

1808

March 7th 1808 - Annual Town Meeting

At an Annual Town Meeting in Methuen held on Monday the 7th day of March 1808 agreeable to Warrant No 13 file 3rd dated February 18 1807

1st Chose Capt John Russ **Moderator**

2^{ndly} Chose Benjamin Osgood **Clerk and Treasurer**

Selectmen – Chose Capt Jonathan Merrill, Capt John Russ, Stephen Barker Esq.

Surveyors of Highways	Jeremiah Frye	John Huse	Ebenezer Hibberd Jr
	Joseph How	John Richardson	James Gutterson
	Jesse Jones	Stephen Messer	John Gage
	John Searl	Oliver Whittier	Benjamin Osgood

Fence Viewers	Asa Palmer	Elijah Carlton	Isaac Bodwell
	Enoch Poor	Alfred Ingalls	Alfred Ingalls
	Amos Barker	Joshua Davis	Aaron Sawyer

Surveyors of Wood & Bark	Oliver Whittier	William Swan	Theodore Barnard
	Amos Barker	Elisha Richardson	Joseph How
	Nathaniel Whittier	Benjamin Willson	Asa Palmer

Surveyors of Lumber	John Searl	George D Herrick	Joseph Bodwell
	Isaac Bodwell	Joseph Willson	Enoch Poor
	Amos Barker	Joseph Griffen Junior	Aaron Sawyer
	Ebenezer Emerson	John Willson	

Tything men	Alfred Ingalls	John Pettengill
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Sealer of Leather	Zadok Bodwell
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Sealer of Weights & Measures	Benjamin Osgood
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Pound Keepers	Elisha Richardson	Elijah Carlton
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Hog Reaves	William Farnum Junior Peter Marston Junior	Benjamin Griffen Michael Gage	Jonathan Currier Benjamin Carlton
Field Drivers	Samuel Griffen Stephen Gage John Merrill Junior	John Willson Joseph How James Ordway Junior	Washington Parker Joseph Hastings Joshua Buswell
School Committee	Ward No. 1 Samuel Richardson Aaron Sawyer John Parker	Ward No. 2 Jacob Tyuler John Searl Olivier Whittier	Ward No. 3 Amos Barker Joshua Davis Alpheus Bodwell
	Ward No. 4 Peter Marston John Russ John Gage	Ward No. 5 Nathaniel Whittier Alfred Ingalls Michael Gage	Ward No. 6 Nathaniel Merrill Dudley Bixby Thomas How
	Ward No. 7 John Harris John Pettingill Silas Barker	Ward No. 8 Daniel Frye Benjamin Osgood George D Herrick	Ward No. 9 Oliver Emerson Timothy Emerson Jesse Jones
Fish Wardens	Stephen Sargent Peter Marston	Moses Plumer Jun Samuel Huse	Amos Griffen
8ly	Committee to reckon with the Treasurer		
	Peter Marston	Nathaniel Whittier	Stephen Barker

The Collection of Taxes was set up at the lowest bidder and was struck off John Searl at two cents & three forths on the Dollar and chose him Constable.

Votes for County Treasurer ware (were) as follows

For Stephen Barker Esq. 62
For Robert Farley 36

Report of the committee to reckon with the Treasurer

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

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

That there was in his hands on Settlement of March 11th 1807

Of the Town's money the sum of	1220
85	
By last General Order on Lt Amos Barker	1099
00	
By Sundry Notes against Sundry Persons	49
95	
By Money Received of the State Treasurer	<u>60</u>
00	
Making in the whole two thousand four hundred & twenty five Dollars and eighty cents	2425
80	
That said Treasurer has paid since Said Reckoning for Assessors Orders	838
58	
the sum of Eight Hundred and thirty Eight and fifty Eight cents	
Which makes a balance in favour of the Town of the sum of fifty hundred	1500
22	
and Eighty Seven dollars 22 cents	
And we find there is due from Collectors and on Notes of hand against Sundry Persons as follows from Lt Amos Barker Constable for 1807	1099
00	
From ditto Constable for 1806 on Notes of hand	412
11	
Against Ebenezer Merrill	11
04	
Ditto Isaac Rogers	4
15	
Ditto Robert Ellingwood Junr	1
34	
Do Reuben Boles Junr	2
73	
Do Daniel Bodwell	00
67	
Do Amos Morse	
61	
Do Stephen Barker	3
25	
Do Stephen Richardson	1
16	
Do Jonathan G Davis	2
32	

Do Amos Barker	1
61	
Do John L Bodwell	7
00	
Do John Sargent	<u>3</u>
03	
	\$1552
23	
by Cash in the Treasurer	<u>34</u>
99	
Said Treasurer is to pay his outstanding orders	\$1587
99	

Methuen March 18th 1808

Peter Marston
Nathaniel Whittier } Committee
Stephen Barker
Benajmin Osgood Treasurer

The Committee further observe that from the best information we can obtain by Searching the Assessors book that there is now drawn and must be drawn orders to the amount of	253
44	
for payment of debts now against the Town and also a Note to Joshua Whittier payable at this Mother's death of	<u>100</u>
00	
	353 4
	4

Voted to adjourn to Monday the 21st of the present Instant at one o Clock P.M.

Meet on **Monday the 21st** of the present Instant according to adjournment and voted

Accept the Report of the Committee that reckoned with the Treasurer

- 3rdly Voted to raise 500 dollars to defray Town charges
- 4thly Voted to raise 450 for schooling and one third for a woman's school
- 5thly Voted to raise 1200 to repair the highways and private ways in Said Town the ensuing year and wages to be as they ware (were) last year
- 6thly Voted that swine shall not go at large the present year
- 7thly Voted that neat cattle and horses be shut up from the 10th of April to the 10th of November

- 8thly Chose a committee to reckon with the Treasurer
- 9thly Voted that the Selectmen shall settle the Town debts
- 10thly Voted to pass over the tenth article
- 11thly Voted to have Spicket River opened as far as Spicket falls for a fish course
- Voted to choose a committee three to see upon what terms they can open Said course
 Chose Amos Barker William Whittier 2nd John Gage
- Voted this committee make report the meeting on the 1st Monday in April
- 12thly Voted to pass over the 12 article
- 13thly Voted that the Selectmen make inquiry into Mr Benjamin Webber's Estate and make report at a future meeting and Desolved the meeting
- Attest – Benjamin Osgood Town Clerk

March 21, 1808

At a Legal Meeting held in Methuen on Monday the 21st day of March 1808 agreeable to Warrant No 14 file 3 dated March 7th 1808

- 1st Chose Captain Jonathan Merrill **Moderator** for Said Meeting
- 2ndly Voted to abate Mr John Tippets tax for 1806
- 3rdly Voted to take Mr Job Pingree from Ward No. 4 and annex him to Ward No. 6
- 4thly Voted that the Selectmen view the the road between the Mills and Peter Marston's Esq. and act respecting Said Road as they shall think proper
- 5thly Voted to abate Mr Bartlett's tax in case he repairs the Bridge between house and

Mr John Whittier's the ensuing summer

6thly

Voted to have the Selectmen go and view the Road between Peter Marston's Esq. and Alfred Inball's and see how they can agree with the owners of the land and make Report at some future Meeting

Attest – Benjamin Osgood Town

Clerk

April 4, 1808

At a Legal Town Meeting held on Monday the 4th day of April 1808 in Methuen for the choice of State officers agreeable to Warrant No 15 file 3 dated March 21st 1808 when the votes for Governor ware (were) as follows

For the Honorable Christopher Gore	114
For his Excellency James Sullivan	93

For Lieutenant Governor

Honorable David Cobb	105
Honorable Christopher Gore	2
His Honor Levy Lincoln	90

Senators

Enoch Titcum	103
John Heard	103
John Phillips Jr	103
Nathaniel Thurston	103
William Gray	102
Samuel Putnam	103
Daniel Killam	86
Thomas Kittredge	86
John Harthorne	85
William Person	86
Moses Little	86
John Prince	86

May 5, 1808

At a Legal Town Meeting held in Methuen on the 5th day of May 1808 for the

choice of Representative agreeable to Warrant No 16 file 3rd dated April 21st 1808
when the votes ware (were) as follows

for Stephen Barker Esq. 85 For Benajmin Osgood 108

May 5, 1808

At a Legal Town Meeting held in Methuen on the 5th day of May 1808
agreeable to Warant No 17 file 3

- 1st Opened the Meeting and chose Stephen Barker Esq. **Moderator** for Said Meeting
- 2ndly Voted to accept the Report of the Selectmen on the Road between Jonathan Currier & Alfred Ingalls and voted that the overseers of the Land have until the middle June to move their walls the above report is among the warnings No 18 file 3
- 3rdly Voted to accept the proposals of Benjamin Osgood and others to open Spicket River as a fish course and voted the Selectmen be authorized to apply to the General Court to obtain an act for opening Spicket River as a fish course with the right of taking and disposing of Said fish Said proposals are among the warmings No 19 file 3rd
- 4thly Voted to pass over the 4th articles
- 5thly Voted that Mr John Gage shall not liberty to work out his highway tax this year that he did not work out last year
- 6thly Voted that they will not abate Asa Griffen's rates and dissolved the Meeting

Attest: – Benjamin Osgood Town Clerk

September 5, 1808

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held on
September 5th 1808 agreeable to Warrant No 20 File 3 dated August 27th 1808

- 1st Opened the Meeting and chose Dr John Pettengill **Moderator** for Said Meeting

2ndly Voted to oppose the location of a road prayed for by Simon Coburn and others

Voted to chuse (choose) a committee of three for that purpose by hand vote

Voted to reconsider that vote and chuse (choose) that committee by proxes (proxies) and chose

Committee
Captain John Richardson } for Said
Mr Thomas Herrick }
H John Parker

3rdly Voted to raise two Hundred & fifty dollars to repair the old road under the direction of the Selectmen

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the last Monday in September at 3 oclock afternoon

September 26, 1808

September 26th 1808 Met according to adjournment and Voted to chuse (choose) a committee to petition the Court to give their locating committee discretionary powers to widen the old road by trhe river or lay out the new road when it will be best convene the Town - Chose the Selectmen for that committee

Attest – Benjamin Osgood Town Clerk

November 7, 1808

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen holden on Monday The 7th day of November 1808 for the choice of Representative to Congress agreeable to Warrant No 21 File 3

The votes were as follows for the Honorable Edward Livermore 88
For Dr Thomas Kittredge Esq. 78

Attest – Benjamin Osgood Town Clerk

November 7, 1808

At a Legal Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held on Monday the 7th day of November 1808 agreeable to Warrant No 22 file 3 dated October 25 1808

