

1801

March 11, 1801

Proceedings of the Annual Town Meeting March 11th 1801 as is set forth in Warrant No 1 dated February 24th 1801

1st Choose (chosed) Stephen Barker Esq. **Moderator**

Second Choose (chosed) Peter Marston **Town Clerk**

Selectmen

Choose (chosed) William Russ Esq. Stephen Barker Esq. Ensign Benjamin Osgood

Town Treasurer

Choose (chosed) Peter Marston

Voted to set up the collecting of Taxes to the lowest bidder
The collecting of Taxes bid off to Daniel Fry at three pence half penny on the pound

Choose (chosed) Daniel Frye Constable, at the adjournment of this Meeting in April
Daniel Fry was excused from serving Constable

Constable Choose (chosed) Stephen Huse Constable

Surveyors of	Jacob Hall Joseph Bodwell	James Sargent Jr Ebenezer Hibberd Jr	Phillip Morrill Lt Jacob Tyler
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Highways	Oliver Whittier Richard Currier	Benjamin Willson Elisha Perkins	John Pettengill Jacob Sargent
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Surveyors of Lumber	Elisha Parker Herrick Isaac Bodwell Theodore Barnard	Stephen Barker Esq. Capt Jacob Messer John Searl	George Dodge Joseph Willson
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Surveyors of Wood & Bark	Elisha Parker Capt Joseph Griffen	William Swan	John Whittier
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Culler of Staves	Samuel Richardson		
Fence Viewers	Capt David McClary Lt John Russ	Samuel Griffen Dudley Bixby	Amos Barker James Sargent Jr
Tythingmen	Alfred Ingals Dr John Huse	John Ladd	Samuel Clark
Fish Wardens	Dr William Bodwell Abiel How Jr	Ephiram Peabody	John Searl
Field Drivers	Capt Joseph How Asa Palmer Richard Currier	Joseph Bodwell Capt Joseph Griffen	David Boynton Lt Elisha Richardson
Hogreeves	Kendal Mellon Samuel Richardson	Joseph Clark Daniel Webber	Simeon Hastings
Sealer of Leather	Thomas Herrick		
Sealer of Weights & Measures	Ensign Benjamin Osgood		
	Voted to pass over the 3d, 4 th , 5 th & 6 th articles till the adjournment and acted upon the 7 th article		

Committee to reckon with the Town Treasurer

Choose (chose) Stephen Barker Esq. Ensign Benjamin Osgood Capt Ebenezer Carlton

Voted to adjourn the Meeting two weeks at one Oclock P.M.

Meet (met)at the time adjourned to and acted upon the 3d article

3rd article Voted to rais (raise) Seven Hundred Dollars to defray the Town charges the year ensuing

4th Voted to rais (raise) three Hundred Dollars for Schooling the year ensuing one third part to be laid out in a Woman's School –

5th Voted to rais Seven Hundred for repairing Highways & Private Ways in Said Town

6th Voted that swine shall go at large the year ensuing being yoakt (yoked) & ringed as the law directs

Voted to accept the report of the committee that was chosen to reckon with the Town Treasurer

The committee that was chosen to examine the accounts of Peter Marston Treasurer for the Town of Methuen have Att (At)ended that service and report thereon as follows that in the last settlement with said Treasurer March 21st 1800 there was in his hands of the Town money

1232 42

That there has been put into his hands since that time by General Order on Stephen Huse Constable for 1800	1113	72
By note of hand against Stephen Barker	14	92
By ditto ditto	2	55
By ditto ditto	2	43
By ditto Daniel Huse	1	05
By ditto Stephen Huse	93	15
By ditto Daniel Wardwill	3	88
By ditto Stephen Huse	1	82
By ditto John Sargent	3	03
Note of hand against Doctor John L. Bodwell	5	83
By ditto Joshua Davis	2	12
By ditto Pain Morse	4	21
By ditto against Capt Jona Merrill	1	88
By ditto	5	80
By cash received of Stephen Barker on Isaac Astin account	<u>2</u>	<u>77</u>
Making in the whole two Thousand four Hundred & Ninety One Dollars & fifty eight cents	2491	58

The Said Treasurer has paid since the last Settlement on Assessors Orders & Notes of hand against the Town	<u>1313</u>	<u>09</u>
Which leaves a balance in favour of the Town of Eleven Hundred & Seventy Eight Dollars and forty nine cents Said Treasurer paying all his outstanding orders, which sum	1178	49

We find due to the Treasurer from Sundry Persons as follows
From

Stephen Huse Constable for the year 1800	1113	72
Ditto on note	2	92
Joshua Davis	2	12
Pain Morse	4	21
Stephen Huse	1	82
Doctor John L. Bodwell	5	83
John Sargent	3	3
Daniel Wardwill	3	88
Daniel Huse	1	05
Col Benjamin Town	2	00
Capt Oliver Emerson	26	34
Cash in the Treasurer (treasury)	11	57
The following notes are standing against the	\$1178	49
Cap Jonathan Merrill	54	10
for a debt of Daniel Hibberd for which the Town given her		
Security of Real Estate		
John P White	100	00
Joshua Whittier	100	00
We find also there is Assessors Orders already drawn which are		
outstanding to the amount	178	93
	433	03
Taken out of the above leaves	745	46

Methuen March 17th 1801

Stephen Barker
Benjamin Osgood } Committee
Ebenezer Carlton
Peter Marston – Town Treasurer

8th article Passed over till the adjournment

9th Voted in the negative
Voted to adjourn to the first Monday in April next at two o Clock P.M.

Meet at the time adjourned to

8th Voted to divide the Sixth School Ward into two wards and by dividing equally as near as they can be according to the money they pay in, and that the Selectmen ascertain the limits of Said wards

10th Choose (chose) a committee of five persons to meet a committee from the Town of Drawcut (Dracut) to see if they can settle the line between the Town of Drawcutt & the Town of Methuen

Capt John Davis

Stephen Barker Esq.

William Russ Esq.

Capt John Richardson Ensign Benjamin Osgood

11th Voted that neat cattle shall not go at large on the common the ensuing year
agreable
to a Late Law of the Commonwealth

12th Voted that the committee that was chosen to meet a committee from Drawcutt
(Dracut), shall view the road by Capt Griffen's & Ensign Sawyer & report their
opinion what is best to be done to Said road and report at the adjournment

Voted to adjourn to the first Wednesday in May at two o Clock P.M.

Meet (met) agreable to adjournment

And voted further upon the 12th article that the Selectmen make an addition in the
width
of the road between Capt Griffen's and Aaron Sawyer where they think it is
necessary

Voted that there should be 30 dollars of the Town money laid out upon the above
Said road

Choose (chose) Mr John Searl to receive the Said thirty Dollars of the Town
Treasurer
and lay it out upon Said road before the middle of September next

13th Voted that the Selectmen settle the accounts that is against the Town this year

14th Passed over } School Committee Lt Flint

15th Passed over} Mr Searl Stephen Barker Esq. Peter Marston
 Nathaniel Whittier Capt Oliver Emerson John Pettengill

Dr John Huse

Agreable to a late vote of the Town of Methuen at their Annual Meeting in March
last –
We the Subscribers have laid out an addition to the road by Merrimack River
between
the house of Aaron Sawyer & the house of Samuel Richardson so as to make the
Said
road of sufficient width and bounded the same as follows – Beginning at a stake
& stones
by land of Aaron Sawyer land making the Said addition sixteen links wide at the

last mentioned bounds thence Southwardly on Said Sawyer land twenty poles & twenty links to a bunch of cherry trees near the line of Thomas Brown land making

the Said addition sixteen links wide at the Sad cherry trees. Thence Southwardly on

Thomas Brown's land twenty four poles to an oil nut tree by the lane leading to Said

Brown House, making the Said addition twenty links wide at Said Oil nut thence on Said Brown's land seven poles & three quarters of a pole coming to a point at an

Elm tree by the old road, we have also laid out an addition to the road between the house of Jonathan Griffen & the house of Capt Joseph Griffen and bounded the same as follows beginning at a stake and stones by the old road thence Southerly on

Jonathan Griffen's land about eight poles to a stake & stone making Said addition one pole wide at the last mentioned bound, opposite to the place where the old road

is mostly worked away. Thence on Said Griffen's land twenty four poles to a stake and stones coming to a point at the old road.

