

88. **1742**

March meeting 1741,2.

The particulars mentioned in a warning for the annual Town meeting, in March the 10 day, 1741,2, are as followeth.

1ly. To choose Town offices as the law directs.

2ly. To see if the Town will allow swine to run at large, the present year.

3ly. To see what method the Town will take in mending the highways this year ensuing.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 10 day, 1741,2, and chose Daniel Bodwell moderator for that meeting.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on the March the 10 day, 1741,2, and chose Asie Swan Town Clerk for the year ensuing.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 10 day, 1741,2, and chose Francis Swan constable for the year ensuing and sworn.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 10 day, 1741,2, and chose John Ober, Constable for the year ensuing.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 10 day, 1741,2, and chose Ebenezer Barker Town Treasurer for the year ensuing, and sworn.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 10 day, 1741,2, and chose James How selectman for the year ensuing, and sworn.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 10 day, 1741,2, and chose Robert Swan Jun. selectman for the year ensuing, and sworn.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 10 day, 1741,2, and chose John Gutterson selectman for the year ensuing, and sworn.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting, in Methuen, on March the 10 day 1741,2, and chose Zebediah Barker Tithingman and sworn.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 10 day, 1741,2, and chose Evan Jones Tithingman, and sworn.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 10 day, 1741,2, and chose William Cross Jun. Tithingman.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 10 day, 1741,2, and chose

Capt. Joshua Swan	James How	
Thomas Whittier	Thomas Eaton	
Samuel Stevens	Abel Merrill	Isaac Clough } Surveyors of

highways.

Alexander Linsey	Daniel Peaslee	
Samuel Clark	William Sanders	

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 10 day, 1741,2, and chose Joseph Cross surveyor of lumber.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 10 day, 1741,2, and chose Stephen Barker Surveyor of lumber and sworn.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 10 day, 1741,2, and chose Richard Whittier Surveyor of fences, and sworn.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 10 day, 1741,2, and chose John Mansur Surveyor of fences.

90. Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 10 day, 1741,2, and chose Joseph Stevens and Edward Clark Jun. Field drivers for the year ensuing.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 10 day, 1741,2, and chose Jonathan Currier and Ebenezer Hibberd, Hogreeves for the year ensuing.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 10 day, 1741,2, and chose James How Clerk of the market, and sworn.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 10 day, 1741,2, that swine may go at large this year.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 10 day, 1741,2, to mend the highways by a rate this year.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 10 day, 1741,2, to raise 100-0-0 pounds to mend the highways with, this year, as has been usual here.

This meeting is adjourned until Monday come seven night, at two of the clock in the afternoon.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 22 day, on Monday, by adjournment, and chose Abraham Adams Surveyor of lumber for the year ensuing and sworn.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March, the 22 day, 1741,2, by adjournment, and chose John Hibberd to take care of the deer for the year ensuing, as the law directs, and sworn.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March, the 22 day, 1741,2, by adjournment, and chose Samuel Currier, to take care of the deer for the year ensuing, as the law directs.

The particulars mentioned in a warrant for a Town meeting in Methuen, on October the 18 day, 1742, are as followeth, viz.

First, to see what the Town will do, concerning finishing the schoolhouse, and keeping of school.

Secondly, to allow debts.

Thirdly, to see what money the Town will order to be raised to defray Town charges.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on October, the 18 day, 1742, and chose Edward Clark moderator for that meeting.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on October, the 18 day 1742, to finish the schoolhouse.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on October, the 18 day 1742, that the Selectmen
be a committee to finish the schoolhouse.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on October, the 18 day 1742, that the Selectmen provide a Schoolmaster, and a place or places convenient to keep school in.

91. Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on October, the 18 day 1742, to James How,
Francis Swan, and Ephraim Clark, ten shillings apiece in Old Tenor, for being
selectmen
in the year 1740.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on October, the 18 day 1742, to give Edward Clark, Samuel Huse, and Daniel Bodwell ten shillings apiece in Old Tenor, for services in being Selectmen in the year 1741.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on October, the 18 day 1742, Lieut. Daniel Bodwell 1-12-0, Old Tenor, for taking valuation of the estates in this Town.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on October, the 18 day 1742, to Samuel Huse, 1-12-0, Old Tenor, for taking valuation of the estates in this Town.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on October, the 18 day 1742, to Edward Clark, 1-18-0 Old Tenor, for taking valuation of the estates in this Town.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on October the 18 day 1742, to Samuel Clark ten shillings old Tenor, for warning Ebenezer Lurne and his family out of Town, and making return of the same.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on October the 18 day 1742, to raise 80-0-0 pounds old Tenor, to defray Town charges this year.

1743

March Meeting 1742,3.

The particulars mentioned in a warrant for the annual Town meeting in March, the 9 day, 1742/3, are as followeth viz.

First, to choose Town officers for the year ensuing as the law directs.

2ly. To receive the list of Jurymen then and there to be brought in; and to act what they shall think fit concerning the same.

3ly. To see if the Town will give liberty for swine to go at large the year ensuing.

4ly. To act what then shall be thought best concerning the repairing of the highways for the year ensuing.

5ly. To see if the Town will allow of an alteration of a private or particular way, that leads from the house of William Gage, to Swan's mill, as it shall then be brought in by the Selectmen.

Hereof fail not, and make return of this warrant, with your doings herein, unto one of us, the subscribers, at or before the said time of meeting.

Dated at Methuen, February 17, 1742,3.

6ly. To see if the Town will all Edward Clark the money and charges that he was at, a running the Province line round the Town, and sending home to England.

James How Selectmen
John Gutterson } of
Robert Swan Methuen

92. Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 9 day, 1742/3, and chose Ebenezer Barker moderator for that meeting.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 9 day, 1742/3, and chose Asie Swan Town Clerk for the year ensuing and sworn.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 9 day, 1742/3, and chose John Mansur constable for the year ensuing and sworn.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 9 day, 1742/3, and chose

John Harris,
William Cross Jun. } Selectmen of Methuen and sworn.
Edward Clark

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 9 day, 1742/3, and chose Ebenezer Barker Town Treasurer for the year ensuing, and sworn.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 9 day, 1742/3, and chose

Capt. Joshua Swan & sworn Thomas Whittier & sworn
Alexander Linsey & sworn Samuel Clark & sworn Surveyors
Thomas Eaton & sworn Abel Merrill & sworn } of
Samuel Stevens James How & sworn highways
William Gage

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 9 day, 1742/3, and chose

Thomas Messer and sworn
Moses Morse and sworn } Surveyors of timber.
Francis Swan and sworn

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 9 day, 1742/3, and chose

Zebediah Barker
James Wilson Tithingmen.
John Bayley

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 9 day, 1742/3, and chose

Richard Whittier & Robert Swan Jun. Fenceviewers and sworn.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 9 day, 1742/3, and chose
Joseph Stevens & Edward Clark Jun., Field drivers.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 9 day, 1742/3, and chose
Job Kimball
& Timothy Lovejoy, Hogreeves.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 9 day, 1742/43 and chose
James How Sealer of weights and measures, and sworn.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 9 day, 1742/3, and chose
James How
& Thomas Richardson to take care of the deer this year and sworn.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 9 day, 1742/3, that swine
may go at large for the year ensuing.

93. Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 9 day, 1742/3, to choose
men to
take care of the fish courses in this Town.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 9 day, 1742/3, and chose
Nathaniel Pettengill and Samuel Clark to take care to clear the fish courses in this
Town and sworn.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 9 day, 1742/3, to mend the
highways
by a rate this year.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 9 day, 1742/3, to raise 15-
0-0 pounds,

lawful money, to mend the highways with, this year.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 9 day, 1742/3, to allow fifteen pence per day at working on the highways, until August is out, and after that one shilling, lawful money, per day; and nine pence per day for a pair of oxen, and three pence per day for a pair of wheels per day and a cart.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 9 day, 1742/3, that the selectmen shall forthwith make the highway rate, and commit the same to the constable with warrant, requiring him to collect the sum of each man, and pay the whole to the Town Treasurer, on or before the last day of November next, provided that any person producing a certificate under the hand of one of the surveyors of the highways within this Town for the time being, that he hath labored on the highways, by such surveyor's order, us much as by the Town vote comes to such a certain sum, such certificate shall be accepted by the constable in lieu of so much money, as the sum is mentioned in such certificate, and that the constable shall not enforce the payment from any, until the last day of September.