- 1st Chose Captain Jonathan Merril **Moderator** for said Meeting
- 2ndly Chose the Selectmen a committee to meet the Town of Dracut to settle the line between the Towns
- 3rdly Voted to abate Abel Kimball's rates in James Sargent's List and John Linfield's and David Davis rate in James Sargent's list
- 4thly Voted to abate Asa Griffen's rates in Amos Barker's list and voted to abate Daniel Barker's, Stephen Pingree's and Joshua Richardson and Stephen Webster's rates in Amos Barker's List for 1806
- Voted to abate Joseph Grant's, John Silver's, Daniel Barker's and Stephen Pingress' rates in Amos Barker list for 1807

Attest – Benjamin Osgood Town Clerk

December 29, 1808

At a Legal Town Meeting held in Methuen December 29th 1808 agreeable to Warrant No 23 file 3 dated December 14th 1808

- 1st Chose Stephen Barker Esq. **Moderator** for Said Meeting
- 2ndly Voted to give the Soldiers that are detached for the Service of the United States ten dollars per Month with what the Government allows them and to have two dollars of what the Town allows them in advance in case they are called into Service (Service)
- 3rdly Voted that the Selectmen shall draw an order in favour of Betsey Heseltine for one third part of the School Money in Ward No. 9
- 4thly Fourth article passed in the Negative

5thly Voted to abate John Crosses rates in Captain Barker's List for 1807

Voted to abate Noah Steven's State Town and County Rates for 1806 and his highway tax for 1805 and State Town and County taxes for 1807 and David Boynton's State Town & County taxes for 1807

Attest – Benjamin Osgood Town
Clerk

1809

February 8, 1809

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held on Monday the 20th of February 1809 agreeable to Warrant No 24 file 3 dated February 8 1809

1st Chose Captain Jonathan Merrill **Moderator** for Said Meeting

2ndly Voted not to reconsider their vote to open Spicket River as a fish course as far as Spicket falls 43 against 18 in favour

Attest – Benjamin Osgood Town
Clerk

March 6, 1809 - Annual Town Meeting

At Annual Town Meeting held on Monday the 6 day of March 1809 agreeable to Warrant No 24 file 3rd

1st Chose Peter Marston Esq. **Moderator** for Said Meeting

Chose Benjamin Osgood **Clerk & Treasurer**

Chose Alfred Ingalls, Jonathan Merrill, Joseph How **Selectmen**

The Collection of taxes was set up at the lowest bidder and was struck off to Nathaniel Whittier at 2 cents and one fourth on the dollar and chose him **Constable**

Surveyors Jeremiah Frye Isaac Bodwell David McClary Nathaniel Hastings

Of Highways	John Richardson Peter Marston Junr	John Pettingill James Mallon	Daniel Emerson James Messer	James Parker Daniel Huse
Fence Viewers	John Willson Jonathan Currier 2 nd Barker	Isaac Bodwell Edward Richardson	Elijah Carlton John Huse	Enoch Poor Stephen
Tythingmen	Joseph How	Ebenezer Hibberd	Samuel Harris	
Surveyors of Wood & Bark	Aaron Sawyer Joseph Griffen Junr Whittier Benjamin Willson	Silas Barker Oliver Whittier Abiel How	William Swan Joseph How	Amos Barker Nathaniel
Surveyors of Lumber	John Searl Stephen Gage Barker Oliver Emerson	George D Herrick Joseph Griffen Junr	Amos Barker Enoch Poor	Isaac Bodwell Stephen
Hog Reaves	John Searl Carlton Joseph Richardson	Moses Plumer Junr Elijah Jennings	James Decker Kimbal Mallon	Benjamin
Sealer of Leather	Zadok Bodwell			
Sealer of Weights & Measures	Abiel How			
Pound Keepers	Elisha Richardson	Elijah Carlton		
Field Drivers	Samuel Griggen Richardson Joshua Davis James Sargent	Caleb Flint Washington Parker Peter Marston Junr	Ebenezer Emerson James Frye Junr Ebenezer Carlton Jr	Edward Daniel Frye Silas Barker

Voted to pass over all the articles to the ninth and chose Stephen Barker, Jonathan Merrill, John L. Bodwell a Committee to Reckon with the Treasurer and voted to Adjourn this Meeting to the 13th of this Instant March at one oclock

Meet according to adjournment and chose

School	No. 1	No. 2	No. 3
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Committee

Samuel Richardson
Aaron Sawyer
John Parker

James Mallon
John Searl
Oliver Whittier

Samuel Morse
John Richardson
Elijah Jennings

No. 4

Peter Marston
William Swan
Elijah Carlton

No. 5

Stephen Runnals
Jacob Messer
Joseph Willson

No. 6

Nathaniel Merrill
Robinson How
Joseph How

No. 7

David McClary
Amos Morse
John Pettengill

No. 8

Daniel Frye
Abial How
Benjamin Osgood

No. 9

Richard Currier
Samuel Merrill
Ebenezer Emerson

**Fish
Wardens**

Jeremiah Frye
Abraham Day

George D. Herrick

John Merrill

3rly

Voted to raise 700 dollars to defray Town charges

4thly

Voted to raise 1200 dollars to repair the highways and private ways in said Town and wages to be the same as they ware (were) last year

5thly

Voted to raise 450 dollars for schooling and one third to be kept in a woman's school

Voted that each ward shall draw the money for the nonresident land as they did when the wards were divided

6thly

Passed over this article

7thly

Voted that Swine shall not go at large this year

8thly

Voted that neat cattle and horses shall not be suffered to go at large after the first of April till the last of November

9thly

Voted to accept the report of the committee to reckon with the Treasurer 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 (service) and report thereon as follows that there was in his hands on settlement of March 18th 1808 of the Town's money the sum

	\$1587 22
By General Order on Mr John Searl	1269 70
By Cash received of the State Treasurer	0065 03
By Cash received of Kendal Mallon for horse he took up	7 42
By Interest on a note against Isaa Rogers	<u>0 21</u>
Making in the whole two thousand nine hundred ninety nine Dollars and fifty eight cents	\$2929 58
That said Treasurer has paid since said Reckoning for Assessors orders the sum of one Thousand sixty three dollars fifty one cents	<u>1063 51</u>
Which makes a balance in favour of the Town of the sum of One thousand eight hundred and sixty six dollars and seven cents	1866 07

And we find there is due to Said Treasurer from Collectors and on Notes of hand against Sundry Persons as follows from

Captain Amos Barker Collector for 1807	607 98
from Mr John Searl Collector for 1808	1269 70

On Notes of hand

against Ebenezer Merrill	11 04
do against Robert Ellingwood Junr	1 34
do Ruben Boles Junr	2 73
do Ruben Boles	2 21
do Daniel Bodwell	0 67
do Amos Morse	0 61
do Stephen Barker	3 25
do Stephen Richardson	1 16
do Jonathan G. Davis	2 32
do Amos Barker	1 61
do John L. Bodwell	7 00
do John Sargent	<u>3 03</u>
	\$1914 65

and there is a balance due to Said Treasurer of forty eight Dollars and fifty eight cents he paying his outstanding orders

Benjamin Osgood Treasurer	Stephen Barker	} Committee
Methuen March 11th 1809	Jonathan Merrill	

The Committee further observe that from the best information we can obtain by searching the Assessors' book that there is now drawn and outstanding and must be drawn orders to the amount of 300 Dollars for paing of debts now against the

Town and also a Note to Joshua Whittier payable at his Mother's Death of 100 Dollars

10thly Voted to allow Mr Enoch Poor's account Att (At)ending as Juror at Salem Towne
3 25

Voted to allow Mr John Searl five shllings for a day's work of Mr Bartlett's plow to work at highways

Voted to leave Colonel Town's account to the Selectmen

Voted to allow Colonel Town's account for going as Grand Juror 4
85

11thly Voted to abate Mr Daniel Cross' State Town & County tax for 1807

12thly Voted to give Mr Samuel Barker's Family thirty five Dollars to be under the direction of Benjamin Osgood to move his family down to the Eastward

The votes for **County Treasurer** ware (were) as follows

for Stephen Choat Esq. 63
for Tobert Farley Esq. 31

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in April at 3 oclock afternoon

Meet according to adjournment and voted to adjourn to the 2nd Monday in May 3 oclock afternoon

Met according to adjournment **May the 8th** and desolved the Meeting

Attest – Benjamin Osgood Town

Clerk

April 3, 1809

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held on Monday the 3 day of April 1809 agreable to Warrant No 26 file 3rd dated March 1809 for the choice of State officers

The votes ware (were) as follows for **Chief Governor**

Honorable Christopher Gore had 112
Honorable Leroy Lincoln had 111

for **Lieut Governor** } Honorable David Colb had 115
Honorable Joseph B Varnum 107
Thomas Kittridge 1
Honorable Leroy Lincoln 1

for **Senators**

Israel Thornkick 112
Enoch Titcomb 112
John Heard 112
John Phillips Jr 109

Nathaniel Thuston 112
Samuel Putnum 112
Richard Fiske 1
Daniel Killam 104
John Harthorn 104
Thomas Kittridge 104
Moses Little 104
John Prince 104
William Person 104

Attest – Benjamin Osgood Town Clerk

May 8, 1809

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held on May the 8th 1809 for the choice of a Representative agreeable to Warrant No 27 file 3rd when the votes ware (were) as follows

For Benjamin Osgood 102
For Stephen Barker Esq. 83
For Dr John L Bodwell 2

Attest – Benjamin Osgood Town

Clerk

May 8, 1809

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held on the 8th day of May 1809 agreeable to Warrant No 28 file 3 dated April 26th 1809

- 1st Opened the Meeting & chose Mr Alfred Ingalls **Moderator**
- 2nd Voted that when constables receive a venire (venire: an entire panel from which a jury is drawn) for drawing Jurors in future they shall notify the Selectmen & Town Clerk only
- 3^{rdly} Voted to abate Richard S Messer's taxes in James Sargent's list \$2 33
- 4^{thly} Voted that Mr William Farnum Jun taxes to the highways shall be abated if he works them out by the 1st of August under the direction of Dr Pettengill
- 5^{thly} Voted to abate Mr John Harris' highway taxes for the years 1807 & 1808
- 6^{thly} Voted that Mr Jonathan Merrill & Mr Jonathan Davis shall have liberty work out $\frac{1}{2}$ of their highway taxes for taxes this year on the cause way between Mr Enoch Bodwell & Mr Samuel Barker's
- 7^{thly} Voted to send a paper that Stephen Barker Esq read in Meeting respecting the line between Dracut and Methuen to the Town of Dracut
- 8^{thly} Voted to accept the list of Jurors laid before the Town by the Selectmen
Voted to accept the list of Grand Jurors
Voted to accept the list of Petit Jurors