Methuen August 21st 1801

Stephen Barker } Selectmen
Benjamin Osgood } of Methuen

We the Subscribers have estimated the damage done to land of persons by laying out the additions to the road above mentioned as follows

To Samuel Richardson	\$ 225
Aaron Sawyer	752
Thomas Brown	1100
Jonathan Griffen	<u>760</u>
	\$3037

Stephen Barker } Selectmen
Benjamin Osgood } of Methuen

April 6, 1801

At a Meeting on Monday April 6 1801 agreable to Warrant No 2 dated March 25 1801 votes for State Officers were as followeth

For Chief Governor

Honorable Caleb Strong Esq. had	73
Honorable Elbridge Garey Esq.	58
Honorable Samuel Phillips Esq.	1

For Lieutenant Governor

Honorable Samuel Phillips Esq.	60
Honorable William Heath Esq.	57
Edward F. Robins Esq.	1

For Senators

Honorable Samuel Phillips Esq.	62
Honorable Stephen Choat Esq.	63
John Treadwell Esq.	61
Nathaniel Marsh Esq.	61
Enoch Titcomb Esq.	62
Capt Jacob Crowningshield	59
Doctor Thomas Kitredge	59
Francis Carr Esq.	57
Mayor Robert Farley	58
William Parson	56
Stephen Cross	3
Richard Pike	1
Doctor Parker Cleveland	1

May 6, 1801

At a Meeting in May 6th 1801 agreeable to Warrant No 3 dated April 24 1801 for to chuse (choose) a Representative to the General Court of this Commonwealth

William Russ Esq. had	56 votes for Representative
Capt Ebenezer Carlton	27
Stephen Barker Esq.	22
Nathaniel Whittier	1

August 21, 1801

At a Legal Town Meeting in August 21 1801 the proceeding as is set forth in a Warrant No 4 Second file dated August 14 1801

Article the

- First Voted & chose William Russ Esq. **Moderator**
 Voted & chose Stephen Barker Clerk pro-Tem.
- 2nd Voted to accept of the Addition to the way laid out by the Selectmen betwixt the house of Aaron Sawyer & the house of Samuel Richardson & also the addition to the way betwixt (between) the house of Jonathan Griffen & the house of Capt Joseph Griffen –
- 3rd Voted that the Selectmen meet the Inhabitants of the Town for taking the valuation the present year in the several School districts
- 4th Voted to accept of the report of the Selectmen for Dividing the Sixth School ward into two wards
 True extract from the minutes –
 Attest Stephen Barker – Clerk pro.tem.

(There is a note that says: Turn one leaf back to see the Division of this ward – but there is no division included.)

1802

March 10, 1802

Proceedings of the Annual Town Meeting March 10th 1802 as is set forth in Warrant No 5 dated February 24th 1802.

- Article 1 Choose (chose) William Russ Esq. **Moderator** for Said Meeting
- 2nd Choose (chose) Peter Marston **Town Clerk**

Selectmen

Stephen Barker Esq. Lieutenant John Russ Colonel Benjamin Towne

Voted that the servis (service) of collecting (collecting) Taxes should be set up at the lowest bidder & it was struck off to John Sargent at five cents upon the Pound –

Surveyors of Highways	Jacob Hall Samuel Clark William Messer Jeremiah Stevens	Lieutenant John Russ Elijah Mansure William Bodwell Jr Baley Davis	Doctor John Huse Samuel Richardson Jonathan How Samuel Merrill
Surveyors of Lumber	Captain Joseph Griffen Isaac Bodwell	Stephen Barker Esq. Captain Jacob Messer	Gorge D. Herrick John Searl
Surveyor of Wood & Bark	Elisha Parker Captain Joseph Griffen	William Swan Doctor John Pettengill	John Whittier
Culler of Staves	Blank		
Fence Viewers	Captain David McClary Lt John Russ	Lt Elisha Richardson Dudley Bixby	Amos Barker William Swan
Field Drivers	Joseph Bodwell Kendal Mellon William Swan	David Boynton David Morse	Asa Palmer Bale Davis
Tything men	Timothy Emerson	Ebenezer Hibbard Jr	
Fish Wardens	Ephiram Pabody(Peabody) Ebenezer Hibberd	William Whittier	Daniel Fry
Hogreeves	Kendal Mellon	Alpheas Messer	Henery Bodwell Jr
Sealer of Weights & Measures	Ensign Benjamin Osgood		
Sealer of Leather	Thomas Herrick		
Pound Keeper	Phinehas Messer		
3 rd article	Passed over till the adjournment of this Meeting		
4 th	Voted that there should be three hundred and fifty dollars raised for Schooling the year ensuing and that one third part of Said money be laid out in a Woman School		

5th Voted to rais (raise) Seven Hundred Dollars to repair the Highways and private ways in the Town the ensuing year

6th Voted to Choose (chose) a committee to reckon with the Town Treasurer
Choose (chose) William Russ Esq. Dr John Huse Stephen
Barker Esq.

7th Voted that the Annual Town Meeting for the futer (future) be held on the Last Monday in March –

Voted to adjourn this Meeting till the first Monday in April next at two O Clock P.M.

Meet (met) according to adjournment and voted to accept the report of the committee that reckoned with the Town Treasurer

The committee that was chosen to examine the accounts of Mr Peter Marston Treasurer for the Town of Methuen have Att (At)ended that service and report thereon

as follows that at the last Settlement with Said Treasurer March 17th 1801 there was in his hands of the Town money \$1178 49

that there has been put into his hand since the reckoning

A note of hand against Stephen Huse 1 17

Ditto against Capt John Richardson 1 11

On Order upon Stephen Huse 9 39

By General Order upon Stephen Huse for 1801 1029 04

Making in the whole Two Thousand two Hundred \$2219 20

& Nineteen Dollars & twenty cents

that Said Treasurer has paid since the last Settlement on

Assessors Orders & on one note of hand in favour

John P White \$ 80 40

Which leaves a balance in favour of the Town \$1338 80

of Thirteen Hundred and thirty eight Dollars & eighty cents

The Said Treasurer paying all his own outstanding Orders

We find that there is due to the Treasurer from Sundry Persons as follows

Stephen Huse Constable for 1800 312 06

Ditto for the year 1801 1029 04

From Said Huse for money received of the State Treasurer

Belonging to the Town 9 39

On note of Hand against Colonel Benjamin Towne 2 00

Ditto against Daniel Huse 1 05

Ditto Joshua Davis 2 12

Ditto John Sargent 3 03

John L. Bodwell	5 83
Daniel Wordwill	3 88
Capt John Richardson	1 11
Stephen Huse	<u>1 17</u>
	\$1370 68

Making in the whole thirteen Hundred and Seventy Dollars
& Sixty eight Cents which makes a balance in favor of
Said Treasurer thirty one Dollars & eighty eight cents.

We also find that there is notes standing against the Town
As follows –

To Capt Jonathan Merrill	54 10
Given for a debt of Daniel Hebbert for which the Town has Security of real estate	
To Joshua Whittier	100 0
Assessors Orders that are outstanding	79 04
Other Debts which the Town owes for which no orders have been Drawn including School money not drawn upon	<u>201 01</u>
Making in the whole	\$ 434 21

Which last mentioned sum being taken out of the Sum due to the
Town leaves a balance of Nine Hundred & four Dollars
& fifty nine cents

Methuen March 29th 1802

William Russ
John Huse } Committee
Stephen Barker
Peter Marston – Town Treasurer

3rd article Voted to rais (raise) three Hundred & fifty Dollars to defray Town charges the
year ensuing

8th article Passed over
Voted to adjourn this meeting till five o Clock this day

Meet (met) agreable to adjournment

9th Voted that swine go at large the ensuing year

10th Voted that neat cattle shall not go at large the ensuing year

11th Voted that the money that was voted last year to repair the road on the bank of the
river above Peter's falls shall be laid out this year and chose Samuel Richardson

and Capt Joseph Griffen and they are empowered to draw the money out of the Treasury

Constable Choose (chose) Nathaniel Sargent Constable

Voted that the Selectmen settle the Town accounts for the year past

Adjourned till the first Wednesday in May next at four o Clock in the afternoon

Meet (met) according to adjournment

School	Lt Miles Flint	Mr John Searl	Stephen Barker Esq.
Committee	Lt John Russ	Mr Alfred Ingals	Mr Timothy Emerson
	Capt Joseph How	Doctor John Huse	

This Meeting desolved (dissolved)-

March 27, 1802

At a Town meeting Monday the fifth day of April agreeable to Warrant No 6 File 2nd dated March 27th 1802 votes for State Officers were as follows

For Governor

Honorable Caleb Strong Esq. had	76
Honorable Elbridge Gerry	73

Lieutenant Governor

Edward H. Robbins Esq.	73
General William Heath Esq.	69

Senators

Stephen Choat Esq.	69
John Treadwell Esq.	69
Nathaniel Marsh Esq.	69
Enoch Titcomb Esq.	69
Benjamin Pickman Esq.	69
Capt Jacob Crowningshield	67

Doctor Thomas Kittridge	67
Mr Rober Farley	54
Mr Daniel Killam	62
Capt Francis Carr	65
Mr William Parson	18

May 5, 1802

At a Town meeting on the fifth day of May 1802 agreeable to Warrant No 7 File 2nd Dated April 23rd 1802 votes for Representative are as follows –

