

Feb 28 1835

All of which is Respectfully submitted by

Samuel H Harris
Samuel Richardson Jr } Selectmen
William Swan

Moses Merrill Town Treasurer

March 2, 1835

**Annual Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Town affairs held
March 2d 1835, agreeable to Warrant No 210 file 4th**

Opened said Meeting and chose

John Tenney Esq. **Moderator**

Chose Moses Merrill **Town Clerk & Sworn**

Chose Moses Merrill **Town Treasurer & Sworn**

Chose Samuel H Harris
Chose William Swan } **Selectmen & Assessors – Sworn**
Chose John E. Merrill

Surveyors of Highways – Sworn

Hazen Bodwell	Samuel Crosby	David Clarke	Moses Merrill
Thomas Cole	William Cross	Michael Gage	Moses Webster
Samuel H. Harris	Harris Whittier	Reuben Boles	Thomas J. Richardson
Nathaniel Gorrill	James Merrill	Ephraim Peabody	Perley Morse
John P. Trull	Samuel Enoss	Asa Griffen	Eliphelett Richardson

Fence Viewers - Sworn

William Fitz	Joseph How	Thomas O Poor	Samuel Richardson Jr.
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Surveyors of Wood & Bark

Guy Carleton	Alpheus Jones	Aaron Sawyer	Matthew Messer
Daniel How	Joshua Buswell Jr.	Stephen Gage	Samuel H. Harris

Field Drivers – Sworn

Henry Spencer	Erwin Stevens	Asa Currier 2d	Varnum Tyler
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Enoch Bailey Leonard A Sargent

Fish Wardens Chosen

John E Merrill William Swan Samuel H Harris

Surveyors of Lumber – Sworn

Samuel Richardson Jr.	William B Abbott	Stephen Gage
John Wilson	Thomas Thaxter	Aaron Sawyer
Thomas O Poor	Gilbert Frye	Asa Currier 2d

Fire Wardens

Ben Osgood John Wilson John Davis John Low

Pound Keepers

John Dale Joseph Marston

Hog Reeves – Sworn

William B. Abbot	John A. Gage	Thomas A. Pomroy	Abbot Smith
Edward H. Bernard	George Harris	Thaddeus Osgood	Stephen D??
William Patch	Charles Blaisdell	John Chadwick	

Sealer of Weights & Measures – Sworn

Abiel How

School Committee

Reverend C. O. Kimball Reverend S. G. Pierce Doctor Stephen Huse

Voted that the Selectmen be instructed to put the two pounds in ?? Repairs

Votes for **County Treasurer** were for William T. Wade Esq. forty seven

Voted to exsept (accept) of the Report of Selectmen with the Town Treasurer - voted to raise two thousand six hundred dollars to defray Town charges the year ensuing –

Voted to raise nine hundred dollars for support of Schools the year ensuing –

Voted to raise twelve hundred dollars to repair highways & private ways the year ensuing –

Voted that horses and net cattle are not permitted to go at large the year ensuing –

Voted that the taxes be collected in the same manner as they were last year and chose Moses Merrill Collector,

Voted that the Surveyors of highways through whos (whose) district the Turnpike runs have leave to work out a part of their taxes on said Turnpike and

Voted that the 11 (th) article be referred to the Selectmen

Voted to refer the 13 article to the Selectmen to settle as they think proper –

Voted to pass over 14 (th) article

Voted to grant Mr Bartlett his request as set fourth in 15 (th) article –

Voted to pass over 16 (th) article

Voted to refer the 17 (th) article to Selectmen

Voted that the 18 (th) article be granted to Mr Stevens as requested –

Chose John E. Merrill and Joshua Buswell Jr. Constables for the year ensuing and both sworn and then dissolved Said Meeting

Attest Moses Merrill Town Clerk

May 4, 1835

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote for Representatives to general court held Monday May 4 1835 agreeable to Warrant No. 211 file 4 for the purpose of giving in their votes for the County Commissioners and two Special Commissioners for the County of Essex

The votes being given in sorted counted and declaration thereof made were as follows (viz.)

For

Asa W. Wilder	215 votes
John W Proctor	93 votes
Moses Newell	93 votes
Nehemiah Brown	122 votes

John W Asten 122 votes

Special Commissioners

Stephen Barker 122 votes

Lowell Bagley 122 votes

David Putnam 96 votes

William Whipple 96 votes

Attest Moses Merrill Town Clerk

May 4, 1835

At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Town affairs held May 4th 1835 agreeable to Warrant No. 212 file 4th

Opened Said Meeting and chose John Davis **Moderator**

Voted that the Town exopt (accept) the Essex Turnpike as a common highway provided the Honorable Commissioners see fit to lay it out as such –

Voted to exopt (accept) of a list of Jurymen as presented by the Selectmen and then dissolved

Attest Moses Merrill Town Clerk

May 29, 1835

At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote for Representatives to General Court held May 29 1835 agreeable to Warrant No 213 file 4th for the purp;ose of giving in their votes for a County Commissioner

The votes being given in sorted counted and declaration thereof made were as follows (viz.):

For

John W. Proctor 131 votes

Nehemiah Brown 113 votes

Attest Moses Merrill Town Clerk

May 29, 1835

At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Town affairs held May 29 1835, agreeable to Warrant No 214 file 4

Opened Said Meeting and chose John Tenney Esq. **Moderator**

Voted to pass over 2d article

Voted to reconsider the vote taken May 4th 1835 whereby the Town voted to except (accept) the Essex Turnpike road as a common highway and then dissolved

Attest Moses Merrill Town Clerk

August 24, 1835

At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Town affairs held August 24 1835 agreeable to Warrant No 215 file 4th

Opened said Meeting and chose John Tenney Esq. **Moderator**

Voted to chuse (choose) a committee of five to confer with a committee of the Town of Andover & Andover Bridge and Essex turnpike corporation and chose –

Joseph Griffen

Joseph W Carleton

Jonathan Currier Esq.