Attest – Benjamin Osgood Town Clerk

October 2, 1809

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the the Town of Methuen held on the 2nd of October 1809 agreeable to Warrant No 29 file 3 dated October 1st 1809

- 1st Opened the Meeting and chose Mr Alfred Ingalls **Moderator**
- 2^{ndly} Voted to pass over this article for the present
- Voted not to allow Captain Griffen an additional sum of 4/6 per Rod
- Voted not to give Mr Jonathan Griffen an additional sum of 7/6 for one wall and 7 dollars for moving same
- Voted not to allow Mr Sanuel Richardson 119 in addition to what the Committee

allowed him

Voted not to allow Lieutenant Aaron the additon of 9/ per rod

3^{rdly} Voted to pass over this article

4^{thly} Voted to take the Money that was raised last fall to repair the old road to bild the new Bridges and new roads

5^{thly} Voted that the Selectmen be a committee to build the Bridges on Said Road as cheap as they can

Voted that the Selectmen be a committee to see what each man is awarded for damages sustained by the New Road and likewise what they suppose the damages are and made report at some future Meeting

Voted to adjourn this meeting to 3 weeks at 3 oclock

Met November 13th according to adjournment and adjourned to Monday the 27th of November at one oclock after noon

Met November 27th according to adjournment and acted on the 2nd article which was passed over and dissolved the Meeting

Attest – Benjamin Osgood Town Clerk

November 27, 1809

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held on Monday the 27th day of November agreable to Warrant No 30 file 3 dated November 16 1809

1st Opened the Meeting and chose Mr Alfred Ingalls **Moderator**

2^{ndly} Voted to raise two hundred & fifty dollars to pay for the new Road laid out by the court's committee

3^{rdly} Voted to pass over this article

4^{thly} Voted that the Selectmen shall patch the rough (roof) of the Town House and collar

the chimney and dissolved the Meeting
Clerk

Attest – Benjamin Osgood Town

1810

March 5, 1810 - Annual Town Meeting

**At a Legal Annual Town Meeting held in Methuen on Monday the 5th
day of March 1810 agreeable to Warrant No. 31 file 3rd dated February 20
1810**

1st Opened the Meeting and chose Doctor Marston **Moderator**

2^{ndly} Chose Benjamin Osgood **Clerk & Treasurer**

Selectmen & Sworn

Jonathan Merrill

Dr John L Bodwell

Stephen Barker Esq.

Committee to Reckon with the Treasurer

Chose Stephen Barker Esq. and Dr John L Bodwell

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to March the 19th at one oclock after noon

The Committee that was chosen to examine the accounts of Major Benjamin Osgood Treasurer for the Town of Methuen have Att (At)ended that service (service) and report thereon as follows that on Settlement with Said Treasurer March the 11th 1809 there was in his hands of the Town's money

\$1866 07

That there has been put into his hands since that time (viz)

by General Order on Nathaniel Whittier Constable for the year 1809 1478

36

by Money received of the Town of Boston 35

38

by Money received of the State Treasurer 85

53

by two notes against Jonathan Merrill and Interest 8

70

by Note against Nathaniel Hastings 2

79

by Note against Samuel Harris	2
63	
by note against John Whittier	1
78	
by Interest received on notes	
47	
by a note against Jonathan How	<u>1</u>
01	
Making in the whole three Thousand four hundred and Eighty two	\$3482
72	
Dollars & twenty two cents	
That said Treasurer has paid on Assessors orders since Said Reckoning	<u>966</u>
40	
Which leaves a balance in favour of the Town of Two Thousand five	\$2516
32	
Hundred & sixteen dollars & thirty two cents	
and we find there is due to the Said Treasurer as follows	
from Nathaniel Whittier Constable for the year 1809	1478
36	
from John Searl Constable for the year 1808	835
73	
by a note of hand against Captain Amos Barker	240
89	
by do against Ebenezer Merrill	11
04	
by do against Jonathan How	1
01	
by a Note against John Whittier	1
78	
by do against Stephen Richardson	1
16	
by do against Amos Morse	0
61	
by do against John Sargent	3
03	
by do against Stephen Barker	3
25	
by do against Ruben Boles	<u>2</u>
21	
Amounting in the whole to two thousand five hundred and seventy nine	\$2579
07	
Dollars and seven cents	
Which makes a balance in favour of Said Treasurer of Sixty two dollars	62
75	
and 75 cents he paying his own out of standing orders	

The committee further state that from the best information they can obtain by searching the Assessors book that there is orders now drawn which are outstanding and orders which must be drawn for the payment of debts now due from the Town to the amount of five hundred and seventeen dollars exclusive of the damages done to the owners of land through which the road was laid out between Lt Sawyer's and Capt Griffen's also thee is a Note of hand against the Town in favour of Joshua Whittier of one hundred payable at this Mother's death

Methuen March 7th 1810
Commmittiee

John L Bodwell }

Stephen Barker
Benjamin Osgood Treasurer

Monday March the 19th Meet according to adjournment and voted to accept the report of the committee that reckoned with the Treasurer

Voted to set up the collection of taxes to the lowest bidder and that the lowest bidder shall be constable and it was struck off to Mr Nathaniel Whittier at one cent and four Mills on the dollar and chose him constable

Surveyors of Highways	William Swan Jennings James Merrill Daniel Frye Richardson Jr	Silas Barker Joseph Willson Zadok Bodwell	Daniel How John Merrill Isaiah Silver	Elijah James Messer Francis
Tything Men	Daniel Frye	William Bodwell		
Fence Viewers	John Pettengill Jonathan Currier	Joseph Bodwell Joshua Davis	Elijah Carlton John Huse	Peter Carlton Stehen Barker
Surveyors of Wood & Bark	Aaron Sawyer Whittier Joseph Griffen Jr	John Pettengill Joseph How	Amos Barker Joseph Willson	Olivier Abial How
Surveyors of Lumber	John Searl Benjamin Willson Barker Daniel Emerson	George D Herrick Joseph Griffen Jr John Gage	Amos Barker Enoch Poor	Isaa Bodwell Stephen
Hogreaves	Enoch Whittier Carlton	John Peabody	Phillip How	Benjamin

	George Plumer Sargent John Searl Richardson Jr	Joseph Frye Jeremiah Frye	John Farnum Jonathan Griffen	Nathaniel Francis
Sealer of Leather	Hezekiah Plumer			
Sealer of Weights & Measures	Abial How			
Pound Keepers	Hezekiah Plumer	John Merrill		
Field	Enoch Bodwell Bodwell	Jonathan Griffen	Kindal Mallon	Alpheus
Drivers	Washington Parker James Pecker 2 nd Silas Barker	Jonathan Cluff Peter Carlton	Benjamin Osgood Ebenezer Emerson	John Gage John Merrill
School Committee	Ward No. 1	No. 2	No. 3	
	Jonathan Griffen John Parker Joseph Griffen Jr	James Messer Samuel Harris Oliver Whittier	Samuel Morse John Richardson Alpheus Bodwell	
	No. 4	No. 5	No. 6	
	Enoch Poor Isaac Bodwell Joshua Buswell	Stephen Runnals James Frye Jun Stephen Gage	Nathaniel Merrill Joseph How Benjamin Carlton	
	No. 7	No. 8	No. 9	
	Ruben Boles William Bodwell Samuel Clark	Jonathan G Davis John L Bodwell Jacob Sargent	Richard Currier Ralph Harris Day Emerson	
Fish Wardens	Samuel Huse Jun	Job Pingree	Jonathan How	Abner Stevens

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to next Monday at one oclock

Meet (met) according to adjournment Monday March 26th 1810

- 3^{rdly} Voted to raise 700 to defray Town charges the year insuing
- 4^{thly} Voted to raise 450 dollars for Schooling the year ensuing and voted that one third part be laid out for a woman's school
- 5^{thly} Voted to raise 1200 dollars to repair the highways & private ways in Said Town the ensuing year
- 6^{thly} Voted that the Money be divided as it was last year for the Schools
- 7^{thly} Voted not to allow Mr James Sargent his money which he lost by Abial Heath
- 8^{thly} Voted that if Mr Plumer shall work out his and his son for the three last years Assessors highway taxes on Mr Peabodee's (Peabody) land to the acceptance of the Selectmen they shall be abated
- 9^{thly} Voted that Mr Day shall not have liberty to work out his highway taxes in the district near Gage's ferry
- 10th Voted to pass over t his article to the adjournment
- 11th Voted neat cattle and horses shall be shut up from the first of April to the first of December
- 12th Voted that swine shall not go at large the year ensuing
- 13th Voted to pass over this article to the adjournment
- 14th Voted to set off those persons who requested from the fourth district and annex them to the 6th
- 15th Voted to pass over this article to the adjournment
- 16th Voted to pass over this article
- Voted to adjourn this meeting to next Monday one oclock after noon
- Meet on Monday April three according to adjournment** and voted on the 10th article not to accept of said Road prayed for

Voted not to accept of said road prayed for by the 15th article

Voted on the 3rd article that Mr John Searl have liberty to turn that money which he took for rates which is now uncurrent being 41 dollars & 25 cents into the Treasury and be allowed for it the **votes for County Treasurer** as follows

For Stephen Choat Esq. 87

For Jabez Farley Esq. 109

Voted to adjourn this meeting two hours

Meet according to adjournment and dissolved the Meeting

Attest – Benjamin Osgood Town

Clerk

April 2, 1810

At a Legal Meeting held in Methuen on Monday the 2nd day of April 1810 for the choice of State officers agreeable to Warrant No 32 File 3 dated March 19 1810

The votes ware (were) as follows for **Governor**

His Excellency Christopher Gore had 91

Honorable Elbridge Gerry had 117

for **Lieutenant Governor**

William Gray had 115

David Cobb had 84

Christopher Gore had 1

Elbridge Gerry had 1

Voted for **Senators** were as follows

John Heard 89

Israel Thorndike 89

Dudley L Pickman 89

Daniel A White 89

Larson Nash 89

James Duncan 3

Thomas Kittridge	113
Daniel Killam	113
William Person	113
Moses Little	blank
Joseph Barker	113
Benjamin Crowningshield	113

Attest – Benjamin Osgood Town Clerk

May 10, 1810

A Legal Town Meeting held on Thursday the 10th day of May agreable to Warrant No 33 file 3 dated April 25th 1810

- 1st Opened the Meeting and chose Jonathan Merrill **Moderator**
- 2nd Voted to pass over the Second Article
- 3rd Voted to express their opinion on removing the court from Ipswich to Newburyport