William Russ Esq. had	72
Stephen Barker Esq.	55
Alpheus Bodwell	4
Capt Ebenezer Carleton	1

May 5th 1802

At a Town Meeting on May 5th 1802 agreeable to Warrant No 8 File 2nd dated April 23d 1802

- First Chose Stephen Barker Esq. **Moderator** for Meeting
- 2d Voted that the Selectmen be instructed to remonstrate to the General Court against a bridge being built across Merrimack river from Newbury Port to Salisbury
- Voted that the representative of this Town be directed to use his influence that there shall not be a bridge built across Merrimack river from Newburyport to Salisbury

September 6, 1892

At a Town Meeting on September 6th 1802 agreeable to Warrant No 9 file 2nd dated August 27 1802

- First Choose (chose) Stephen Barker Esq. **Moderator** for Said Meeting
- 2d Choose (chose) Capt Joseph Griffen for the agent –

November 1, 1802

At a Town Meeting on November 1st 1802 for the choice of a Representative to Congress as is set forth in Warrant No 10 dated October 24th 1802

Manaseth Cutler had 42 votes for Representative
Thomas Kittridge had 38 votes for Representative

**At a Town Meeting on November 1st agreeable to Warrant No 11 file 2
dated October 24 1802**

First Choose (chose) Stephen Barker Esq. **Moderator** for Said Meeting

2nd Voted to Choose a committee – Capt Davis, Capt Carlton, Isaac Bodwell, Peter Marston, William Whittier, Nathaniel Whittier, James Fry, Col Towne, Nathaniel Hibberd, Asa Currier, Asa Palmer, opinion with respect to expediency of the new way or any other way that they think will accommodate the Town, and the cost that will accrue to the Town thereby

Voted that the Said committee report at the adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday next at two o clock P.M.

Meet (met) at the adjournment and voted and Choose (chose) John Searl to procure
& dig stones for one bridge on one of Said roads –

Voted to choose a committee to agree with the owners of the land which the new road goes through and report to the Town – chose Stephen Barker Esq., Alfred Ingals, Lt John Parker

Adjourned one week from this date at two o clock P.M.

Meet agreeable to adjournment –

Voted upon the second article and passed in the Negative

Voted upon the third article & voted that Mr John Searl draw stones sufficient for a
bridge near Mr Samuel Richardson's

1803

March 28, 1803

**At a Legal Town Meeting on March 28th 1803 Proceeding thereof agreeable
as is set forth in Warrant No 12 File 2nd dated March 18th 1803**

First article Choose (chosed) Stephen Barker Esq. **Moderator** for Said Meeting

Second article Choose (chosed) Peter Marston **Town Clerk**

Treasurer Choose (chosed) Peter Marston **Town Treasurer**

Selectmen Choose (chosed) William Russ Esq. Stephen Barker Esq. Doctor John L. Bodwell

Voted to adjourn half an hour & meet according to adjournment - the collecting of taxes

was bid off to Ebenezer Hibberd Jr at five cents & five mills on the pound

Constable Choose (chosed) Ebenezer Hibberd Constable

Surveyors of Highways	Elijah Carlton Samuel Griffen Richardson Daniel Currier	Francis Fry Jonathan Griffen Nathaniel Sargent	Joshua Davis Michael Gage Benjamin Osgood	Silas Barker Will Samuel Eaton
Surveyors of Lumber	Capt Joseph Griffen Capt Jacob Messer	Stephen Barker Esq. John Searl	George D. Herrick John Pettengill	Isaac Bodwell
Surveyors of Wood & Bark	Aaron Sawyer James Gutterson	William Swan Joseph Willson	Capt Joseph Griffen Thomas Herrick	John Searl
Fence Viewers	Capt David McClary Dudley Bixby Herrick	David Boynton William Farnum	John Searl Capt Joseph How	John Russ George D
Field Drivers	Joseph Bodwell Mellon James Sargent Jr	James Ordway Jr Baley Davis	John Harris Francis Fry	Kendal Day Emerson
Hog reeves	Elisha Richardson Ebenezer Emerson	Francis Fry Daniel Cross	Silas Barker	Joshua Swan
Tything men	Samuel Huse Merrill	William Richardson	Phinehas Messer	Jonathan
Fish Wardens	Dr William Bodwell	William Whittier	Jeremiah Fry	John Searl
Sealer of	Joel Sargent	Thomas Herrick		

Weights &
Measures

Pound
Keeper

Elijah Carlton

- 3rd Voted to rais (raise) Two Hundred Dollars to defray the Town charges the ensuing year
- 4th Voted to rais (raise) four Hundred Dollars for Schooling and that one third of it to be laid out in a Woman School
- 5th Voted to rais (raise) Seven Hundred Dollars to repair the highways & private ways the ensuing year
- Voted that Surveyors allow for labour as usual and recon (reckon) eighth hours for a day on the ground where the labour is to be done
- 6th Choose (chose) a committee to recon (reckon) with the Treasurer
- Chose Stephen Barker Esq., William Russ Esq. and Ensign Benjamin Osgood
- 7th Voted that swine go at large being yoaked (yoked) & ringed
- 8th Voted that neat cattle shall not go at large from this time to the first day of December next
- 9th Passed in the Negative
- 10th Passed over
- 11th Voted that the road shall be opened from the road across Beaver Dam across land now owned by James Ordway for to the Casaway (causeway) near William Bodwell Jr.
- Voted that it shall be opened the first day of November next
- Voted to discontinue the road that was excepted (accepted) instead of the road that is now excepted, after the first day of November next
- Adjourned till Monday next at three o Clock P.M.

Voted to except (accept) the report of the committee that was chosen to reckon with the Treasurer

Reckoning with the Treasurer The committee that was chosen to examine the accounts of Mr Peter Marston Treasurer for the Town of Methuen have Att (At)ended that servis (service) and report thereon as follows

That at the last Settlement with Said Treasurer March 29 1802 there was in his hands of the Town money \$1338
80

That there has been put into his hand since that reckoning as follows by order on Nathaniel Sargent collector for 1802 708
87

by a note of hand by Kendal Mellon 89

by Ditto against Stephen Huse 11
86

by Cash received of the Selectmen belonging to the Town 1
56

Making in the whole Two Thousand sixty one dollars 98 cents \$2061
98

That Said Treasurer has paid since that last reckoning on Assessors Orders, and on one note of hand 807
67

Which leaves a balance in favour of the Town twelve hundred 1254
31

& fifty four dollars & thirty one cents

The Said Treasurer paying all his outstanding orders we find there

Is due to the Treasurer from Sundry persons as follows -

From Nathaniel Sargent Constable \$ 304
09

for 1802 708
87

Stephen Huse on a peticular (particular) order 9
39

On Notes of Hand against Stephen Huse 11
86

Ditto against Daniel Wardwill 3
88

Ditto Kendal Mellon
89

Ditto Joshua Davis	2
12	
Ditto John Sargent	3
03	
Ditto John L Bodwell	5
83	
Ditto Capt John Richardson	1
11	
Cash in the Treasurer (treasury)	<u>202</u>
<u>07</u>	
	\$1254
31	
There is one note of hand standing against the Town in favour of Joshua Whittier payable at the deceas (decease) of his mother without interest	100
00	
Taken out of last mentioned some (sum) leaves	1154
31	

Methuen April 1st 1803

Stephen Barker
William Russ } Committee
Benjamin Osgood
Peter Marston – Treasurer

Voted to chuse (choose) a committee of three persons in each school ward

No			
1	Capt Joseph Griffen Richardson	John Parker	Samuel
2	Jacob Tyler	Kendal Mellon	John Searl
3	Stephen Barker Esq.	Alpheus Bodwell	Jacob Sargent
4	Peter Marston	Phinehas Messer	William Swan
5	Capt Jacob Messer Runoles	William Whittier	William
6	Capt Joseph How	Capt Ebenezer Carleton	Abiel How Jr
7	Ephinam Peabody	John Pettingill	Asa Palmer
8	Benjamin Osgood	Thomas Herrick	Samuel Huse
9	Capt Oliver Emerson Jones	Timothy Emerson	Capt James

Voted that this committee with the Minister of the Town visit their respective schools & make up their accounts and forward them to the Selectmen & warn

School meeting.