John Davis

George A. Waldo –

The above committee attended that service & reported

Voted that this Town do assent that the county commissioners lay out and establish the Essex Turnpike as a common highway according to the Statute of 1833 ?147. and then dissolved

Attest Moses Merrill Town Clerk

September 7, 1835

At a legal Meeting of the male inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Town affairs held September 7 1835 agreeable to Warrant No. 216 file 4

Opened Said Meeting and chose John Tenney Esq. **Moderator**

Voted to pass over 2d article and then dissolved

Attest Moses Merrill Town Clerk

November 9, 1835

At a Legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified as the prescribes to vote for Representatives to General Court held November 9 1835 agreeable to Warrant No. 217 file 4th for the choice of Representatives to General Court of this Commonwealth

Opened Said Meeting and voted that t his Town chose (choose) two Representatives

The votes being given in sorted and counted it was found that Samuel H. Harris had 146 votes and was chosen and no other candidate having a choice the Town voted to reconsider the vote whereby they voted to send 2 and voted to send one - votes for Jonathan Currier Esq. were 106 and for Joshua Buswell Jr. 110, William Swan 81, George A. Waldo 60 and some scattering

Attest Moses Merrill Town Clerk

November 9, 1835

At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor etc held November 9 1835 agreeable to Warrant No. 218 file 4th for the purpose of giving in their vote for Governor Lieutenant Governor & Senators of this Commonwealth

Opened said Meeting and the votes being given in sorted counted and declaration thereof made were as follows

For

Edward Everett Esq. 180 votes and for
Marcus Morton 140 votes

For Lieutenant Governor

George Hull had 128 votes
William Foster had 148 votes

Senators

T. G Farnsworth had 143 votes
Joseph Kittredge had 143 votes
George Savory had 143 votes
David Pingree had 141 votes
Wm. Hawkes had 143 votes
John W Asten had 143 votes
Jonathan Shaw had 128 votes
Wm. Fenson 128 votes
George Lunt 128 votes

Stephen P Webb 128 votes
 John Tenney 127 votes
 Charles Kimball 128 votes

Attest Moses Merrill Town Clerk

December 28, 1835

At a Legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Town affairs held December 28 1835 agreeable to Warrant No 219 file 4th

Opened Said Meeting and chose Jonathan Currier Esq. **Moderator**

Voted to pass over 2d article and then dissolved.

Attest Moses Merrill Town Clerk

Report with Town Treasurer

The Subscribers being by a vote of the Town of Methuen made a committee to reckon with the Treasurer have attended to that service and report thereon as follows viz.: -

That there was in Said Treasurers hands of the Town money at the last settlement February 28 1835	\$1464.71
and there has been put into his hands since that time as follows viz.	
by a tax list committed to the Town Clerk to collect	3582.70
by cash recd of Commonwealth for support of State Paupers	48.10
by cash recd of John E. Merrill for being Constable 1834	6.00
by cash recd of Selectmen for old bridge timber	2.60
by cash recd of Selectmen for sale of John Bunt furniture	26.29
by cash recd of Andover Bridge Corporation Town and ?	76.00
by cash recd of Samuel F Nichols by Joseph How in full payment for assistance rendered his family the year past	50.00
by cash recd of Towns of Commonwealth being this Town's propation (proportion/appropriation) of the interest of state school fund	<u>3.00</u>
	\$5318.94
Said Treasurer has paid in Assessors Orders since the last settlement	3241.97
by amount of discount on Taxes	201.75
by amount of Interest paid on notes	79.00
	<u>\$3523.52</u>
Balance in favor of Town	\$1795.42

And we find there is due Said Treasurer as follows

from Jesse Sargent on Moses Bixbys list	48.83
from Moses Merrill Collector for 1826	15.21
from Moses Merrill Collector for 1827	28.96
from Moses Merrill Collector for 1828	9.92

from Moses Merrill Collector for 1829	30.81	
from Moses Merrill Collector for 1830	<u>44.92</u>	
	178.65	
Due from Moses Merrill for 1831	45.84	
Due from Moses Merrill for 1832	89.80	
Due from Moses Merrill for 1833	171.71	
Due from Moses Merrill for 1834	164.23	
Due from Moses Merrill for 1835	345.70	
Notes against Joseph Griffen dated Sept. 26 1823	17.57	
Notes against Jacob W. Morse dated January 15, 1825	1.97	
Notes against James Gutterson dated Nov 1 1824	15.15	
Votes against Peabody & Pettengill amt due	<u>16.58</u>	<u>\$1047.20</u>
Balance in Treasurers hands		\$ 748.22

The committee further report that the notes on interest against the Town are in favor of

Clarissa Marston	250.00
Lydia Richardson	380.00
Jonathan Currier 2d Esq.	200.00
John Davis	<u>500.00</u>
	\$1330.00

March 5 1836

All of which is Respectfully Submitted by

Samuel H Harris
William Swan } Selectmen of Methuen
John E. Merrill

Moses Merrill Town Treasurer

1836

March 7, 1836 – Annual Meeting

Legal Annual Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Town affairs held March 7, 1836 agreeable to Warrant No. 220 file 4th

Opened said meeting and chose John Davis **Moderator**

Chose Moses Merrill **Town Clerk & Sworn**

Chose Moses Merrill **Town Treasurer & Sworn**

Chose John Tenney Esq. Jonathan Currier Esq. William Swan } **Selectmen & Sworn**

Surveyors of Highway Chosen

Joseph How	Frederick Kimball	Joseph A. Bodwell	Benjamin Simpson
Abner Stevens	Thomas O Poor	Edmond Sargent	Ralph Clark
Gilbert Emerson	Christopher Messer	John Graves	Asa Palmer
Wm. H Frye	Benjamin Gross	Jesse Heath	Asa Whittier
Stephen Huse	Isaac Currier	Aaron Sawyer	Zadock Bodwell

Fire Wardens Chosen

John Wilson John Low Joshua Buswell Jr. Cyrus Wilson

Fence Viewers - Sworn

Varnum Tyler	William Swan	Asa Whittier
Edmond Carleton	James G. Gutterson	

Surveyors of Wood & Bark – Sworn

Guy Carleton	Cody Osgood	Charles Gleason	Aaron Sawyer
Benjamin Simpson	Stephen Gage	William S Annis	Matthew Messer
Samuel H Harris	Jeremiah Frye	Alpheus Jones	Thomas W Churchill

Pound Keepers

John Dale Samuel Crosby

November 14, 1836

AT a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor etc held November 14 1836 agreeable to Warrant No. 221 file 4th for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor Lieutenant Gov. and Senators of this Commonwealth.

