem sufficient for their wants.

Then we could reduce the expenses of the farm and do away with the milk business, which we consider as unprofitable. This we think could be done, and \$2000.00 realized from the sale. That would make an outlay to the Town of \$1000.00 or at the outside \$1500.00. Then we claim that we would have a set of buildings better adapted and more

convenient for the purposes required, and a farm which would yield more income for the expense required to carry it on, than the Pentucket property, and a saving at least of \$2000 in the outlay to the Town, and we should be able to provide our paupers with the comforts of a good home.

The surplus of personal property we should recommend to be sold, and use the proceeds to furnish either place you select as far as required and the balance if any turned into the Treasury.

Geo. O. Marsh
Jos. W. Fulton Majority
G. B. Bradley of
M. G. Smith Committee

The minority of the Committee submitted the following: -

The undersigned members of the committee to whom was referred the subject matter of Art. 14 of the warrant of the last Annual Town Meeting respectfully present the following report as the result of their investigations. At a meeting of the committee (after having visited the present Town farm, and also the premises of the Pentucket House), three different plans were considered as regards providing suitable accommodations for the Town poor.

1st The building of an addition to the present Alms House, of a modified form that presented by the chairman of the board of last year at the Annual Meeting, said plan to consist of an addition of 12 rooms with the same general features, to be furnished with steam heat at an estimated expenditure of 3 or 4 thousand dollars.

2nd The purchasing of the Barker pasture situated between Lowell Barker and Mystic Streets, and erecting an entire new set of buildings at an estimated expenditure for land and buildings, of 10 or 12 thousand. This plan also includes a location for a new schoolhouse, and also a real estate business, indisposing of a part of the same for house lots.

3rd The purchase of the Pentucket House and Farm, at a sum not to exceed \$7000.00. Now as regards the 1st plan – the undersigned agree that to expend \$3000 or \$4000 on the present buildings is an unwise and inexpedient outlay for the following reasons.

1st The policy of the Town's running a farm of the size and character of the present Town Farm, for the purpose of feeding out 50 tons of hay and from \$6 to \$800 worth

of grain together with all the roots, corn, corn fodder raised – to sell \$900 worth of milk is
an

unprofitable way to support our limited number of paupers, especially in addition to all the receipts of the farm which last year amounted to \$1450.00. There was drawn from the Treasury in money \$1364.47 to run the farm and maintain an average of 7 paupers. Now as we run the farm solely for the maintenance of our poor let us see what the direct and
indirect

average weekly cost amounts to. \$1300 in cash from the Treasury is a direct cost to the Town in money of \$3.75 per week to each pauper. \$1450 of produce sold adds \$4.00 thereto

indirectly; to this add the interest on the amount invested in the farm and personal property, of \$420, and you indirectly increase it \$1.10 more, thereby making a direct cost per week to support each pauper of \$3.75 and an indirect cost of \$5.10 or a total average weekly cost to maintain each pauper of \$8.85 as the result of farming and milk business to support our poor.

2nd That by the expenditure of 3 or \$6000 in addition to the present building, increasing its cost value from the present appraised value of \$4700. to \$8500 or \$9000,
you

do not in fact increase its market value one dollar, as the addition, other than for an alms house would be entirely useless as an ordinary farm building and would not add to the
value

of the farm in case of sale. We therefore have no hesitancy in reporting unfavorably to the adoption of this plan.

The third plan to purchase the Pentucket House and farm, which we have secured the refusal of for \$7000.00 we would recommend to the Town as the cheapest,
most

desirable, and therefore the most practicable plan for the Town to adopt, for the following reasons:

1st We find a farm of about fifty acres of land, easy of cultivation, adapted to

the raising of potatoes, corn, and all kinds of vegetables, producing about 20 tons of hay, with buildings consisting of a modern house, two story, with French roof, making it in
reality

3 story, containing 26 rooms heated by steam, radiators in every room, a new boiler, and all in perfect condition. The house is supplied with water by a wind mill, also a steam pump
in

case the windmill becomes disabled; the water is stored in a large tank in the attic, and in connection with a hot water tank; both hot and cold water are conveyed to every sleeping room in the house also hallway and sink in the kitchen. There is also a bathroom with both hot and cold water, also two water closets with patent bowls. There are also set wash
bowls

in each sleeping room and hallways all of which with the bath tub, water closets and sink
are

connected by pipes with a sewer or drain that discharges into the river; there are also
electric

bells in every room. There are also outside water connections where hose may be attached, and a stream of water thrown to the top of the house. There is a cellar under the whole house. The barn is 38 x 60 with cellar under the whole, supplied with water from the windmill, and drains from the barn, the cellar, and the outside yard direct to the river.

There

is also a large carriage house connected with the house, also in the rear, ice house, carriage house, tool house, wood shed and carpenter's shop, all in good repair. The house was built about ten years ago costing over \$10,000; the barn cost \$3000.00 and the present owner has expended in putting in a new boiler, drainage, painting and papering between five and six hundred dollars. There is also the old house with 8 rooms in a fair condition, with a good cellar under the whole. The new house has 16 sleeping rooms, and is well adapted for the wants of the Town, and at an expense of \$75.00 could be so divided as to separating the inmates, male from female.

The above property is in one of the pleasantest locations in Essex County, high and dry, facing the south, on the banks of the Merrimac and would be a Town farm
that

the Town would be proud to have visited, as it would be by many who would never think
of

visiting our present one. As an investment we think it would be a wise and judicious one
for

the Town to make, as it would fully meet all their requirements as an Alms House, and in
our

judgment would in the near future sell at a good advance over its cost. We believe the
Town

do not want to do a general farming business or produce milk at a cost to the Town in
money,

in purchasing grain, to an amount nearly equal to that received for produce sold, and that
whether the \$7000 is invested in the purchase of this place, or the value of the old farm is
increased to that amount or more, the interest on the investment will be the same and the
cost

in money from the Treasury cannot exceed what is now expended, in running the Trickey
farm; on the contrary we believe that the latter will run itself, and so far as the farm is
concerned will be self maintaining; and that is what the old farm has not done for years. If
so

the cash cost of maintaining our paupers will be lowered and the Town save money.

Lastly,

the water privileges that we have described, in a sanitary point of view are of themselves
almost enough to warrant your committee in making a favorable report.

When the health and cleanliness of the inmates is considered (and that is
what

the article in the warrant calls for) cannot be approached by any arrangement either at the
old

house or the proposed new one, without a much larger outlay than is estimated. We
therefore
feel that with the facts as your committee present them, that we are doing what is for the
best
interests of the Town in recommending the purchase of the Pentucket property, and the sale
of the old farm as soon as the Town can find a customer at a fair price.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

John H. George	A part
Darius Pierce	of
James O. Parker	Committee

Mr. Rogers moved that the minority report be accepted and the propositions contained therein be adopted. After a long and animated discussion this motion was carried by a hand vote – 100 to 99.

Voted unanimously that seven thousand dollars be appropriated for the purpose of purchasing the Pentucket House and farm and that the Town Treasurer be authorized with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow a sum not exceeding that amount for that purpose, for a time not longer than ten years and to give the note or notes of the Town therefore.

Voted – to authorize the Selectmen to purchase the Pentucket House property
at a sum not exceeding seven thousand dollars.

Voted – that the Selectmen be authorized to dispose of the Alms House property according to the best of their judgment.

Art. 5

Bank wall Cemetery Street

Voted – to raise and rebuild the bank wall on Cemetery Street and appropriate one hundred dollars for that purpose.

Art. 6

Flagstaff Arlington School House

Voted to erect a flagstaff on the Arlington school house and to appropriate twenty five dollars therefore.

Voted that Aaron H. Clark be a committee to superintend its erection.

Art. 7

Water Works

Voted – to refer the subject matter of Article 7 to a committee to report at an adjournment of this meeting.

Voted – that the Superintendent of Streets, the Chief Engineer John H. Morse and William R. Rowell be joined to the Board of Selectmen to constitute said committee. The persons composing this committee being as follows: - Daniel W. Tenney, Newell D. Leach, John H. Morse, William R. Rowell, George O. Marsh, Joseph W. Fulton and George B. Bradley.

Voted – that when this meeting adjourn it adjourn to meet at this place in three weeks from today at seven o'clock and thirty minutes p.m.

Voted – to adjourn.

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

Record of Adjourned Town Meeting – April 21, 1890

Art. 7

Water Works

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m., the Moderator in the chair.

The Moderator stated the business of the meeting to be to hear and act upon the report of committee on water supply. The Chairman of the committee, Daniel W. Tenney read the Report of the Committee as follows: -

“Mr. Moderator and Fellow Citizens: -

Your committee appointed to investigate and report on Art. 7 of the warrant of March 31 which was “To see if the Town will vote to grant J. O’Neil the privilege of excavating

and laying water pipes through the streets of Methuen Village for the purpose of introducing a system of water works, and also to see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen or a committee to contract with said O’Neil et als. For sixty (60) hydrants for fire purposes at a yearly rental of \$45.00 per hydrant.” Would respectfully report: - That they invited Mr. O’Neil to meet them and

requested him to give references as to his financial standing, and also to places where he had built waterworks. Nothing definite could be learned as to his financial standing. The report from Fredonia Kansas, where he had put in water was such as to convince the committee that Mr. O’Neil’s application for the privilege which he asked should not be granted.

The towns of Andover and Bradford were visited by the committee and every attention was shown them by the water commissioners. The works in Andover were begun

in July last and are sufficiently advanced to be in operation in part of the Town. The works are owned by the Town and it seems to be the impression there that such ownership is much

preferable to giving the right to any outside corporation or individual. The works in Bradford

are owned by a company; the charger having been obtained several years ago under the old aqueduct law of the state.

The people seem to be satisfied with the construction of the works so far, and

claim that their hydrant rental for fire purposes and public buildings will be about \$1700.00 yearly. The firm of Goodhue & Birnie, of Springfield, Mass. who are constructing the Bradford

works have visited Methuen, and estimate the cost of a system of waterworks supplied from

Harris' Pond at \$100,000.00.

Mr. Parks, of the firm of Wheeler & Parks of Boston have also looked over the same plan, and estimate cost from \$100,000.00 to \$110,000.00. In view of the large expense involved, the importance of selecting a suitable supply, and of deciding upon the proper method of construction, your committee would unanimously recommend the reference of the subject to a committee which investigate the whole subject and report to a future meeting.

A. W. Tenney
N. D. Leach
John. H. Morse
Wm. R. Rowell } Committee
Geo. O. Marsh
Joseph W. Fulton
Geo. B. Bradley

Voted – that the report of the Committee be accepted.

Voted – to refer the whole subject back to the same committee, and that they also investigate the subject of sewerage, and report at a future meeting on both matters.

Voted to adjourn, sinc. die.

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

Warrant for Special Town Meeting April 18th 1890 – File 11 No. 26.

Essex SS: -

To Amos G. Jones one of the Constables of the Town of Methuen in said County:

Greeting: -

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required forthwith to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Town hall in said Methuen on Friday the eighteenth day of April inst. (1890) at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles, viz.: -

Article 1	To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
Article 2	By request of George W. Tenney and others, to see if the Town will vote to rescind the vote whereby the Town voted at a special Town meeting held March 31, to purchase the Pentucket House property owned by George B. Trickey, and appropriate seven thousand dollars for that purpose.
Article 3	To see if the Town will vote to rescind the vote whereby the Town voted to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of the Alms House property according to the best of their judgment.
Article 4	To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to make such additions and repairs on the Alms House as they may deem necessary for the comfort and convenience of the inmates, and appropriate three thousand dollars for the same.
Article 5	To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to execute and deliver deeds and proper writings necessary to sell and convey the Town Farm property whenever sold. And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies at each of the public meeting houses, also at each of the school houses outside of the village, and at the Town house 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 said meeting.