Voted to pass over the 13th and 14th articles & act on the 15th

15th article Voted to allow Mr Searl's account

County Stephen Choat had 67 votes for County Treasurer
Treasurer Robert Farley had 63 votes four County Treasurer

Meet according to adjournment

Voted upon the 13th and Choose (chose) a committee to see how we can procure a piece of land to enlarge the burying place near the meeting house –

13th Choose (chose) Capt John Davis William Russ Esq. James Fry

And that this committee see upon what term they can procure the Said land & report at the next Legal Meeting what it will cost & how much land they think it is necessary to purchas (purchase)

14th Voted to purchas (purchase) a hers (hearse) for the more convenient solemnization of funerals and Choose (chose) James Fry and William Whittier 2nd a committee to purchas (purchase) said hers and procure a house to put the herse (hearse) in –

and voted that the herse (hearse) be set on the parsonage land that is inclosed (enclosed) with John N Merrill's land - Then the Meeting was desolved (dissolved) –

April 4, 1803

At a Legal Meeting in Methuen on the 4th Day of April 1803 for the chois (choice) of State Officers agreable to Warrant No 13 file 2 dated March 25 1803 –

The votes were as follows

Governor

Honorable Caleb Strong had 96

Honorable Elbridge Gerry had 84

Lieutenant Governor

Honorable Edward H Robbins 96

James Bowdoin Esq. 80

Senators

Nathaniel Marsh 89

Enoch Titcomb 89

Benjamin Pickman Jr 89

Dudley A. Tyng 89

John Heard 89

Elias H. Darby 88

Thomas Kittridg 83

Joseph Sprage 82

Daniel Kilham 82

Francis Carr 82

William Pearson 82

Stephen Cross 80

April 20, 1803

**Meeting for the chois (choice) of Representative agreeable to Warrant No 14
file 2nd Dated April 20th 1803**

The votes were as follow

William Russ Esq. had 89

Joseph H White 52 } for Representative

Stephen Barker Esq. 2

September 19, 1803

**At a Legal Town Meeting in Methuen on the Ninteenth (Nineteenth) day of
September 1803 agreeable to warrant No 15 file 2nd dated Sept 8th 1803**

First article Choose (chose) William Russ Esq. Moderator for Said Meeting

2nd Voted to except the Land that is staked out to enlarge the burying yard in
Mr John H. Merrill's land at the south end of the burying yard Att (At) Sixty
Dollars
per acre –

3rd Passed over –

4th Voted that the Selectmen widen the road from Benjamin Willsons (Wilson’s) to Hawks (Hawk’s) brook and report at the adjournment

Adjourned three week from this date at 3 o Clock P.M.

Meet (met) at the adjournment and voted to except (accept) of the report of the Selectmen that laid out the addition of the road from Benjamin Willson’s to Hawks brook

Report of the committee is as follows viz. -
of the Pursuant to a vote of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen – we have

Committee laid out an addition to the road betwixt the House of Benjamin Willsons (Wilson’s) and Hawks (Hawk’s) brook (so called) as follows beginning at a stake by the abutment of Said Bridge thence running Southwesterly on land of Ebenezer Merrill eight rods to a stake making the said addition two rods wide at the last mentioned bounds thence Southwesterly on land of Said Merrill Sixteen rods to a s take by Land of Joseph & Benjamin Willson making the Said addition two rods wide at the last mentioned bounds – Thence Southwardly on land of Said Willsons (Wilson’s) fourteen rods – Thence Southwardly on land of Said Willsons fourteen rods to a stake making the addition one rod and three fourths of a rod wide at the last mentioned bounds – Then Southwardly on Land of Said Willson twelve rods to a stake making the said addition one rod wide at the last bound thence Southerly on Said Willsons land twenty five rods to a stone stuck in the ground opposite a break in the bank of the river making the addition one rod wide at the last mentioned bounds thence Southwardly four rods to an apple tree by the old road of which doings we make this our return in order for the Town acceptance of the same

Methuen October 4th 1803 William Russ } Selectmen
Stephen Barker }
John L Bodwell }

We have estimated the damage as follows	Dollars	Cents
To Ebenezer Merrill for 36 rods land & moving 24 rods of board fence	10	49
To Joseph & Benjamin Willson for 68 rods of Land & moving 34 rods of wall & 21 rods of board fence	25	18

1804

February 13, 1804

At a Legal Town Meeting in Methuen on the thirteenth day of February 1804 agreeable to Warrant No 16 file 2nd dated February 2nd 1804

- Article first Voted & Choose (chose) Stephen Barker Esq. **Moderator** for Said Meeting
- 2^{ndly} Voted to prosecute Richard Hall Jr for brining Sundry Poor Persons into this Town –
Unless the Town of Drawcut (Dracut) come forward and make the Town whole by
paying up all extra charges then desolved (dissolved) Said Meeting –

March 26, 1804 - Annual Meeting

Proceedings of the Annual Meeting March 26th 1804 agreeable to Warrant No 17 dated March 1804

- First article Choose (chose) Lieutenant Benjamin Osgood **Moderator** for Said meeting
- 2nd Choose (chose) Peter Marston **Town Clerk**
Choose (chose) Peter Marston **Town Treasurer**
Selectmen - Choose (chose) Capt John Russ, Captain Jonathan Merrill, Mr John Searl

The collecting of Taxes was set up to vendue (vendue is French meaning to sell) and was bid off to Amos Barker at seven cents on the pound.

Voted to postpone the choice of Constable till the adjournment

Surveyors of Highways

Jonathan Currier	Francis Frye	Isaac Bodwell
Nathaniel Hibberd	Samuel Griffen	Aaron Sawyer
John Willson	Robinson How	John Richardson
Samuel Huse Jr	Ebenezer Emerson	William Whitting 2 nd

Surveyors of Wood & Bark

Aaron Sawyer	William Swan	James Gutterson
Thomas Herrick	Oliver Whittier	Isaac Bodwell
Jacob Messer		

Surveyors of Lumber

Captain Joseph Griffen
Captain Jacob Messer

George D. Herrick
Daniel Bodwell

Isaac Bodwell

Fence Viewers

Asa Palmer
Dudley Bixby
George D Herrick

David Boynton
John Pettengill

Captain John Russ
Captain Joseph How

Field Drivers

Joseph Clark
Roberson Frye
Silas Barker

Asa Palmer
Kendal Mallon
Jesse Jones

Bailey Davis
Thomas Richardson Jr

Hog reeves

James Ordway
Jacob Sargent

Samuel Chickering
Jacob Messer Jr

William Farnnam Jr
Daniel Fry

Tything men

Dudley Bixby

William Richardson

Benjamin Osgood

Fish Wardens

James Gutterson
John Searl

Benjamin Osgood

Ebenezer Hibberd Jr

Sealer of Weights & Measures

Jacob Sargent

Sealer of Leather

James Sargent Jr

Pound Keeper

Elijah Carleton

3rd Postponed till the adjourned –

4th Voted to rais (raise) Eight Hundred Dollars to repair the high ways & private ways

in the Town the ensuing year

- 5th Voted to rais (raise) four Hundred Dollars for Schooling the ensuing year
- Voted that one third of Said money be laid out in a woman school
- 6th Voted that Swine shall go at large being yoakd (yoked) & ringed as the law directs
- 7th Voted that neat cattle & horses shall not go at large the ensuing year
- 8th Voted that the Selectmen view the districts and make such alterations as they shall think best and choose (chose) a committee to go with the Selectmen (viz.) – John Willson, William Richardson & John Pettengill
- 9th Voted that the Selectmen examine the records of the Town of Methuen to see if there is any road laid out and excepted (accepted) by the Town from Jonathan Currier to James Ingals Esq.
- 10th Past (passed) in the Negative –
- 11th Past (passed) over –
- 12th Voted to give ten cents for killing a crow and three cents for killing a black bird –
- Voted to choose (chose) one man in each ward to view them –
- Choose (chose) James White, James Messer, Stephen Barker Esq., Peter Marston, Jacob Messer, Captain Ebenezer Carleton, Amos Morse, Lieut. Benjamin Osgood, Captain Oliver Emerson
- Voted that this committee draw money out of the Treasurer and keep an account of how many & from whom they viewed them –
- 13th Voted to build a pound in the west part of this Town
- Voted to choose (chose) a committee to build Said pound & Choose (chose) the Selectmen a committee to build Said Pound where they think it most convenient and cheapest (cheapest) –

14th Voted to choose (chose) a committee to reckon with the Town Treasurer and choose (chose) Lieutenant Benjamin Osgood, Lieutenant John Parker and Captain Joseph Griffen

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the Second day of April next Att (At) two o Clock in the afternoon –

Adjournment Voted at the adjournment and Choose (chose) Amos Barker Constable
2nd article

Voted to except (accept) the report of the committee –

The committee that was chosen to examine the accounts of Mr Peter Marston Treasurer for the Town of Methuen have Att (At)ended that service and report thereon as follows –

That at the last Settlement with Said Treasurer April 1st 1803 there was in his hands of the Town's Money Twelve Hundred & Fifty four dollars