Opened Said Meeting and the votes having been given in sorted counted and declaration thereof made were as follows

For Governor

Edward Everett had	159 votes
Marcus Morton had	174 votes
Aaron Jacks had	1 vote

For Lieutenant Governor

George Hull had	160 votes
William Foster had	175 votes

For Senators

Joseph Kittredge had	172 votes
Thomas G Farnsworth had	172 votes
Josiah Caldwell had	172 votes
Frederick Robinson had	172 votes
Robert Rantoul Jr. had	172 votes
George Osborn had	172 votes
Jonathan Shaw had	161 votes

John Tenney had	160 votes
Charles Kimball had	161 votes
Stephen Oliver had	161 votes
Warwick Palfrey Jr. had	161 votes
Daniel Adams 3d had	161 votes

Attest Moses Merrill Town Clerk

November 14, 1836

At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote for Senators & Representatives in the General Court held November 14 1836 agreeable to Warrant No. 222 file 4th for the purpose of giving in their votes for or against a proposed Article of amendment to the Constitution of this Commonwealth –

The votes having been given in sorted counted and declaration thereof made were as follows

Yeys	130 votes
Neys	19 votes

Attest Moses Merrill Town Clerk

November 14, 1836

At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified by the Constitution for Representatives to General Court held November 14 1836 agreeable to Warrant No 223 file 4th

for the purpose of giving in their votes for Electors of President and Vice President of the United States.

The votes being given in sorted counted and declaration thereof made were as follows

Electors at large

Nathan Willis had	174 votes
Seth Whitmarsh had	174 votes

District

Caleb Eddy had	174 votes
Robert Rantoul had	174 votes
Joseph Kittredge had	174 votes
Francis Tuttle had	174 votes
Samuel Taylor had	174 votes
Samuel C Asten had	174 votes
Joseph Fitch had	174 votes
Harvey Chapin had	174 votes
Benjamin P. Williams had	174 votes

Nathaniel Brownell had	174 votes
Thomas Mandell had	174 votes

Electors at large

Nathaniel Silsbee had	160 votes
Edward A Newton had	160 votes

District

Samuel Appleton had	160 votes
Leverett Saltonstall had	160 votes
Benjamin Walker had	160 votes
Loammi (?) Baldwin had	160 votes
Joseph G. Kendall had	160 votes
Samuel Lee had	160 votes
Thomas Longley had	160 votes
Isaac Bitles had	160 votes
B ? Tafts Jr. had	160 votes
Howard Lathrope had	160 votes
Charles Morgan had	160 votes
Charles J Holmes had	160 votes

Attest Moses Merrill Town Clerk

November 14, 1836

At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote for Representatives to the General Court held November 14 1836 agreeable to Warrant No 224 file 4th for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative in Congress of the U.S. for District No 3.

The votes being given in sorted counted and declaration thereof made were as follows

For

Honorable Caleb Cushing had 156 votes
Honorable Gayton P Osgood had 174 do

Attest Moses Merrill Town Clerk

November 14, 1836

At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified as the Constitution prescribes to vote for Representatives to General Court held November 14 1836 agreeable to Warrant No. 225 file 4th for the purpose of choosing (choosing) Representatives to represent this Town in the General Court of this Commonwealth

Opened Said Meeting and voted to chose (choose) one Representative

After balloting once there was no choice and the Town voted not to send a Representative this year

Attest Moses Merrill Town Clerk

1837

February 6, 1837

At a Legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Town affairs held February 6 1837 agreeable to Warrant No. 226 file 4

Opened Said Meeting and chose Mr John Davis **Moderator**

And a motion was made to dissolve Said Meeting

The question was put by polling the House and carried in the affirmative 127 to 142

Attest Moses Merrill Town Clerk

March 6, 1837 – Annual Meeting

Annual Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Town affairs held March 6 1827 agreeable to Warrant No. 227 file 4th.

Opened Said Meeting and chose Moses Merrill **Town Clerk & Sworn**

Chose Moses Merrill **Town Treasurer & Sworn**

Chose William Swan
Chose Josiah G. White } Selectmen & Sworn
Chose Miles F Griffen

Voted to adjourn three fourths of an hour

Meet (met) according to adjournment.

Surveyors of Highway – Sworn

Isaiah How	Samuel Cross	David Clarke
Daniel Merrill 2d	Asa Harris	Edwin Sargent
Matthew Messer	Amos Griffen	Stephen Currier
James Messer	John Tarbox	Amos Morse 3d
William H. Frye	Warren Haynes	Samuel Clarke
Perley Morse	Benjamin Griffen Jr.	Samuel Richardson
John P Trull	Josiah G. White	Asa Currier

Sealer of Weights & Measures – Sworn

Abiel How

Fence Viewers – Sworn

William Fitz Abiel Stevens Caleb Swan Daniel Merrill 2d

Surveyors of Wood & Bark - Sworn

Aaron Sawyer
Thomas W Churchill

Isaiah Silver
Frederick Kimball

Samuel H Harris

Jeremiah Frye

Voted that the Selectmen be artherised (authorized) to appoint other Surveyors of Highway

Pound Keepers Chosen

John Dale

Samuel Crosby

Fire Wardens Chosen

John Wilson

Frederick George

Joshua Buswell

Cyrus Wilson

Surveyors of Lumber – Sworn

Amos Stickney
Elam Dale

Isaac Hall
Ezekiel Clarke

Aaron Sawyer

Hog Reaves Chosen

John B Webster
S J. Varney
Parker Morse

Asa Sawyer
John N. Archer
Thomas O Poor

Benjamin Griffen
Joseph Marston
Nathan Town

Rollins Webster
John Frye
William Huse

David Gleason

Henry H White

Walton Osgood

Cody Osgood

Asa Barker

Nelson Cross

John Russ Jr.

James H Peabody

Field Drivers Chosen

Alfred Clarke
Samuel French
Timothy Poor
David Gleason

Asa Clement
Noble Green
John Smith
Perley Morse

Washington Chadwick
Samuel Bodwell
Samuel Cross Jr.
William Huse

Abner Stevens
Gilman Smith

Fish Wardens Chosen

William Swan
Abiel Stevens

Josiah G. White
Moses Merrill

Miles F Griffen
John Davis

School Committee

Doctor Stephen Huse

Doctor John M Grosvnor

Doctor Isaiah C Straw

Constables – Sworn

Joshua Buswell

John Low

Voted to except (accept) the Report of Selectmen with Town Treasurer

Voted to except (accept) of the Report on expenditures

Voted to raise two thousand dollars to defray Town charges the year ensuing

Voted to raise one thousand dollars for support of Schools the year ensuing

Voted to raise fifteen hundred dollars to repair highways & private ways the year ensuing

Voted that net cattle & horses be not suffered to go at large any part of the year

Voted that swine be not suffered to go at large any part of the year

Voted that the taxes be collected in the same manner as they were last year and chose Moses Merrill Collector