In answer to a petition to us directed by some of the inhabitants of this Town, to have an alternative made of part of a road that leads from Spickett falls to William Gage's and we met on February the 20 day 1742, and proceeded as followeth. Bounded with the road that leads from William Gage's to Joseph Wright's, until it comes to a pine marked with the letter H near Isaac West's northeast corner bounds, and from thence, as the trees are marked, until it comes to a path that leads from Joseph Wright's to Spickett falls and so by said path until it comes into the road before mentioned, which road is two roads wide, being on the south side of the marked trees. That the old road be disannulled from the place where the above-mentioned road begins to where it ends. Laid out by,

James How } Selectmen
Robert Swan } of Methuen

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 9 day, 1742/3, that this return shall be recorded.

94. A Town meeting, December 19, 1743. The particulars mentioned in a warrant for a Town meeting in Methuen, on December the 19 day, 1743, are as followeth; that is,

Firstly, to see what the Town will do concerning keeping school.

Secondly, to bring in Town debts, and see what debts the Town will allow of.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on December the 19 day 1743, and chose Samuel Huse moderator for that meeting.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on December the 19 day 1743, to keep school four months this year.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on December the 19 day 1743, that the selectmen shall take care, that the school be kept in such places as they shall think most proper, and in such times and reasons as they shall think best for the Town's interest.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on December the 19 day 1743, to John Mansur

One pound old Tenor for services done in warning such persons as he has warned out of Town the year..

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on December the 19 day, 1743, to Robert Swan Jun.

one pound old Tenor for services done for the Town in the year 1742.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on December the 19 day, 1743, to Mr. Samuel Clark and Mr. Nathaniel Pettengill, two pounds and fifteen shillings, old Tenor, for services done the Town in cleaning the fish courses in this Town this year.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on December the 19 day, 1743 that this meeting is adjourned until the first Tuesday of January next, at one of the clock in the afternoon, at the old meeting house in said Town.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on January the 3 day, 1743/4, by adjournment, to Deacon James How and Robert Swan Jun. 44-6-4, for finishing the schoolhouse, so far as is done in old Tenor,

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Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on January the 3 day, 1743/4, by adjournment, to Deacon James How fifteen shillings old Tenor, for services done the Town in the year 1742.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on January the 3 day, 1743/4, by adjournment, to John Gutterson ten shillings, old Tenor, for services done the Town, in the year 1742.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on January the 3 day, 1743/4, by adjournment, to Thomas Whittier, 1-13-0 in old Tenor, for plank which he found for the Town's use, in the year 1742.

95. **1744**

March meeting 1743/4

The particulars mentioned in a warrant for a Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 14 day, in the year 1743/4, are as followeth, viz.

- 1ly. Choose Town officers for the year ensuing as the law directs.
- 2ly. To see if the Town will give liberty for a swine to go at large the year ensuing.
- 3ly. To act what the Town shall think best concerning mending the highways the year ensuing.
- 4ly. To see what the Town will do concerning choosing a man or men to reckon with the former Treasurers.

John Harris Selectmen
Edward Clark } of
William Cross Methuen

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 14 day, 1743/4, and chose Ebenezer Barker moderator for that meeting.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 14 day, 1743/4, and chose Asie Swan, Town Clerk for the year ensuing.

Voted, and chose Zebediah Barker, constable at the annual meeting in March, the 14 day, for the year ensuing, 1743/4.

Voted, aAt a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 14 day, 1743/4, and dismissed Zebediah Barker for serving constable for the present year.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 14 day, 1743/4, and chose Robert Swan Jun. constable for the year ensuing.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 14 day, 1743/4, and chose Francis Swan selectman for the year ensuing.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 14 day, 1743/4, and chose Edward Clark selectman for the year ensuing.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 14 day, 1743/4, and chose Nathaniel Pettengill selectman for the year ensuing.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 14 day, 1743/4, and chose Ebenezer Barker Town Treasurer for the year ensuing, and sworn.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 14 day, 1743/4, and chose Surveyors of Highways.

Richard Swan & sworn	Zebediah Barker & sworn.	William Gage & sworn
Thomas Whittier & sworn.	Samuel Clark & sworn.	Abel Merrill & sworn
Samuel Stevens	James How & sworn.	Nathaniel Hazeltine & sworn

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 14 day, 1743/4, and chose

Zebediah Barker & sworn	} Tithingmen.
James Wilson and sworn	
Thomas Eaton and sworn	

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 14 day, 1743/4, and chose Joseph Stevens and Richard Whittier, fenceviewers and sworn.

96. Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 14 day, 1743/4, and chose

Nathaniel Messer and sworn	} Surveyors of lumber.
William Cross Jun. and sworn	
Stephen Barker Jun. and sworn	

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 14 day, 1743/4, and chose Joseph Cross and Caleb Hall, Hogreeves and sworn.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 14 day, 1743/4, and chose James How Sealer of weights and measurers, sworn.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 14 day, 1743/4, and chose John Bailey Sealer of leather and sworn.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 14 day, 1743/4, and chose Edward Clark Jun. and John Barker, Field drivers.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 14 day, 1743/4, and chose

John Hibberd and sworn } To take care of the deer
William Cross and sworn } as the law direct.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 14 day, 1743/4, that swine shall go at large the year ensuing.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 14 day, 1743/4, to mend the highways by a rate this year.

Voted to raise 15 pounds, lawful money, to mend the highways with this year, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 14 day, 1743/4.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 14 day, 1743/4, to mend the highways this year by the same rule that they did the last year.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 14 day, 1743/4, to choose two men to reckon with the former Town Treasurers, and chose Daniel Bodwell and Edward Clark to reckon with the former Town Treasurers.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 14 day, 1743/4, this meeting shall be adjourned until Monday, the 19 day of March instant, at the old meeting house in said Town, at one of the clock in the afternoon.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 19 day, in the year 1743/4, by adjournment, and dismissed Robert Swan Jun. from serving constable this present year.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 19 day, 1743/4, and chose William Cross Jun. constable for the year ensuing.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 19 day, 1743/4, and chose John Harris and Richard Swan to clear the fish courses in this Town, this year.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, by adjournment, on March the 19 day, 1743/4, that those persons that are behind in working out their highway rate, the last year, shall have the liberty to work it out under the present surveyors this year, provided that they work it out by the first day of may next.

97. Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, by adjournment, on March the 19 day, 1743/4, and dismissed Samuel Stevens from being Surveyor this present year.
- Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, by adjournment, on March the 19 day, 1743/4, and chose Henry Bodwell Jun., surveyor of highways for the year ensuing.
- Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, by adjournment, on March the 19 day, 1743/4, that this meeting is adjourned until the 27 day of March instant, at one of the clock in the afternoon,
at the old meeting house in said Town.
- Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, by adjournment, on the 27 day of March, 1744, and dismissed Francis Swan from being selectman this present year.
- Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, by adjournment, on the 27 day of March 1744, and chose Richard Whittier Selectman for the year ensuing.
- Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, by adjournment, on the 27 day of March 1744, and accepted John Cross to serve in the office of constable, in room of William Cross Jun. for the year ensuing, and sworn.
- Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, by adjournment, on the 27 day of March 1744, and chose James Bodwell Jun. Hogreeve for the year ensuing.

To John Cross, Constable of the Town of Methuen, greeting;

In his majesty's name, you are required to warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of this Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the old meetinghouse in said Town, on Thursday, the 26 day of July current, at five of the clock in the afternoon, to bring in your votes for a Register of Deeds, in the room of Capt. John Higginson deceased, and make return of this warrant to one of us, the subscribers, at, or before, the time of said meeting.

Dated in Methuen, July the 21 day 1744, by

Edward Clark } Selectmen
Richard Whittier } of Methuen

98. The particulars mentioned in a warning for a Town meeting in Methuen, on Monday the 15 day of October, at one of the clock in the afternoon, in the year 1744, are as followeth viz.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on October the 15 day, 1744, and chose Mr. Samuel Huse moderator for that meeting.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on October the 15 day, 1744, to John Cross
15 shillings, old Tenor, for warning Hugh Smith and his wife out of this Town, in the year 1743.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on October the 15 day, 1744, at one of the clock in
the afternoon, to act on the following articles viz.

Firstly, to receive and allow Town debts.

2ly. To see what money the Town will raise to defray Town charges this present year.

To see what the Town will do concerning schools.