Given under our hands and the seal of the Town **this ninth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety.**

Geo. O. Marsh Selectmen
Joseph W. Fulton of
Geo. O. Bradley Methuen
Essex SS: - Methuen, April 9th 1890

By virtue of the within precept, I have notified the voters of the Town of Methuen, qualified to vote in Town affairs by posting up attested copies of this warrant at

each of the public meeting houses, and at each of the school houses, outside of the village, also at the Town House eight days before said meeting.

Amos G. Jones – Constable of
Methuen

Record of Special Town Meeting April 18, 1890

A meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in elections was held at the Town House in said Town on Friday, April eighteenth A.D. 1890 at two o'clock p.m. pursuant to Warrant No. 26 File 11.

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

Art. 1 Moderator

A ballot was taken, the checklist being used, and Granville E. Foss was chosen Moderator and was sworn.

Art. 2 Pentucket House

A motion was made to rescind the vote whereby the Town voted at a special Town meeting held March 31, to purchase the Pentucket House property owned by George B. Trickey, and appropriate seven thousand dollars for that purpose. A long discussion was had on this motion, and it was

Voted – that the vote thereon be taken by ballot and the checklist used. It was also

Voted – that five tellers be appointed by the chair to check sort and count the ballots. The chair appointed as tellers Edward F. Johnson, John E. Sawyer, James T. Wall, Samuel G. Sargent and Calvin Taylor.

The chair appointed Joseph Martin, Joseph E. Buswell, Jeremiah Leary, George W. Tenney, Amos L. Gale and Cummings Messer, ballot distributors.

Voted – that the voters cross the rostrum to deposit their ballots, and that the names of voters be called by a Constable before voting. The balloting then proceeded, and the result was declared as follows; Yes, one hundred and forty four (144). No, one hundred and thirteen (113). And the motion to rescind was declared carried.

Art. 3 Alms House

Voted – to rescind the vote whereby the Town voted to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of the Alms House property according to the best of their judgment.

Art. 4 **Repairs on Alms House**

Voted – to authorize the Selectmen to make such additions and repairs on the Alms House, as they may deem necessary for the comfort and convenience of the inmates, and appropriate three thousand dollars for the same.

Voted unanimously that three thousand dollars be appropriated for additions and repairs on the Alms House, and that the Town Treasurer be authorized with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow a sum not exceeding that amount for that purpose, for a time not longer than ten years, and to give the note or notes of the Town therefor.

A motion to adjourn was made and lost.

Art. 5 **Deeds, etc.**

Voted – to pass over Article 5 of the warrant.

It was then voted to dissolve the meeting.

Attest,
Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

Warrant for Special Town Meeting – June 12, 1890, File 11 No. 27

Essex SS: -

To Amos G. Jones one of the Constables of the Town of Methuen in said County:

Greeting: -

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required forthwith to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Methuen on Thursday the twelfth day of June instant (meaning 1890) at 2 o'clock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following articles, viz.: -

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

Article 2 By request of David M. Ayer and others, to see if the Town will vote to take measures to organize a village district or precinct, in accordance with

Chapter 27 Sec. 37-39 and Chapter 35, Sec. 42 and 51 and other provisions of the Statute laws of the State for the following purposes, viz.: -

To organize and maintain a Fire Department, a Street Light Dept., a Sidewalk and Crosswalk Dept., a Sewer and Drain Dept., a Police and Watch Dept., also a Water Supply Dept. and any such purpose.

Article 3 By request of N. D. Piper and others, to see if the Town will vote to accept as a Town way, that part of Tenney Street as laid out by the Selectmen running southerly from Centre Street to Lawrence line past the house of N. D. Piper, and make an appropriation for the same.

Article 4 By request of J. H. Treat and others to see if the Town will vote to accept as a Town way a street laid out by the Selectmen commencing at the terminus of Kirk Street near the house of Michael Hickey and running to Tenney Street, a distance of about 127 feet, and make an appropriation for the same.

Article 5 By request of J. H. Treat and others, to see if the Town will vote to build a sewer on Kirk Street running easterly from the sewer now built across said Kirk Street to a point near the house of Michael Hickey, (about 338 feet) and make an appropriation for the same.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies at each of the public meeting houses, also at each of the schoolhouses outside of the village, and at the Town House, 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 said meeting.

Given under our hands, and the seal of the Town, this third day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety.

Geo. O. Marsh	Selectmen
Joseph W. Fulton	of
Geo. B. Bradley	Methuen

Constable's Return

Methuen, June 3rd 1890

Essex SS: -

By virtue of the within precept I have notified the voters of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Town affairs, by posting up attested copies of this warrant at each of the public meeting houses, also at each of the schoolhouses outside of the village, and

at the Town House eight days before said meeting.

Amos G. Jones – Constable of
Methuen

Record of Special Town Meeting – June 12, 1890

A meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in elections, was held at the Town House in said Town, on Thursday, June twelfth, A.D. 1890 at two o'clock p.m. pursuant to Warrant No. 27 File 11.

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

Art. 1 **Moderator**

A ballot was taken, and Granville E. Foss was chosen Moderator, and was sworn.

Art. 2 **Village Precinct**

Article second of the warrant being under consideration, Mr. Phippen submitted the following motion, in writing, “I move that the Town take measures to organize a village, district or precinct for the following purposes, viz.: -

To organize and maintain a Fire Department. To organize and maintain a Street Lighting Department. To organize and maintain a Sidewalk and Crosswalk Department. To organize and maintain a Sewer and Drain Department. To organize and maintain a police and watch department or any such purposes in accordance with statutes of the State”.

A long discussion was had on this motion and a vote being taken it was decided in the negative by a Aye & No vote.

Art. **Tenney Street**

Voted – to accept Tenney Street as a Town way, as laid out by the Selectmen, and to appropriate one hundred dollars for the purpose of building it.

Art. 4 **Kirk Street**

Voted – to accept Kirk Street as a Town way, as laid out by the Selectmen and to appropriate two hundred and sixty seven dollars therefor to with: -

One hundred dollars for building the same, and one hundred and sixty seven dollars for land damage.

Voted – that the streets be built under direction of the Board of Selectmen.

Art. 5 Voted – to build a sewer on Kirk Street, running easterly from the sewer now built across said Kirk Street, to a point near the house of Michael Hickey (about 338 feet) and make an appropriation for the same of the sum of four hundred dollars.

No other business appearing the meeting was dissolved.

Attest,
Jos. S. Howe – Town
Clerk.

Warrant for Town Meeting Nov. 4, 1890 - File 11 No. 28

Essex SS: -

To Amos G. Jones one of the Constables of the Town of Methuen,

Greeting: -

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby 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 Methuen on Tuesday the fourth day of November next at eight o'clock in the forenoon, then and there

to give in their ballots for Governor of the Commonwealth, Lieutenant Governor, Councilor

for District No. Six, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor of Accounts, Attorney General, One Representative to Congress for the Eighth District, one Senator for the Sixth Essex District, One County Commissioner, two Representatives to represent the Third Essex District in the next Legislature, and to vote Yes or No on the following Amendments to the Constitution, "Amendment to the Constitution to prevent the disfranchisement of voters because of a change of residence within the Commonwealth" "Amendment to the Constitution relative to soldiers and sailors exercising the right of franchise." The polls may be closed at four o'clock p.m.

And you are hereby 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 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 and the seal of the Town of Methuen **this twenty fourth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety.**

Geo. O. Marsh Selectmen
Joseph W. Fulton of
Geo. B. Bradley Methuen

Essex SS: - Methuen, Oct. 25, 1890

By virtue of the within precept I have notified the voters of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote as the law directs, by posting up attested copies of this warrant at the Town House and at each of the public meeting houses in said Town eight days before said meeting.

Amos G. Jones
Constable of Methuen
Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

Ballots received No. 1, 1890

State Election

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in elections was held at the Town House in said Town, on Tuesday the fourth day of November A.D. 1890 at eight o'clock in the forenoon pursuant to Warrant No. 28

The ballots provided for the meeting were delivered to the presiding officer by the Town Clerk and the package publicly broken. The sample ballots and instructions to voters were posted according to law and the ballots were delivered to the ballot clerks, W. L. S.

Gilcreast

and Leon Russell. The ballot box was publicly opened and found to be empty, after which the ballot box was locked and the key given to Amos G. Jones Constable in attendance.

The

figures on the Register indicated four ciphers. The polls were open and the ballot proceeded.

At five minutes past four o'clock the polls were declared closed, the ballot box register indicating 715. The ballot box was opened and the ballots taken therefrom, and counted audibly, and the whole number of ballots cast was found to be seven hundred and fifteen. The marks on each check list were counted audibly and found to agree with the number of ballots. The votes given in were counted, recorded and declaration thereof made, as the

law

directs and were as follows: -

The whole number of ballots cast for the several officers voted for, was
Seven hundred and fifteen

For Governor

John Blackmer of Springfield thirty four	34
John Q. A. Brackett of Arlington three hundred and eighty five	385
William E. Russell of Cambridge two hundred and eighty four	284
Blanks – twelve	12

For Lieutenant Governor

John W. Corcoran of Clinton two hundred and fifty	250
William H. Haile of Springfield three hundred and eighty six	286
George Kempton of Sharon thirty four	34
Blanks, forty five	45

For Secretary

George D. Crittenden of Buckland thirty six	36
Elbridge Cushman of Lakeville two hundred and thirty nine	239
William M. Olin of Boston three hundred and eighty one	381
Blanks – fifty nine	59

For Treasurer and Receiver General

William H. Gleason of Boston thirty six	36
George A. Marden of Lowell three hundred and eighty three	383
Edwin L. Munn of Holyoke two hundred and thirty four	234
Blanks – sixty two	62

For Auditor

Charles R. Ladd of Springfield three hundred twenty two	322
Augustus R. Smith of Lee forty three	43
William D. T. Trefry of Marblehead two hundred and thirty seven	237
Blank – one hundred and thirteen	113

For Attorney General

Wolcott Hamlin of Amherst thirty four	34
Elisha B. Maynard of Springfield two hundred and thirty one	231
Albert E. Pillsbury of Boston three hundred and eighty one	381
Blanks – sixty nine	69

For Representative to Congress Eighth District

Nathaniel A. Glidden of Chelmsford twenty	20
Frederic T. Greenhalge of Lowell three hundred and sixty nine	369
Moses T. Stevens of North Andover two hundred and ninety two	292

Blanks – thirty four	34
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For Councilor Sixth District

George W. Heywood of Westford two hundred and thirty	230
George Pillsbury of Tewksbury thirty eight	38
Byron Truell of Lawrence three hundred and eighty one	381
Blanks – sixty six	66

For County Commissioner

Horace F. Longfellow of Newbury two hundred and forty six	246
Samuel C. Pease of Merrimac thirty seven	37
John W. Raymond of Beverly three hundred and fifty eight	358
Blanks – seventy four	74

For Senator Sixth Essex District

Joseph M. Bradley of Andover two hundred and nine	209
Robert A. McAyeal of Lawrence nineteen	19
William R. Rowell of Methuen four hundred and sixty	460
Blanks – twenty seven	27

For Representatives in General Court Third Essex District

Doane Cogswell of Bradford three hundred and sixteen	316
John A. Gale of Haverhill two hundred and ninety six	296
John Lane of Haverhill twenty	20
Herman F. Morse of Bradford twenty two	22
James O. Parker of Methuen three hundred and nine	309
Martin L. Stover of Haverhill two hundred and seventy five	275
James Wilson of Haverhill twenty four	24
Blanks – one hundred and sixty eight	168

Amendment to the Constitution relative to soldiers and sailors exercising the right of franchise

The number of voters voting “Yes” was two hundred and sixteen	216
The number of voters voting “No” was fifty nine	59
Blanks – four hundred and forty	440

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

were also sealed up; in an envelope and delivered to the Town Clerk. Both checklists were also sealed up and delivered to the chairman of the Board of Selectmen. The meeting adjourned at ten o'clock p.m.