Votes for **County Treasurer** were for William F. Wade Esq. 52 votes

Voted that the Selectmen be ortheried (authorized) to provide a place to hold Town Meetings

Voted that there be a committee of three persons chosen to select a location ascertain the probable cost and prepare a plan of a Town House and report at a future Meeting

Chose Joseph W. Carleton

Josiah G. White

George A Waldo Said Committee

Voted that the roads be broke out and kept open as they were last year when encumbered with snow

Voted that the petition of Abner Stevens be granted and except (accept) of the Report of Selectmen on that petition with the exeption (exception) of that part of Samuel Bodwells claim that part to be referred to Selectmen

Voted to pass over 13(th) article

14(th) article withdrawn

Voted that the 15(th) article be suspended until the adjournment

Voted that the 16(th) article be referred to Selectmen

Voted to pass over 17(th) article

Voted that the 19(th) article be referred to Selectmen to report at an adjourned meeting

Voted to pass over 19(th) article

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the 1st Monday of April next at 2 oclock P.M.

Monday April 3d 1837

Meet (met) according to adjournment

Voted to pass 10(th) article for the present and to take up the 15(th) article concerning the Turnpike Revenue –

Voted that this Town do agree to receive their propotional (proportional) part of Said Surplus Revenue agreeable to an Act of this Commonwealth on that subject

Voted t hat Moses Merrill as Treasurer of the Town of Methuen be authorized to received Said Surplus Revenue and to give such certificates and receipts as the Receiver General shall require agreeable to the requisitions of Law in behalf of Said Town

Voted to exept (accept) the Report of the committee chosen to obtain a plan & select a location for Town House adobting (adopting) the plan & first location providing the cost does not exeed (exceed) the estimate

Voted t hat the Surplus Revenue be appropriated to defray the cost of Said Town House

Voted that J. W. Carleton, J. G. White & G. A. Waldo be the Building Committee

Voted that the Report of Selectmen on the 18(th) article are not exepted (accepted) and then dissolved Said Meeting

Attest Moses Merrill Town Clerk

Report on Settlement with Town Treasurer

The Subscribers being by a vote of the Town of Methuen made a committee to reckon with the Treasurer have attended to that service and report as follows viz.

That there was in Said Treasurers hands of the Town's money at the last

Settlement March 5 1836	1795.42
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And there has been put into his hands since that time as follows viz.

A list of Taxes for 1836 committed to him as Treasurer & Collector	3681.71
Cash of Commonwealth for support of State paupers	69.07
Cash of Town of Tewksbury for support of John Bailey	1.00
Cash for Shews (shows)	<u>2.00</u>

Said Treasurer has paid in Selectmen's Assessors & Overseer Poor's Orders	\$5549.20
Since the last Settlement	3346.92
County Treasurer for damages in buying out the turnpike as a public way	404.00
Amount of discount on Taxes	214.24
Interest paid on notes	79.80
Amount paid for bounty on noxious animals	<u>18.00</u>
	<u>4062.96</u>
Balance in favor of Town	1486.24

And we find due Said Treasurer as follows viz.

from Moses Merrill collector for 1829	34.47
from Moses Merrill collector for 1830	44.90
from Moses Merrill collector for 1831	45.76
from Moses Merrill collector for 1832	83.09
from Moses Merrill collector for 1833	153.37
from Moses Merrill collector for 1834	131.28
from Moses Merrill collector for 1835	226.01
from Moses Merrill collector for 1836	<u>342.84</u>

\$1061.72

Notes against Joseph Griffen	17.57
Note against Jacob W Morse	1.97
Note against James Gutterson	15.15
Note against Peabody & Pettengill	<u>16.58</u>

\$1112.99

The committee further report that

The note against the Town are in favor of

Clarisse Marston	250.00
Lydia Richardson	380.00
Jonathan Currier 2 Esq.	200.00
John Davis	<u>500.00</u>

\$1330.00

March 4 1837

All of which is Respectfully submitted by

John Tenney
Jonathan Currier 2 } Selectmen of Methuen
William Swan

Moses Merrill Town Treasurer

April 3, 1837

At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Town affairs held April 3d 1837 agreeable to Warrant No. 228 file 4

Opened Said Meeting and chose John Davis **Moderator**

Voted to except (accept) the doings of the Selectmen and respect the prayer of the petitioner and then dissolved Said meeting

Moses Merrill Town Treasurer

April 17, 1837

At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Town affairs held April 17 1837 agreeable to Warrant No 229 file 4th

Opened Said meeting and chose John Davis **Moderator** –

Voted to reconsider the vote of t he last Meeting whereby the Town voted to appropriate thirty eight hundred dollars for creating a Town House

Voted to discharge the committee chosen to superintend the building a Town Hosue & then

Voted to pass over said article –

Voted that there be a committee to receive proposals for purchasing a farm for the support of the Towns poor –

Voted that the Selectmen be that committee

The committee are ortherised (authorized) to receive proposals and examine the various farms and make a report to the Town at the autumn Meeting

Voted that the Town pay one half of the expence (expense) of purchasing a fire engine & then dissolved Said Meeting

Moses Merrill Town Clerk

May 1, 1837

At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Town affairs held May 1st 1837 agreeable to Warrant No. 230, file 4th

Opened Said meeting & chose John Davis **Moderator**

Voted to appropriate seventeen hundred dollars to pay Town debts

Voted that the remainder of the surplus revenue be loned (loaned) to some bank in the vicinity giving the Andover Bank the preferance (preference) if they will do as well as others

Voted that the Town Treasurer be ortherised (authorized) to conduct this business

Voted there be a committee raised to purchase a new herse (hearse) & Caleb Swan, J. W. Carleton & Cyrus Wilson be Said committee

Voted this committee be authorized to sell the old herse (hearse)

Voted this same committee be orthereised (authorized) to provide a place to keep Said Herse (Hearse)

Voted to pass over the 4th article

Voted that E Whittier request be referred to Selectmen to view the received and report at a future Meeting

Meeting was then dissolved

Moses Merrill Town Clerk

May 29, 1837

At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Town affairs held May 29 1837 agreeable to Warrant No 231 file 4th

Opened Said Meeting and chose Joseph How **Moderator**

Voted to chose (choose) a committee to oppose the laying out a road as petitioned for by Simon Coburn & others

Voted this committee consist of five members and chose Joseph Griffen, John Tenney, Joseph How, John David & Perley Morse said committee and then dissolved Sd Meeting

Moses Merrill Town Clerk

November 13, 1837

At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified as the Constitution prescribes to vote for Representatives to General Court held Nov. 13 1837 agreeable to Warrant No. 233 file 4th for the purpose of chosing (choosing) Representatives to represent this Town in the General Court of the Commonwealth –

Opened Said Meeting and the Town voted to send two Representatives this year

Votes being given in sorted & counted were declared as follows

For

Moses Merrill	212 votes
John M. Grosvnor	210 votes
Josiah G. White	159 votes and
William Swan	157 votes

Moses Merrill and John M. Grosvnor were declared chosen

Attest Moses Merrill Town Clerk

November 13, 1837

At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Town affairs held November 13 1837 agreeable to Warrant No. 234 file 4th.