Warned by, Edward Clark and
Richard Whittier } Selectmen.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on October the 15 day, 1744, and chose Mr.
Samuel Huse moderator for that meeting.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on October the 15 day, 1744, to John Cross 15 shillings, old tenor, for warning Hugh Smith and his wife out of this Town in the year 1744.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on October the 15 day, 1744, to John Mansur 10 shillings old Tenor, for warning Catharine Fisgarl out of this Town in the year 1744.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on October the 15 day, 1744, that the school shall be kept at the schoolhouse this present year.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on October the 15 day, 1744, that this meeting shall be adjourned until the first Monday in December next, at one of the clock in the afternoon.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on December the 5 day, 1744, by adjournment, to choose a committee to reckon with James How, former Town treasurer.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on December the 5 day, 1744, by adjournment, that Lieut. Daniel Bodwell, Dea. Edward Clark, and Ebenezer Barker,

be a committee to settle the matter between the Town and Dea. James How former Town Treasurer, and Abel Merrill former constable, and make their return at the next Town meeting.

99. Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on December the 5 day, 1744, to the selectmen for the year 1743, ten shillings old Tenor to each man for their services in that office.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on December the 5 day, 1744, ten shillings old Tenor, to each selectman for their services this year.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on December the 5 day, 1744, to Lieut. Daniel Bodwell, and Dea. Edward Clark, seven shillings old Tenor, to each of them, for reckoning with Ebenezer Barker, Town Treasurer.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on December the 5 day, 1744, that this reckoning shall be recorded.

We, being chosen a committee to reckon with the Town Treasurer, have reckoned with Ebenezer Barker, Town Treasurer, and find when all the orders he hath already received, are answered, there is in his hands, and due to the Town, the sum of thirty eight pounds, four shillings, and two pence, old Tenor, besides Richard Kimball's Town rate, John Mansur's highway rate, and John Cross' rate for providing ammunition.

Methuen, November 14, 1744.

Daniel Bodwell

Edward Clark }
}

Committee.

Methuen, February the 11 day, 1739/40.

Pursuant to a petition to us, the subscribers, signed by John Cross and others, for laying out a private or particular road, from the country road that goes by John Cross', to the road that goes by Richard Messer's, we have been upon said service, and laid out and marked the said road as followeth viz.

Beginning at the cart path that comes into the country road near the house of Thomas Cross, laying the road two rods in width, through land of John Cross, to the south of a pine tree marked; from thence, as the old foot path went to the south of a red, oak marked; from thence to a little pine marked; by the cart path, and so as the old cart

path goes through Fry's land, to a pine in Fry's land marked upon the east side of said road; from thence to a red oak marked near the line between Fry's, and the land formerly laid out for the use of a parsonage, and through the parsonage land on the easterly side of the marked pine trees, and to the east of Richard Swan's dam across the brook, to the road that goes by Richard Messer's.

Laid out by Samuel Huse
James Davis } Selectmen.

Voted, at the annual meeting in March that this road shall be recorded.

- 100.** The particulars mentioned in a warrant for a Town meeting in Methuen, in answer to a petition signed by fifteen of the inhabitants of this Town, to call a Town meeting, Friday, the fourth day of January, in the year 1744, to see if the Town will that a school may be kept at some convenient place or places in this Town where it may better accommodate the inhabitants of this Town, than at the school house.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on Friday the 4 day of January, 1744, and chose Lieut. Daniel Bodwell moderator for that meeting.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on Friday the 4 day of January 1744, not to act anything in the warning.

1745

March meeting 1744/5.

The particulars mentioned in a warning for a Town meeting in Methuen, on Wednesday the 13 day of March, in the year 1744,5, are as followeth; that is,

Firstly, to choose Town officers for the year ensuing, as the law directs.

2ly. to see if the Town will give liberty for swine to go at large the year ensuing.

3ly. To act what the Town shall think best concerning repairing the highways the year ensuing.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on Wednesday the 13 day of March 1744/5, and chose Ebenezer Barker moderator for that meeting.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 13 day, 1744,5, and chose Asie Swan, Town Clerk for the year ensuing, and sworn.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 13 day, 1744,5, and chose Joseph Stevens and Dea. James How, Fence viewers for the year ensuing, and Joseph Stevens sworn.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 13 day, 1744,5 and chose Dea. James How, Sealer of weights and measures, and sworn, for the year ensuing.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 13 day, 1744,5, and chose John Bailey, Sealer of leather for the year ensuing.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 13 day, 1744,5, and chose Edward Clark Jun. and John Bailey Jun. Hogreeves for the year ensuing.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 13 day, 1744,5, and chose Job Kimball and sworn, and John Hibberd Jun., Hogreeves for the year ensuing and sworn.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 13 day, 1744,4, to mend the highways by a rate this year ensuing.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 13 day, 1744,4 to raise ten pounds, lawful money, to be laid out in mending and repairing the highways the year ensuing.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 13 day, 1744,5, that the highway rate for the year ensuing shall be made and paid in the same manner and form, and that the allowance for men and oxen, wheels and cart, shall be the same as was the year past, voted at a Town meeting in this Town, on March the 9 day 1742,3.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen on March the 13 day, 1744,5, that this meeting shall be adjourned until Monday, the 18 day of March instant, at one of the clock in the afternoon, at the old meeting house in said Town.

102. The particulars mentioned in a warning for a Town meeting in Methuen, are as followeth, that is on Monday the sixteenth day of December 1745, viz.

First, to allow Town debts.

Secondly, to act what the Town shall think fit relating to the school.

Thirdly, to see if the Town will order that our Town proportion of the county rate, shall be paid out of the Town treasury.

Fourthly, to see what money the Town will raise to defray Town charges.

The fifth article in the warning was not acted on in this meeting.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on December the 16 day, 1745, and chose Lieut. Daniel Bodwell moderator for that meeting.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on December the 16 day, 1745, to Lieut. Daniel Bodwell and Richard Whittier six shillings apiece, old Tenor, for perambulating the line between Dracut and Methuen.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on December the 16 day, 1745, to William Gage, one pound, two shillings and sixpence, old Tenor for timber in repairing London bridge.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on December the 16 day, 1745, to allow Ebenezer Barker's bill 6-19-3 old Tenor,

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on December the 16 day, 1745, to Richard Swan 1-0-0 old Tenor for plank to mending of the highways.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on December the 16 day, 1745, that the Town proportion of the County rate, shall be paid out of the Town treasury yearly.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on December the 16 day, 1745, to raise 40-0-0 old Tenor, to defray Town charges this year.

103. 1746

March meeting

The particulars mentioned in a warrant for a March meeting, in Methuen, on March the 12 day, 1745/6 are as followeth.

First, to choose Town officers as the law directs, for the year ensuing.

Secondly, to act what may then be thought proper respecting the money that was drawn out of the Town treasury, by Edward Clark now deceased, for providing a Town stock of ammunition, and no account rendered thereof by said Clark, or his heirs.

Thirdly, to act what the Town shall think best concerning repairing the highways.

Fourthly, to see if the Town will give liberty for swine to go at large, the year ensuing.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 12 day, 1745/6, and chose Samuel Huse moderator for that meeting.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 12 day, 1745/6, and chose Asie Swan Town Clerk for the year ensuing, and sworn.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 12 day, 1745/6, and chose James Mallon Constable for the year ensuing.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 12 day, 1745/6, and chose Ephraim Clark Constable for the year ensuing.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 12 day, 1745/6, and chose Samuel Huse Town Treasurer for the year ensuing.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 12 day, 1745/6, and chose

Ebenezer Barker	Selectmen
Lieut. Daniel Bodwell	} for Methuen
Thomas Eaton	this year.

Ebenezer Barker sworn in the oath of Assessor.
Lieut. Daniel Bodwell sworn in the oath of Assessor.
Thomas Eaton sworn in the office of Assessor.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 12 day, 1745/6, that the Surveyors should be chosen by a hand vote.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 12 day, 1745/6, and chose

Asie Swan, sworn	Nathaniel Hazeltine, sworn	Surveyors
Dea. James Wilson, sworn	Caleb Hall, sworn	of
Henry Bodwell, sworn	Robert Swan Jun., sworn	} highways
John Harris, sworn.	Ebenezer Carleton, sworn	for the year
Samuel Clark, sworn		ensuing.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 12 day, 1745/6, and chose Dea. James How & William Cross Tithingmen for the year ensuing and sworn.

104. Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 12 day, 1745/6, and chose

Nathaniel Messer
Stephen Barker } Surveyors of lumber, and sworn.
Asie Swan Jun.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 12 day, 1745/6, and chose Dea. James How & John Mansur to take care of the deer for the year ensuing. John Mansur sworn. James How refuseth to be sworn.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 12 day, 1745/6, and chose

Francis Swan
Richard Whittier } Fence viewers and sworn
Edward Clark for the year ensuing.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 12 day, 1745/6, and chose Dea. James How Sealer of weights and measures.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 12 day, 1745/6, and chose John Bailey Leather sealer.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 12 day, 1745/6, and chose Joseph Clark and Jonathan Griffin, Hogreeves for the year ensuing and sworn.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 12 day, 1745/6, thirty shillings to each Selectman, in old tenor, for this present year.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 12 day, 1745/6, to mend the highways by a rate this year.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 12 day, 1745/6, to raise 40-0-0 pounds, old Tenor, to mend the highways this year, and to be laid out as it was last year on said ways.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 12 day, 1745/6, that swine may go at large this year ensuing.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 12 day, 1745/6, and dismissed Samuel Huse from being Town Treasurer this year.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 12 day, 1745/6, and chose Ebenezer Barker Town Treasurer for this year.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 12 day, 1745/6, and chose Caleb Richardson Constable this year, and sworn.

Richard Swan, Nathaniel Messer, and Francis Swan a committee to reckon with the Town Treasurer.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 12 day, 1745/6, that this meeting shall be adjourned until Tuesday, the 18 day of March instant, at 12 of the clock in the day.

- 105.** Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 12 day, 1745/6, and chose John Bailey Jun., leather sealer and sworn.

The particulars mentioned in a warning for a Town meeting, on September the 22 day, in the year 1746; then and there to act upon the following particulars, viz.

First, to act what the Town shall think best concerning schools.

Secondly, to act what the Town shall think best concerning repairing the bridge called London Bridge, near the house of William Gage.

Warned by, Daniel Bodwell } Selectmen
Ebenezer Barker } of Methuen.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on September the 22 day, 1746, and chose Ebenezer Barker moderator for that meeting.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on September the 22 day, 1746, that the whole determination concerning the school, as to time and place, shall be left to the selectmen for the year present.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on September the 22 day, 1746, to choose a committee to repair or build London bridge, so called, for this present year, on the Town's cost.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on September the 22 day, 1746, and chose Lieut. Daniel Bodwell, Asie Swan, and Caleb Hall, committeemen to take care of the London bridge on the Town's cost.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on September the 22 day, 1746, to abate the rate that was laid on Thomas Nevin's head in John Mansur's rate.

1747

March meeting.

The particulars mentioned in a warning for Annual meeting in March, in the year 1746,7, are as followeth,

First to choose Town officers for the year ensuing.

Secondly, to act what shall then be thought best, respecting schools.

Thirdly, to order and appoint the method whereby the highways shall be repaired the year ensuing.

Fourthly, to see if the Town will give liberty for swine going at large the year ensuing.

106. Fifthly, to receive the return of the committee that was chosen at our last Town meeting, to repair the bridge called London bridge, and to act the Town's pleasure thereon.

6ly. To allow of, and establish such private or particular ways, the laying out whereof shall be returned into said meeting. Warned by

Ebenezer Barker
Daniel Bodwell } Selectmen
Thomas Eaton } 1746/7.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 4 day, 1746/7, and chose Samuel Huse moderator for that meeting.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 4 day, 1746/7, and chose Asie Swan Town Clerk for the year ensuing.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 4 day, 1746/7, and chose John Bailey Jun. Constable for the year ensuing, & sworn.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 4 day, 1746/7, and chose Ebenezer Barker Town Treasurer for the year ensuing, and sworn.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 4 day, 1746/7, to choose surveyors by a hand vote, and the rest of the officers.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 4 day, 1746/7, and chose

Nathaniel Hazeltine Caleb Harris & sworn
James How & sworn John Bodwell & sworn } Surveyors of
highways.

Asie Swan & sworn

Joseph Stevens & sworn

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 4 day, 1746/7, and chose

Dea. James Wilson & sworn

Ens. Stephen Barker & sworn } Tithingmen.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 4 day, 1746/7, and chose

Dea. James Ordway & sworn

Asie Swan Jun. } Surveyors of lumber.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 4 day, 1746/7, and chose

John Mansur

Robert Swan Un. & sworn } Fence viewers.

Richard Whittier & sworn

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 4 day, 1746/7, and chose William Cross, Surveyor of weights and measures, & sworn.

107. Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 4 day, 1746/7, and chose

James Hastings and sworn

Timothy Lovejoy and sworn } Hogreeves.

James Maloney and sworn

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 4 day, 1746/7, and chose Samuel Palmer and Stephen Barker to take care of the deer as the law directs and sworn.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 4 day, 1746/7, that swine may go at large this year.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 4 day, 1746/7, to raise 120 pounds, old tenor, to be laid out double to what it was the last year, that is, 2-5 to each man a day, till August is out; and after that 2 shillings to a man, and 1-6 day for a pair of oxen, and 6 pence a day for a pair of wheels and cart, all to be worked out in the new tenor,

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 4 day, 1746/7, to Lieut. Daniel Bodwell 0-16-0 shillings old Tenor,

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 4 day, 1746/7, to Asie Swan 1-4-0 old Tenor,

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen on March the 4 day, 1746/7, to Caleb Hall 0-4-0 shillings, old tenor.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 4 day, 1746/7, to William Gage 0-16-0 shillings old tenor,

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 4 day, 1746/7, to have the school moved.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 4 day, 1746/7, to leave places where the school shall be kept, with the selectmen to appoint where they shall think most proper.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 4 day, 1746/7, and chose

Richard Messer
Edward Clark } Selectmen.
Samuel Clark

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 4 day, 1746/7, that the road that was laid the south side of Mistake pond, shall be removed through Abel Merrill's land, near his house.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 4 day, 1746/7, to Abel Merrill 15 pounds, old tenor, for pay to him for the land, and fencing each side of a road that is to be laid through his land, near his house.

- 108.** Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 4 day, 1746/7, that this road shall be recorded, and also another private or particular way, beginning at said way by Mistake Pond, a little northwesterly of the place called the Beaver dam, thence running on the west side of several marked trees, through the land of Daniel Bodwell, and across the narrow place of the meadow belonging to the heirs of Jonathan Barker deceased and so on to a point of Joseph Badger's land, and then through part of John Hibberd's land, to London brook, so called, and across said brook near Spickett river, and then to the way that leads by John Hall's house, coming into said way by the westerly end of said Hall's field and so on as ----- (missing words) Province line laid out by Daniel Bodwell, Ebenezer Barker, Selectmen.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 4 day, 1746/7, to Lieut. Daniel Bodwell thirty pounds, old tenor, for him to make a bridge over London brook, and a causey over a piece of meadow that the road goes through, that was laid from the way by Mistake pond, so to go over London brook, and he to maintain them eight years, fit for traveling with horses and teams during the space of eight years.

109. Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 4 day, 1746/7, to raise 45 pounds old tenor.

The particulars mentioned in a warrant for a Town meeting in Methuen, on April the twenty seventh day, in the year 1747, are as followeth viz.

To see if the Town will shew cause to the General Sessions of the Peace, to be holden at Ipswich upon an adjournment the last Tuesday of April current, why the petition of divers of the ferrymen upon Merrimack River, for raising the fees for carrying passengers over said river, at their respective ferries, should not be raised.

At a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on Monday the 27 day of April 1747, then voted, that the Town think it not reasonable to raise the ferrymen's fees, because the increase of their custom increases their profit equal to the sinking of paper currency.

The particulars mentioned in a warrant for a Town meeting in Methuen, on May 20 day, 1747, are as followeth, viz.

First, to see if the Town will choose one or more persons to represent them in the great and General Court or Assembly, appointed to be holden at Boston, on Wednesday the 27 day of May current.

Secondly, to see if the Town will choose a surveyor of the highways in the room of Mr. Nathaniel Hazeltine deceased.

3ly. To see if the Town will raise money for to mend the highways the year ensuing.

Warned by Samuel Clark
Edward Clark } Selectmen.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on May the 20 day 1747, and chose Nathaniel Messer moderator for that meeting.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on May the 20 day 1747, and chose Samuel Hazeltine Surveyor, and sworn.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on May the 20 day 1747, not to raise any more money to mend the highways with this year.

- 110.** Pursuant to a vote of the Town of Methuen, we have laid out a private or particular way, of two poles wide, beginning at the way which was formerly laid out by the house of Abel Merrill, and running by the west end of said house to a black oak tree marked in the line between the line of said Merrill and land of late in possession of Ezra Merrick, and so on to a black oak stump and stones laid about it, and then to a pine marked in said line, and then to a great white oak stump near to a little run of water; said way lying on the west of all said bounds, and so on further on the west side of said line to the way which was marked out in the year 1735. Laid out by

Methuen, June the 3 day, 1747.

Stephen Barker &
John Harris, Committee.