Voted that it is their opinion it is best to have the courts abide as they are
- 4th Voted to pass over this article
- 5th Voted not to give Mr Mallone liberty to work out his highway rates
- 6th Voted to choose a committee of three to consult the ownears of land to see how they can have the road and likewise to consult the Petitioners to see how long they will wait before it is opened voted that the Selectmen be the committee and make such alterations as they shall think proper

Attest – Benjamin Osgood Town

Clerk

May 10, 1810

At a Legal Town Meeting held in Methuen on Thursday the 10th day of May 1810 agreable to Warrant No 34 file 3 dated April 25th 1810 for the choice of Representative when the votes were as follows

Stephen Barker Esq. had 103

Benjamin Osgood had 105
Clerk

Attest: – Benjamin Osgood Town

September 13, 1810

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held on Thursday the 13th of September 1810 agreeable to Warrant No 35 file 3 dated August 29th 1810

- 1st Chose Capt Jonathan Merrill **Moderator**
- 2nd Voted not to appose the petition of Samuel Richardson and others
- 3rd Voted to chuse (choose)a committee to appear before the Jury in behalf of the Town

Chuse (choose) Jonathan Merrill
Alfred Ingalls } Committee
Nathaniel Whittier

- 4th Voted to abate Isack Hibberds Pool (Poll) Tax for 18006 in Amos Barker's List and James Davids highway tax for 1805
- Vote to abate Eben Merrill's highway tax for 1805 77 cents
- Voted to leave James Gutterson's tax to the Selectmen
- Voted to abate Samuel Tenney for 1806
- Voted to abate Jonathan Edgerly one dollar in part
- Voted to abate Jonathan Merrill 2nd tax State Town Country 2-75
- Voted to leave Eben Merrill tax for the 1807 to the Select men
- Voted to leave Nathaniel Griffen's tax for 1807 to the Select men
- Voted to abaste John Kint's tax for 1807
- Voted to leave Moses Kimball in Capt Barker's list to the Select men for the year 1807

Voted to abate Samuel Tenney in Capt Barker's list for 1807

And desolved the meeting

Attest: – Benjamin Osgood Town

Clerk

November 5, 1810

At a Legal Meeting held in Methuen November 5th 1810 agreeable to Warrant No 36 file 3 dated October 24th 1810 for the choice of Representative to Congress when the votes were as follows

for Thomas Kittredge Esq. 66

for Leonard White Esq. 62

Attest: – Benjamin Osgood Town

Clerk

1811

March 4, 1811 - Annual Town Meeting

At a Legal Annual Town Meeting held on Monday the 4th of March 1811 agreeable to Warrant 37 file 3 dated February the 20th 1811

1st Opened the Meeting and chose Stephen Barker Esq. **Moderator**

2nd Chose Benjamin Osgood Clerk & Treasurer chose

Selectmen & they were sworn March 5th

Doct John L Bodwell Stephen Barker Esq. Benjamin Osgood

Surveyors of Highways	John Richardson	Enoch Poor	William Bodwell
	Robinson How	Stephen Currier Jr	James Frye Jr
	Elijah Carlton	Aaron Sawyer	Benjamin Osgood
	Zsaddock Bodwell	Elisha Richardson	John Willson

Fence Viewers	Joseph Bodwell	Jonathan Currier	Peter Carlton
	Stephen Runnals	Alpheus Bodwell	John Searl
	Stephen Barker	Eben Emerson	

Surveyors of Wood	Ebenezer Hibberd Jr	Amos Barker	Aaron Sawyer
	Joseph Griffen Jun	Joseph How	Joseph Willson

& Bark	Abial How	John Russ	
Hogreaves	David Clark Jesse Heath Samuel Griffen Jonathan Griffen	Thomas How Ebenezer Whittier Jonathan Jennings Silas Barker	Stephen Hastings Jonathan Jennings Samuel Griffen
Surveyors of Lumber	John Searl Joseph Bodwell Joseph Willson Stephen Barker	Amos Barker Joseph William Joseph Griffen Jr Daniel Emerson	Isac Bodwell Joseph Griffen Jun Enoch Poor John Gage
School Committees	Ward No. 1 Caleb Flint John Parker Joseph Griffen	No. 2 Samuel Harris Oliver Whittier John Searl	No. 3 Stephen Barker Amos Barker Joshua Davis
	No. 4 Farnum Hall Zadok Bodwell William Swan	No. 5 Stephen Messer Francis Frye Benjamin Willson	No. 6 Nathaniel Merrill Joseph How Job Pingree
	No. 7 John Pettengill Ebenezer Hibberd Jr Silas Barker	No. 8 Benjamin Osgood John L Bodwell Jacob Sargent	No. 9 Samuel Easton Nathaniel Hastings Ebenezer Emerson
Sealer of Weights & Measures	Abiel How		
Pound Keepers	David McClary	Elijah Carlton	
	Voted to adjourn to Tuesday the 19 of the present Month at one oclock afternoon		
	Met according to adjournment and proceded to the choice of		
Field Drivers	Caleb Flint Caleb Swan James Merrill Asa Currier Jun	Enoch Bodwell John Gage Ebenezer Hibberd Jr Benjamin Willson	Washington Parker James Sargent John Willson John Searl

Tythingmen John Searl Joseph How

Fish Amos Griffen Jonathan How Jeremiah Frye
Wardens James Marston

Voted to set up the collections of taxes to the lowest bidder & that the lowest bidder be chose Constable and procure a bondsman and it was struck off to Amos Barker at two cents and Seven Mills on the dollar and chose him Constable

Voted accept of Jonathan Merrill in his room (“in his room” meant in place of) and chose him Constable

3rd Voted to raise 700 dollars to defray Town charges

4th Voted to raise 450 dollars for schooling and one third to be appropriated for a woman’s school

5th Voted to raise 1200 dollars to repair the highways & private ways in Said Town

6th Chose a committee to settle with the Town Treasurer and chose the last year Selectmen for the committee

Voted to accept the Report of the Committee which is as follows (viz.)

The committee that was appointed to examine the accounts Major Benjamin Osgood Treasurer for the Town of Methuen have Att (At)ended that servis (service) and report thereon as follows that on Settlement with Said Treasurer March 17 1810 there was in his hands

of the Town’s Money
Two Thousand five Hundred and Sixteen dollars & thirty two cents \$2516
32

that there has been put into his hands since as follows
by General Order on Nathaniel Whittier Constable for 1810 \$1210
52

by Money Received of the State Treasurer 75
36

by Note of Hand against Nathaniel Whittier dated February 28th 1810 9
48

by do dated March th 1811	5
71	
by cash Received of Daniel Huse, Jojseph Willson and Nathaniel Messer for Exemption from Training	6
00	
by a note of Hand against Nathaniel Whittier	1
49	
by cash Received of the Select Men	2
00	
by note of Hand against Joseph Gardnear dated March 31 st 1810	<u>2</u>
54	
Making in the whole three Thousand Eight Hundred and twenty nine dollars and forty two cents	\$3829
42	
that Said Treasurer has paid on Assessors Orders and in part to the ownears of the land through which the Road was laid above Lt Sawyer's and awarded by the Jury since last Reckoning	<u>1628</u>
94	
Which leaves a balance in favouir of the Town Treasurer	2200
48	
Which Sum is due to Said Treasurer from Constables and Sundry other persons as follows	
from Nathaniel Whittier Constable for 1810	\$1210
52	
from Nathaniel Whittier Constable for 1809	520
38	
from John Searl Constable for 1808	344
62	
On Notes of hand from Amos Barker dated January 27 th 1810	66
58	
- Joseph Gardnear dated March 31 st 1810	2
54	
- Nathaniel Whittier dated February 28 1810	9
48	
- ditto March 6 th 1811	5
71	
- Stephen Barker April 9 th 1808	3
25	
- John Sargent dated December 11 th 1800	3
03	
- Amos Morse dated April 9 th 1802	0
61	
- Stephen Richardson May 4 1807	1
10	
- John Whittier January 1 st 1810	1
78	

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the 1st day of April at one oclock P.M.

April 1st Met according to adjournment and voted not to accept of the middle rout (route) agreeable to the report of the committee

Voted not to accept of the South rout (route)

Voted note to accept of the road prayed for by James Messer & others and desolved the Meeting

Attest: – B Osgood Town Clerk

March 19, 1811

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held in Said Town on the 19th of March 1811 agreeable to Warrant No 38 file 3 dated Methuen March 6 1811 agreeable to warrant No 38 file 3 dated Methuen March 6th 1811

1st Met opened the Meeting and chose Dr John L Bodwell Moderator for Said Meeting

2nd This article passed in the Negative

3rd Voted that the Selectmen settle with those men which the road was laid out through their lands by the Jury and give them Interest after they have opened and finished the road

And voted that the delinquent Constables for 1808 and 1809 shall have Executions if they do not pay the Money by the Time or take off from those men as much as they owe

4th Voted to pass over James Moran's tax till the adjournment

Voted to abate John W. Aber's taxes in Mr Searl's list 1
87

Voted to pass Dr Saltenstones tax over to the next meeting

Voted to abate Ebenezer Merrill's tax in Mr Searl's list 0
95

Voted to abate Wm Farnum Junior's tax in Mr Searl's list 6
80

Voted to abate Benjamin Town Junior's taxes in Mr Searl's list 2
76

Voted to abate Joseph Williams of Newbury Port
21

Voted to adjourn t his meeting to the 1st day of April next at two oclock

Met according to adjournment and adjourned to the May Meeting

Met according to adjournment May 10th and voted to abate Dr. Saltonstone's
Taxes in Mr Searl's list 0
29

Voted to abate James Moran's taxes in Mr Searl's list 6
41

Desolved the Meeting

Attest: – Benjamin Osgood Town

Clerk

April 1, 1811

**At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held on
Monday the first day of April agreeable to Warrant No 39 file 3 dated
Methuen
March 19th 1811 when the votes were as follows for Governor**

His Excellency Elbridge Gerry had 90
Honorable Christopher Gore had 100

Lieutenant Governor

Honorable William Gray had 90
William Phillips Esq. 100

For Senators

Joseph Strong Esq. 89
Thomas Kittridge 89
Captain Moses Little 89
Benjamin W Crowningshield 89
Captain Joseph Barker 89

John Saunders Esq.	89
Honorable John Heard	100
Honorable Daniel A White	100
Honorable Israel Bartlett	99
Thomas Stephens Esq. of Beverly	100
Nehemiah Charland Esq.	100
Benjamin Pierce of Salem	100
James Duncan Esq.	1

Attest: – Benjamin Osgood Town

Clerk

April 1, 1811

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held on the 1st day of April 1811 agreeable to Warrant No 40 file 3

- 1st Chose Stephen Barker Esq. **Moderator**
- 2nd Voted not to Except (accept) of a Road laid out by the Select Men from the House of Thomas Barker to the River
- 3rd Voted not to abate Mr James Ordway's tax to the highways committed to Mr Searl
- 4th Voted not to abate Mr John HARRIS highway tax for the year 1809 committed to Mr Searl

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

for Stephen Choat Esq.	59
for Jabey Farley Esq.	28

Voted for **County Register** were as follows

for Amos Choat	47
for John PUNCHARD	23

Attest: – Benjamin Osgood Town Clerk

May 9, 1811

At a Legal Town Meeting held in Methuen on the Ninth of May 1811 agreeable to Warrant No 41 file 3 dated April 26 1811

- 1st Opened the Meeting and chose Dr John L Bodwell **Moderator**

2nd Voted that the Select men shall go round to every man's Farm to take the valuation

3rd Voted to pass over this article

4th Voted to choos (choose) a committee of three to view the Road complained of Chose Stephen Barker, Benjamin Osgood, Dr John L Bodwell

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the 24 of the present Instant at 3 oclock P.M.