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

Recount of ballots cast for Representative to Congress

Pursuant to a petition from ten legal voters of the Town of Methuen alleging that they had reason to believe that the returns of the elections officers of said Town, of the votes cast at the State Election Nov. 4th A.D. 1890 are erroneous with reference to the votes cast for Representative to Congress, Eighth District, and asking for a recount of the same, the Selectmen met at the Selectmen's Room in the Town House on Wednesday, November twelfth, at half past seven o'clock p.m., and opened the box containing the ballots cast at said

election, recounted the votes cast for Representative to Congress, Eighth District, and reported the result of the ballot as follows: -

Methuen, Nov. 12, 1889

We the undersigned Selectmen of the Town of Methuen, hereby certify that the recount of the votes this day for Representative to Congress for the Eighth District, was as follows: -

Frederic T. Greenhalge of Lowell three hundred and sixty eight	368
Moses T. Stevens of North Andover two hundred and ninety two	292
Nathaniel A. Glidden of Chelmsford twenty	20
Blanks – thirty five	35

The ballots were then placed in the box and resealed.

Geo. O. Marsh Selectmen
Joseph W. Fulton of
Geo. B. Bradley Methuen

Mr. Greenhalge was represented at the recount by Mr. Charles R. Ayer and Mr. Stevens by John P. Sweeny, Esq.

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

Record of Meeting of City, Town and Precinct Clerks Nov. 14, 1890

City of Haverhill, Massachusetts
November 14, 1890, City Clerk's Office

At a meeting of the City Clerk of Haverhill, the Town Clerk of Methuen, the Town Clerk of

Bradford, the Precinct Clerks of Precinct one in Ward Three, Precinct one in Ward Five and

Precinct two in Ward Five, in said City of Haverhill; said Towns and Precincts forming the Third Essex Representative District, held at noon this day in accordance with the provisions

of Sect. 151 Chapter 423 Acts of 1890, upon comparing the transcripts of the returns, the following appears as the result of the balloting for Representatives to the General Court for said District, at meeting held on Tuesday, November 4, 1890.

To wit: -

	Bradford	Methuen	Ward 3 Precinct 1	Ward 5 Precinct 1	Ward 5 Precinct 1
Total					
John A. Gale of Haverhill 1358	236	296	228	337	261
James O. Parker of Methuen 1270	221	309	295	220	225
Martin L. Stover of Haverhill 1001	222	275	201	155	148
Doane Cogswell of Bradford 1139	318	316	153	173	179
John Lane of Haverhill 88	11	20	20	19	18
Herman F. Morse of Bradford 112	38	22	12	17	23
James Wilson of Haverhill 190	27	24	50	38	51
John T. Cook 1		1			
William Wardman 1		1			
Blanks	175	168		149	155
	647				

Haverhill November 14, 1890

In accordance with the foregoing returns Certificates of Election were this day duly issued to the two persons having the highest number of votes for Representatives to the General Court for the Third Essex District. To wit: -

John A. Gale of Haverhill and James O. Parker of Methuen.

Attest,

David B. Tenney City Clerk of Haverhill
Jos. S. Howe Town Clerk of Methuen
A. T. Dolloff Town Clerk of Bradford
Chas. P. Sumner Clerk of Precinct 1 Ward Three
Ned C. Tozier Clerk of Precinct 1 Ward Five
Frank H. Gerrish Clerk of Precinct 2 Ward Five

A true Copy,

Attest, Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

1891

Warrant for Town Meeting – Jan. 7, 1891 – File 11 No. 29

Essex SS: -

To Amos G. Jones, one of the Constables of the Town of Methuen in said County: -

Greeting: -

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required forthwith to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Methuen on Wednesday the seventh day of January next, at 7 ½ o'clock p.m. then and there to act on the following articles, viz.: -

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

Art. 2nd By request of M. W. Keyes and others, to see if the Town will accept the provisions of Chapter 386 of the Acts passed by the General Court of Massachusetts in the year 1890 relating to the election of Town Officers.

Art. 3rd Of the Town votes to accept the provisions of said Act, to determine what officers, if any, not required by law to be chosen by ballot, shall be so chosen, and also the number and terms of such officers.

Art. 4th To hear the Report of the Committee on Water Works and act thereon. And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies at each of the public meeting houses, also at each of the school houses outside of the village, and at the Town House, eight days at least before said meeting.

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

Given under our hands and the seal of the Town **this twenty ninth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety.**

Geo. O. Marsh Selectmen
Joseph W. Fulton of
Geo. B. Bradley Methuen

Essex SS:

Methuen, Dec. 30th 1890

By virtue of the within precept I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs by posting up attested copies at each of the public meeting houses, also at each of the school houses outside the village and at the Town house, eight days before said meeting.

Amos G. Jones –Constable of Methuen

A true copy of Warrant & Return

Attest, Jos. S. Howe - Town Clerk

Record of Special Town Meeting – Jan. 7, 1891

A meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, was held at the Town House in said Town on Wednesday, January seventh A.D. 1891, at seven o'clock and thirty minutes p.m., pursuant to Warrant No. 29 File 11.

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

Art. 1 Moderator

A ballot was taken and Granville E. Foss was chosen Moderator by a unanimous vote and was sworn.

Art. 2 **Chap. 386 Acts of 1890**

Voted – by a unanimous vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 386 of the Acts passed by the General Court of Massachusetts in the year 1890 relating to the election of Town Officers.

Art. 3 **Town Officers**

Voted – that in addition to the officers now required by law to be elected by ballot, the Trustees for Nevins Memorial, Fence Viewers and Street Commissioners be elected by ballot. Mr. Rogers moved to reconsider this vote and the motion was lost.

Art. 4

Report of the Committee on Waterworks

The Report of Committee on Waterworks was read by the Chairman, D. W. Tenney, and was accepted. After some discussion it was voted to reconsider the motion whereby said report was accepted, and the report was returned to the Committee.

Voted – to fill the vacancy on the Water Committee occasioned by the death of John H. Morse. James Ingalls was elected to fill the vacancy.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting, Jan. 29, 1891 – File 11 No. 30

Essex SS: -

To Amos G. Jones one of the Constables of the Town of Methuen in said County:

Greeting: - In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required forthwith to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Methuen, on Thursday, the twenty ninth day of January inst. (instant=1891) at 7 ½ o'clock p.m. then and there to act on the following articles, viz.:.

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

Art. 2nd By request of J. C. Taylor and others, to see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 158 of the Acts of 1871 or Sections 74-75-76 and 77 of Chapter 27 of the Public Statutes relating to Road Commissioners.

Said Sections read as follows: -

“Sec. 74. A town which has accepted the provisions of Chapter 158 of the Acts of 1871 or of this and the three following sections, and which has not revoked such acceptance, may choose by ballot three persons who shall constitute its board of road commissioners, one for one year, one for two years, and one for three years from the date of the Annual Meeting at which they are chosen, or if chosen at a meeting other than the Annual Meeting, then for one, two and three years respectively from the date of the Annual Meeting next preceding said election, and until their successors are chosen and qualified, and at every subsequent annual meeting such town shall choose one member of said board to serve for three years, but such acceptance may at any Annual Meeting thereafter be revoked, and said board abolished.

Sec. 75. Said road commissioners in matters concerning streets, ways, bridges, monuments at the termini and angles of roads, guide posts, sidewalks, shade trees, sewers, and drains, shall exclusively have the powers and be subject to the duties, liabilities and penalties of Selectmen and Surveyors of Highways, and shall have all the powers and privileges conferred upon Selectmen in Section 17 of Chapter 53 in relation to moving buildings in public streets and highways.

Sec. 76. They shall be sworn and shall receive such compensation for their services as the Town may determine.

Sec. 77. Vacancies in a board of Road Commissioners shall be filled by the Selectmen, and a person appointed to fill a vacancy shall hold his office until another is chosen at the next Annual Meeting and qualified in his stead."

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

Given under our hands and the seal of the Town, this twentieth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety one.

George O. Marsh	Selectmen
Joseph W. Fulton	of
Geo. B. Bradley	Methuen

Essex SS: -

Methuen, Jan. 21, 1891

By virtue of the within precept, I have notified the voters of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Town affairs, by posting up attested copies of this warrant at each of the public meeting houses, also at each of the school houses outside of the village and at the Town House, eight days before said meeting.

Amos G. Jones,
Constable of Methuen

A true copy of warrant and return

Attest, Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

Record of Special Town Meeting – Jan. 29, 1891

A meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, was held at the Town Hall in said Town, on Thursday the twenty ninth day of January A.D. 1891 at seven o'clock and thirty minutes p.m. pursuant to Warrant No. 30 File 11.

Art. 1 A ballot was taken, and Granville E. Foss was chosen **Moderator** by a unanimous vote and was sworn.

Art. 2 A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, and was lost by a vote of thirty Ayes to fifty nine Noes.

Voted – to accept the provisions of Sections 74-75-76 and 77 of Chapter 27 of the Public Statues relating to Road Commissioners by the following vote: Ayes – sixty eight; Noes – fifty.

Voted – to dissolve the meeting.

Attest, Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

[NOTE: Though the following took place in 1890, the Town Clerk recorded this correspondence within records of Town Meeting Minutes for 1891.]

New England Telephone and Telegraph Company

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, respectfully petitions the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Methuen, Mass. for a location for its poles and wires thereon, in the following named streets and highways of said Town, viz.: - from Dracut line through Lowell & Orchard Streets to Lawrence line, through Plum & North Lowell Streets; to Lowell Street. The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts

By Jasper N. Kuler
General Manager

Boston, June 16, 1890
50 Pearl Street

Selectmen's Office
Methuen, June 24, 1890

On the petition of the New England Telephone Company of Massachusetts for a location for its poles and wires in the public streets of the Town of Methuen it was voted to grant the above named Company permission to erect their poles and wires in the following named streets viz.: - from Dracut line on Lowell Street through Lowell and Orchard Streets to Lawrence line and from Dracut line on Plum Street through Plum and North Lowell streets to Lowell Street.

Geo. O. Marsh	Selectmen
Joseph W. Fulton	of
Geo. B. Bradley	Methuen

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

Lawrence Gas Company

Lawrence June 30, 1890

**To the Honorable the Board of Selectmen
of Methuen, Mass.**

Gentlemen: -

The Lawrence Gas Company a corporation organized under the statutes of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for the purpose of selling gas and electricity for light, heat and power, and having a charter for doing

business in said Methuen, respectfully petitions your honorable body for the right to dig up and open the ground, in the streets, lanes and highways of the Town, for the purpose of laying gas pipes; and further for the right to erect and maintain poles and wires, for the transmission of electricity for light, heat and power.