Opened Said Meeting and chose John Davis **Moderator** –

Voted to exsept (accept) the Report of the committee chosen to examine farms and to purchase the Sargent Farm as was reported by Said committee

Voted that Joshua Buswell be autherised (authorized) to sell the Herse (hearse) House at auction –

Voted that Joshua Buswell be authorized to let out the job of cutting the bushes in Grave Yard the bushes to be cut close to t he ground & to the exeptance (acceptance) of the Selectmen

Voted to refer the 5th article to the Selectmen to make such alterations they think proper

Voted to pass over 6th article

Voted that the 7(th) article be continued to March Meeting and then

Voted that this Meeting be dissolved

Attest Moses Merrill Town Clerk

December 11, 1837

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Town affairs held December 11 1837 agreeable to Warrant No. 235 file 4th

Opened Said meeting and chose John Davis **Moderator**

Voted to pass over 2d article until the 5(th) article is acted upon.

Voted that there be a committee of three chosen to investigate the subject of a new school district and report at the March Meeting and chose John Tenney, J. W. Carleton and Abiel Stevens Said Committee

Voted to reconsider the vote taken November 13th in regard to the road petitioned for by Asa Whittier and others and

Voted that the proposed widening and streighting (straightening) be made agreeable to the report of Selectmen including the streighting (straightening) through land of Aaron Sawyer to Dracutt (Dracut) line provided the county of Middlesex on the Town of Dracutt (Dracut) shall meet the same in one year from the present time

Voted to reconsider the vote taken November 13th whereby the Town voted to purchase the Sargent Farm and

Voted there be a committee of three persons chosen to examine farms and make a report at the March Meeting and chose Stephen Barker, Joseph How and Daniel Merrill said committee –

Voted Said Committee cause their report to be printed & circulated prior to the March Meeting

Voted to reconsider the vote taken last March Meeting in regard to braking (breaking) out the roads when incumbered (encumbered) with snow –

Voted that the Highway Surveyors brake (break) out the roads according to law

Voted the Selectmen be authorized to cause a report of the Receipts & Expenditures for the current year to be made and to be printed

Attest Moses Merrill Town Clerk

1838

March 5, 1838 – Annual Meeting

Annual Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Town affairs held March 5 1838, agreeable to Warrant No 1st, file 5th

Opened Said Meeting and chose John Davis Esq. **Moderator**

Chose Moses Merrill **Town Clerk & Sworn**

Chose Moses Merrill **Town Treasurer & Sworn**

Chose Joshua Buswell, Christopher How and Aaron Jacks **Selectmen and Sworn**

Voted to adjourn $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour

Meet (met) according adjournment

Surveyors of Highway - Sworn

Robert Taylor	Samuel Cross Jr.	Isaiah Silver
Daniel Merrill 2d	Irvin Stevens	William Swan
Joseph Jackman	Gilbert Emerson	Varnum Tyler
Ben Osgood	Joseph Gardner	John Frye
Oliver Emerson 2d	Moody Morse	Asa Whittier
Washington Merrill	Samuel Richardson	Zadock Bodwell
John Low	Christopher How	Gilman Smith

Fence Viewers – Sworn

Abiel Stevens	Caleb Swan	John P Truss
Michael Gage	Daniel Merrill 2d	David Hussey

Surveyors of Wood & Bark - Sworn

Aaron Sawyer	Isaiah Silver	Samuel H. Harris
Nathaniel Gorrell	Charles Gleason	Joshua Buswell
Amos Griffen	Samuel Clarke	Samuel Richardson
Joseph How	George A. Waldo	Ebenezer Sawyer

Sealer of Weights and Measurers – Sworn

Calvin Putnam

Pound Keepers

John Dale	Samuel Crosby
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Fire Wardens

John Wilson	Frederick George	Joshua Buswell
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Cyrus Wilson

Abiel Stevens

Field Drivers – Sworn

Elijah Hall

Henry Spencer

Darius Hibbard

S. J. Varney

Samuel Bodwell

George A Waldo

John B Webster

John P. Trull

John Smith

William H Frye

Stephen Durham

George W. Gage 2d

Try Austin

Jonathan Griffen

Elisha Carpenter

David Hussey

Moses Bowen

Asa Whittier

F. M. Farnsworth

Samuel Ayer

William S Annis

Ebenezer Sawyer

Surveyors of Lumber – Sworn

Isaac Hall

Aaron Sawyer

John Wilson

Ezekiel Clarke

Samuel Richardson

Matthew Messer

Jeremiah Frye

Hog Reaves

William H. Frye

Nelson Corning

Joseph Gardner

John N Archer

Samuel Cross Jr

Benjamin Stevens

John Wilson

John Russell

Daniel Gleason

Voted not to choose any **Fish Wardens**

School Committee

Doctor Stephen Huse

Doctor Isaiah C Straw

Doctor J. M. Grosvnor

Constables – Sworn

John Low

Joshua Buswell

Votes for **County Treasurer** were for William F. Wade Esq. Seventy one votes

Voted to except (accept) of the report with Town Treasurer

Voted to autherise (authorize) the Town Treasurer to draw six hundred dollars of surplus revenue to pay Town orders from now to ? part of April next

Voted to raise two thousand dollars to defray Town charges the year ensuing –

Voted to raise one thousand dollars to support schools the year ensuing –

Voted to raise fifteen hundred dollars to repair highways & private ways the year ensuing

Voted that net cattle & horses be not suffered to go at large any part of the year

Voted that swine be not suffered to go at large any part of the year

Voted that the taxes be collected by the Town Treasurer the same as former years –

And chose Moses Merrill Collector

Voted to exopt (accept) of the majority report of the committee chosen to select a farm for the support of towns Poor and to purchase the Sargent Farm

Voted that the Selectmen be a committee to take a deed and purchase stock & tools for said farm

Voted that the Town deposit of the surplus revenue be appropriated in part to pay for said Town and to purchase stock, tools, etc.