Met according to adjournment and voted that the Select Men shall cause the Road to be opened two rods wide as it was laid where the Select men shall judge it necessary for repairing

Voted to lay out one hundred dollars on the Said Road complained of under the direction of some suitable person

Chose Captain Jonathan Merrill as an agent

Voted to lay out the hundred dollars between the pound and the corner of Captain McClary's field where it is most needed

Attest: – Benjamin Osgood Town

Clerk

May 9, 1811

Att (At) a Legal Town Meeting held in Methuen on the Ninth of May agreeable to Warrant No 42 file 3 dated Methuen April 26 1811 for the choice of Representatives when the votes were as follows

for Stephen Barker Esq.	90
for Benjamin Osgood	99

Attest: – B Osgood Town Clerk

September 5, 1811

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held September 5th 1811 agreeable to Warrant No 43 file 3 dated August 23 1811

1st Opened the Meeting and chose Stephen Barker Esq. **Moderator**

2nd Voted to raise 200 dollars in addition to the sum Raised last Spring for defraying Town charges

3rd Voted to oppose the Road prayed for by Mr Frye and others

Voted to choose a Committee of three to Superintend the business

Chose Stephen Barker Esq., Benjamin Osgood, Alfred Ingalls the committee

Voted tha the committee measure the Road from Spicket falls and from the Meeting House to Stephen Gage's

Attest: – Benjamin Osgood Town

Clerk

1812

March 2, 1812 - Annual Town Meeting

At a Legal Annual Town Meeting held in Methuen on Monday the 2nd day of March 1812 agreable to Warrant No 44 file 3 dated February 20th 1812

First Opened the meeting and chose Stephen Barker Esq. **Moderator**

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

Selectmen

Jonathan Merrill

Benjamin Osgood

Stephen Barker

Surveyors of Highways

Joshua Davis
Asa Currier
William Whittier 2nd
Samuel Griffen

John Russ
Jacob Messer
Benjamin Osgood
Isaiah Silver

Silas Barker
Nathaniel Merrill
Trueworthy White
Moses Morse

Surveyors of Lumber

Stephen Gage
Joseph Willson
Amos Barker
Abial How

Grace Bodwell
Joseph Griffen Jur
John Gage

Josesph Bodwell
Enoch Poor
Daniel Emerson

Fence Viewers

Isaac Bodwell
Stephen Runnals
Stephen Barker

Jonathan Currier
Aaron Sawyer
Ebenezer Emerson

William Swan
Alpheus Bodwell

Surveyors of Wood & Bark

Ebenezer Hibberd Jr
Oliver Whjittier
Abial How

Amos Barker
Thomas How
John Gage

Aaron Sawyer
Joseph Willson
Isaac Bodwell

Hogreaves

John Pettingill Jr

Kindal Mallon

Isaiah How

	David Clark Jonathan Griffen	Jonathan G Davis Thomas Plumer	Simon Hibberd
Field Drivers	Jonathan Griffen John Willson James Sargent Simon Hibberd John Gage	Asa Palmer Winthrop Parker Kindal Mallong Samuel Cross Edward Richardson	Thomas Herrick Jonathan Currier John Searl Micah Gage John Bixby
Sealer of Weights & Measures	Abial How		
Pound Keepers	David McClary	John Merrill	
Tything men	Stephen Barker	Enoch Poor	

Passed over all the articles to the 8th and chose Samuel Griffen, Stephen Barker, Jonathan Currier 2nd, a Committee to reckon with the Town Treasurer and Voted to adjourn this meeting to Monday the 6th day of April at two oclock P.M.

Met on Monday the Sixth day of April according to adjournment and voted to accept the report of the committee that was chosen to reckon with the Treasurer

We the Committee that was chosen to examine the accounts of Major Benjamin Osgood Treasurer for the Town of Methuen have Att (At)ended that servis (service) and report thereon as follows –

that on Settlement with Said Treasurer March 15th 1811 there was in his hands of the Town's Money two thousand two hundred dollars and forty eight cents

\$2200 48

that there has been put into his hands since said Reckoning as follows

by General Order on Capt Jonathan Merrill Constable 1433

92

by Money received of the State Treasurer 85

00

by money Received of Daniel Huse, Nathaniel Messer, Joseph Willson
Ezekiel Willson, Jonathan Griffen two dollars each 10

00

for exemption from Training

by Note of hand against Nathan Whittier dated March 14 1819 Sum 1

00

by money received by sale of old Timber	2
00	
making in the whole three Thousand Seven hundred and thirty two dollars and forty cents	3732
40	
That Said Treasurer has paid since Said Reckoning on Assessors orders And to the ownears of the land through which the road was laid above Lt Sawyer's as awaraded by the Jury one Thousand nine hundred and Seventy five dollars and forty five cents	1975
45	
Which leaves a balance n favour of the Town of Seventeen hundred and Fifty six and Ninety five cents	1756
95	
And we find them due to the Said Treasurer from Constables and Sundry Persons as follows from Nathaniel Whittier constable for the year 1810	417
59	
From Capt Jonathan Merrill constable for 1811	1366
71	
Uncurrent Money in the Treasurer's hand	41
50	
Notes of hand against Nathaniel Whittier March 14 th 1811	1
49	
Ditto March 6 th 1811	5
71	
From Joseph Gardnear March 31 1810	2
54	
Stephen Richardson May 4 1807	1
16	
Amos Barker January 27 1810 principle	36
52	
Ebenezer Merrill October 23 1807	11
04	
Ruben Boles May 4 th 1807	2
21	
Amos Morse April 9 th 1802	0
61	
Stephen Barker April 9 th 1808	3
28	
John Sargent December 11 th 1800	3
03	
Jonathan How December 7 th 1809	1
01	
John Whittier January 1 1810	<u>1</u>
78	

Making the whole one Thousand Eight hundred and Ninety Six dollars 1896
15

And Ninety Six dollars fifteen cents
Which makes a balance in favour of Said Treasurer of one hundred and thirty nine
dollars and twenty cents he paying his own outstanding orders
139 20

Methuen 31st 1812

Committee

Stephen Barker
Samuel Griffen }

Jonathan Currier
Benjamin Osgood Treasurer

The Committee further states that thee is due to Sundry Persons holding Assessors
orders and to other persons for wh ich no orders have been drawn as yet

\$ 226 00

To Joshua Whittier a note payable at his Mother's death of 100
00

**Fish
Wardens**

Stephen Runnals
Stephen Barker

John Merrill
Samuel Harris

John Richardson

**School
Committees**

Ward No. 1

John Parker
Washington Parker
Joseph Griffen Jun

No. 2

Amos Griffen
Oliver Whittier
John Searl

No. 3

Stephen Barker
Joshua Davis
Amos Barker

No. 4

Enoch Poor
Joseph Bodwell
John Russ

No. 5

James Frye Jun
Joseph Willson
Jacob Messer

No. 6

Joseph How
Robinson How
Benjamin Carlton

No. 7

John Palmer
Jonathan Morse
Isaiah Silver

No. 8

Abial How
John L Bodwell
Jonathan Cluff

No. 9

James Merrill
Stephen Hastings
Oliver Emerson

3rd

Voted to raise Six hundred dollars to defray Town charges

4th

Voted to raise 450 dollars for Schooling to be laid out one third for a woman's
school and

Voted to set up the collection of taxes at the lowest bidder he providing a sufficient bondsman and struck off to Jonathan Merrill at 3 ¾ on the dollar and chose him Constable

5th Voted to raise 1200 dollars to repair the highways and private ways the present year

6th Voted that Swine shall not go at large the present year

7th Voted that neat cattle and horses shall not be suffered to go at large from the Sixth of April to the first of December

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

for Baley Bartlett Esq.	94
for Jabez Farley Esq.	48

(no 8th article listed)

9th Voted that districts through which the turnpike passes shall cause a proportion of their Money to be worked out on the Turnpike under the direction of the directors

10th Voted to abate Mr John Harris highway taxes that are back

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Thursday in May at two oclock afternoon

Meet Thursday the Seventh day of May according to adjournment and voted

11th to furnish each highway district with an or shove and the Surveyor to be accountable for the same

12th This article passed in the Negative

13th Voted that Peter Harris shall not have liberty to hang a gate across the Road by Richardson's Ferry

14th This article passed in the Negative and Desolved the Meeting

Attest: – Benjamin Osgood Town Clerk

April 1812

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen agreeable to Warrant No 45 dated March 26 1812 for the choice of State officers being the first Monday in April when the votes were as follows

Governor

For his Excellency Caleb Strong Esq. 111
for his Excellency Elbridge Gerry 89

Lieutenant Governor

For William Phillips 110
For William King Lt Governor 89

Senators

Thomas Kittredge 90
Benjamin W Crowninshield 90
Joseph Fuller 2nd 87
Baley Bartlett 110
Benjamin Pickman Jun 107
Benjamin Pickman 3
Nathaniel Hooper 110

Attest: – Benjamin Osgood Town

Clerk

May 7, 1812

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held on the 7th day of May 1812 agreeable to Warrant No 40 file 3 dated April 23rd 1812

1st

Opened the meeting and chose Stephen Barker Esq. **Moderator**

2nd

Voted that the Selectmen shall git (get) that bridg (bridge) by Mr Samuel Richardson's bilt (built) as well as they can and Desolved the meeting

Attest: – Benjamin Osgood Town

Clerk

May 7, 1812

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held on the Seventh day of May for the choice of a Representative as set forth in Warrant No 47 file 3 dated April 23 1812