& thirty one cents \$1254 31

that there has been put into his hands since the reckoning as

follows by order one Ebenezer Hibberd Jr Collector for 1803 615 69

Six Hundred & fifteen Dollars Sixty Nine cents and a note

Of hand against Stephen Barker Esq. 79

\$1870 70

That said Treasurer has paid since the last reckoning

In Assessors Orders Eight Hundred & Eighty nine Dollars

889 80

and Eighty cents

\$ 980 90

Which leaves a balance in favour of the Town of Nine Hundred & Eighty Dollars & Ninety cents

Said Treasurer paying all his outstanding orders which sum is

Due from Sundry Persons as follows

in Ebenezer Hibberd Jr Collector for 1803 615 69

in Captain Jonathan Merrill 162 36

in Mr Nathaniel Sargent 137 12

In a note of hand against Stephen Barker Esq. 70

Ditto against Dorothy Huse 40 14

By ditto against Stephen Huse 11 89

by ditto against Kendall Mellon 89

by ditto against Stephen Huse 1 17

by ditto against Joshua Davis 2 12

by ditto against Doctor Bodwell 5 83

by ditto against John Sargent	3 03
by ditto against Capt Richardson	1 11
A peticular (particular) order on Stephen Huse	<u>9 39</u>

There is a note of hand against the Town in favor of Joshua Whittier
Of One Hundred Dollars payable at his Mother's deceas (decease)

Methuen March 30th 1804

Benjamin Osgood
John Parker } Committee
Joseph Griffen Jr

Peter Marston – Town Treasurer

3rd article Voted to rais (raise) four Hundred Dollars to defray the Town charges the ensuing year

15th Voted that those persons that did not work out their highways rates last year shall have liberty to work out their rates next year –

16th Past (passed) over –

17th Voted to choose a committee to detect thieves if there should be any thefts committed in the Town – voted to choose one man in every district

Choose (chose) Captain Joseph Griffen, Samuel Griffen, Amos Barker, William Swan, Nathaniel Whittier, William Carleton, Asa Palmer, Lieutenant Benjamin Osgood, Ebenezer Emerson

Voted that only four shall be called out at a time –

Voted that no committeeman shall go after thieves till he is called upon –

18th Voted that the Selectmen settle all the Town debts –

School Committee	School Committee No 1 Samuel Richardson John Parker Joseph Griffen Jr	School Committee No 6 Dudley Bixby John Merrill Jonathan How
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No 2 Elisha Richardson Jacob Tyler Kendall Mallon	No 7 John Wilson James Gutterson John Pettingill
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No 3
Stephen Barker Esq.
Alpheus Bodwell
Jacob Sargent

No 8
Benjamin Osgood
John Sargent
George D Herrick

No 4
Will Swan
Phinehas Messer
John Russ

No 9
Oliver Emerson
Timothy Emerson
James Jones

No 5
Jacob Messer
William Whittier
Asa Currier

Voted that each committee with the Minister of the (Town) visit their respective schools and make up their accounts and forward them to the Selectmen – and warn School Meeting –

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the first Thursday in May next at four of the Clock in the afternoon

The Selectmen reported that they could not find any record of a road from Jonathan Currier's to James Ingall's Esq. –

Votes for County Treasurer – Stephen Choat Esq.	64
Robert Farley	68

April 2, 1804

At a Legal Town Meeting in Methuen on Monday the second day of April 1804 for the chois (choice) of State officers agreable to Warrant No 18 Dated March 26th 1804

The votes were as follows

For Chief Governor

Honorable Caleb Strong had	93
James Sullivan Esq.	77
Joseph H. White	1

Lieutenant Governor

Honorable Edward H Robbins	95
William Heath Esq.	74

Senators

Nathaniel Marsh	91
Enoch Titcomb	92
John Heard	92
Elias H Derby	92
William Priscot	92
John Phillips	92

No votes posted

Josiah Smith
Joseph Sprague
Thomas Kittredge
Daniel Kilham
James Prince
William Pearson

May 3, 1804

At a Legal Town Meeting in Methuen May 3rd 1804 for the chois (choice) of a Representative agreable to Warrant No 19 Dated April 10th 1804

The Town voted not to send a representative to the General Court –

June 26, 1804

At a Legal Town Meeting in Methuen on the twenty sixth day of June 1804 agreable to Warrant No 20 file 2nd Dated June 12 1804

Article first Choose (chose) Doctor Ebenezer Emerson **Moderator** for Said Meeting

2nd article Voted to recommend to each Parish to Choose (chose) a committee to see if they can agree upon a line between the two parishes & report at the Adjournment of this meeting –

3rd that the Selectmen settle with Mr Ebenezer Merrill for the demand made by him for damage done him by a road laid out through his land –

4th Past (passed) over till the adjournment –

Adjournment this meeting till the first Tuesday in September next at two o Clock P.M.

Meet (met) according to Adjournment and acted upon the 2nd article –

And cast a vote that they would not divide the Town into two parishes by a line 42 for dividing 75 against it

4th Article past (passed) over – Dissolved (dissolved)

September 4, 1804

At a Legal Town Meeting in Methuen on the fourth day of September 1804 agreeable to Warrant No 21 file 2nd Dated August 20 1804

Article first Choose (chose) Captain Jonathan Merrill **Moderator** for Said Meeting

2nd Voted that the Selectmen be a committee to repair the road betwixt (between) Hampshire line near Colonel Town's grist mill and Hampshire line near James Gutterson –

Voted that Aaron Sawyer Surveyor repair the Bridge near Samuel Richardson House with Timber –

3rd Voted to pay Benjamin Osgood for his colt that was killed in the pound –

Voted to chuse (choose) three men to settle with Mr Osgood for his colt – Choose (chose) Captain Jonathan Merrill, Captain John Russ and Captain John Davis -

4th Voted that Mr William Runoles & his son have liberty to work out half their highway tax upon their land from his house to the Town Highway

5th Voted & chose Peter Marston to administer upon the Estate of Hannah Asten Deceased

November 5, 1804

At a Legal Town meeting in Methuen November 5th 1804 agreable to Warrant

No 21 file 2nd Dated October 19 1804

For the choise (choice) of a Representative to Congress of the United States of America for the North district Eleven votes

The votes were as follows for Jeremiah Nelson Esq	80
Doctor Thomas Kittredge	72

November 5, 1804

Att (At) (at) a Legal Town meeting in Methuen November 5th 1804 agreable to Warrant

No 23 File 2nd Dated October 19th 1804 for the choise (choice) of nineteen Electors

of President & Vice President of the United States of America qualified according to the Constitution thereof –

Votes were as follows – At Large Votes

Honorable David Cobb Esq.	78	James Sullivan Esq.
73		
Honorable Oliver Wendel Esq.	78	Elbridge Gerry Esq.
73		

Names	Town	No
Honorable Coffen Jones	Boston	78
Benjamin Goodhue	Salem	78
Baley Bartlett	Haverhill	78
Ebenezer Brooks	Lincoln	78
William Shepherd	Westfield	78
Ebenezer Malloon Jr	Amherst	76
William Sever	Kingstown	78
Ebenezer Bacon	Barnstable	78
George Leonard	Norton	78
Joseph Allen	Worcester	78
Jonah Stearns	Lunenburg	78

David Rossester (Rochester)	Richmond	78
Cotton Tufts	Weymouth	78
John Lord	Berwick	78
Isaac Parker	Portland	78
Thomas Rice	Wiscasset	78
Samuel S Wilde	Hallowell	76
Ebenezer Matton	Amherst	2
Samuel Wilde	Hallowell	2
James Bowdoin Esq.	Boston	73
John Hawthorne	Salem	73
Thomas Kittredge	Andover	73
James Winthrop	Cambridge	73
Jonathan Smith Jr	West Springfield	73
Edward Upham	New Salem	73
James Warren	Plymouth	72
Josiah Dane	Raynham	72
John Davis	Barnstable	73
Timothy Newell	Sturbridge	73
John Whiting	Lancaster	73
John Bacon	Stockbridge	73
William Heath	Roxbury	73
John Woodman	Buxton	73
Charles Turner	Turner	73
Thomas Fillebrown	Hallowell	73
John Farley	Newcastle	73
James Warren	Raynham	1
Jonah Dane	Plymouth	1

November 5, 1804

At a Legal Town Meeting in Methuen November 5 1804 agreeable to Warrant No 24 Dated October 26 1804

Proceedings thereof –

Article first Choose Captain Jonathan Merrill **Moderator**

2nd Past (passed) in the Negative –

3rd Past (passed) over –

December 19, 1804

**At a Legal Town Meeting in Methuen December 19th 1804 agreeable to
Warrant
No 25 dated December 8th 1804**

First Choose Benjamin Osgood **Moderator** for Said Meeting –

2nd Voted to oppose the division of the Town into two Parishes by a line - - - -
Voted not to send an agent to the General Court –

December 31, 1804

**At a Legal Town meeting in Methuen December 31st 1804 agreeable to
Warrant
No 24 dated December 22nd 1804**

First Choose Benjamin Osgood **Moderator** for Said Meeting –

2nd Voted to send an agent to the General Court to oppose the division of the Town
into two Parishes by a line - - - -