Voted that the Town Treasurer be autherised (authorized) to give Treasury notes for the balance of debts due for the farm & stock etc.

Voted that Isaiah Silvers request be granted in regard to the road in the 11th article

Voted to pass over 12(th) article and then dissolved said Meeting

Attest Moses Merrill Town Clerk

Report of Selectmen with Town Treasurer

The Subscribers being by a vote of the Town of Methuen made a committee to reckon with the Treasurer have attended that service and report as follows viz.

A tax list for 1837 committed to him to collect	3069.00
cash of Commonwealth for interest on School fund for 1836	46.36
of Commonwealth for support of State Paupers	43.05
to part of Surplus Revenue	1700.00
Highway Tax of Methuen Company for 1835	84.08
cash of Commonwealth for interest on School Fund for 1837	68.25
cash of Commonwealth for bounty on noxious animals	<u>18.00</u>
	\$6514.98

Said Treasurer has paid in Selectmen Assessors & Overseers of Poor Orders since last Settlement	3609.95
Amount of discount on Taxes	163.25

Clarisse Marston Note & Interest	271.25	
Lydia Richardson Note & Interest	405.65	
Jonathan Currier Esq. Note & Interest	211.20	
John Davis Note & Interest	<u>545.00</u>	
	\$5176.20	
Balance in favor of the Town	<u>\$1338.68</u>	
	\$6514.98	
And we find due Said Treasurer as follows		
from Moses Merrill Collector for 1824	22.29	
from Moses Merrill Collector for 1830	28.75	
from Moses Merrill Collector for 1831	23.69	
from Moses Merrill Collector for 1832	53.36	
from Moses Merrill Collector for 1833	90.71	
from Moses Merrill Collector for 1834	100.54	
from Moses Merrill Collector for 1835	176.99	
from Moses Merrill Collector for 1836	195.69	
from Moses Merrill Collector for 1837	<u>380.14</u>	
	\$1072.13	
Note against Joseph Griffen	17.57	
Note against Jacob W. Morse	1.97	
Note against James Gutterson	15.15	
Note against Peabody & Pettengill	<u>16.58</u>	1124.40
Balance in Treasurers hands		215.38
The Committee further report that there is deposited of the Surplus		
Revenue money in Andover Bank		\$2791.33

March 2 1838

All of which is Respectfully submitted by

William Swan
 Josiah G White } Selectmen of Methuen
 Miles F Griffen

Moses Merrill Town Treasurer

April 2d 1838

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Town affairs held April 2d 1838 agreeable to Warrant No. 2d file 5th for the purpose of giving in their votes for County Commissioners and Special Commissioners

The votes being given in sorted counted & declaration thereof made were as follows –

Whole number of ballots were for **County Commissioner** 222 ballots

for Moses Newell 222 votes
for Asa W Wiles 113 votes
for Asa T Newhall 109 votes
for James H Duncan 109 votes
for David Putnam 109 votes

Special Commissioners whole number ballots 218

For John Tenney 218 votes
For John W. Allen 110 votes
For William Whipple 104 votes

Attest – Moses Merrill Town Clerk

April 2, 1838

At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Town affairs held April 2 1838 agreeable to Warrant No 3 file 5th

Opened Said and chose John Davis Esq. **Moderator**

Voted to except (accept) of a list of Jurors as revised by the Selectmen –

Voted to except (accept) of the Report of Committee in regard to a new School District and

Voted that the prayer of the petition be not granted –

Voted that the Selectmen be autherised (authorized) to hire the Baptist Meeting house for holding Town Meetings provided they do not give more than thirty five dollars per annum –

Voted that the Selectmen be autherised (authorized) to purchase land and make such improvement as is necessary for a Burying Ground in the west part of the Town –

and then dissolved Said Meeting

Attest – Moses Merrill Town Clerk

May 2, 1838

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Town affairs held May 2d 1838 agreeable to Warrant No. 4 file 5 for the purpose of giving in their votes for two County Commissioners and one Special Commissioner

The votes being given in sorted counted and declaration thereof made were as follows –

Whole number of ballots were for County Commissioners 157 and

Asa W. Wildes had 157 votes
Asa T. Newhall had 85 votes
David Putnam had 72 votes

Special Commissioner & whole number of ballots were 157 and

John W. Allen had 84 votes
William Whipple had 73 votes

Attest – Moses Merrill Town Clerk

May 2, 1838

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Town affairs held May 2d 1838 qualified to vote in Town affairs held May 2d 1838 agreeable to Warrant No. 5, file 5.

Opened Said meeting and chose John Davis Esq. **Moderator**

Voted that the Selectmen be autherised (authorized) to repair the road near Benjamin Webster's and make it passable and safe –

Voted to pass over 3d article until next March Meeting

Voted that the Selectmen be autherised to shingle the almshouse –

Voted that it is the sense of t his Meeting that all the Banks in this Commonwealth are obligated to pay their bills in specie on demand – 51 yeys 4 neys

Resolved that it is the opinion of this meeting that a United States Bank charted (chartered) by Congress would be for the interest of the country – 46 yeys to 15 neys and then dissolved said Meeting

Moses Merrill Town Clerk

September 10, 1838

At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Town affairs held September 10 1838 agreeable to Warrant No. 6 file 5

Opened Said Meeting and chose John Davis Esq. **Moderator.**

Voted that the Selectmen be authorised (authorized) to suspend the letting out the making of the road petitioned for by Simon Coburn & others until another Meeting.

Voted that there be a committee chosen of five to examine the new located road ordered to be made by the County Commissioners and make a report at an adjourned Meeting of the probable expediency of petitioning for a new location and that this Meeting be adjourned for two weeks and chose Jonathan Currier, Aaron Jacks, Joseph How, Stephen Huse, Stephen Barker said committee

Voted to refer 3d article to the same committee to report at the adjourned meeting - this meeting adjourned two weeks at 2 oclock P.M.