Yours respectfully,

C. J. R. Humphreys, Agent.

Selectmen's Office, Methuen, Aug. 2, 1890.

Permission is hereby granted the Lawrence Gas Company a corporation organized under the Statutes of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to dig up and open the ground in the streets, lanes and highways of the Town of Methuen for the purpose of laying gas pipes and to erect and maintain thereon gas lamp posts to enable it to supply the people of the said Town of Methuen with illuminating gas. This franchise is granted upon the condition that said Lawrence Gas Company shall have the main gas pipes laid and covered up and ready for use on Broadway Street in said Methuen from the boundary line between the City of Lawrence and said Methuen northward as far as Osgood Street in said Town, within sixty days from this date. Now if the said Lawrence Gas Company shall fail to lay down and cover up said main gas pipes on said Broadway Street from the boundary line between the said Lawrence and said Methuen as far northward as Osgood Street, and have the same ready for use within sixty days from the date of this instrument then this franchise shall become null and void.

Geo. O. Marsh
Joseph W. Fulton
Geo. B. Bradley

Selectmen
of
Methuen

A true copy

Attest – Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk.

Town of Methuen

Selectmen's Office, Sept. 6, 1890

Permission is hereby granted the Lawrence Gas Company to erect and maintain poles for the support of wires, and to erect and maintain lines of wire in, through and over the surface of the streets, parks, and highways of the Town of Methuen, and to dig up an open the grounds in any of said streets, parks, and highways, so far as may be necessary in order to lay wires underground, and keep the same in repair, and to do all other things that may be necessary for the purpose of furnishing electric light, heat, and power to any portion of said Town. This permission and consent is subject to the provisions of law as to putting such streets, parks and highways which are opened into as good repair as they were in when opened; and subject to the provisions of law giving to the Selectmen the right to regulate, restrict and control all acts and doings of said company which may in any manner affect the health, safety, convenience or property of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen.

This permission and consent is granted subject to the following restrictions, that the top of the poles to be reserved for the use of the Town of Methuen for the purpose of erecting wires for the fire alarm service, and that for the protection of the New England Telephone Company a corporation operating a line of telephone wires in said Methuen and from said Methuen top Lawrence. Said Lawrence Gas Company when they propose to run electric wires in a parallel course with the circuit of said telephone company in the same highway or on the same structures, shall return all wires by the same route and as near as possible to the outside wire of said circuit. This permission and consent is granted upon the condition that the said Lawrence Gas Company shall erect the necessary poles for the support of wires and have the wires strung and all things done that are necessary to be done to enable it to furnish electric light upon Broadway Street in said Methuen as far north as Pleasant Street within six months from the date of the instrument. Now if the said Lawrence Gas Company shall fail to comply with all or any conditions and restrictions, herein before written, then this permission and consent shall become null and void and forever terminate.

Geo. O. Marsh Selectmen
Joseph W. Fulton of
Geo. B. Bradley Methuen

A true copy -

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

Merrimack Valley Horse Railroad Company

To the Selectmen of the Town of Methuen

Gentlemen: -

The undersigned,
the directors of the Merrimack Valley Horse Railroad Company, hereby petition your
honorable board for permission to erect and maintain poles through all the roads or streets
in the Town of Methuen, where the tracks of the road are located, or may hereafter be

located, for the purpose of attaching wires and other necessary and as in duty bound, will ever pray.

W. B. Ferguson
E. P. Shaw
James H. Easton
J. H. Cunningham
Albert D. Bossum
William Oswald

Oct. 16, 1890

Selectmen's Office, Methuen, Nov. 22, 1890

Permission is hereby granted the Merrimack Valley Horse Railroad

Company to use electricity as a motive power on all lines now constructed, or may be hereafter constructed by said company in said Methuen by means of the single trolley system, the poles used are to be hard pine or cedar wood, dressed and painted and the poles and wires necessary therefor are to be placed where the Selectmen of said Town shall direct, and all work is to be done to the satisfaction of the Selectmen of said Town.

This permission is granted upon the following conditions, that when-ever a snowfall occurs sufficient to require the tracks of said Horse Railroad Company to be plowed or shoveled out, that said company shall immediately scrape or draw away what snow is so shoveled or plowed from the track so as to keep and leave the streets through which said tracks are laid, in a safe and passable condition for the passage of teams of all kinds, and in case said Horse Railroad Company shall neglect or refuse to comply with the foregoing conditions, then this permission shall become null and void.

Geo. O. Marsh Selectmen
Joseph W. Fulton of
Geo. B. Bradley Methuen

A true copy

Attest – Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

Warrant for Annual Town Meeting – March 2, 1891 – File 11 No. 31

Essex SS: -

To Amos G. Jones 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 Town affairs, to meet at the Town
Hall, in said Methuen on Monday the second day of March next at eight o'clock in the
forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, viz.: -

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

Article 2 To choose a Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, two School Committee to serve three years in place of Josephine D. Emerson and Sarah E. Sargent, two Trustees of Nevins Memorial Hall, one to serve two years in the place of James Ingalls, and one for one year to fill vacancy caused by the promotion of George E. Woodbury to permanent trustee, Constables, Auditor of Accounts and Fence Viewers, "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town." Also to choose all other necessary Town Officers in such manner as the Town may determine, the polls may be closed at one o'clock p.m.

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

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

Article 5 To determine the manner of collecting taxes the ensuing year and act thereon as the Town may think proper.

Article 6 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to hire money in anticipation of taxes of the ensuing year, or to hire money to renew, replace or pay any existing loan or loans or any part thereof and to issue notes of the Town therefor.

Article 7 To see if the Town will vote to approve and accept the list of Jurors prepared by the Selectmen for the ensuing year.

Article 8 To hear the report of committees and act thereon.

Article 9 To determine what compensation the Town will grant the members of the Fire Department for their services the ensuing year.

Article 10 To determine the manner of appropriating the amount received from the Dog taxes in accordance with Chapter 102 Section 107 of the Public Statutes.

Article 11 By request of Col. William B. Green Post 100 G.A.R. to see if the Town will vote to appropriate one hundred and twenty five dollars for the purpose of decorating the graves of our soldiers and sailors on Memorial Day May 30, 1891. Said money to be expended under the direction of the above Post.

Article 12 By request of Frank Buckminster and others to see if the Town will vote to amend the By-Laws of the Town by the addition of the following sections:

Section 1 – No money shall be paid from the Treasury except the State and County Taxes without an order therefor signed by a majority of the Selectmen.

Section 2 – The accounts of all expenditures shall be carefully kept under the several heads for which appropriations are made, and the Treasurer is hereby instructed not to pay out any money in excess of any appropriation except in cases where such payment is required by law to be made.

- Article 13 By request of William Colbert, William Andrews and others, to see if the Town will vote to erect and maintain streetlights at the following points, viz.: - two on Carleton Street and two on Phillips Street, and appropriate forty dollars for the same.
- Article 14 By request of Stephen Currier and others, to see if the Town will vote to lay over the culvert, or cut down the hill and carry into the valley between two hills on the road between the houses of William H. Stickney and Dean Emerson and appropriate four hundred dollars for the same.
- Article 15 By request of Henry Elston and others, to see if the Town will vote to build a sewer on Centre Street connecting with the one running across the aforesaid street and running easterly 400 feet, and make an appropriation for the same.
- Article 16 By request of Roger Ash and others, to see if the Town will vote to accept and allow as a Town way, a street laid out by the Selectmen, known as Tenney Street extending from Centre Street to Lawrence Street, and make an appropriation for the same.
- Article 17 By request of Joseph Martin and others, to see if the Town will vote the use of desks in the unoccupied schoolhouse on Lowell Street to the French School, Pine Street and act thereon.
- Article 18 By request to see if the Town will vote to lay a drain past the house of Patrick Donahue to take the surface water the expense of the same to be taken from the regular appropriation on highways.
- Article 19 By request, to see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend twenty five dollars from the appropriation for school repairs for a Flagstaff on the Marsh School House.
- Article 20 By request of D. W. Tenney and others, to see if the Town will vote to buy the gravel on an acre of land situated between East and Oak Street, owned by J. M. Currier and appropriate ninety dollars for the same.

Article 21 By request of the Trustees of Walnut Grove Cemetery to see if the Town will vote to accept a lot of land in Walnut Grove Cemetery for burial purposes.

Article 22 By request of George K. Webster and others to see if the Town will vote to extend the plank walk on Pelham Street through the willows near Mystic Pond Brook and appropriate seventy five dollars for the same.

Article 23 By request of John E. Sawyer and others, to see if the Town will vote to heat the Town House with steam; and appropriate thirteen hundred dollars for that purpose.

Article 24 By request of Horace Carleton and 104 others, to see if the Town will vote to construct a system of waterworks, also an Electric Plant for furnishing the inhabitants of Methuen with pure water and with electricity for light, heat and power, and appropriate the sum of one hundred and twenty five thousand dollars for same.

Article 25 By request to see if the Town will vote to amend the By-Laws of the Town by the addition of the following section: No Person shall drive, draw, or pass any cart, barrow sled or other such thing except children's carriages drawn by hand, on any sidewalk of this Town to the obstruction of any passenger, nor permit any horse or other draft animal or cow to pass thereon while under his care.

Article 26 By request of D. W. Tenney to see if the Town will vote to appropriate twenty five hundred dollars to continue Macadamizing on Broadway.

And you are hereby 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, 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 aforesaid.

Given under our hands and the seal of the Town of Methuen, this twenty first day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety one.

George O. Marsh	Selectmen
Joseph W. Fulton	of
Geo. B. Bradley	Methuen

Essex SS:

Methuen Feb. 21, 1891

I hereby certify that I have notified the voters of the Town of Methuen,

qualified to vote in Town affairs, by posting up attested copies of this warrant at each of the public meeting houses and at the Town house eight days before said meeting.

Amos G. Jones

Constable of Methuen

A true copy of warrant and return

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

Record of Annual Town Meeting, March 2, 1891 – File 11 No. 31

Pursuant to Warrant No. 31 File 11, the Annual Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen was held at the Town Hall in said Town, on Monday, March 2nd A.D. 1891.

The meeting was called to order at eight o'clock a.m. by Joseph S. Howe, Town Clerk, who read the warrant for the meeting.

The polls were then opened for the choice of Moderator, the checklist being used.

Art. 1 Moderator

Granville E. Foss received every vote cast for Moderator and was declared elected and was sworn.

Prayer was offered by Rev. A. J. Torsloff.

The Moderator appointed John F. Ridley and J. Haskell Gordon as tellers to assist him in checking the names of voters, assorting and counting votes and operating the ballot box and they were sworn. Walter L. S. Gilcreast and A. Leon Russell had been previously appointed ballot clerks by the Selectmen, and they were sworn.