The particulars mentioned in a warning for a Town meeting in Methuen, on July the 14 day, 1747, are as followeth.

1. To see if the Town will throw up or discontinue part of a highway laid out by Thomas Whittier and James Davis in the year 1680-viz. where it turns out of the path that leads from Haverhill to Dea. How's, till it comes to the line between the provinces or other ways.
- 2ly. To see if the Town will exchange all or part of said road or highway to some more convenient place.

Voted, At a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on Tuesday the 14 day of July, 1747, and chose Lieut. Daniel Bodwell moderator for that meeting.

Voted, At a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on Tuesday the 14 day of July 1747, not to act on the particular mentioned in the warrant for this meeting.

111. A Town meeting September 28, 1747.

The particulars mentioned in a warrant for a Town meeting in Methuen, on Monday the 28 day of September, in the year 1747, are as followeth viz.

1. To bring in Town debts, and to see what debts the Town will allow of.
- 2ly. To see what the Town will do concerning London bridge.
- 3ly. To see what money the Town will raise to defray Town charges this year.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on September the 28 day 1747, and chose Ebenezer Barker moderator for that meeting.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on Monday, the 28 day of September 1747, to Joseph Stevens 1-5-0 old tenor for plank for the highways.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on Monday the 28 day of September, 1747, to choose a committee to repair London bridge.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on Monday, the 28 day of September 1747, and chose James How, Joseph Stevens, James Bodwell, committee.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on Monday, the 28th day of September 1747, that the committee shall repair London Bridge according to their best discretion.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on Monday, the 28 day of September 1747, that the committee shall repair London Bridge according to their best discretion.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on Monday the 28 day of September 1747, to adjourn this meeting until the 2 Monday of November.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, by adjournment on the 9 day of November 1747,
to Stephen Barker Jun. ten shillings, old tenor, for plank to repair the highways.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, by adjournment on the 9 day of November 1747,
to abate the rate that was laid on the widow Messer's son, to the Country rate in the year 1745,
1-5-0 old tenor.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen by adjournment on the 9 day of November 1747, to Caleb Richardson 1-11-0 old tenor, for warning persons out of Town.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen by adjournment, on the 9 day of November 1747,
to Robert Swan Jun. 1-7-0 old tenor, for warning persons out of the Town.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, by adjournment, on the 9 day of November 1747,
to Samuel Huse 1-4-0 old tenor, for 3 sticks of timber that Henry Bodwell cut on his land to mend Spickett bridge.

112. Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, by adjournment, on the 9 day of November 1747, to Joseph Stevens 3-15-0 old tenor, for work and timber in repairing London bridge.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen by adjournment on November the 9 day, 1747, to raise 100-00-0 old tenor, to defray Town charges this year.

1748

March meeting 1747/8.

The particulars mentioned in a warrant for a Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 2 day, in the year 1747/8, are as followeth, viz.

First, to choose Town officers for the year ensuing.

Secondly, to make such provisions as the Town shall think best for repairing the highways the

year ensuing.

Thirdly, to see if the Town will give liberty for swine to go at large the year ensuing.

Fourthly, to act what the Town shall think best in order to settling accounts with the Town Treasurer for the year 1736, and also with the present Treasurer.

Fifthly, to see if the Town will exchange the way that was laid out in the year 1735, through land now in possession of Nathaniel Pettengill and cause it be laid where the path is now trodden and improved.

Sixthly, to see if the Town will exchange the way that is laid to go through land of Joseph Clark, and cause it to be laid out between Joseph Clark's and Edward Clark's from the easterly part of their land, till it comes near the old rye field, so called, and so as the path is now trodden till it comes to the Province line.

Warned by Richard Messer
 Samuel Clark & } Selectmen
 Edward Clark

Voted, At a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 2 day, 1747/8, and chose Ebenezer Barker Town Treasurer, and sworn, for the year ensuing.

Voted, At a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 2 day, 1747/8, and chose Dea. James How Tithing man for the year ensuing and sworn.

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Voted, At a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 2 day, 1747/8, and chose William Cross Sealer of weights and measures, and sworn.

Voted, At a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 2 day, 1747/8, and chose Ebenezer Carleton & sworn, John Cross & sworn, to take care of the deer as the law directs for the year ensuing.

Voted, At a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 2 day, 1747/8, and chose John Bailey Jun. Sealer of leather and sworn.

Voted, At a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 2 day, 1747/8, and chose Samuel Palmer & sworn, Reuben Emerson & sworn, Samuel Stevens, and Jonathan Griffin & sworn, Hogreeves.

Voted, At a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 2 day, 1747/8, to raise 50 pounds, lawful money, to defray the charges in repairing the highways this year ensuing.

Voted, At a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 2 day, 1747/8, to each man a day 12 shillings old tenor, and 6 shillings old tenor a day for a pair of oxen, and in proportion for other materials to perform said work.

Voted, At a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 2 day, 1747/8, that swine may go at large the year ensuing.

Voted, At a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 2 day, 1747/8, and chose Nathaniel Messer, Francis Swan, and Samuel Huse, a committee to reckon with James How, former Town Treasurer and Ebenezer Barker present Town Treasurer, and make their return at the next Town meeting, that is for bringing in Town debts.

114. Voted, At a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 2 day, 1747/8, to choose a committee to view the roads that are desired to be changed or altered and chose

Lieut. Daniel Bodwell
Asie Swan }

Committeemen.

Nathaniel Messer

Voted, At a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 2 day, 1747/8, to discharge John Mansur from the warrant and highway rate that bears date 1743.

The particulars mentioned in a warrant for a Town meeting in Methuen, on October the 7 day, 1748, are as followeth viz.

First, to allow Town debts.

Secondly, to receive the report of the committee that was chosen to reckon with the
Town Treasurers, and to act the Town's pleasure thereon.

Thirdly, to agree upon, and grant such sums of money to be raised, as shall be thought necessary to defray Town charges. Fourthly, to see what the Town will do concerning school.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on October the 7 day 1748, and chose Lieut. Daniel Bodwell moderator for that meeting.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on October the 7 day, 1748, to Lieut. Daniel

Bodwell and Francis Swan 16 shillings apiece, old tenor, for their services in perambulating the line between Dracut township and Methuen.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on October the 7 day, 1748, to Lieut. Daniel Bodwell, Nathaniel Messer, and Asie Swan, 12 shillings apiece old tenor, for their services in going and viewing a former road, that was petitioned for an alternation by Edward Clark and others.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on October the 7 day 1748, to Samuel Huse, Nathaniel Messer, and Francis Swan 1-4-0 apiece, old tenor, for reckoning with the former Town treasurers.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on October the 7 day, 1748, that the school shall be kept in any other place but in the school house this year.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on October the 7 day, 1748, to abate Reuben Emerson's rate that is in Constable Bailey's list for the year 1748.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on October the 7 day, 1748, to raise 20-0-0 lawful money, to defray Town charges this year ensuing.

115. Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on October the 7 day 1748, that this return shall be recorded.

Methuen, March 14, 1747, We have reckoned with Ebenezer Barker, Town Treasurer, and find when all the constables have issued their accounts, there will be in his hands and due to the Town, twenty three pounds and nine pence, old tenor, exclusive of Richard Kimball's Town rate, and all the highway rates, errors excepted.

Pr. Nathaniel Messer
Francis Swan } Committee
Samuel Huse

Errors excepted,

Pr. Ebenezer Barker, T. Treasurer.

March meeting 1748.

The particulars mentioned in annual Town meeting in March the first day, 1748, are as followeth, viz.

First, to choose Town officers for the year ensuing.

Secondly, to act what the Town shall think best concerning school.

Thirdly, to make such provision for repairing the highways the year ensuing as the Town shall think best.

Fourthly, to see if the Town will give liberty for swine to go at large the year ensuing.

Fifthly, to see if the Town will allow of such private or particular ways, which, being laid out the present year, shall be returned into said meeting.

Fail not, and make return of this warrant with your doings therein, to us, the subscribers, at, or before the said time of meeting.

Dated at Methuen, tenth day of February Anno Domini 1748

Daniel Bodwell
Ebenezer Barker } Selectmen, 1748.
Francis Swan

Voted, at a legal meeting in Methuen, on Wednesday the first day of March, in the year 1748,
and chose Lieut. Daniel Bodwell moderator for that meeting.

Voted, at a legal meeting in Methuen, on March the first day, in the year 1748,
and chose Asie Swan Town Clerk for the year ensuing, and sworn to that office.

Voted, at a legal meeting in Methuen, on Wednesday the first day of March, in the year 1748,
and chose William Webber, Constable for the year ensuing, and sworn to that office for the year ensuing.