When the votes were as follows

for Stephen Barker Esq.	78
for Benjamin Osgood	107

Attest: – Benjamin Osgood Town

Clerk

June 15, 1812

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held on the 15th day of June as set forth in Warrant No 48 file 3 dated June 6th 1812

1st Opened the Meeting and chose Stephen Barker Esq **Moderator** for Said Meeting

2nd Voted to give the detached Soldier a sum that shall make them up twelve dollars per month while in actual service with what government gives them

Then dissolved the meeting

Jonathan Merrill, Clerk Proterm

Attest: – Benjamin Osgood, Town Clerk

July 20, 1812

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held on the 20th day of July 1812 agreeable to Warrant No 49 file 3 dated July 11th 1812

1st Opened the meeting and chose Dr John L Bodwell **Moderator**

2nd Article passed in the Negative and dissolved the Meeting

Attest: – Benjamin Osgood Town Clerk

September 14, 1812

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held on the 14th day of September as set forth in Warrant No 50 file 3 dated September 5th 1812

1st Opened the Meeting and chose Capt Jonathan Merrill **Moderator**

2nd Voted that if there is a Jury petitioned for the Selectmen Shall Petition for a Jury on that part of the Road that goes through Capt Russ' land

Voted to chuse (choose) a committee to leave the mAtt (At)er between Mr Cross and the Town respecting the price of his land where the road is laid out

Chose Stephen Barker Esq., Capt Isaac How and Mr Enoch Bradley the committee and that the Town enter into bond to abide their judgment

Attest: – Benjamin Osgood Town Clerk

November 2, 1812

Att (At) a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen for a Representative to Congress as forth in Warrant No 51 file 3 held on the 2nd day of November 1812

The votes given in were in were as follows

for the Honorable William Reed	107
for the Honorable Benjamin W. Crowningshield	78

Attest: – Benjamin Osgood Town Clerk

November 12, 1812

Proceedings of a legal Meeting held in Methuen on the 12th day of November 1812

for the choice of Electors of President and Vice President as set forth in Warrant

No 52 file 3 the votes given in were as follows

For the Honorable H. G. Otis	104
Nathan Dane	104
Jeremiah Nelson	104
John Walker	104
Abraham Bigelow	104
Honorable William Gray	65
Honorable Samuel Brown	65

Moses Townsend Esq.	65
William Pierce	65
Samuel Hoar Esq.	65

Attest: – Benjamin Osgood Town Clerk

1813

March 1813 – Annual Meeting

Proceedings of an Annual Meeting held in Methuen on the first Monday of March 1813 agreeable to Warrant No 53 file 3 dated February 22nd 1813

First Opened the meeting and chose Alfred Ingalls Esq. **Moderator**

2nd Chose Benjamin Osgood **Clerk & Treasurer** and Sworn

Selectmen & Sworn

Alfred Ingalls Esq.	Captain Jonathan Merrill	Captain Joseph How
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Attest: – Benjamin Osgood Town Clerk

Surveyors of Highways	Alpheus Bodwell	Enoch Poor	Ebenezer Mitchel
	Stephen Messer	Ezekiel Willson	Jonathan Cliff
	Zadok Bodwell	Samuel Griffen	John Peabody
	Jesse Jones	Ebenezer Hibbert Jr	Aaron Sawyer

Surveyors of Lumber	Stephen Gage	Isaac Bodwell	Joseph Bodwell
	Joseph Griffen Jr	Enoch Poor	Amos Barker
	John Gage	Daniel Emerson	Jacob Sargent

Surveyors of Wood & Bark	Amos Morse	Aaron Sawyer	Oliver Whittier
	Thomas How	Joseph Willson	Abiel How
	John Gage	Isaac Bodwell	

Fence Viewers	Winthrop Parker	Job Pingree	James Sargent
	Silas Barker	Elijah Carlton	Isaac Bodwell
	Benjamin Osgood	Ebenezer Emerson	

Hog reaves	John C Richardson	Isaac Bodwell 2 nd	Peter Harris
	Benjamin Kimball	Thomas How	David Sawyer
	Jonathan Griffen	Abair Stevens	Asa Griffen
	Asa Palmer		

Field Drivers	Jonathan Griffen	Asa Palmer	John Gage
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	Jackson How Micah (?) Gage Silas Barker James Pecker	Isaiah Silver Thomas Plumer john Searl	Samuel Parker James Currier John Huse
Sealer of Weights & Measures	Abial How		
Pound Keepers	John Dole	Elijah Carlton	
Tythingmen	Stephen Barker	Joseph How	
Fish Wardens	Joseph How Job Pingree	Stephen Barker	Elijah Carlton
School Committee	Ward No. 1 Winthrop Parker Caleb Flint Washington Parker	No. 2 Amos Griffen John Searl Samuel Griffen	No. 3 Stephen Barker Alpheus Bodwell Amos Barker
	No. 4 Enoch Poor Joseph Bodwell Joshua Buswell	No. 5 Alfred Ingalls Francis Frye Benjamin Willson	No. 6 Joseph How John Merrill Jr Thomas How
	No. 7 Silas Barker Ebenezer Hibbert Jr John Willson	No. 8 Baley Davis Daniel Huse Nehemiah Herrick	No. 9 Daniel Emerson Samuel Eaton Moss Morse
	Voted to set up the collection of taxes at the lowest bidder and was struck off to Isaiah Silver at two cents on the Dollar and choose him Constable		
3 rd	Voted to raise twelve hundred dollars to defray Town charges		
4 th	Voted to raise 450 dollars for Schooling and one third part to be taken f or a woman's school		
5 th	Voted to raise 1200 dollars to repair the highways and private ways in Said Town		

- 6th Chose a committee to reckon with the Town Treasurer which were Stephen Barker Esq., Captain Jonathan Merrill and Captain Jonathan Currier
- 7th Voted that Swine shall not go at large the present year
- 8th Voted that neat cattle and Horses shall not go at large from the first of April to the first of November
- 9th Voted that the Surveyors whose districts lay upon the turnpike shall work out their rates in the same proportion as on the other roads
- 10th Voted that the Select men shall search the records to see where the road was laid out from Jacob Sargent's to Joseph Marston's and if there is no record to stake it out where they think it ought to go and see what the Expence will be and make report to the next meeting
- Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in April at one October in the after noon

April 5, 1813

April the 5 1813 met according to adjournment and voted to accept the report of the Committee that reckoned with the Treasurer which is as follows

The committee that was chosen to Examine the accounts of Benjamin Osgood Esq. Treasurer for the Town of Methuen have Att (At)ended that Servis (service) and report thereon as follows

That on Settlement with Said Treasurer on March 31 st 1812 there was in his hands of the Town's Money	\$1756
95	
That there has been put into his hands since Said Reckoning as follows	
by General Order on Captain Merrill Constable for 1812	1107
49	
by vote of hand against Said Merrill dated March 17 1812	6
72	
by cash Received of the State Treasurer	92
20	
by cash Received of Jesse Jones, Jonathan Griffen, Silas Brown, Ezekiel Willson & Joseph Willson for exemption from training	10
00	
by cash Received of Captain Jonathan Merrill for wha?(word not finished) Peter Hastings's property sold for	6
81	
by Interest Received on Captain Amos Barker's note	19
62	

by cash Received of the Select men which they recovered of the Town of Andover on account of David Pace	34
<u>73</u>	
Making in the whole three Thousand and thirty four dollars and fifty Two cents	3034
52	
And that Said Treasurer has paid since Said Reckoning on Assessors Orders one Thousand four hundred and Sixty two dollars & Eighty Eight cetns	1462
88	
Which leaves a balance in favour of Said Town of fifteen hundred and Seventy one dollars and Sixty four cents	1571
64	
And we find there is due to Said Treasurer from collection and other Persons as follows	
from Captain Jonathan Merrill for 1811 accountable	266
12	
from Said Merrill Constable for 1812	1107
49	
On notes of hand	
from Captain Amos Barker dated November 4 th 1812 no interest cast	23
62	
- Joseph Gardnear dated March 31 st 1810 no interest cast	2
54	
- Ruben Boles dated May the 4 th 1807 no interest cast	2
21	
- John Whittier January 1 st 1810 do	1
78	
- Jonathan How dated December 6 th 1809 do	1
01	
- John Sargent dated December 11 th 1800 no on interest	3
03	
- Stephen Barker dated April 9 th 1808 no interest cast	3
25	
- Ebenezer Merrill dated October 23 1807 not cast	11
04	
- Stephen Richardson dated May 4 th 1807 no interest cast	1
16	
by uncurrent money on hand	41
50	
by current Money on hand	<u>106</u>
<u>28</u>	
Which makes an even balance said Treasurer paying all his own outstanding orders	1571
64	

Methuen April 2 1813

Stephen Barker }
Jonathan Currier 2nd } Committee
Jonathan Merrill }
Benjamin Osgood Town Treasurer

11th

This article passed in the negative

Voted for **County Treasurer** were as follows

for Nathaniel Wade 120
for Jabez Farley 2
for William Caleb Bodwell 3
for William Bodwell Jr 1

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Thursday in May at one oclock p.m.

Met the 6th – Met according to adjournment and voted to accept the report of the committee for viewing the road and leave it to the Selectmen to appraise the damages for the Road and desolved the meeting

Attest: – Benjamin Osgood Town

Clerk

April 1813

At a Legal Town Meeting held in Methuen on the first Monday of April 1813 agreeable to Warrant No 54 dated March 24 1813 for the choice of State officers the votes were as follows

for Governor

His Excellency Caleb Strong had 143
Honorable Joseph B Varnum had 95

for Lieutenant Governor

William Phillips Esq. 143
William King Esq. had 95

for Senators

Samuel Putnum Esq. had 143
Nathaniel Hooper Esq. had 143
John Varnum Esq. had 143
Thomas Kittridge Esq. 95

Benjamin W Crowningshield 95
Nathan B Martin 94

Attest: – Benjamin Osgood Town

Clerk

May 6, 1813

At a legal meeting held in Methuen May 6th 1813 agreeable to Warrant No 55 file 3 dated April 20 1813

- 1st Opened the meeting and chose Alfred Ingalls Esq. **Moderator**
- 2nd Voted not to relinquish any part of the fine recovered by the Town of Methuen against Aaron Noyce for bringing David Pace into the Town of Methuen
- 3rd Voted to accept the list of Jurors laid before the Town by the Selectmen
- 4th Voted to raise two hundred dollars to pay for the by Mr Frye's – (does not say what is being paid for by Mr. Frye's)

Attest: – Benjamin Osgood Town

Clerk

May 6, 1813

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held on the 6th day of May 1813 for the choice of a representative agreeable to Warrant No 56 file 3 when the votes were as follows

for Captain Baley Davis 69
for Benjamin Osgood 105

Attest: – Benjamin Osgood Town

Clerk

September 5, 1813

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held on the 5th day of September 1813 agreeable to Warrant No 57 file 3 dated August 26 1813