Art. 2 Election of Town Officers

The polls were opened for the choice of those officers to be chosen by ballot, and for deposit of the "Yes" and "No" ballots, and the ballot box was not removed from public view until the close of the meeting. The ballot box was opened and found to be empty and was then locked. The figures on the register indicated four ciphers. The meeting then proceeded with the balloting. It was voted that a Committee of three be appointed by the chair, to nominate candidates for the various Town officers not chosen by ballot, and the chair appointed as that committee, Walter L. S. Gilcreast, George O. Marsh and William M. Rogers. It was also voted to extend the time of closing the polls to one o'clock. The polls were closed at one o'clock

having been open more than four hours. The figures on the ballot box register indicated 649. The number of voters checked on the check lists was six hundred and fifty, and the number of ballots cast was six hundred and fifty, from which it appeared that the ballot box failed to register one ballot. The votes given in were sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made as follows.

For Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor

David M. Ayer	two hundred and four	204
Kirk F. Brown	four hundred and one	401
Edwin J. Castle	three hundred and fifty one	351
Joseph W. Fulton	two hundred and eighty three	283
George O. Marsh	three hundred and twenty nine	329
Joseph J. Sharkey	one hundred and ninety seven	197
S. G. Sargent	one	1
Addison P. Russell	two	2
George B. Bradley	one	1
John W. Frederick	two	2
John H. George	two	2
Blanks –	one hundred and eighty four	184

And Kirk F. Brown, Edwin J. Castle and George O. Marsh were declared elected Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor, and were sworn into those offices respectively.

For Town Treasurer for Town Clerk and Collector of Taxes

Joseph S. Howe	five hundred and forty	540
Thompson E. Gammons	five	5
William R. Rowell	one	1
Jos. S. Dodge	one	1
Blanks –	ninety nine	99

And Joseph S. Howe was declared elected Town Clerk, Treasurer & Collector of Taxes and was sworn to those offices.

For School Committee – Three Years

Mrs. Josephine D. Emerson	four hundred and six	406
Mrs. Sarah E. Sargent	two hundred and seventy	270
Mrs. Harriet E. Woodbury	two hundred and thirty one	231
Wm. M. Rogers	three	3
Geo. B. Bradley	one	1
Blanks –	three hundred and seventy four	374

And Mrs. Josephine D. Emerson and Sarah E. Sargent were declared elected.

For Road Commissioner – Three Years

John Q. Hill three hundred and seventeen	317
Daniel W. Tenney three hundred and eleven	311
Blanks – twenty one	21
And John Q. Hill was declared elected Road Commissioner for three years and was sworn.	

For Road Commissioner – Two Years

Isaac C. Brown fifty seven	57
James M. Moreland two hundred and twenty three	223
Eben W. Powell two hundred and eighty three	283
Blanks – two hundred and seventy one	271
And Eben W. Powell was declared elected Road Commissioner for two years, and was sworn.	

For Road Commissioner – One Year

James S. Blodgett four hundred and fifty three	453
Blank – thirty seven	37
And James S. Blodgett was declared elected Road Commissioner for one year and was sworn.	

Trustee of Nevins Memorial – Two Years

James Ingalls two hundred and seventy	270
James Pierce two hundred and forty	240
And James Ingalls was declared elected Trustee of Nevins Memorial for two years.	

Trustee of Nevins Memorial – One Year

Joseph S. Howe three hundred and twenty five	325
Robert Redford two hundred and sixty six	266
Blanks – three hundred and twenty seven	327
And Joseph S. Howe was declared elected Trustee of Nevins Memorial for one year.	

Auditor

Tenney Morse three hundred and seventy six	376
James O. Parker one hundred and seventy four	174
Blanks – eighty nine	89
And Tenney Morse was declared elected Auditor and was sworn.	

Constables

George E. Blanchard three hundred and eighteen	318
Patrick Curran one hundred and fifty three	153
John H. George three hundred and fourteen	314

Albert B. Gordon three hundred and twenty three	323
Amos G. Jones four hundred and twenty one	421
Joseph Martin two hundred and eighty one	281
Frank McDermott one hundred and ninety seven	197
George B. Millen two hundred and fifty seven	257
Horace Rounds two hundred and twenty	220
J. Calvin Taylor two hundred and sixty six	266
Blanks – eleven hundred and thirty six	1136
And George E. Blanchard, John H. George, Albert B. Gordon, Amos G. Jones, Joseph Martin	
and J. Calvin Taylor were declared elected Constables and sworn.	

Fence Viewers

William H. Brackett one hundred and seventy	170
John G. Low one hundred and ninety	190
Edward McLaughlin one hundred and thirty eight	138
Daniel T. Morrison three hundred and fifty three	353
Addison P. Russell three hundred and nineteen	319
Leverett Swan three hundred and thirty one	331
Blanks – three hundred and ninety	392
And Daniel T. Morrison, Addison P. Russell and Leverett Swan were declared elected	
Fence	
Viewers.	

License Vote

On the question “Shall Licenses be granted for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors in this Town”.

The number of ballots marked “Yes” was two hundred and nineteen	219
The number of ballots marked “No” was three hundred and thirty six	336
Blanks – one hundred and sixty eight	168

The Committee appointed by the Chair to nominate candidates for the various Town Officers

not chosen by ballot reported the following names, - George M. Phippen being added by vote

of the meeting **as Measurer of Wood and Bark.** It was voted that the list as thus amended,

stand as the Officers to serve for the ensuing year.

Field Drivers

Arthur J. Crosby	George G. Frederick	Edward B. George
Fred. A. Lowell – sworn	Charles B. Chandler	

Surveyors of Lumber

John H. George – sworn	James O. Parker – sworn	Samuel J. Pedler – sworn
George W. Copp – sworn	Edmund Dowding	Samuel Emerson – sworn
James Allen – sworn	Millard F. Emerson – sworn	John W. Frederick – sworn
Charles Austin was appointed – sworn		

Surveyors of Wood and Bark

Nelson M. Blodgett – sworn	James Allen – sworn	Edmund Dowding
Millard F. Emerson – sworn	John H. George – sworn	Eben W. Powell – sworn
Charles Jackson	George O. Marsh – sworn	Charles Austin – sworn
John Q. Hill – sworn	George M. Phippen – sworn	

Surveyors of Plastering

George A. Paige	Silas K. Nowell
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Pound Keepers

Stephen W. Williams	Joseph E. Buswell
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Sealer of Weights and Measures

John C. Sanborn

Art. 3 Annual Report

Voted – to accept and adopt the Annual Report of Selectmen

Art. 4 Appropriations

The estimate of the Selectmen of the sums of money necessary to be raised to defray Town charges for the ensuing year was considered item by item, and the sums voted and appropriated were as follows:

FOR

Support of schools, teachers, janitors, fuel and music

Ten thousand two hundred

\$10,200.00

Supplies for Schools – one thousand dollars

1,000.00

Repairs on Schoolhouses – eight hundred dollars

800.00

School Committee – four hundred dollars	
400.00	
Opening Roads – fifteen hundred dollars	
1,500.00	
Highways and Bridges fifty eight hundred dollars	
5,800.00	
Sidewalks – five hundred dollars	
500.00	
Streetlights – fourteen hundred dollars	
1,400.00	
Contingencies – fifteen hundred dollars	
1,500.00	
Pauper Department – three thousand dollars	
3,000.00	
Soldiers' Relief – three hundred dollars	
300.00	
Fire Department – two thousand dollars	
2,000.00	
Town Officers – fourteen hundred dollars	
1,400.00	
Interest on Town debt – thirty five hundred dollars	
3,500.00	
Collection of Taxes – five hundred dollars	
500.00	
Special Police – six hundred dollars	
600.00	
Suppression of illegal sale of liquor – three hundred dollars	
300.00	
Sewer Department – five hundred dollars	
500.00	
Edgestone and flagging – three hundred dollars	
300.00	
Military Aid – five hundred dollars	
<u>500.00</u>	
	Total
	\$36,000.00

Art. 5

Taxes

Voted – that on all taxes remaining unpaid after October first, interest shall be paid from that date to the time of payment, at the rate of six per cent per annum.

Art. 6

Town Loans

Voted – By a unanimous voted, that the Treasurer be authorized with the approval of the Selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of the taxes of the

current municipal year, or to hire money to renew, replace or pay any existing loan or loans, or any part thereof, and to issue notes of the Town therefor.

Art. 8

Jury List

The List of Jurors proposed by the Selectmen was considered. By request of Cyrus B. Gage, the name of Charles Austin 2nd was substituted for his own, Chas. W. Mann was excused from serving, Frank Buckminster was excused and Silas L. Holman substituted; Charles F. Swain was excused and Cummings Messer substituted. The Jury List as amended was accepted and is as follows.

Ayer, David M.	Howe, Isaiah M.
Bean, Marshall B.	Howe, Joseph S.
Beedle, Charles T.	Jackson, Charles
Blodgett, Nelson M.	Jones, Amos G.
Blodgett J. Sylvester	Kent, Elbridge K.
Bradley, George B.	Kimball, Sylvanus G.
Holman, Silas, L.	Marsh, George O.
Butters, George A.	Martin, Joseph
Chase, Elihu F.	Messer, James E.
Coburn, H. Newton	Morse, James W.
Cole, Daniel E.	Nichols, Woodburn J.
Cross, George L.	Phippen, German S.
Crosbie, John A.	Powell, Andrew J.
Dodge, Selwyn A.	Rollins, Daniel C.
Douglas, Clarence W.	Russell, Addison P.
Dow, Homer	Salls, James E.
Dunning, Elijah	Sharkey, Joseph J.
Edwards, Joseph H.	Sargent, Samuel G.
Emerson, Millard F.	Sargent, Walter S.
Foster, Joel 1 st	Shirley, John A.
Foss, Granville E.	Smith, Moses G.
Frederick, John W.	Smith, Nathan A.
Fulton, Joseph W.	Stickney, William H.
Austin, Charles 2 nd	Swan, Leverett
Gage, Lyman B.	Messer, Cummings
Gale, Amos L.	Tapley, Sewell W.
Gammons, Thompson E.	Tenney, Daniel W.
Gordon, J. Haskell	Tenney, George W.
Harvey, Samuel A.	Webster, George K.
Hall, Henry N.	Williams, Stephen W.
Homer, Elisha B.	

Art. 8

Water Supply Committee Report

and
Art. 24

On motion of Mr. Rowell it was voted that Article No. 24 of the warrant be taken up for consideration, and that the article be divided, and the first part relating to water supply be considered in connection with the report of the committee on that subject appointed at the last annual Town meeting.

Mr. D. W. Tenney Chairman of Committee on Water Supply read the following.

Report of Committee on Waterworks

As reported to a previous meeting of the Town, your committee visited Andover, Bradford, and Derry and found systems of waterworks in operation giving good satisfaction to the people of those towns. Several visits to Harris's Pond during the spring and summer showed that the water was of excellent quality and that it will be likely to remain so for many years because of the absence of all sources of pollution on its shores. The capacity of the pond for storage can be largely increased at a small expense. It is probable that the pond would furnish sufficient water to supply the Town for some years to come, but that point cannot be positively settled until it has been examined by a competent engineer.

Driven well near the river at Carleton & Smith's Coal Yard having been suggested as a possible source of good water, a test well was put down at that point under the direction of Mr. Parkes, the builder of the Derry system. The result was not considered by him as very favorable. Driven wells in the east part of the Town, with reservoir on Foster's Hill, have also been mentioned. After giving all these plans due consideration, your committee are of the opinion that Harris Pond is the most promising source of supply; - Because, first, of the good quality of the water; second the nearness of White's Hill which is high enough for a reservoir; and third, the ease with which it could be brought to a pumping station in the village - forty feet below the surface of the pond. Public sentiment seeming to demand action by the Town your committee would recommend that the first necessary step be taken by appointing a committee to procure the necessary legislation, such committee to report at a future meeting of the Town.