Voted, at a legal meeting in Methuen, on March the first day, in the year 1748,
and chose Lieut. Daniel Bodwell, Ebenezer Barker, and Francis Swan, selectmen for the year ensuing and sworn.

116. Voted, at a legal meeting in Methuen, on March the first day, in the year 1748,
and chose Ebenezer Barker Town Treasurer for the year ensuing, and sworn to that office.

Voted, at a legal meeting in Methuen, on March the first day, in the year 1748, and chose

John Mansur Tithingman for the year ensuing and sworn.

Voted, at a legal meeting in Methuen, on March the first day, in the year 1748, and chose Dea. James Wilson Tithing man for the year ensuing, and sworn.

Voted, at a legal meeting in Methuen, on March the first day, in the year 1748, and chose

John Harris, and sworn	Thomas Messer, and sworn
Samuel Stevens and sworn	Samuel Hazeltine, and sworn }
Surveyors	
Ebenezer Hibberd, and sworn	Philemon Barker, and sworn of
highways.	
William Cross Jun. and sworn	James How, Jun. and sworn

Voted, at a legal meeting in Methuen, on March the first day, 1748, and chose John Mansur and Moses Cross to take care of the deer for the year ensuing Moses Cross sworn to that office.

Voted, at a legal meeting in Methuen, on March the first day, in the year 1748, and chose

Nathaniel Pettengill	
James Malone, sworn	} Hogreeves for the year ensuing.
Reuben Emerson & sworn	

Voted, at a legal meeting in Methuen, on March the first day, 1748, and chose John How and James Messer Field drivers for the year ensuing.

Voted, at a legal meeting in Methuen, on March the first day, 1748, and chose William Cross Sealer of weights and measures, and sworn to that office.

Voted, and chose Edward Clark and Joseph Cross Fence viewers, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the first day, 1748, & sworn to that office.

Voted, at a legal meeting in Methuen, on March the first day, and chose John Bailey Jun. Sealer of leather and sworn.

Voted, at a legal meeting in Methuen, on March the first day, 1748, to leave the affairs of the school with the Selectmen.

117. Voted, at a legal meeting in Methuen, on March the first day, 1748, that the surveyors of highways shall return the limits and list of their proportion of rates worked out or not worked out, at or before the last day of October yearly to the Selectmen.

Voted, at a legal meeting in Methuen, on March the first day, 1748, that swine may go at large the year ensuing.

Highway through land of Harris

In answer to a petition of several of the inhabitants of this Town, we have laid out a private or particular way, of two rods wide, beginning at the highway near the house of Thomas Richardson, next to the highway, and then coming partly on the land of John Crow as the path is trodden, and so passing on and turning northwesterly on the northeast of an oak stump and stones about it, and an heap of stones, to the foot of the hill, & then further northwesterly on the line between the land of said Richardson, and land of said Crow; one rod on each, and so on the same course on the line between the land of John Mansur and land of Joseph Mullican to a little hill near Haverhill former line, then turning northwardly, and winding the hill, to land of Daniel M. Cleary, then westerly on land of John Harris to the corner of the fence which encloseth said Daniel M. Cleary's field, then northwardly through land of said M. Cleary, and land of John Mullican, and land of Capt. Joshua Swan, on the west of several heaps of stones, and trees marked, to the way which was laid out in the year 1735, which leads to the house of Samuel Palmer - and also another private or particular way of two rods wide from the former highway through the land of Samuel Stevens and land of Benjamin Stevens and of Benjamin Barker on the west of several trees marked, and heaps of stones, till we come into the road near the house of Jonathan Barker.

Laid out by, Daniel Bodwell } Selectmen
Methuen, November 15, 1748 Ebenezer Barker } of Methuen

118. **1749**

The particulars mentioned in a warrant for a Town meeting are as followeth, viz.

First to elect and depute a suitable person to serve for and represent them in the

great and General Court appointed to be convened, held, and kept for his Majesty's service, at the court house in Boston, upon Wednesday the 31 day of May instant.

Secondly, to see if the Town will order that schoolmistresses be appointed at the Town's cost, to teach and instruct children in such places in the Town where it may be most convenient. Date May the 1, 1749.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on the 16 day of May 1749, and chose Dea. James How moderator for that meeting.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on the 16 day of May 1749, to choose school mistresses to instruct children in their reading.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on the 16 day of May 1749 that the school shall be kept in four parts of the Town.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on the 16 day of May 1749, and chose

Asie Swan	
James How	
Nathaniel Messer	} a committee to agree with school mistresses, and
James Ordway	appoint convenient places for them to be kept in
Ebenezer Hibberd	

Voted t a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on the 16 day of May 1749, that the cost of the school mistresses, shall be on the Town's cost.

A warning for a Town meeting in November 1749.

The particulars mentioned in a warrant for a Town meeting in Methuen, on Friday the 17 day of November in the year 1749, are as followeth, viz.

First, to allow Town debts.

Secondly, to see what the Town will do concerning schools.

Thirdly, to see what the Town will do expecting the country rate for the year 1741.

Fourthly, to choose a committee to reckon with the Town Treasurers.

Fifthly, to see what money the Town will raise to defray Town charges.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on Friday, the 17 day of November in the year 1749, and chose Lieut. Daniel Bodwell moderator for that meeting.

- 119.** Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on November the 17 day, 1749, to Lieut. Daniel Bodwell 4-5-0 old tenor, for perambulating the line with Haverhill, and taking the valuation of the estates the year past.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on Friday, the 17 day of November 1749, to Francis Swan 2-5-0 old tenor for perambulating the line with Haverhill, and for taking the valuation of the estates the year past.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on Friday, the 17 day of November 1749, to Ebenezer Barker, for taking the valuation of the estates the year past 4-10-0 old tenor,

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on Friday, the 17 day of November 1749, to James Wilson 4-15-0 old tenor for plank to cover bridges on the highways some years past.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on Friday, the 17 day of November 1749, to James Bodwell 8-0-0 old tenor for plank to cover bridges in the highways.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on Friday, the 17 day of November 1749, to Lieut. Daniel Bodwell 3-15-0 old tenor, for plank to cover bridges in highways.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on Friday, the 17 day of November 1749, to Ebenezer Hibberd 4-10-0 old tenor, for plank to cover bridges in the highways.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on Friday, the 17 day of November 1749, to Nathaniel Pettengill 4-5-0 old tenor, for plank to cover bridges in the highways.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on Friday, the 17 day of November 1749, to John Bailey Jun. 1-0-0 old tenor for warning Ruth Can out of this Town in the year 1747.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on Friday, the 17 day of November 1749 that the present Treasurer shall pay to John Woodbury's executors, the sum of 4-0-0 old tenor, for a wolf's head.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on Friday, the 17 day of November 1749, to James Ordway 15-00-00 old tenor for his providing a school mistress 2 months.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on Friday, the 17 day of November 1749, to James How 4-10-0 old tenor, for his providing a school mistress.

120. Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on Friday, the 17 day of November 1749, to Nathaniel Messer as to other men for his providing a school mistress.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on Friday, the 17 day of November 1749, to Ebenezer Hibberd 12-10-0 old tenor for his providing a school mistress.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on Friday, the 17 day of November 1749, to Asie Swan as to others for his providing a school mistress.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on Friday, the 17 day of November 1749, and chose Samuel Huse and James Ordway, committee to reckon with the Town Treasurer this year.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on Friday the 17 day of November 1749, to Lieut. Daniel Bodwell for plank to cover Spickett Bridge, as other men had the Selectmen to take the account.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on Friday, the 17 day of November 1749, to abate 2-2-0 old tenor, of Stephen Merrill's and David Sander's rate that was committed to John Cross Constable to collect.

1750

March meeting 1749/50

The particulars mentioned in a warrant for a Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 7 day 1749/50, are as followeth, viz.

First, to choose Town officers for the year ensuing.

Secondly, to see if the Town will give liberty for swine to go at large.

Thirdly, to make such provision for repairing the highways as the Town shall think best.

Fourthly, to see if the Town will act anything relating to Mr. Sargent's salary.

Fifthly, to see if the Town will act anything relating to the inhabitants of the north part of this Town that lately belonged to the second Parish in the Town.

Sixthly, to see if the Town will exchange the road that was lately opened through Joseph Clark's land which was laid out in the year 1680; to run from Hawk's meadow brook, so called, between said Clark and land belonging to George Hastings, till it comes to the old path leading from Ebenezer Ayer's to Dea. James How's, and then by said path till it comes to the line between the Provinces.