Voted and choose Nathaniel Whittier as agent to go to the General Court

1805

March 28, 1805

**The proceeding of a Legal Town Meeting March 25 1805 agreeable to
Warrant
No 25 Dated March 4th 1805**

Article first Choose Captain Benjamin Osgood **Moderator** for Said Meeting

Second Choose Peter Marston **Town Clerk**

Choose Peter Marston **Town Treasurer**

Selectmen – Captain John Russ, Stephen Barker Esq., Doctor John L Bodwell

Collector The Collecting of Taxes was set up at the lowest bider (bidder) and was bid of
(off)

at one cent six mills upon a Dollar
 James Sargent Jr was chosen **Constable**

Surveyors of Highways	Joshua Buswell Samuel Clark Ebenezer Carleton Jr Benjamin Towne	Samuel Chickering Samuel Griffen Pain Morse Timothy Emerson	Amos Barker Jonathan Griffen Benjamin Osgood Jacob Messer Jr
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Fence Viewers	Asa Palmer Abiel How Jr Gorge D. Herrick	Amos Barker John Pettingill Joseph Griffen Jr.	Elijah Carleton Joseph How
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Field Drivers	John Pettingill James Sargent, Jr. Samuel Griffen Timothy Emerson John Pekar Jr	Asa Palmer John Searl Ebenezer Hibberd, Jr. Dudley Bixby Jonathan Merrill	Bailey Davis Pain Morse Stephen Ranoles Winthrop Parker
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Surveyors of Wood & Bark	Oliver Whithier (Whittier) Amos Barker Jacob Messer	William Swan Elisha Richardson Benjamin Willson	Cyrus Messer Isaac Bodwell
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Surveyors of Lumber	Joseph Griffen Jr Jacob Messer Stephen Barker Esq.	George D. Herrick Daniel Bodwell	Isaac Bodwell Benjamin Willson
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Hog reeves	Stephen Barker Esq. Jonathan Merrill Joseph Griffen Jr	John Gage David McClary Oliver Emerson	Benjamin Osgood Michael Gage
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3rd Past (passed) over till the adjournment –

4th Voted to rais (raise) Eight Hundred Dollars to repair the Highways & private ways the ensuring year –

5th Voted to rais (raise) four Hundred Dollars for Schooling the year ensuing – And one third of Said Money to be laid out in a woman school –

6th Voted that Hogs should not go at large the year ensuing –

7th Voted that neat cattle & horses shall not go at large from the first of May to the first of November

8th

Voted that Benjamin Osgood, Alfred Ingalls & Stephen Barker Esq. be a committee to reckon with Peter Marston Town Treasurer –

Adjourned this Meeting till next Monday at the O Clock P.M.

Voted to accept the report of the Committee that reckoned with the Treasurer –

The committee that was chosen to examine the accounts of Peter Marston Esq. Treasurer for the Town of Methuen have Att (At)ended that service and report thereon as follows that on Settlement with the said Treasurer on the 30th of March 1804 there was in his hands of the Town's money

Nine Hundred & eighty Dollars & ninety cents 980 90
That there has been put into his hands since Said reckoning as follows

By note of hand against the Town of Drawcutt (Dracut) 49 78
By note of hand against Dr John L Bodwell 15 46
By ditto ditto ditto 10 00
By General Order on Amos Barker Collector for 1804 819 86
Making in the whole Eighteen Hundred & Seventy Six dollars \$1876 00

That the Said Treasurer has paid since the last reckoning in
Assessors orders One Thousand Eighteen Dollars & 1018 87
Eighty Seven cents \$ 857 13

Which leaves a balance in favour of the Town of Eight Hundred & fifty Seven dollars and 13 cents \$ 857 13

and we find there is due to the Said Treasurer from Sundry persons as follows

from Amos Barker Constable for the year 1804 819 86
from Ebenezer Hebbler Jr Constable for 1803 12 91
In notes of Hand from Dr John L Bodwell 13 75
from Ditto 10 00
from John Sargent 3 00
from Stephen Barker 0 70

Making in the whole eight Hundred & Sixty Dollars 25 cents \$860 25

Which makes a balance due to Said Treasurer of three dollars & Twelve cents – he paying all his own outstanding Orders –

Methuen March 30th 1805

Benjamin Osgood
Alfred Ingalls }

Committee

Peter Marston Town Treasurer

Stephen Barker

The committee in addition to statement within mentioned think proper to observe that upon examining the record or Orders in the Assessors book find that there is Orders drawn which are outstanding to the amount of

\$392 90

That there is a note of hand against the Town payable Joshua Whittier at his Mother's decease

100 00
\$492 90

3rd article Voted to Six Hundred Dollars to defray the Town charges the ensuing year

2nd article Choose (chose) James Sargent Junior **Constable** –
Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Wednesday in May next at two o Clock P.M.

Meet (met) according to Adjournment –

9th Voted to allow Nathaniel Whittier his account which was Twenty Seven Dollars for his service going to the General Court to oppose the divition (division) of the Town into two Parishes by a line –

10th Voted that those persons that did not work out their highway rates last year shall not have liberty to work them out this year –

11th Voted that the Annual Town Meeting shall be held on the first Monday in march for the futer (future)

12th Voted to abate Benjamin Webbers (Webber's) pole Tax in Ebenezer Hibbard Tax List –

School Committee –

No 1

Samuel Richardson
John Parker
Joseph Griffen

No 2

Elisha Richardson
Jacob Tyler
John Searl

No 3

Stephen Barker

No 5

Alfred Ingalls
Michael Gage
Nathaniel Whittier

No 6

Joseph How
Abiel How Jr.
Dudley Bixby

No 7

Ebenezer Hebbber Jr.

Alpheus Bodwell
Jonathan Merrill

Ruben Bowles
Moses Plimer

No 4

William Swan
Peter Marston
John Russ

No 8

Benjamin Osgood
John Sargent
George D Herrick

No 9

Day Emerson
Timothy Emerson
Samuel Merrill

County	Stephen Choat Esq.	91 votes
Treasurer	Robert Farley	74 votes

April 1, 1805

At a Legal Town Meeting in April 1st 1805 agreeable to Warrant No 26 Dated March 1805 for the choise (choice) of State officers –

Voted for Governor

His Excellency Caleb Strong had	97
James Sullivan Esq.	82

For Lieutenant Governor

Honorable Edward H Robbins	91
William Heath Esq.	82

Senators

Nathaniel Marsh	88
Enoch Titcomb	89
Elias H Derby	88
John Heard	89
John Phillips Jr.	90
Joshua Fisher	89
William Prescoat (Prescott)	4
Joseph Sprage (Sprague)	82
Thomas Kittridge	83
Daniel Kilham	81

John Hathorne (Hawthorne)	82
William Parson	70
James Prince	81

May 1, 1805

At a Legal Town Meeting May 1st 1805 agreeable to Warrant No 27 file 2nd dated April 10th 1805 for the choise (choice) of Representative – the votes were as follows for

Stephen Barker Esq.	81
Nathaniel Whittier	75
Benjamin Osgood	1

1806

January 8, 1806

At a Legal Town Meeting in Methuen January 8th 1806 agreeable to Warrant No 28 file 2 Dated December 26 1806 (1806 is an error – the clerk should have written 1805)

First Choose (chose) Benjamin Osgood **Moderator** for Said Meeting

2nd Voted not to send an agent to the General Court to oppose the Town's being divided into two Parishes by a line –

Voted that the Representative be Instructed to Use his influence (influence) that the prayer of John Searl and others be granted –

January 21, 1806

At a Legal Town Meeting January 21st 1806 agreeable to Warrant No 29 file 2nd Dated January 11th 1806

First Choose (chose) Benjamin Osgood **Moderator** for Said Meeting –

2nd Voted not to reconsider the vote that was past on the Second Article that was past (passed) on Wednesday the Eighth day of January Instant –

March 3rd 1806 - Annual Town Meeting

The Proceedings of a Legal Town Meeting March 3 1806 agreable to a Warrant dated February 26th 1806 No 1 File 3

Article 1 Chose Captain John Russ **Moderator**

2nd Chose Benjamin Osgood **Town Clerk & Treasurer**

Selectmen

Stephen Barker Esq.