September 24 – Meet according to adjournment –

Voted to exopt (accept) of the report of the committee on the road ordered to be made by County Commissioners

Voted that the Selectmen be instructed to suspend making the road commencing near Capt Joseph Griffen House and ending west of Mr Sawyers barn

Voted that the Selectmen be authorised (authorized) to make the road from Mr. Sawyers land to Dracutt (Dracut) line as ordered by Country Commissioners

Voted to exopt (accept) the Report of the committee on the Bridge near Abiel Stevens

Voted that the Selectmen be authorised (authorized) and sent an article in the warrant for next Town Meeting in regard to the road and bridge near Abiel Stevens

Voted that the Selectmen be directed to place such ground across the road near Abiel Stevens as to save the Town harmless – and dissolved said Meeting

Moses Merrill Town Clerk

November 12, 1838

At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in elections held November 12 1838 agreeable to Warrant No. 7 file 5 for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor Lieutenant Governor of this Commonwealth and six Senators on one ballot for the district of Essex

Also to give in their votes for a Representative in the Twenty Sixth Congress of the United States for district no. three

Also to chose (choose) one or more Representatives to represent Said Town in the General Court to be held at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next and declaration thereof made as the law requires were as follows

For Governor

Edward Everett	203 votes
Marcus Morton	183 votes
William S Annis	1 vote

For Lieutenant Governor

George Hull	203 votes
Theodore Sedgewick	184 votes

For Senators

Charles Kimball	206 votes
Samuel Lane	204 votes
Daniel P King	206 votes
Jeremiah Spofford	204 votes
Josiah Little	204 votes
Isaiah Breed	205 votes
Joseph Kittredge	184 votes
John W. Allen	184 votes
Josiah Caldwell	185 votes
Benjamin T. Newhall	186 votes
Nathan Webster	186 votes
George Osborn	184 votes

The votes for Representative to Congress being given in were sorted counted & declaration thereof made were as follows

For Caleb Cushing	205 votes
For Gayton P Osgood	177 votes

The Town voted to send two Representatives to General Court – whole number of ballots were 389 Necessary for a choice 195

John M Grosvnor had	201 votes}
Joshua Buswell had	197 votes}and ? and elected
Samuel H Harris had	182 & Daniel Merrill 177 votes

Attest – Moses Merrill Town Clerk

November 12, 1838

At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Town affairs held November 12th 1838 agreeable to Warrant No 8 file 5

Opened Said Meeting and chose John Davis Esq. **Moderator**

Voted to discontinue the Old Road leading from the Town hill road to the Turnpike by the house of Abiel Stevens over the Bridge

Voted that the Selectmen be authorised (authorized) to Petition the County Commissioners to discontinue the road across the mill dam & to streighton (straighten) & locate anew Said Road as they in their wisdom shall think proper

Voted that Overseers of the Poor petition the General Court in behalf o f the Town for compensation for the support of William Richards & John Hide for the year 1837 & then dissolved said Meeting

Attest – Moses Merrill Town Clerk

The Subscribers being by a vote of the Town of Methuen made a committee to reckon with the Treasurer have attended that service and report as follows viz.

That there was in the Treasurers hands on the 2d day of March last	1338.78
and that there has been put into his hands since that time as follows viz.	
Cash received of Andover Bank being the towns proportion of the Surplus revenue	2791.33
by Interest on the same	119.57
by tax list for the year 1838	3061.50
by cash received Clarisse Marston	250.00
by cash Lorenzo Sargent	564.60
by cash Ebenezer Hibbard	1000.00
by cash John Davis	500.00
received of Town of Andover for support of Pauper	58.71
received of Town of Lexington for support of Pauper	44.88
received of Town of Newburyport for support of Pauper	5.00
received of Selectmen for ? House	8.25
received of Selectmen for Bridge plank	<u>.80</u>
amounting in the whole to	\$9743.44
said Treasurer has paid out as follows viz.	
on Selectmen's Orders	4674.70
For Town Farm	3600.00
Interest on Taxes	<u>178.45</u>
Amounting to	<u>\$8530.21</u>
Leaving a balance in favor of Town	\$1213.23
And we find due Said Treasurer as follows	
from Moses Merrill Collector for 1829	20.84
from Moses Merrill Collector for 1830	23.10
from Moses Merrill Collector for 1831	17.10

from Moses Merrill Collector for 1832	42.35
from Moses Merrill Collector for 1833	34.33
from Moses Merrill Collector for 1834	87.64
Due Moses Merrill Collector for 1835	160.87
Due Moses Merrill Collector for 1836	135.55
Due Moses Merrill Collector for 1837	262.47
Due Moses Merrill Collector for 1838	287.00
Note against Joseph Griffen	17.57
Note against Jacob W Morse	1.97
Note against James Gutterson	15.15
Note against Peabody & Pettengill	16.58
Cash in Treasurer's hands	<u>90.71</u>
	\$1213.23

The committee would further report that the following notes exist against the Town for money borrowed agreeably to a vote of the Town at their last Annual Town Meeting

Lorenzo Sargent dated March 12 1838	564.60
Clarissa Marston May 11 1838	250.00
Ebenezer Hibbard November 15 1838	1000.00
John Davis November 13 1838	<u>500.00</u>
Amounting to	\$2314.60

All of which is Respectfully submitted
February 26 1839

J. Buswell
Christopher How } Committee
Aaron Jacks

Moses Merrill Town Treasurer

1839

March 4, 1839 – Annual Meeting

Annual Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Town affairs held March 4 1839 agreeable to Warrant No. 10 file 5

Opened Said Meeting and chose John Tenney Esq. **Moderator** –

Chose Moses Merrill **Town Clerk & Sworn**

Chose Moses Merrill Town Treasurer

Voted that three Selectmen be chosen on one ballot and chose

Samuel H Harris

John Low } **Selectmen & Sworn**

Frederick Kimball

Voted to adjourn one half hour –

Meet awarding to adjournment

Chose Reverend Edward N. Harris

Reverend Addison Parker } **School Committee**

Doctor Stephen Huse

Surveyors of Highway – Sworn

Walter Merrill

John Russell

Elijah Hall

Daniel Merrill 2d

John B Webster

Daniel Carleton

Edmond Sargent

Jacob Tyler

James Messer

Ben Osgood

Ebenezer Marsh

Francis Frye 2d

Charles Merrill

George Gutterson

Asa Whittier

Samuel Crosby

Samuel Richardson

Ben Richardson

Edward Kimball

Matthias Currier

Amos Griffen

Voted that the price of ox work on the highway be one dollar per day

Fence Viewers

Christopher Messer

John Frye

Abiel Stevens

Asa Currier

Joseph F. Ingalls

Sealer of Weights & Measurers - Sworn

Calvin Putnam

Pound Keepers

Samuel Griffen

John Smith

Constables - Sworn

Joshua Buswell

John Low

Surveyors of Wood & Bark

Amos Griffen	Samuel H Harris	Nathaniel Gorrill	Amos Stickney
Joshua Buswell	Artemas Herrick	Samuel Richardson	Asa Currier
George A. Waldo	Ebenezer Sawyer	Samuel Clarke	William S Annis