Seventhly, to allow of such private ways as being laid out, shall be returned into said meeting.

121. Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 7 day, 1749/50, and chose Samuel Huse moderator for that meeting.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 7 day, 1749/50, and chose Asie Swan Town Clerk for the year ensuing, and sworn.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 7 day, 1749/50, and chose Samuel Hazeltine Constable for the year ensuing.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 7 day, 1749/50, and chose Thomas Eaton selectman for the year ensuing.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 7 day, 1749/50, and chose Samuel Huse Selectman for the year ensuing.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 7 day, 1749/50, and chose Robert Swan Selectman for the year ensuing.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 7 day, 1749/50, and chose Ebenezer Barker Town Treasurer for the year ensuing and sworn.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 7 day, 1749/50, and chose Dea. James Wilson tithingman for the year ensuing and sworn.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 7 day, 1749/50, and chose Benjamin Worster tithingman for the year ensuing, and sworn.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 7 day, 1749/50, and chose Caleb Richardson tithingman for the year ensuing.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 7 day, 1749/50, and chose

Henry Sawyer and sworn	Philemon Barker & sworn	
Francis Swan and sworn	Ebenezer Carleton & sworn	} Surveyors
Nathaniel Messer and sworn	Nathaniel Pettengill & sworn	} of
Joseph Clark and sworn	Amos Morse & sworn	Highways.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 7 day, 1749/50, and chose Thomas Austin to take care of the deer for the year ensuing.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 7 day, 1749/50, and chose James How to take care of the deer for the year ensuing.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 7 day, 1749/50, and chose

Daniel M. Cleary and sworn	
Jonathan Griffin	} Hogueeves.
William Emerson and sworn	

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 7 day, 1749/50, and chose

Josiah Sawyer	
John Cross	} Field drivers.
Joseph Pettengill.	

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 7 day, 1749,50 and chose William Cross Sealer of weights and measures.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 7 day, 1749/50, and chose Daniel Lovejoy, fence viewer for the year ensuing.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 7 day, 1749,50, and chose James How Jun. fence viewer for the year ensuing.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 7 day, 1749,50, and chose John Bailey Jun. Sealer of leather and sworn.

122. Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 7 day, 1749,50, that swine may go at large for the year ensuing.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 7 day, 1749,50, to mend the highways by a rate the year ensuing.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 7 day, 1749,50, to work out the highway rate by the same rule as they did the year past, allowing 15 shillings a day to a man, in old tenor, and according to other materials by the same rule as they did last year.

Highway rate.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 7 day, 1749,50, to raise 40-00-00 new tenor, to mend the highways the year ensuing.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 7 day, 1749,50, and chose Asie Swan Jun. Surveyor of lumber for the year ensuing.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 7 day, 1749,50, and chose Zebediah Barker Jun. Surveyor of lumber for the year ensuing.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 7 day, 1749,50, and chose Mr. Daniel Bodwell to prefer a petition to the great and General Court of this Province in behalf of the Town for their direction and order with respect to that part of the Town which was formerly set off as a new Parish.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 7 day, 1749,50, that this meeting shall be adjourned until the third Wednesday of April next, at one of the clock in the afternoon, at the meeting house in said Town.

A Town meeting April 1750.

The particulars mentioned in a warrant for a Town meeting in Methuen, on April the 18 day, 1750, are as followeth, viz.

To see what the Town will do concerning a school or schools for the present year.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on the 18 day of April, in the year 1750, and chose Samuel Huse moderator for this meeting.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on the 18 day of April 1750, that this meeting shall be adjourned until the 21 day of May next at one of the clock in the afternoon, at the old meeting house in said Town.

March meeting adjourned, 1750.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on the 3 Wednesday of April 1750, by adjournment, that the March meeting shall be adjourned until the 21 day of May next, at 2 of the clock in the afternoon, at the meeting house in Methuen.

Daniel Bodwell to the General Court.

123. Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, by adjournment on the 21 day of May 1750, and chose Mr. Daniel Bodwell to prefer a petition to the General Court, in behalf of the Town, to seek their favor in our difficulties respecting that part of the Town which was formerly set off as a distinct Parish, and also respecting the fine which the General Court was pleased to lay upon this Town, for not sending a representative the year 1749.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, by adjournment on the May the 21 day 1750, and adjourned this meeting until the last Monday in June next, at one of the clock in the afternoon, at the meeting house.

October 1750.

Voted, at a legal annual Town meeting in Methuen, on October the 15 day, 1750, by adjournment, and dismissed Samuel Huse, in consideration of his bodily infirmity, according to his desire for the present year, from the office of a Selectman this present year.

Voted, that the vacancy be immediately filled up by dismissing Samuel Huse from serving Selectman for the year 1750, in the same meeting - Voted, at a legal annual Town meeting in Methuen, on October the 15 day, 1750, by adjournment, and chose Lieut. Daniel Bodwell selectman to fill up the vacancy that is made by dismissing Samuel Huse from the office of a selectman this year.

The particulars mentioned in a warrant for a Town meeting in Methuen, on the 27 day of November 1750, are as followeth viz.

Firstly, to allow Town debts and raise money to defray Town charges.

2ly. To see what the Town will do concerning a school.

3ly. To see what the Town will do concerning a school.

4ly. To see what the Town will do concerning the highway petitioned for through
Mr. Joseph Gutterson's land by Merrimack river.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on November the 27, 1750, and chose Lieut. Daniel Bodwell moderator for that meeting.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on November the 27 day, 1750, to Lieut. Daniel Bodwell 1-6-8 lawful money for his going to Boston to take off the fine nor not sending a deputy in the year 1750.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on November the 27 day, 1750, to rectify the pound, and make it a lawful pound.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on November the 27 day, 1750, to choose a man to go to Court to oppose the petitioners in getting the road confirmed through Joseph Gutterson's land by Merrimack river.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on November the 27 day, 1750, and chose Lieut. Daniel Bodwell to go to Court to oppose the confirming of a road that is petitioned for through Mr. Joseph Gutterson's land by the river Merrimack.

124. Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on November the 27 day, 1750, to raise 14-00-00 lawful money, to defray Town charges the year ensuing.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on November the 27 day, 1750, to move the school to four several places this year, provided the people agree amongst themselves.

Carleton road.

At the request of several of the inhabitants of this Town, we have laid out a private or particular way of two rods wide, beginning at a pine tree marked, by the highway near to Thomas Messer's barn, thence northerly crossing the land of Benjamin Herrick, to land of Nathaniel Messer, as the path is trodden, and so on through land of Richard Adams, turning a little out of the path on the northerly side of several marked trees, to land of Jonathan Currier, and so keeping the path to land of Ebenezer Carleton, and then turning westwardly on the line between land of said Currier and land of said Carleton, one rod wide on each, to land of Daniel Lovejoy and then on the line between land of said Carleton and land of said Lovejoy one rod wide on each, to a tree marked, thence on northerly side of the last mentioned tree, and so running through land of said Carleton as the path is trod, and so crossing a corner of William Morse's land to land of the widow Ford, and so on the widow Ford's land next to land of said William Morse, to the path that leads from Hawk's meadow brook to Dea. James How's, and then in the old path that formerly led from said brook to Spickett Falls, till we come to the country road.

Laid out in Methuen, March 1, 1749, by Daniel Bodwell } Selectmen
Francis Swan } of Methuen

Voted, at the annual meeting in March 7, 1749,50, that this return shall be recorded.

March meeting 1750.

The particulars mentioned in a warning for a Town meeting in Methuen, on March the sixth day, in the year 1750, are as followeth, viz.

First, to choose Town officers for the year ensuing, as the law directs.

2ly. To see what the Town will do concerning swine going at large.

3ly. To see if the Town will allow of the Town roads laid out in the Town by the Selectmen.

4ly. To see if the Town will vote for a County Register.

Daniel Bodwell } Selectmen.

Robert Swan

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 6 day, 1750, and chose Lieut. Daniel Bodwell moderator for that meeting.

Town Clerk.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 6 day, 1750, and chose Asie Swan Town Clerk for the year ensuing, and sworn.

Constable.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 6 day, 1750, and chose Caleb Hall Constable for the year ensuing.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 6 day, 1750, and chose

Ebenezer Barker
Robert Swan } Selectmen and sworn.
Richard Whittier

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 6 day, 1750, and chose Ebenezer Barker Town Treasurer for the year ensuing.

Tithingman.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 6 day, 1750, and chose Dea. James How Tithingman for the year ensuing, and sworn.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 6 day, 1750, and chose Francis Swan Tithingman for the year ensuing.