D. W. Tenney	Geo. B. Bradley
Geo. O. Marsh	Wm. R. Rowell
J. W. Fulton	N. D. Leach
James Ingalls	

After a long discussion it was voted to accept the Report of the Committee.

On a motion to adopt the recommendation contained in the Report of the committee, it was moved by Mr. Phippen that the vote be taken by voters passing in front of the chair and thus counted. The motion of Mr. Phippen was lost, Yeas – 114, Noes 123.

A motion was made that the whole subject be postponed for one year and was lost – Yeas 106. Noes 159.

A motion to adopt the recommendations of the Report of Committee was carried by a viva voice vote. No count being asked for.

On motion of Mr. Rowell, it was voted that a committee be appointed by the Chair and that said committee be authorized and instructed to petition the General Court for authority for the Town to supply itself and its inhabitants with water for the extinctions of fires, and for domestic and other purposes, and for authority to take by purchase or otherwise, and hold for the purposes aforesaid, the waters of any pond, stream, or spring, within the limits of said Town. It was voted that the number of that committee consist of five persons, and the Chair appointed.

William R. Rowell Daniel W. Tenney
Joseph W. Fulton Joseph S. Howe
 James Ingalls

And the Town voted that those persons should compose that committee.

Voted to pass over the latter part of Article 24, relating to an electric plant. Yeas 113 - Noes 50.

The committee appointed to build the new schoolhouse reported verbally and their report was accepted.

Art. 9

Fire Department

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

Art. 10

Dog Licenses

Voted – that the money received from Dog Licenses be appropriated for the use of the schools.

Art. 11

Memorial Day

Voted – to appropriate one hundred and twenty five dollars for the purpose of decorating the graves of our soldiers and sailors on Memorial Day, May 30, 1891, the money to be expended under the direction of Col. William B. Greene Post 100 G.A.R.

Art. 12 **By-Laws**

Voted – to amend the By-Laws of the Town by the addition of the following sections.

Section I. No money shall be paid from the Treasury, except the State and County taxes, without an order therefore, signed by a majority of the Selectmen.

Section II. The accounts of all expenditures shall be carefully kept under the several heads for which appropriations are made, and the Treasurer is hereby instructed not to pay out any money in excess of any appropriation except in cases where such payment is required by law to be made.

Art. 13 **Street Lights**

Voted – to erect and maintain street lights at the following points, viz.: - two on Carleton Street and two on Phillips Street, and appropriate forty dollars for that purpose.

Art. 14 **Repairs on North Street**

Voted to refer Article 14 to the Board of Road Commissioners with full powers, with instructions that not more than four hundred dollars be expended; also that four hundred dollars be appropriated.

Art. 15 **Sewer Centre Street**

Voted to build a sewer on Centre Street, connecting with the one running across said street, and running easterly four hundred feet, and appropriate four hundred and fifty dollars for that purpose.

Art. 16 **Tenney Street**

Voted – to accept Tenney Street as laid out by the Selectmen and appropriate fourteen hundred dollars for building the same.

Art. 17 **School Desks**

Voted – that the Town authorize the School Committee to sell, at such price as they deem proper, any furniture belonging to the old school house on Lowell Street, which is of no further use to the Town.

Art. 18 **P. Donahue**
Voted – that Article eighteen of the Warrant be referred to the Road Commissioners with full powers.

Art. 19 **School Flag Staff**
Voted – to authorize the School Committee to expend twenty five dollars from the appropriation for school repairs for a flag staff on the Marsh School House.

Art. 20 **Gravel Bank**
Voted – to buy the gravel on an acre of land situated between East and Oak Streets, owned by J. M. Currier and appropriate ninety dollars for that purpose.

Art. 21 **Cemetery**
Voted – to accept a lot of land in Walnut Grove Cemetery for burial purposes.

Art. 22 **Plank Walk**
Voted – to extend the plank walk on Pelham Street through the willows near Mystic Pond Brook, and appropriate seventy five dollars for that purpose.

Art. 23 **Town House**
Voted – to heat the Town House with steam, and appropriate thirteen hundred dollars for that purpose.

Art. 25 **By-Laws**
Voted – to amend the By-Laws of the Town by the addition of the following section: -

No person shall drive, draw, or pass any cart, barrow, sled or other such thing, except children's carriages drawn by hand on any sidewalk of this Town to the obstruction of any passenger, nor permit any horse or other draft animal or cow to pass thereon while under his care.

Art. 26 **Macadamizing Road**
Voted – to appropriate twenty five hundred dollars to continue Macadamizing on Broadway.

Voted – that hereafter the Annual Report be printed and ready for distribution at least one week before the Annual Town Meeting.

Voted – that the thanks of the meeting be tendered to the Moderator for the able and impartial manner in which he has presided over this meeting.

At about ten o'clock and forty five minutes the meeting was dissolved, the business for which it was called, having all been transacted.

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

Recount of Ballots – Annual Meeting

Methuen, March 5, 1891

Pursuant to a petition from ten legal voters of the Town of Methuen, alleging

that they had reason to believe that the returns of the election officers of said Town, of the votes cast at the Annual Town Meeting held on the second day of March A.D. 1891 are erroneous with reference to the votes cast for Street Commissioner for three years and asking

for a recount of the same, and also pursuant to a petition from ten legal voters of the Town of

Methuen, alleging that they had reason to believe that the returns of the election officers of said Town of the votes cast at the Annual Town Meeting held on the second day of March A.

D. 1891 are erroneous with reference to the votes cast for Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers

of the Poor, also with reference to the votes cast for Town Clerk, Treasurer, and Collector of

Taxes, also with reference to the votes cast for School Committee also with reference to the votes cast for Trustee for Nevins Memorial for two years, and also for Trustee for one year; also in reference to the votes cast for Auditor, also in reference to the votes cast for Constables, also in reference to the votes cast for Fence Viewers, also in reference to the vote cast on the question in regard to licensing the sale of intoxicating liquors, and asking for a recount of votes cast for all of said officers.

I, the subscriber, Moderator of said Town Meeting, did on this fifth day of March A.D. 1891, at two o'clock p.m. at the Town Hall open the box containing the ballots cast at said Town Meeting and recounted the same. And I appointed the following persons as

tellers to assist in recounting said ballots, all of whom were previously sworn:

Lewis E. Barnes, Edward F. Johnson, Albert L. Dame, John E. Sawyer and Joseph S. Howe.

The result of the recount of said ballots was as follows:

The whole number of ballots cast was found to be six hundred and fifty – 650

For Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor

David M. Ayer	two hundred and three	203
Kirk F. Brown	four hundred and one	401
Edwin J. Castle	three hundred and fifty	350
Joseph W. Fulton	two hundred and eighty five	285
George O. Marsh	three hundred and twenty six	326
Joseph J. Sharkey	one hundred and ninety four	194
S. G. Sargent	one	1
Addison P. Russell	two	2
George B. Bradley	one	1
John W. Frederick	two	2
John H. George	two	2
Blanks –	one hundred and eighty three	183

For Town Treasurer for Town Clerk and Collector of Taxes

Joseph S. Howe	five hundred and forty five	545
Thompson E. Gammons	five	5
William R. Rowell	one	1
Jos. S. Dodge	one	1
Blanks –	ninety nine	98

For School Committee – Three Years

Mrs. Josephine D. Emerson	four hundred and four	404
Mrs. Sarah E. Sargent	two hundred and seventy one	271
Mrs. Harriet E. Woodbury	two hundred and thirty	230
Wm. M. Rogers	three	3
Geo. B. Bradley	one	1
Blanks –	three hundred and seventy four	391

For Road Commissioner – Three Years

John Q. Hill	three hundred and nineteen	319
Daniel W. Tenney	three hundred and thirteen	313
Blanks –	eighteen	18

For Road Commissioner – Two Years

Isaac C. Brown fifty seven	57
James M. Moreland two hundred and twenty six	226
Eben W. Powell two hundred and eighty nine	289
Blanks – seventy eight	78

For **Road Commissioner – One Year**

James S. Blodgett four hundred and fifty three	483
George Clark one	1
Blank – one hundred sixty six	166

Trustee of Nevins Memorial – Two Years

James Ingalls two hundred and eighteen	218
James Pierce three hundred and nineteen	319

Trustee of Nevins Memorial – One Year

Joseph S. Howe three hundred and twenty seven	327
Robert Redford two hundred and four	204
Blanks – one hundred and nineteen	119

Auditor

Tenney Morse three hundred and seventy eight	378
James O. Parker one hundred and seventy six	176
T. E. Gammons one	1
Blanks – ninety five	95

Constables

George E. Blanchard three hundred and nineteen	319
Patrick Curran one hundred and fifty five	155
John H. George three hundred and seventeen	317
Albert B. Gordon three hundred and twenty five	325
Amos G. Jones four hundred and twenty five	425
Joseph Martin two hundred and eighty five	285
Frank McDermott one hundred and ninety nine	199
George B. Millen two hundred and fifty three	253
Horace Rounds two hundred and twenty one	221
J. Calvin Taylor two hundred and sixty five	265
Geo. Clossen one	1
Wm. H. Silver one	1
Blanks – eleven hundred and thirty four	1134

Fence Viewers

William H. Brackett one hundred and seventy	171
John G. Low one hundred and ninety	191
Edward McLaughlin one hundred and thirty eight	139
Daniel T. Morrison three hundred and fifty three	350
Addison P. Russell three hundred and nineteen	318
Leverett Swan three hundred and thirty one	331
Blanks – three hundred and ninety	450

“Shall Licenses be granted for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors?”

“Yes” two hundred and twenty two	222
“No” three hundred and thirty three	333
Blanks – ninety five	95

Granville E. Foss – Moderator

A true copy,

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

Notice – Trustee of Nevins Memorial – Two Years

Methuen, March 5, 1891

I hereby certify that pursuant to a petition from ten legal voters of the Town of Methuen alleging that they had reason to believe that the returns of the election officers of said Town, of the votes cast at the Annual Town Meeting held March second, A.D. 1891 were erroneous with reference to the votes cast for Trustee of Nevins Memorial for two years, and asking for a recount of the same, I have this day made a recount of said ballots, with the following result. The whole number of ballots cast was: -

Six hundred and fifty	650
James Ingalls had two hundred and eighteen	218
James Peirce (Pierce) had three hundred and nineteen	319
Blanks – one hundred and thirteen	113

From which it appears that James Peirce was elected Trustee of Nevins Memorial for two years instead of James Ingalls who was declared elected to said office, at said Annual Town

Meeting.

Granville E. Foss – Moderator

A true copy

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

I hereby certify that a certified copy of the above was placed in the hands of James Ingalls and of James Peirce on the seventh day of March A.D. 1891.

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

Methuen, Mar. 17, 1891

Joseph S. Howe, Town Clerk

Dear Sir: -

At a joint meeting of the Boards of Selectmen

and

School Committee, held this afternoon, Mrs. Harriet E. Woodbury was elected a member of the School Board to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mrs. Sarah E.

Sargent.