Dr John L Bodwell

Jonathan Merrill

Chose Stephen Barker, Ebenezer Carlton & Benjamin Osgood a committee to reckon with Treasurer

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the Seventeenth day of March at one Oclock

Met on adjournment and voted to pass over all the articles to the tenth and voted that when a Constable receives a venire (venire: an entire panel from which a jury is drawn) - for Jurymen by notifying the Town Clerk & Selectmen shall be sufficient

Voted to accept the List of Voters said before the Town by the Selectmen and leave it to the Selectmen to regulate them according to Law

Collector The collection of Taxes was set up at the lowest bider (bidder) and was struck off to Amos Barker at two cents on the dollar & chose him Collector

Surveyors
of
Highways

John Russ
Kendal Mallone
Alpheus Bodwell
Day Emerson

Zadock Bodwell
Samuel Harris
Baley Davis
Stephen Gage

Silas Barker
Thomas How
John Pettengill
Ebenezer Carlton

Surveyors
of Wood
& Bark

Theodore Barnard
Amos Barker
Jacob Messer

William Swan
Elisha Richardson
Benjamin Willson

Oliver Whittier
Joseph How

Fence
Viewers

William Whittier 3rd
Joseph Bodwell

Asa Palmer
Peter Carlton

Elijah Carlton
Joseph How

	Amos Barker	Jacob Sargent	
Field Drivers	John Searl Simon Hibberd Benjamin Town Jr. Ebenezer Carlton Dudley Bixby	Joseph Clark Daniel Currier Samuel Griffen Winthrop Parker Job Pingree	Edward Richardson Joshua Swan Enoch Poor Jacob Messer
Surveyors of Lumber	John Searl Benjamin Willson Stephen Barker	George D Herrick Daniel Bodwell Amos Barker	Isaac Bodwell Enoch Poor Aaron Sawyer
Hog reeves	Amos Morse Dr Ralph Harris Stephen Messer Dudley Bixby	Joshua Davis Parker L Bodwell John Pettengill Kindal Mallone	True WorthyWhite John Huse Dr William Bodwell
Tything men	William Bodwell	John Gage	
Sealer of Leather	George D Herrick		
Sealer of Weights & Measures	Joel Sargent		
Pound Keepers	Elijah Carlton	Theodore Barnard	
School Committee	For Ward No. 1 Samuel Richardson John Parker Joseph Griffen Jr	For No. 2 William Whittier 3 rd Kindal Mallone Oliver Whittier	For No. 3 Stephen Barker Alpheus Bodwell Nathaniel Sargent
	For No. 4 William Swan Peter Marston John Gage	For No. 5 Jacob Messer Michael Gage Alfred Ingalls	For No. 6 Joseph How Abiel How Jr Jonathan How
	For No. 7 Samuel Clark Joseph Clark Asa Palmer	For No. 8 Benjamin Osgood John Sargent George D Herrick	For No. 9 Russ Harris Timothy Emerson James Jones

Voted to accept the report of the committee to reckon with Treasurer

The committee that was appointed to examine the accounts of Peter Marston Esq. Treasurer for the Town of Methuen have Att (At)ended that service and report thereon as follows –

That on Settlement with Said Treasurer on the 30th day of March Said 1805 there was

in his hands of the Town's money Eight Hundred and fifty Seven Dollars \$ 857
13

and thirteen cents

that there has been put into his hands since that reckoning as follows

by General Order on James Sargent Jr Constable for the year 1805 1086

92

by a note of hand against Capt John Russ 53

45

Making in the whole one Thousand Nine Hundred and \$1997

50

Ninety Seven Dollars and fifty cents

That Said Treasurer has paid on Assessor Orders since Said reckoning

Six hundred and twenty nine Dollars and ninety six cents 629

96

which leaves a balance in favour of Said Town of \$1367

54

Thirteen Hundred and Sixty Seven Dollars and fifty four cents –

And we find that there is due to the Treasurer from Constables and

Sundry other Persons as follows –

from Amos Barker Constable for the year 1804 280

31

from James Sargent Junior Constable for the year 1805 1083

92

by note of hand against John Sargent 3

03

by ditto against Stephen Barker

70

which leaves a balance in favour of Said Treasurer of Forty two cents \$1367

96

he paying all his outstanding order

Methuen March 12 1806

Stephen Barker

Eben Carlton } Committee

Peter Marston Town Treasurer

Benjamin Osgood

The committee in addition to the above statement think proper to observe that upon examining the records of Assessors Orders find that there is orders drawn which are outstanding to the amount of

500 48

That there is a note standing against the Town payable to Joshua Whittier		
At the death of his Mother of		-100
00		
We judge there is still debts due from the Town for which no orders		
have been drawn to the amount of		<u>100</u>
<u>00</u>		
		700 4
		8

- 3rd article Voted to raise Six hundred dollars to defray Town charges
- 4th article Voted to raise four Hundred Dollars for Schooling the year ensuing and one third for womans (woman's) school
- 5th article Voted to raise twelve Hundred Dollars to repair the highways and Private ways in Said Town and voted one Dollar per day for Labour
- 6th article none listed
- 7th article Voted that swine shall not go at large the year ensuing
- 8th article Voted that neat cattle shall not go at large after the first of April till the first of November

The votes for County Register as follows

For John Punching 36
 For Amos Choat Esq. 70

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the first Monday in April

Meet at the adjournment on the Seventh day of April and

- 9th article Voted that the Selectmen settle the Town's debts

Attest – Benjamin Osgood Town Clerk

April 7, 1806

At a Legal Town Meeting April the Seventh 1806 agreeable to Warrant No 9 for the choice of State officers

Votes for Governor

His Excellency Caleb Strong had 100

James Sullivan Esq. 93

Votes for Lt Governor

Honorable Edward F Robbins Esq. had 97
William Heath Esq. had 93

Senators

Honorable Enoch Titcomb 93
Honorable Elias H Derby 93
Honorable John Heard 93
Honorable John Philips Jr 94
Nathaniel Thurston Esq. 93
John Row Esq. 93
Joseph Sprague Esq. 94
Dr Thomas Kittridge 94
Dr Daniel Killam 94
John Hawthorne Esq. 94
David Pierce 93
Moses Little 94

The votes for **County Treasurer** were as follows

Stephen Choat Esq. had 91
Robert Ferley (Farley) had 47

Attest – Benjamin Osgood Town Clerk

May 16, 1806

At a Legal Town Meeting May 16 1806 agreeable to Warrant No 3 file 3 Dated May First 1806 for the choice of Representative the votes were as follows

for Stephen Barker Esq. 101
for Peter Marston Esq. 83
for Nathaniel Whittier 1
for Benjamin Osgood 1

Attest – Benjamin Osgood Town Clerk

At a Legal Town Meeting May the 16 1806 agreeable to Warrant No 4 file 3rd

1st

Chose Capt Jonathan Merrill **Moderator** for Said Meeting

- 2nd Voted not to accept the road laid out by the Selectmen agreeable to the petition of Pain Morse & others
 - 3^{rdly} Voted that the Treasurer act discretionary (discretion) respecting sending his Execution to delinquent Constables
 - 4^{thly} Voted to abate Daniel Runnales rates in James Sargent's list
 - 5^{thly} Voted to pass over the fifth article
- Attest – Benjamin Osgood Town Clerk

November 3, 1806

**At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen
November 3 1806 agreeable to Warrant No 5 file 3rd for the choice of
Representative to Congress dated October the 13th 1806**

The votes were for Dr Thomas Kittrage (Kittredge) 68
For Edward Loe Livermore 57

Attest – Benjamin Osgood Town Clerk

November 3, 1806

**At a Legal Town Meeting November the 3rd 1806 agreeable to Warrant
No 6 file 3rd dated October 13 1806**

- 1st Chose Stephen Barker Esq. **Moderator** for Said Meeting
- 2^{ndly} Voted that the Selectmen let out the building the Bridge (the building of the Bridge)
near Mr Samuel Richardsons (Richardson's) to the lowest bider (bidder)
- 3^{rdly} Voted that the Selectmen see all the owners of Land upon the Road between the House of Peter Marston Esq. and the House of Alfred Ingalls and try to git (get) Said Road widened without expence (expense) to the Town
- 4^{thly} Voted to abate John Kelly's rates in Stephen Huses' List turned over to Capt Merrill
one Dollar & Seventy five cents
- 5^{thly} Voted to abate John Shilbeys (Shilbey's) rates in Ebenezer Hibberd Jr List
- 6^{thly} Voted to abate Thomas Richardson Jr tax in Amos Barker's List

- 7thly Voted to leave it to the Selectmen and administrator to settle Asa Morses (Morse's) account
- 8thly Voted that the Selectmen pay Doctor Noieses (Noyes') account if they imployd (employed) him
- 9thly Voted to abate John Shilbey, Abel Greanleaf (Greenleaf) rates in Nathaniel Sargents (Sargent's) List
- 10thly Voted that the Town Clerk prosecute all persons that do not git (get) all their Childrin (Children) recorded this year
- Benjamin Osgood Town Clerk

November 25, 1806

At a Legal Town Meeting in Methuen on November the 25th 1806 agreable to Warrant No 7 file 3 dated November 12 1806