- 1st Opened the meeting and chose Alfred Ingalls Esq. **Moderator** for Said Meeting

- 2nd Passed over this article respecting making the Road
- 3rd Voted not to raise any more money to pay for the road by Mr Frye's
- 4th Voted to take Edward Richardson out of jail and dissolved the meeting

Attest: – Benjamin Osgood Town

Clerk

1814

March 7, 1814

At a Legal Annual Town Meeting held March 7th 1814 agreeable to Warrant No 58 file 3

1st Opened the Meeting and chose Alfred Ingalls Esq. – **Moderator**

2 nd	Selectmen & Sworn		
	Jonathan Merrill	Alfred Ingalls	Stephen Barker
Surveyors of Highways	Silas Brown Benjamin Kimball Amos Barker Samuel Eaton	James Sargent Jonathan Currier Jr John Dole Jr David McClary	Robinson How Caleb Swan Samuel Clark John C Richardson
Fence Viewers	Winthrop Parker Silas Barker James Merrill	Stephen Runnals John Merrill	Peter Carlton Amos Barker
Fish Wardens	Stephen Barker Job Pingree	Samuel Harris	John Russ
Surveyors of Lumber	Stephen Gage Joseph Griffen Jr John Bradley	Isaac Bodwell John Gage	Amos Barker Daniel Emerson
Surveyors of Wood & Bark	Joseph Griffen Jr John Gage	Aaron Sawyer Amos Barker	Thomas How Benjamin Willson
Sealer of Weights & Measures	Abial How		

Pound Keepers	John Dole	Elijah Carleton	
Tythingmen (not sworn)	Stephen Barker	Alfred Ingalls	
Hog Reaves	Simon Hibberd Michael Barker	Stephen Messer Richard Emerson	Varnum Carleton
Field Drivers	Asa Griffen Baley Davis Robinson Frye John Gage	Silas Barker Samuel Parker Stephen Runnalls James Merrill	Asa Currier Jr Alfred Ingalls Joseph Griffen Junior
School Committees	Ward No. 1 Winthrop Parker Jonathan Griffen Washington Parker	No. 2 Joseph Griffen Junior John Searl Samuel Griffen	No. 3 Nathaniel Sargent Silas Brown Jonathan Merrill
	No. 4 John Russ William Remmek Elijah Carleton	No. 5 Stephen Gage Micah Gage James Frye Junior	No. 6 Robinson How John Merrill Junior Joseph How
	No. 7 Silas Barker Abnear Stevens John Willson Junior	No. 8 Benjamin Osgood Daniel Frye Baley Davis	No. 9 Ebenezer Emerson James Merrill Stephen Currier

Voted to pass over the choice of Constables till the adjournment

Voted to pass over the 3d article till the adjournment

4thly Voted to raise 450 Dollars for schooling and lay out one third prt for a woman's school

5thly Voted to raise 1200 dollars to repair the highways and private ways in said Town

6thly Chose Phinehas Messer, Stephen Barker, Alfred Ingalls a committee to reckon with the Treasurer

- 7thly Voted that swine shall not go at large the year ensuing
- 8thly That neat cattle and horses shall not be suffered to go at large from the first of April to the last of December
- 9thly Voted that the surveyors of districts through which the turnpike passes shall work out their lists on the turnpike in the same proportion as on the other roads in their districts
- 10thly Voted to allow Capt John Russ interest for the road laid out through his land after the first of next September
- 11thly Voted that the persons who were delinquent in Mr Ezekiel Willson's list shall have liberty to work their rates out under the surveyor of 1814
- 12thly voted to allow Mr Abejiah Cross interest for what was awarded him for the road going through his land
- 13thly Voted to pass over this article till the adjournments
- 14thly Voted that the Selectmen shall (have) liberty to alter the surveyors districts as they shall think proper
- 15thly Voted that it be recommended to the inhabitants of this Town not to give any spirit at Funearals (funerals)
- Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in April at one oclock P.M.
- Met April the 4th** according to adjournment and voted on the 2nd article to set up the Constabship and collection of taxes at the lowest bidder and struck off to Isaiah Silver at two cents 7 mills and one half on the dollar and chose him Constable
- Voted on article 3d to raise a thousand dollars to defray Town charges the year ensuing and voted that the Selectmen be a committee to let out the bridges on the new road prayed for by Mr Frye & others at the lowest bidder and voted to raise 200 dollars in addition to the 1000
- 16thly Voted to abate James Mallon 2 dollars 94 cents in Mr Nathaniel Whittier's list and Dudley Davis 1-49 and for the year 1809 voted to abate Nathaniel Morse's taxes

in Mr Nathaniel Whittier's list

17thly

Voted to abate John Swan Junior in Captain Merrill's list for 1811 and also Samuel Morse's for 1811 3.70 and Robert Richardson's and John Swan Junior for 1812 and John Smith for 1812 and Ruben Underhill and Jonathan Wiley and Thomas Flanders and Jonathan Merrill 2nd and Edmund Silver and Joseph Morse

The votes for **County Treasurer**

For Nathaniel Wade Esq. 110

For Jabez Farley Esq. 67

Voted to accept the report of the committee that reckoned with the Treasurer and desolved the meeting the report of the committee is as follows.

The committee that was chosen to examine the accounts of Benjamin Osgood Esq. Treasurer for the Town of Methuen have Att (At)ended that service and report thereon as follows:

That on a settlement with said Treasurer on April 2 1813 there was in his hands of the Town's money	1571
64	
that there has been put into his hands since said settle as follows:	
By money received of the State Treasurer	85
36	
By General Order on Isaiah Silver, Constable for 1813	1892
20	
By note of hand against the Overseers of the poor for the Town of Andover	77
23	
By note of hand against Isaiah Silver	6
00	
By cash received of Jonathan Griffen, Jesse Jones, John Huse, Joseph Wilson & Ezekiel Wilson	10
00	
Two dollars for Exemption from training by an order in favour of Aaron Noyes	15
63	
By cash received of Capt Merrill which Wm Morse paid	1
50	
By interest on Ruben Boleses note	
92	
By interest on Jonathan How's note	
24	

By a note of hand of Capt Jonathan Merrill	10
<u>56</u>	
Making the whole three thousand six hundred and seventy one dollars	
And twenty eight cents	3671
28	
And we find said Treasurer has paid since said reckoning on	
assessors orders Eleven hundred and ten dollard and thirty two cents	1110
32	
which leaves a balance in favour of the Town of two thousand	
five hundred and sixty dollars & ninety six cents	2560
96	
Which sum we find due from sundry Constables and on notes of hand	
and in money on hand as follows:	
from Capt Jonathan Merril constable for 1812	402
45	
from Isaiah Silver constable for 1813	1853
25	
on a note of hand against the Oversears of the poor for the Town of Andover	77
23	
by a note of hand against Amos Barker dated November 4 th 1812	23
62	
by ditto against Joseph Gardnear dated March 31 1810	2
54	
by ditto against John Whittier dated January 1 th 1810	1
78	
by ditto against John Sargent dated December 11 th 1800	3
03	
by ditto against Stephen Barker dated April 11 1808	3
25	
by ditto gainst Amos Morse dated April 9 th 1802	0
61	
by ditto against Eben Merrill dated October 23 1807	11
04	
by ditto against Stephen Richardson dated May 4 1807	1
16	
by ditto against Isaiah Silver dated March 7 th 1814 not on interest	6
00	
by ditto against Ezekiel Willsoon dated May 4 th 1812	2
00	
by ditto against ditto dated May 13 th 1813	2
00	
no interested cast on the above notes	
by current money on hand	129
50	

by uncurrent money on hand 41
50

Making in the whole two thousand five hundred and sixty dollars \$2560
96

and ninety six cents

Making an even balance between said Town and Said Treasurer he paying his own outstanding orders.

Methuen April 2 1814

Phinehas Messer	} Committee
Alfred Ingalls	
Stephen Barker	} Treasurer
Benjamin Osgood	

N.B. The committee further observe that there is due to sundry persons holding assessors orders: and to other for what there has been no orders drawn according to the best of their calculation amounting to about

300 00

To Joshua Whittier a note payable at his Mother's death 100
00

And also to the owners of land through which the road was laid prayed for by James Frye and others

1093 00

1493 00

Attest: :Benjamin Osgood, Town Clerk

April 4, 1814

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held on Monday the fourth day of April 1814 for the choice of State Officers agreable to Warrant

No 59 File 3d the votes being collected counted sorted were as follows:

Governor

His Excellency Caleb Strong Esq	130 votes
Samuel Dexter Esq	89

Lieutenant Governor

His Honor William Phillips Esq	130 votes
His Honor Wm Gray Esq	89

For Senators

Samuel Putnam Esq	130
Nathaniel Hooper Esq	130
John Varnum Esq	130
Thomas Stevens Esq	130
Daniel A. White Esq	130
Thomas Kittridge	89
Benjamin W. Crowninshield	89
Daniel Kilham Esq	89
Moss Little Esq	89
Nathan B Marlor Esq	89

Attest: : Benjamin Osgood, Town Clerk

May 5, 1814

At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen agreeable to Warrant

No. 60 file 3rd for the choice of representative held in Methuen on the 5th day of

May 1814 when the votes were as follows

For Benjamin Osgood	97
For Captain Baley Davis	47

Attest: : B. Osgood, Town Clerk

November 4, 1814

At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen for the choice of representative to Congress agreeable to Warrant No. 61 File 3rd held on the 4th day

of November 1814 the votes given in were as follows

The Honorable Daniel H. White	101
The Honorable Thomas Kittredge	55

Attest: Benjamin Osgood, Town Clerk

November 4, 1814

At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held on the 4th day of November 1814 agreeable to Warrant No 62 file 3rd

- 1st Opened the meeting & chose Stephen Barker Esq Moderator
- 2^{ndly} Voted that Mr Dole have liberty to make the alteration in the road as set forth in the warrant
- 3^{rdly} Voted to allow the soldiers that have been or shall be detached from the Militia 15 dollars per month with their pay from Government and adjourned the meeting

Attest: Benjamin Osgood, Town Clerk

1815

March 6, 1815

At a legal Annual Town Meeting held in Methuen on Monday the 6th day of March 1815 agreeable to Warrant No 63 file 3rd.

- 1st Opened the Meeting and chose Capt Jonathan Merrill Moderator
- 2^{ndly} Chose Benjamin Osgood Clerk and Treasurer
- Chose John Russ, Jonathan Merrill, Stephen Runnalls Selectmen and sworn.