Respectfully,

A. H. Clark – Secretary

A true copy, Attest

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

**Amendment to By-Laws
Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

Essex SS:

At the Superior Court begun and held at Lawrence within and for the County of Essex, on the first Monday, being the **second day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety one.**

At a meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen in the County of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, held on the second day of March A.D. 1891 in pursuance of Warrant No. 31 File 11, the following votes, being in substance Articles 12 and 25 of said warrant were unanimously adopted.

Art. 12. Voted – To amend the By-Laws of the Town by the addition of the following Sections.

Section I. No money shall be paid from the Treasury except the State and County taxes, without an order therefor signed by a majority of the Selectmen.

Section II. The accounts of all expenditures shall be carefully kept under the several heads for which appropriations are made, and the Treasurer is hereby instructed not to pay out any money in excess of any appropriation, except in cases where such payment is required by law to be made.

Article 25. Voted – To amend the By-Laws of the Town by the addition of the following section.

No person shall drive, draw or pass any cart, barrow sled or other such thing, except children's carriages, drawn by hand, on any sidewalk of this Town, to the obstruction of any passenger, nor permit any horse, or other draft animal or cow, to pass thereon while under his care. The foregoing is a true copy from the record and the above By-Laws are presented for approval.

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

Lawrence April 6, 1891

Approved by the Court

Dean Peabody – Clerk.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Essex SS: -

I, Dean Peabody, Clerk of the Superior Court for said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of record.

[SEAL] In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix the seal of said Court on **this seventeenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety one.**

Dean Peabody – Clerk.

Warrant for Special Town Meeting June 13, 1891 – File 11 No. 32

Essex SS: -

To Amos G. Jones, one of the Constables of the Town of Methuen, in said County,

Greeting: -

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby 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 Methuen, on Saturday the thirteenth day of June instant at 12 o'clock noon, then and there to give in their ballots, "Yes" or "No" on the following article, viz.:

To see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 331 of the Acts of the General Court of Massachusetts of the year 1891, entitled "An Act to supply the Town of Methuen with water."

The polls to be kept open till 5 o'clock p.m. This meeting is called in accordance with Section II of the above Act, and reads as follows: "This Act shall take effect upon its acceptance by a two thirds vote of the voters of said Town present and voting thereon at any legal Town meeting called for the purpose within three years from its passage; but the number of such meetings shall not exceed three in any one year. At such meetings the votes shall be taken by written or printed ballots and the polls shall be kept open at least four hours. At such meetings the Selectmen shall preside and in receiving said ballots the checklists shall be used in the same manner as it is used at elections of national, state and county officers."

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Town House and at each of the public meeting houses, also at each of the school houses outside of the village, 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 and the seal of the Town this fourth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety one.

Kirk F. Brown Selectmen
Geo. O Marsh of
Edwin J. Castle Methuen

Essex SS: - Methuen June 4th 1891

By virtue of the within precept I have notified the voters of the Town of Methuen, qualified to vote in Town affairs by posting up attested copies of this warrant at each of the public meeting houses, also at each of the school houses outside of the village and the Town house eight days before said meeting.

Amos G. Jones – Constable of
Methuen

A true copy of return and warrant
Attest, Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

Special Town Meeting – June 13, 1891

A meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen was held in the Town House in said Town on Saturday June thirteenth at twelve o'clock N in pursuance of Warrant No. 32 File 11.

The meeting was called to order at twelve o'clock by Kirk F. Brown, Esq. Chairman of the Board of Selectmen who read the warrant for the meeting.

As there appeared to be an error in the warrant under which the meeting was called, it was voted to dissolve the meeting without opening the polls and the meeting was dissolved.

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

Warrant for Special Town Meeting June 27, 1891 – File 11 No. 33

Essex SS: -

To Amos G. Jones, one of the Constables of the Town of Methuen, in said County,

Greeting: -

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby 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 Methuen, on Saturday the twenty seventh day of June instant at 12 o'clock noon, then and there to give in their ballots, "Yes" or "No" on the following article, viz.:

To see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 331 of the Acts of the General Court of Massachusetts of the year 1891, entitled "An Act to supply the Town of Methuen with water."

The polls to be kept open till 5 o'clock p.m. This meeting is called in accordance with Section II of the above Act, and reads as follows: "This Act shall take effect upon its acceptance by a two thirds vote of the voters of said Town present and voting thereon at any legal Town meeting called for the purpose within three years from its passage; but the number of such meetings shall not exceed three in any one year. At such meetings the votes shall be taken by written or printed ballots and the polls shall be kept open at least four hours. At such meetings the Selectmen shall preside and in receiving said ballots the checklists shall be used in the same manner as it is used at elections of national, state and county officers."

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Town House and at each of the public meeting houses, also at each of the school houses outside of the village, 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 and the seal of the Town **this seventeenth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety one.**

Kirk F. Brown Selectmen

Geo. O Marsh of
Edwin J. Castle Methuen

Essex SS: -

Methuen June 18th 1891

By virtue of the within precept I have notified the voters of the Town of Methuen, qualified to vote in Town affairs by posting up attested copies of this warrant at each of the public meeting houses, also at each of the school houses outside of the village and the Town house eight days before said meeting.

Amos G. Jones – Constable of
Methuen

A true copy of return and warrant

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

Record of Special Town Meeting – June 27th, 1891

A meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen was held at the Town Hall in said Town on Saturday, June twenty seventh, A.D. 1891 in pursuance of Warrant No. 33 File 11.

The meeting was called to order at twelve o'clock noon by Kirk F. Brown, Esq. Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, who read the warrant for the meeting.

Silas L. Holman and Frank Buckminster were appointed ballot clerks and were sworn. The sample ballots and instructions to voters were posted according to law and the ballots were delivered to the ballot clerks. The ballot box was publicly opened and found to be empty, after which the ballot box was locked and the key given to Amos G. Jones Constable in attendance. The figures on the Register indicated four ciphers. The polls were opened at fifteen minutes past twelve and the balloting proceeded.

The polls were closed at three minutes past five and the register on the ballot box marked 432.

The ballot box was then opened, and the ballots taken therefrom, and counted audibly, and the whole number of ballots cast was found to be four hundred and thirty one. The votes given in, were counted, recorded and declaration thereof made, and were as follows:

The number of voters voting "Yes."	Was two hundred and forty two	242
The number voters voting "No"	was one hundred and eighty nine	189

The number of ballots required to accept the act being two hundred and eighty eight, it appeared that the Town had not accepted the "Act to supply the Town of Methuen with water".

The meeting was then adjourned sinc die.

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk.

Warrant for Special Town Meeting – August 18, 1891 – File 11 No. 34

Essex SS: -

To Amos G. Jones one of the Constables of the Town of Methuen in said County,

Greeting: -

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required forthwith to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Methuen on Tuesday the eighteenth day of August instant at 2 o'clock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following articles viz.: -

Article 1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2nd By request of the Street Commissioners, to see if the Town will vote to build a sewer on Tenney, Centre and Camden Streets, about eleven hundred and fifty feet in length, and appropriate three thousand dollars for the same.

Article 3rd By request of the Street Commissioners to see if the Town will vote to build a sewer on Chase Street, about four hundred and fifty feet in length, and appropriate four hundred and fifty dollars for the same.

Article 4th By request of the Street Commissioners, to see if the Town will vote to build a sewer on Annis Street about three hundred and fifty feet in length and appropriate three hundred and fifty dollars for the same.

Article 5th By request of Charles W. Mann and others to see if the Town will vote to appropriate five hundred dollars for extra work on the "New Road" laid out by the County Commissioners not provided for in the specifications. And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies at each of the public meeting houses, also at each of the schoolhouses outside of the village, and at the Town House, 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 said meeting.

Given under our hands and the seal of the Town **this sixth day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety one.**

[Seal]

Kirk F. Brown Selectmen
Geo. O. Marsh of
Edwin J. Castle Methuen

Constable's Return

Essex SS: -

Methuen, Aug. 8, 1891

By virtue of the within precept I have notified the voters of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Town affairs, by posting up attested copies of this warrant at each of the public meeting houses, also at each of the school houses outside of the village and at the Town house eight days before said meeting.

Amos G. Jones, Constable of Methuen

Record of Special Town Meeting – Aug. 18, 1891

The meeting was called to order at two o'clock p.m. by Kirk F. Brown, Chairman of Selectmen. The Town Clerk being absent the polls were opened for the choice of Town Clerk pro. Tem. The checklist being used. The w hole number of ballots cast was fourteen, John E. Sawyer had that number and was elected and sworn. John E. Sawyer then read the warrant for the meeting.

- Art. 1 Granville E. Foss was unanimously elected **Moderator**
- Art. 2 On motion of Frank Buckminster Article two of the warrant was passed over.
- Art. 3, 4, 5 On motion of Frank Buckminster, Articles three, four and five of the warrant were referred to the next Annual Town Meeting.

At two o'clock and forty five minutes it was voted to dissolve the meeting.

Attest

John E. Sawyer, Town Clerk Pro. Tem

Warrant for Special Town Meeting Oct. 14, 1891 – File 11 No. 35

Essex SS: -

To Amos G. Jones one of the Constables of the Town of Methuen in said County,

Greeting: -

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby 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 Methuen, on Wednesday the fourteenth day of October instant (instant=1891) at twelve o'clock noon, then and there to give in their ballots

“Yes” or “No” on the following articles; viz.: -

To see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 331 of the Acts of the General Court of Massachusetts of the year 1891 entitled “An Act to supply the Town of Methuen with water”.

The polls are to be kept open till five o'clock p.m.

This meeting is called in accordance with Section II of the above Act, and reads as follows:

“This Act shall take effect upon its acceptance by a two thirds vote of the voters of said Town present and voting thereon, at any legal Town meeting called for the purpose within three years from its passage, but the number of such meetings shall not exceed three in any one year.

At such meetings the votes shall be taken by written or printed ballots, and the polls shall be

kept open at least four hours. At such meetings the Selectmen shall preside, and in receiving

said ballots the check lists shall be used in the same manner as it is used at elections of national, state and county officers.”

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the

Town House and at each of the public meeting houses, also at each of the school houses, outside of the village 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 and the seal of the Town, **this fifth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety one.**

Kirk F. Brown Selectmen
Geo. O. Marsh of
Edwin J. Castle Methuen

Essex SS: Methuen, Oct. 5th 1891

By virtue of the within precept I have this day notified the voters of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote as the law directs by posting up attested copies of this warrant at each of the public meeting houses, also at each

of

the school houses outside of the village and at the Town House eight days before said meeting.

Amos G. Jones – Constable of

Methuen

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

Record of Special Town Meeting, Oct. 14, 1891

A meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen was held at the Town Hall in said

Town on Wednesday, October fourteenth A.D. 1891 in pursuance of Warrant No. 35 File 11.

The meeting was called to order at twelve o'clock noon, by Kirk F. Brown, Esq. Chairman of

Selectmen who read the warrant for the meeting. Frank Buckminster and John S. Crosby were appointed ballot clerks and were sworn. The sample ballots were posted and also the instructions to voters, according to law and the ballots were delivered to the ballot clerks. The ballot box was publicly opened and shown to be empty and the ballot box then locked.

The figures on the Register indicated four ciphers. The polls were opened at fifteen minutes

past twelve and the ballot proceeded. The ballot box register worked imperfectly, and the figures on the register were clearly incorrect, and were not regarded.

At five o'clock the chairman announced that the time for closing the pools had arrived; whereupon a motion was made and carried that the polls be kept open ten minutes longer.