- 1st Chose Stephen Barker Esq. **Moderator**
- 2ndly Voted and chose a committee to view the road newly laid out
Chose Peter Marston Esq., Capt Ebenezer Carlton, Colonel Benjamin Town, Capt Joseph How, Benjamin Osgood
- Voted that the committee shall consult the owners of land what they will take and also view the old road and make report to the Town what they shall think best
- Voted to adjourn to next week on Thursday at one o Clock
- Meet on Thursday December the 4th** according to adjournment and
- Voted to put the mAtt (At)er respecting the road mentioned in the warrant over to next Annual Meeting

Attest: – Benjamin Osgood Town Clerk

1807

March 2nd 1807 - Annual Town Meeting

At an Annual Town Meeting on March the 2nd 1807 agreeable to Warrant No 9 file 3 Dated February the 18th 1807

1st Chose Capt John Russ **Moderator** for Said Meeting

Chose Benjamin Osgood **Clerk & Treasurer**

Selectmen

Benjamin Osgood Stephen Barker John Russ
Sworn to that office

Set up the collection of Taxes to the lowest bider (bidder) and struck off to Lt Amos Barker at three cents on the Dollar and chose him Constable

Surveyors Peter Carlton Amos Barker Nathaniel Hibberd
Of Thomas How Joshua Davis Capt George D
Herrick

Highways John Willson Stephen Hastings Alfred Ingalls
Lt Elijah Carlton Capt Joseph Griffen Jr Amos Griffen

Fence Asa Palmer Samuel Harris Lt Elijah Carlton
Viewers Joseph Bodwell Enoch Poor Nathaniel Whittier
Amos Barker David Boynton

Fish David Boynton Edward Richardson Benjamin Taylor

Wardens John C. Richardson

Surveyors Theodore Barnard Dr William Swan Oliver Whittier
of Wood Lt Amos Barker Capt Elisha Richardson Capt Joseph How
& Bark Adgt Nathaniel Whittier Capt Benjamin Willson

Surveyors John Searl Capt George D Herrick Capt Isaac Bodwell
Of Capt Benjamin Willson Lt Amos Barker Enoch Poor
Lumber Capt Joseph Griffen Jr Lt Aaron Sawyer

Tything men James Messer John Gage

Sealer of Capt George D Herrick
Leather

Sealer of Benjamin Osgood
Weights

& Measures

Pound Keepers	John Merrill	Capt David Mallory		
Field	Joseph Clark Griffen	Asa Palmer	Ensign	Samuel
Drivers	Edward Richardson Capt Ebenezer Carlton Capt Joseph How	Joshua Swan Washington Parker Joseph Hastings	Samuel Clark Jacob Messer Jonathan Currier 2 nd	
Hog Reeves	William Farnum Jr Ebenezer Carlton Jr James Parker Jonathan How	Isaa Bodwell Nathaniel Merrill Kindal Mallon Samuel Harris	Edward Richardson Trueworthy White Asa Palmer John Searl	
School Committees	No. 1 Samuel Richardson John Parker Joseph Griffen Jr	No. 2 Samuel Harris John Searl Oliver Whittier	No. 3 Amos Barker Joshua Davis Alpheus Bodwell	
	No. 4 Elijah Carlton John Russ John Gage	No. 5 Daniel Currier Benjamin Willson Alfred Ingalls	No. 6 Nathaniel Merrill Joseph How Dudley Bixby	
	No. 7 Samuel Clark John Willson William Farnum Jr	No. 8 Daniel Frye Benjamin Osgood George D Herrick	No. 9 Oliver Emerson Timothy Emerson James Jones	

Voted to pass over 3rd, fourth and fifth articles to the Sixth and chose a committee to reckon with the Town Treasurer

Chose Peter Marston Esq., Capt Joseph How, William Whittier 2nd

Voted to adjourn to the first Monday in April at one o Clock after noon

Met April the 6th according to adjournment

Voted to accept the Report of the Committee which is as follows

The Committee that was appointed to examine the accounts of Major Benjamin

Osgood Treasurer for the Town of Methuen have Att (At)ended that service and report

thereon as follows that there was put into his hands the twelfth day of March AD 1806

of the Town's Money one Thousand three Hundred and Sixty Seven Dollars and fifty four cents \$1367

54

that there has been put into his hands as follows by a General Order on

Amos Barker Constable for the year 1806 1087

54

Note of hand against John Russ 62

75

Interest on Said Note

78

Ditto against John L. Bodwell 7

00

Assessors Orders received of John L Bodwell 79

19

Making in the whole two Thousand Six Hundred and four Dollars and 2604

77

Twenty seven cents

and Said Treasurer has paid on Assessors orders one thousand three

Hundred and Eighty three and Ninety two cents 1383

92

which leaves a balance in favour of the Town one Thousand, two Hundred

And twenty Dollars and Eighty five cents 1220

85

and we find that there is due to the Treasurer from Constables and other

Persons as follows from James Sargent Jr Constable for the year 1805 149

28

Amos Barker Constable for 1806 1087

51

Note of hand against John Sargent 3

03

Ditto John L Bodwell 7

00

Ditto Stephen Barker Esq. 0

70

\$1247

52

Which leaves a balance due to the Treasurer of Twenty Six Dollars 26

67

& Sixty Seven Cents he paying his own outstanding orders

Methuen March the 11th 1807

Peter Marston

Joseph How

} Committee

William Whittier
Benjamin Osgood Town Treasurer

- 3rdly Voted to raise Six hundred Dollars to defray Town charges
- 4thly Voted to raise 450 Dollars for Schooling and one third part to be kept in a woman's school
- 5thly Voted to raise twelve hundred dollars to repair highways & private ways in said Town
- 7thly Voted that swine shall not go at large the year ensuing
- 8thly Voted that Neat cattle & Horses shall not go at large the year Ensuing
- 9thly Voted that the Selectmen shall settle all Town debts
- 10thly Voted to discontinue a piece of road joining Mr Thomas Herrick's Land and westerly of Amos Barker's barn

Voted that the cattle be kept shut up from the tenth of April to the tenth of November

The votes for County Treasurer were as follows

For Stephen Barker Esq.	75
For Robert Farley	35

Attest: – Benjamin Osgood Town Clerk

April 6, 1807

At a Legal Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote for Governor, Lt Governor and Senators holden on Monday the Sixth day of April 1807 agreeable to Warrant No 9 file 3d dated March 17th 1807

For the choice of State officers

Chief Governor

The Honourable James Sullivan had	87
His Excellency Caleb Strong had	103
Levy Lincoln	1

Lieutenant Governor

Edward H Robbins	96
Levy Lincoln	89
Caleb Strong	1
James Sullivan	1

Senators

Joseph Sprague	86	Enoch Titcomb	96
Thomas Kittrage	87	John Heard	96
Daniel Killam	87	John Phillips Jr	97
John Hawthorn	86	Nathaniel Thurston	96
William Perron	87	Israel Thordick	97
Capt Moses Little	86	William Gray	95

Attest - Benjamin Osgood Town

Clerk

April 6, 1807

At a Legal Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen holden on the 6 day of April 1807 agreable to Warrant No 10 file 8 Dated Methuen March 17 1807

1st Chose Dr John L Bodwell **Moderator** for Said Meeting

Voted to adjourn to the 7th day of May

May the 7th Meet according to adjournment opened the Meeting

2^{ndly} Voted not to accept the Road Laid out by the Selectmen

3^{rdly} Voted to pass over the 3rd article

4^{thly} Voted not to accept of the other road laid out by the Selectmen

Voted to adjourn this Meeting one hour opened the Meeting again

5^{thly} Voted to abate Henry Bodwell Jr in Lt Amos Barker's List for 1804 and Lt Alpheus Messer's in the same

6^{thly} Voted to take off Alijah Cross from ward No 5 and annex him to ward No 4.

Attest – Benjamin Osgood Town Clerk

May 7, 1807

At a Legal Town Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen holden on May the 7th 1807 agreeable to Warrant No 11 file for the choice of representative Said Warrant dated April 24 1807

The votes were as follows for

Stephen Barker Esq.	63
Benjamin Osgood	92
Lt Amos Barker	1

Attest – Benjamin Osgood Town Clerk

August 17, 1807

At a Legal Town Meeting August 17 1807 agreeable to Warrant No 12 file 3rd dated August 7th 1807

- 1st Chose Capt John Russ **Moderator** for Said Meeting
- 2^{ndly} Voted to give the Soldiers twelve dollars per month with what government gives them after they are called into actual service until they are dismiss (dismissed)
- Voted to give those Soldiers that shall be detached two Dollars as a bounty in case they shall be called into actual Service
- 3^{rdly} Voted to abate John Moltons (Molton's), Phinehas (Phineas) Nichols', Abel Greanleaf (Greenleaf) rates in Mr James Sargents (Sargent's) List for 1805

Attest – Benjamin Osgood Town Clerk