Surveyors of highways

Elijah Jennings	John Russ	Asa Currier, Jun.
Jacob Messer	Isaac Morse	Nehemiah Herrick
Ebenezer Emerson	Amos Morse 2 nd	Samuel Parker
Benjamin Town	Stephen Barker 2 nd	

Fence Viewers

Winthrop Parker	Robinson How	Peter Carleton
Peter Marston	Amos Barker	

Sealer of Weights & Measures

Abial How

Pound Keepers

John Dole
Levy Shearman

Surveyors of Lumber

Benjamin Willson
Joseph Griffen , Jun.
Abial How

Isaac Bodwell
John Gage
Samuel Richardson, Jun.

Amos Barker
Daniel Emerson

Surveyors of Wood & Bark

Aaron Sawyer
Amos Barker
James Gutterson

Thomas How
Joseph Willson
Peter Harris

John Gage
Moses Merrill

Fish Wardens

Jonathan Merrill
Alfred Ingalls
Jeremiah Frye
Peter Marston
Stephen Gage
Johnson Morse

Joseph How
Stephen Runnalls
Samuel Huse
Greanleaf Boles
Daniel How

William Farnum
Ebenezer How
Amos Griffen
John Messer
Francis Frye

Tything Men

Daniel Emerson

Hogreaves

John Dole Jun.
Amos Morese 4th

Field Drivers

Asa Griffen
John Bradley

Silas Barker
Peter Harris

Jonathan Currier 2nd
John Pettingill

Robinson Frye
Daniel Emerson

Stephen Runnalls

Stephen Barker

School Committees

No. 1

Winthrop Parker

No. 2

Joseph Griffin, Jun.

No. 3

Alpheus Bodwell

Jonathan Griffen
Washington Parker

Ebenezer How
Samuel Griffen

John Richardson
Jonathan Merrill

No. 4

William Swan
John Gage
John Russ

No. 5

Alfred Ingalls
Stephen Runalls
Stephen Messer

No. 6

Joseph How
Robinson How
John Merrill, Jun.

No. 7

John Town
John M. Farnum
Benjamin Griffen

No. 8

Benjamin Osgood
Jeremiah Frye
Abial How

No. 9

Ebenezer Emerson
James Merrill
Stephen Currier, Jun.

Voted to set up the collection of taxes at the lowest bidder and the lowest bidder to be constable and struck off to Isaiah Silver at 3 three cents on the dollar and chose him constable.

- 3rdly Voted to raise 1000 dollars to defray Town charges the year ensuing.
- 4thly Voted to raise 450 dollars for schooling and to take one third for a woman's school.
- 5thly Voted to raise 1200 dollars to repair the highways and private ways the years ensuing.
- 6thly Voted to choose a committee to reckon with the Treasurer which were Alfred Ingalls, Stephen Barker, Jonathan Merrill
- 7thly Voted that swine shall not go at large the year ensuing
- 8thly Voted that neat cattle and horses shall not be suffered to go at large from the first of April to the first of December
- 9thly Voted that the districts through which the turnpike passes shall have liberty to work a proportion of the money on the turnpike road equal with the other roads
- 10thly Voted to pass over this article

- 11thly Voted to set off Lt Daniel Currier's Farm from Ward No. 5 and annex it to Ward No. 6
- 12thly Voted to pass over article
- 13thly Voted that the Selectmen in future shall be a committee to reckon with the Town Treasurer
- 14thly Voted that the Town Treasurer shall send his execution in future to all constables that do not settle up in one years from the time they receive their list
- 15thly Voted to pass over this article to the adjournment and voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in April at one o'clock P.M.

Met on Monday April 3rd according to adjournment and chose 16 fish wardens which are recorded in Article 2nd

The votes for a County Treasurer were as follows:

Nathaniel Wade Esq.	86
George Wood	12
Benjamin Tyler	1

Voted to accept the report of the committee that was chose to reckon with the Treasurer which is as follows (viz.)

The committee that was chosen to examine the accounts of Benjamin Osgood 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 April 2 1814 there was in his hands of the Town's money
2560 96

That there has been put into his hands since Said settlement as follows:
 By cash received of Jonathan Merrill on account of a mistake in the return of his list for the year 1812 254
 64
 By interest on John Whittier's note 27
 By interest on Ezeliel Willson's note 18

By a note of hand against Ezeiel Willson 34	6
Received of Ezeiel Willson, Simon Hibberd, Joseph Willson, John Huse, & Ebenezer Hibbers Sr two dollars ach for exemption from training 00	10
Received of Alfred Ingalls Esq. in part of the sale of Elenor Whittier Personal Estate 22	7
By cash received at Boston as per account 67	67
By interest on a note against the overseers of Andover 83	5
By general order on Isaiah Silver for 1814 48	1747
For General Order on Isaiah Silver for highway tax not worked out for 1813 41	21
By cash received at Boston for a Military account 47	11
By a note of hand against Isaiah Silver 19	1
By cash of Farnum Hall for Huldak 52	
By cash of Jonathan Merrill for what the bridge sold for near Jonathan Griffen's on the old road 51	1
By cash received of the second parish for the Town paid the Goal Keeper For Edward Richardson parish taxes in Jonathan Merrill's lists for 1811 & 1812 00	4
Making in the whole four thousand seven hundred and three dollars And forty four cents 44	4703
And we find Said Treasurer has paid since said reckoning on assessors orders and John Russes receipt two thousand three hundred and eighteen dollars and thirty two cents 32	2318
Which leaves a balance in favour of said Town of two thousand three hundred and eighty five dollars and twelve cents 12	2385

Which sum we find due from sundry constables and on notes of hand
as follows:

from Isaiah Silver constable for 1813	636
14	
from Isaiah Silver constable for 1814	1768
89	
a note of hand against Amos Barker dated Nov 24 1812	4
28	
a note of hand against Joseph Gardnear dated March 31 st 1810	2
54	
a note of hand ditto John Sargent dated December 11 th 1800	3
03	
ditto ditto Stephen Barker dated April 9 th 1808	3
25	
ditto ditto Amos Morse ditto April 9 th 1802	
61	
ditto ditto ditto Ebenezer Merrill dated October 23 1807	11
04	
do – do - do Stephen Richardson do May 4 1807	1
16	
Do – do – do John L. Bodwell dated April 19 th 1814	2
73	
no interest cast on the above notes	
By uncurrent money on hand	<u>41</u>
<u>50</u>	
Making in the whole two thousand four hundred and eighty dollars	2480
12	
and twelve cents	
Which leaves a balance in favour of said Treasurer of ninety five dollars	
and twelve cents he paying all his own outstanding orders	95
12	

Methuen March 30th 1815

Alfred Ingalls
Jonathan Merrill } Committee
Benjamin Osgood } Treasurer

- 15thly Voted to chuse (choose) a committee to view Mr John Gages road
Chose Alfred Ingalls Esq., Stephen Minot, Esq. and Capt. Eben Carleton
- Voted to accept the report of the committee which was to allow him sixteen dollars
- 16thly Voted to adjourn according to adjournment and voted to abate Samuel Morses highway tax for 1810 in Capt Jonathan Merrills list and Elisha Richardson and Moses Plumer & Geroge Plumer, Joseph Days Heirs & Samuel Hezeltine for 1811 James Mallon, Elisha Richardson & Noah Stephens for 1812 Enock F. Messer, Solomon Jennings
Poll tax James Mallon, Samuel Morse, Noah Stevens, John Morar

Voted to abate Joseph Haynses heirs tax in Amos Barker's list for 18007.
Voted to abate in John Searls for 1808 John Swan Jr 1.64
and Susannah Hibberd 0 48
Joseph Morses 3.64
Samuel Morse 1. 90
Nathaniel Morse 2.93
Abnear Greanleaf Heirs 0 34
and dissolved the meeting

Attest: : Benjamin Osgood, Town Clerk

April 3, 1815

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held in said Town on Monday the 3rd day of April 1815 agreable to Warrant No. 64 file 3rd

The votes were as follows:

His Excellency Caleb Strong	112
Honorable Samuel Dexter, Esq.	106

For Lieutenant Governor

His Honour William Phillips	111
His Honour William Gray, Esq.	108

For Senators

Honorable Thomas Stephens	113
Nathaniel Hooper	113
Nehemiah ??? page 341	113
John Pickering	113
Stephen Hooper	113
Thomas Kittredge	94
David Cummings Esq.	94
Daniel Kilham	94
Moses Little	94
Nathan B. Martin	94

Attest: : Benjamin Osgood, Town Clerk

May 4, 1815

At a legal Town Meeting held in Methuen on the 4th day of May 1815 for the choice

of representatives agreeable to warrant No. 65 file 3d the votes being given in counted and sorted.

Attest: Benjamin Osgood, Town

Clerk

July 7, 1815

At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held on 7th of July 1815 for the choice of Representatives to Congress for the Essex north district agreeable to Warrant No. 66 file 4d when the votes were as follows for

Jeremiah Nelson Esq.	58
Thomas Kittridge Esq.	20

Attest: Benjamin Osgood, Town Clerk

July 17, 1815

At a legal Meeting of the of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held on the 17th day of July 1815 agreeable to Warrant No. 67 file 3d

First Chose Capt Jonathan Merrill Moderator

2ndly Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen widening the road between Benajmin Townses and Isaiah Silvers which was as follows. The Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Methuen have at the request of Benjamin Town and others widened the road between said Townses House and Isaiah Silvers as follows beginning at the westerly end of Baley Days tunnel (tunnel) by said road at a point running ten rods easterly to a stake one rod south of said road thence further easterly sixteen rods to a white oak tree marked one rod south of said road thence twelve rods to a point by said road thence further easterly nineteen rods to a stake one half rod south of said road opposite the westerly part of Samuel Days land thence further easterly twenty two rods to a point opposite the westerly part of Capt Joseph Hows land thence further easterly thirty eight rods to a stake one rod south of said road thence further easterly on land of Capt Joseph How seventeen rods and one half to a point by said road then widened on the north side as follows beginning at a p;oint thence running easterly on Mary Days land twelve rods to a stake one rod north of said road thence further easterly nineteen rods to a stake one half rod north of said road thence easterly on Samuel Days land twenty two rods to a stake one rod north of said road thence thirty rods on Capt Joseph Hows land to a point the north side of said road.

Baley Days land 56 ½ rods ten dollars per acre	3 – 50
Molly Day do 20 ½	1 – 39
Samuel Day 16 ½	1 – 04

Capt Joseph How 24

1 – 50

Methuen June 26 1815

John Russ Selectmen
Jonathan Merrill } of
Stephen Runnalls Methuen

Attest: Benjamin Osgood, Town

Clerk