At

ten minutes past five the polls were declared closed. The ballot box was then opened, and the ballots taken therefrom and counted audibly, and the whole number of ballots cast was found to be five hundred and sixty three (563).

The number of voters voting "Yes" three hundred and forty four	344
The number of voters voting "No" two hundred and twelve	212
Blanks – seven	7

The number of ballots required to accept the act being three hundred and seventy six, it appeared that the Town had not accepted the "Act to supply the Town of Methuen with water".

The meeting was then dissolved

Attest Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting Nov. 3, 1891 – File 11 No. 36

Essex SS: -

To Amos G. Jones one of the Constables of the Town of Methuen in said County: -

Greeting: -

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required

forthwith to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen, qualified to vote as the law directs to assemble at the Town Hall on Tuesday the third day of November next, at eight o'clock in

the forenoon then and there to give in their ballots for Governor of the Commonwealth, Lieutenant Governor, Councilor for District Number Six, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor, Attorney General, one Senator for the Sixth District, two Representatives to represent the Third Essex District in the next Legislature, Clerk of the Courts, one

County

Commissioner, County Treasurer, Register of Deeds for the Northern District of Essex, "Yes" or "No" upon the following resolves concerning Amendments to the Constitution.

"Shall the proposed amendment to the Constitution relative to the qualification of voters for governor, lieutenant governor, senators and representatives be approved and ratified."

"Shall the proposed amendment to the Constitution, making a majority of members a quorum in each branch of the general court be approved and ratified?"

All to be voted for on one ballot. The polls may be closed at four o'clock p.m.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the

Town House and each of the public meeting houses 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 and the seal of the Town of Methuen, **this twenty third day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety one.**

Kirk F. Brown Selectmen
George O. Marsh of
Edwin J. Castle Methuen

Essex SS: - Methuen, Oct. 24, 1891 By virtue of the within precept I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen, qualified to vote as the law directs, by posting up attested copies of the is warrant, at the Town House, and each of the public meeting houses, eight days before said meeting.

Amos G. Jones – Constable of Methuen

Methuen, Nov. 3, 1891 A true copy – Attest, Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

Record of Town Meeting held Nov. 3, 1891 State Election

**A legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in
elections
was held at the Town House in said Town, on Tuesday the third day of November
A.D.
1891, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, pursuant to Warrant No. 36 File 11.**

The meeting was called to order at eight o'clock a.m. by George O. Marsh, presiding officer,
Kirk F. Brown, Esq. Chairman of Selectmen being absent, - and the warrant was read by him.

The ballots provided for the meeting were delivered to the presiding officer by the Town Clerk, a receipt taken therefore, and the package publicly broken. The sample ballots and instructions to voters were posted according to law. Joseph J. Sharkey – Democrat and Silas Holman – Republican were appointed inspectors and were sworn. Charles E. Russell – Democrat, and John F. Ridley – Republican were appointed Deputy Inspectors and were sworn.

The ballots were delivered to the ballot clerks. The ballot box was publicly opened and found to be empty, after which the box was locked, and the key given to Amos G. Jones,

Constable in attendance. The figures on the Register indicated four ciphers. The polls
were
then opened and the ballot proceeded.

At four o'clock the polls were closed, the ballot box register indicating 763. The presiding
officer appointed the following persons tellers to assist in counting the votes.

Republican - John F. Ridley, George A. Remick, Frank Remick, Selwin A. Dodge
Democrat – J. Haskell Gordon, Edward B. George, Charles E. Russell and A. Leon Russell
and they were all sworn.

The ballot box was opened and the ballots taken therefrom and counted audibly, and the
whole number of ballots was found to be seven hundred and sixty seven (767). The marks
on

the checklist were counted audibly and found to agree with the number of ballots from
which

it appeared that the ballot box register failed to register four votes. The ballots were
counted

into blocks of fifty, verified and declaration thereof made, as the law directs, and were as
follows: ~

The whole number of ballots cast for the several officers voted for was –

Seven hundred and sixty seven	767
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For **Governor**

Charles H. Allen of Lowell four hundred and six	406
Charles E. Kimball of Lynn fourteen	14
Harry W. Robinson of Boston five	5
William E. Russell of Cambridge two hundred and ninety nine	299
Henry Winn of Malden twenty five	25
Blanks – eighteen	18

For **Lieutenant Governor**

John W. Corcoran of Clinton two hundred and seventy one	271
William H. Haile of Springfield four hundred and sixteen	416
George R. Peare of Lynn ten	10
William J. Shields of Boston eighteen	18
Augustus R. Smith of Lee fifteen	15
Blanks – thirty seven	37

For **Secretary**

Joseph D. Cadle of Westfield twenty one	21
Elbridge Cushman of Lakeville two hundred and forty seven	247
William M. Olin of Boston three hundred and ninety six	396
Alfred W. Richardson of Springfield twenty eight	28

Edward W. Theinert of Holyoke ten	10
Blanks – sixty five	65

For Treasurer

Charles Friede of Boston nine	9
James S. Grinnell of Greenfield two hundred and thirty nine	239
George A. Marden of Lowell four hundred and six	406
Samuel B. Shapleigh of Boston twenty eight	28
Thomas A. Watson of Braintree twenty three	23
Blanks – sixty two	62

For Attorney General

Wolcott Hamlin of Amherst twenty five	25
Herbert McIntosh of Worcester eighteen	18
Albert E. Pillsbury of Boston four hundred and one	401
George M. Stearns of Chicopee two hundred and forty eight	248
James Waldock of Boston five	5
Blanks – seventy	70

For Councilor Sixth District

William B. de las Casas of Malden two hundred and sixty nine	269
Charles F. Loring of Melrose three hundred and eighty nine	389
George Pillsbury of Tewksbury thirty one	31
Blanks – seventy eight	78

For Clerk of Courts – Essex

David B. Kimball of Salem two hundred and sixty three	263
Dean Peabody of Lynn four hundred and four	404
Sidney Perley of Salem twenty eight	28
Blanks – seventy two	72

For County Commissioner – Essex

Edward B. Bishop of Haverhill four hundred and seven	407
William S. Lord of Salem two hundred and fifty five	255
Samuel C. Pease of Merrimack thirty seven	37
Blanks – sixty eight	68

For County Treasurer – Essex

Joseph S. Howe of Methuen four hundred and six	406
E. Kendall Jenkins of Andover three hundred and two	302

Selino Snow of Lynn nineteen	19
Blanks – forty	40

For Register of Deeds – Northern Essex District

John J. Donovan of Lawrence two hundred and thirty four	234
John R. Poor of Lawrence four hundred and sixty nine	469
Blanks – sixty three	63
John F. Ridley – one	1

For Senator – Sixth Essex District

Richard A. Carter of Lawrence two hundred and fifty four	254
John S. Curnew of Lawrence twenty five	25
William R. Rowell of Methuen four hundred and forty nine	449
Blanks – thirty nine	39

Representatives in General Court – Third Essex District

Levi A. Drury of Bradford three hundred and nineteen	319
Herman F. Morse of Bradford thirty	30
James O. Parker of Methuen three hundred and fifty three	353
Frank N. Rand of Haverhill twenty five	25
Ira O. Sawyer of Haverhill two hundred and fifteen	215
Charles A. Varney of Haverhill three hundred and thirty eight	338
Blanks – two hundred and fifty four	254

Amendments to the Constitution

Shall the proposed amendment to the constitution relative to the qualification of voters for governor, lieutenant governor, senators and representatives be approved and ratified?

Yes – two hundred and sixty three	263
No – one hundred and forty three	143
Blanks – three hundred and sixty one	361

Shall the proposed amendment to the constitution making a majority of members a quorum in each branch of the General Court, be approved and ratified?

Yes – two hundred and seventy eight	278
No – ninety two	92
Blanks – three hundred and ninety seven	397

The returns of the votes cast for the several officers balloted for were made up, properly

certified, sealed, and delivered to the Town Clerk, and the ballots cast were also sealed up
in

an envelope and delivered to the Town Clerk. Both checklists were also sealed up and
delivered to Edwin J. Castle, one of the Selectmen. The seal was retained by presiding
officer George O. Marsh.

The meeting was adjourned at about two o'clock and thirty minutes a.m. – Nov. 4.

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk.

Record of Meeting of City, Town and Precinct Clerks

**City of Haverhill, Massachusetts
City Clerk's Office, November 13, 1891**

At a meeting of the City Clerk of Haverhill, the Town Clerk of Methuen, the Town Clerk
of

Bradford, the Precinct Clerks of Precinct One in Ward Three, Precinct One in Ward Five,
and

Precinct Two in Ward Five; said towns and precincts forming the Third Essex
Representative

District, held at noon this day in accordance with the provisions of Section 151 Chapter
423,

Acts of 1890, upon comparing the transcripts of the returns, the following appears as the
result of the balloting for Representative to the General Court for said District, at meetings
held on Tuesday November 3, 1891 –

To wit:

Levi A. Drury of Bradford	279	319	148	146	171	1063
Herman F. Morse of Bradford	52	30	18	37	26	163
James O. Parker of Methuen	207	353	355	236	247	1398
Frank N. Rand of Haverhill	22	25	29	42	36	154
Ira O. Sawyer of Haverhill	202	215	322	302	263	1304
Charles A. Varney of Haverhill	218	338	199	280	248	1283
Blanks	176	254	179	199	177	985

Haverhill, November 13, 1891

In accordance with the foregoing returns, certificates of election were this day duly issued
to

the two persons having the highest number of votes for Representatives to the General Court for the Third Essex District.

To wit: -

James O. Parker of Methuen and Ira O. Sawyer of Haverhill

David B. Tenney – City Clerk of Haverhill
Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk of Methuen
A. Thurston Dolloff – Town Clerk of Bradford
Joseph A. Dalrymple – Ward Clerk Precinct One Ward Three
Ned C. Tozier – Ward Clerk Precinct One Ward Five
Frank H. Gerrish – Ward Clerk Precint Two Ward Five

Perambulation – Dracut Line

Perambulation of the boundary line between the Towns of Dracut and Methuen, Mass.

The subscribers Selectmen of the Towns of Dracut and Methuen, Mass. met on Tuesday, Sept. 29, 1891 and perambulated the line between said towns, and found the bounds substantially set, and the courses from one bound to the other as follows: viz.: - Beginning at a stone monument set in the ground marked D.M., situated near the Merrimack

River a little west of a small brook emptying into said river, on or near the land of Patrick J. Dooley, thence north 2 degrees west 392 rods to a stone monument marked D.M. in the wall

on the west side of the road near the house of J. O. Whittier; thence north 2 degrees 40 feet west 729.5 rods to a stone monument in the wall on the west side of the road near the house formerly owned by Thomas Devine; thence north 3 degrees west 134.8 rods to a stone monument in the land of Catharine Walsh; thence north 2 degrees west 210 rods to a stone monument on the "State Line" marked D.M.P. And they find stone monuments

substantially
set at the several points where the Town line crosses the public roads, with the except
where

the Town line crosses the road near the house of D. W. Gardner, and it was agreed upon by the Selectmen present from the Town of Dracut and the Selectmen of Methuen, to locate and

erect a stone monument at the above point, and Geo. O. Marsh, one of the Selectmen of Methuen was chosen to carry into effect the above agreement

Kirk F. Brown
Geo. O. Marsh
Edwin L. Castle

Nicholes Gallagher Selectmen

Charles E. Jones of Dracut