Surveyors of Highways.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 6 day, 1750,

John Crow & sworn Ebenezer Carleton
Benjamin Stevens William Emerson & sworn } Surveyors of Highways.
Francis Swan John Sargent
Nathaniel Messer

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 6 day, 1750, and chose James Mallon & sworn, and Benjamin Worster & sworn, to take care of the deer.

Sealer of weights and measures.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 6 day, 1750, and chose William Cross surveyor (Note: the clerk undoubtedly man to write Sealer and not surveyor) Sealer of weights and measures for the year ensuing.

Fence viewers.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 6 day, 1750, and chose

John Cross and sworn
Israel Herrick and sworn } Fence viewers.

Surveyor of lumber.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 6 day, 1750, and chose John Harris surveyor of lumber for the year ensuing and sworn.

125. Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 6 day, 1750, and chose Francis Swan
Surveyor of lumber for the year ensuing.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 6 day, 1750, and chose Dea. James Wilson surveyor of lumber for the year ensuing.

Swine to go at large.

126. Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 6 day, 1750 that swine may go at large the year ensuing.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 6 day, 1750, and chose James Mallon and Dea. James How, Hogreeves for the year ensuing.

Adjournment.

This meeting is adjourned until Monday next, at two of the clock in the afternoon, which is the eleventh day of March instant, 1750.

Highway rate.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the eleventh day, by adjournment, 1750, to raise eleven pounds, lawful money, to be laid out in repairing the highways the year ensuing, to work at the same lay a day as they did last year.

Repairing the highways.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 11 day, 1750, by adjournment, that the last years surveyors take care and do call on the last year's persons that were under the care of the last year's surveyor, to work out their proportion of money or labor, that are behind in the last year's list, in repairing the highways this present year 1750.

Surveyor of Highways.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen on March the 11 day, 1750, and chose Jonathan Currier surveyor of highways for the year ensuing, by adjournment - sworn.

Surveyor of lumber.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 11 day, 1750, by adjournment, and chose Richard Messer Jun. Surveyor of lumber and sworn.

Tithingman.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 11 day, 1750, and chose Henry Sawyer Tithingman for the year ensuing and sworn.

Adjournment.

This meeting is adjourned until Monday the 18 day of March instant, 1750.

Constable.

The Town voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen on March the 18 day, 1750, and accepted of Henry Sawyer to serve constable in Caleb Hall's room for the year ensuing and sworn.

Surveyor.

The Town voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 18 day, 1750, and chose Nathaniel Pettengill Surveyor of highways the year ensuing and sworn – by adjournment.

Parker's road 1750.

127. Methuen, December the 28 day, 1750. Unto the selectmen of Methuen. The prayer of your humble petitioners sheweth, that whereas, in the division of our farm there is a reserve

of land for our own particular use for a road through our farm, from Merrimack River out to

Dracut road, we are humbly of opinion that the above said way that we have reserved for our private use, may be of public use both for us, the subscribers and others, if that Methuen lay

it out and accept as a Town highway; on consideration whereof, we, your humble petitioners pray that you would view the above said way, and make return to the Town for acceptance;

also desire that the Town would lay us a way from the river to meet with Dracut way newly

laid through Mr. Samuel Varnum's land and Kendall Parker's land, to Dracut line.

We the subscribers do oblige ourselves to give the land of said way.

Jonathan Parker

John Parker

David Parker

In answer to this petition, we the subscribers have laid out two roads as followeth.

First, beginning at the road that leads to Dracut, bounded on the west side on Dracut line, three poles wide through John Parker's land, to a poplar tree, thence through Jonathan Parker's land, east side of several marked trees to David Parker's land, thence partly on said David's land and partly on Jonathan Parker's land, until it comes within ten poles of Merrimack River; thence on Timothy Parker's land to Merrimack River, widening on the east side, until it comes to the width of six poles on the bank of the river. And also another road two poles wide, beginning at the above said road about twelve poles on the river westerly through David Parker's land on the south side of several marked trees, until it comes to Dracut line to meet the road laid out by Dracut.

Laid out by us the subscribers January 28, 1750.

Daniel Bodwell } Selectmen

Robert Swan } of Methuen.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March, at the annual Town meeting in the year 1750, that this above written return shall be recorded.

128. The particulars mentioned in a warrant for a Town meeting in Methuen, on May the 9 day, in the year 1751, are as followeth viz.

To see what money the Town will farther raise toward mending the highways.

2ly. To see what the Town will do concerning choosing or employing a man to go to the great and General Court to see what they will do with those on the north side of the Parish line in this Province concerning the minister rate.

Methuen, date April 24, 1751 Robert Swan
Richard Whittier } Selectmen.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on May the 9 day, 1751, and chose Lieut. Daniel Bodwell moderator for that meeting.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on May the 9 day, 1751, to raise eleven pounds, lawful money, to be laid out in repairing the highways the year ensuing.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on May the 9 day, 1751, and chose Robert Swan and Richard Whittier, two of the Selectmen of this Town to employ Andover Representative to make redress to the great and General Court in our behalf concerning those persons that was set off as a Parish called the north Parish in said Town, that is by the running of the Province line is separated from the remainder of that Parish, and is under no obligation to pay any minister.

A Town meeting July ye 8. 1751

The particulars mentioned in a warrant for a Town meeting in July the 8 day in the year 1751, are as followeth viz.

Firstly, to see if the Town will choose a man or men to appear in their behalf at the next quarter sessions of the peace, to be holden at Salem in said County, with regard to an highway lately laid out in said Town by order of the assessors and also to pursue that affair when it may be necessary in behalf of the Town, to save the Town from the charge of said highway.

2ly. To see if the Town see cause to choose another Selectman in the room of Mr. Ebenezer Barker, disabled for that service by sickness.

Dated at Methuen, June 23, 1751. Robert Swan } Selectmen
Richard Whittier } of Methuen

129. Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on July the 8 day, 1751, and chose Lieut. Daniel Bodwell moderator for that meeting.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on July the 8 day, 1751, and left the affair to the Selectmen as a committee concerning the affair that may arise at the sessions concerning a highway that is laid through Mr. Joseph Gutterson's land by the river, to the Selectmen of this Town.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on July the 8 day, 1751, not to choose another Selectman by reason of the three was yet living.

The particulars mentioned in a warning for a Town meeting in Methuen, on Monday the twenty fifth day of November 1751, are as followeth, viz.

First, to allow Town debts, and see what money the Town will raise to defray Town charges.

2ly. To see what the Town will do concerning the school. Thirdly, to see if the Town will choose a committee to reckon with the Town Treasurer.

Methuen; date, November, the 11day 1751,

Warned by Robert Swan } Selectmen
 Richard Whittier } of Methuen

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on Monday, the 15 day of November, in the year 1751, and chose Lieut. Daniel Bodwell moderator for that meeting.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, and chose Lieut. Daniel Bodwell and Robert Swan
A committee to reckon with the Town Treasurer in the year 1751.

130. Voted to Robert Swan 3-16-0 for services done to the Town in representing the Town at the court of quarter Sessions, concerning a road or way through Joseph Gutterson's land, in the year 1751, on adjournment.

Voted to Lieut. Daniel Bodwell 0-4-0 for attending the court concerning the road that goes through Joseph Gutterson's land, in the year 1751, by adjournment.

Voted to Richard Whittier 0-5-9 for his services concerning a road that goes through Joseph Gutterson's land, in the year 1751, by adjournment.

Voted to Robert Swan 2-9-8 for building pound for the Town's use in the year 1751, by adjournment.

Voted to James Ordway 0-10-0 for plank to mend the highways in the year 1751 by adjournment.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on adjournment, to raise 8-0-0 to defray Town charges the year ensuing 1751.

Ebenezer Barker's reckoning.

We have reckoned with Ebenezer Barker, Town Treasurer, and find that when all the constables have issued their accounts, there will be in his hands and due to the Town exclusive of the

highway rates, eighteen pounds, eight shillings, and ten pence and three farthings, which is in the old tenor, 138-6-9.

Methuen, November 29, 1750.
Committee.

Lieut. Daniel Bodwell }
Robert }

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on adjournment on Monday the 9 day of December next at one of the clock at the meeting house, 1751, that this above written reckoning shall be recorded.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on Monday the 9 day of December, 1751, that the school be kept at Tower Hill, near Ebenezer Barker's house three weeks.

131. Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on Monday the 9 day of December 1751, that the school be kept in some convenient place to accommodate the Hibberds, and Halls and Gages two weeks.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on Monday the 9 day of December 1751, that the school be kept at the house of Dea. James How three weeks.