Fire Wardens

John Wilson	Frederick George	Joshua Buswell
Thomas Thaxter	Abiel Stevens	Cyrus Wilson

Field Drivers – Sworn

S. J. Varney	N. G. Thom	Isaac F Kimball
William H. Frye	Asa Barker	John Sawyer
Asa Currier	John Smith	James Messer

Surveyors of Lumber – Sworn

Amos Stickney	John Wilson	Samuel Richardson	Francis Frye 2d
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Voted that the office of Hog Reaves be dispensed with

Voted that the office Fish Wardens be dispensed with

Voted to choose two Constables on one ballot

Voted to exopt (accept) the Report of Committee with Town Treasurer

Voted to raid three thousand dollars to defray Town charges the present year

Voted to raise fifteen hundred dollars to repair highways & private ways the year ensuing

Voted to raise one thousand dollars for support of schools the year ensuing

Voted that horses net cattle & swine shall not be suffered to go at large any part of the year

Votes for Country Treasurer were for William F. Wade Esq. fifty six votes

Voted that the Taxes be collected in the same manner as they were last year and chose Moses Merrill **Collector**

Voted that the 9th article be referred to the Selectmen

Voted that Moody S Wheeler's Estate be set off from School District No. 1 and annexed to No. 2

Voted that a committee of three persons be chosen to take into consideration the 11th article & report thereon, and chose Stephen Huse, George A Waldo and John Davis Said Committee

Voted that the 12(th) article be referred to Selectmen

Voted that the Treasurer be authorized to hire five hundred dollars to pay Town orders and then dissolved

Moses Merrill Town Treasurer

November 11, 1839

At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Town affairs held November 11th 1839 agreeable to Warrant No. 11 file 5

Opened Said Meeting and chose George A Waldo **Moderator**

Voted on the 2d article that the road be opened

Voted that the Overseer be autherised (authorized) to open Said Road

Voted to exept (accept) the Report of the Committee for a new Schoolhouse on the petition of Washington Merrill & others

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to carry the above report into effect

Voted that the alteration be made in making the Bridge across Bartlett's Mildam (mill dam) as set forth by the Selectmen & then dissolved

Moses Merrill Town Clerk

November 11, 1839

At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in elections held November 11 1839 agreeable to Warrant No. 12 file 5 for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor Lieutenant Governor and six Senators for the Distrik (district) of Essex on one ballot. Also to chose (choose) one or more Representatives to represent this Town in the General Court to be held in Boston on the first Wednesday of January next.

The votes for Governor Lieutenant Govenor etc. being sorted counted and declaration thereof made as the law directs were as follows

For Governor

Edward Everett had	215 votes
Marcus Morton had	203 votes

Amos Farnsworth had 2 votes

For Lieutenant Governor

George Hull had 214 votes
Nathan Willis had 203 votes
John W. Brown 2 votes

For Senators

Daniel P King had 214 votes
Samuel Lane had 214 votes
Josiah Little had 214 votes
David Choate had 217 votes
John S Williams had 215 votes
Amos Abbott had 217 votes
Joseph Kittredge had 203 votes
Nathan Webster had 206 votes
Horatio Robinson had 203 votes
Josiah Caldwell had 206 votes
Benjamin F Newhall had 206 votes
John Gott had 203 votes

The Town voted to send two Representatives to the General Court
Whole no. of ballots for Representatives were 418.

Moses Merrill and John M. Grosvnor had 207 each
Samuel H Harris had 206 & George A. Waldo had 199 votes

There being no choice the Town voted to reconsider the vote where by they voted to send two and voted not to and any.

Attest Moses Merrill Town Clerk

The Subscribers being by a vote of the Town of Methuen made a committee to reckon with the Treasurer and having attended that service they report thereon as follows (to wit) –

That there was in the Treasurers ('s) hands on the 26th day of February last \$1213.23
And there has been put into his hands since that time as follows

Cash by Daniel Merrill 2d Highway money collected	20.00
Cash by Betsy H Huse for tax abatted (abated)	.60
Cash by Town of Andover for support of paupers	26.00
Cash of Commonwealth for support of State paupers in 1837 & 8	72.69

Cash by Samuel Nickols in part	5.00
Cash of State School Fund	70.93
Cash of Town of Newbury expense of Rebecca Richardson & Child	30.29
Cash of Town of Haverhill expense of Daniel Swan	4.42
Cash received of Sundry Person poll Tax 1839	10.76
Cash received of Town of Dracutt in full for expense of Samuel Austin family in 1838	45.87
Cash received of Henry Spencer for rent of Elisa Bixby's pew	4.72
Cash received of Tax list for the year 1839	4054.10
Cash received balance of Enoch Marshall's account with Selectmen	16.25
Note against Fry Austin	<u>7.00</u>
Making in all	\$5581.86

And Said Treasurer has paid out as follows

On Selectmen's Orders of 1839	\$3589.55
Outstanding Orders of last year paid	333.35
Interest paid on Sundry Note against the Town	151.75
Discount on taxes for 1839	<u>238.52</u>
	<u>\$4313.17</u>
Leaving a balance in favor of Town	\$1268.69

And we find due Said Treasurer as follows (to wit)

From Moses Merrill Collector for 1829	8.41
From Moses Merrill Collector for 1832	29.52
From Moses Merrill Collector for 1833	27.94
From Moses Merrill Collector for 1834	74.83
From Moses Merrill Collector for 1835	150.61
From Moses Merrill Collector for 1836	98.10
Due on list for 1837	218.62
Due on list for 1838	174.14
Due on list for 1839	353.58
Due on Note against Joseph Griffen	17.57
Due on Note against Jacob W Morse	2.97
Due on Note against James Gutterson	15.15
Due on Note against Peabody & Pettengill	16.58
Due on Note against Frye Austin	7.00
Cash in Treasurer's hands	<u>74.67</u>
	\$1268.69

Notes against the Town for Money borrowed in 1838 as follows to wit.

In favor of Lorenzo Sargent	564.60
In favor of Clarissa Marston	250.00
In favor of Ebenezer Hibbard	1000.00
In favor John Davis	<u>500.00</u>
	\$2314.60

All of which is respectfully submitted for the consideration of the Town

Signed Samuel H. Harris
John Low } Committee
Frederick Kimball

Methuen Feb 26 1840.

Moses Merrill Town Treasurer