

Methuen Jan. 4 1848

George A. Waldo Selectmen
Joseph How } of
Moses L. Atkinson } Methuen

A true copy

Attest

Josiah Dearborn Town Clerk.

1848

March 6, 1848 – Annual Meeting

Annual meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified by law to vote in Town Affairs held on Monday March the sixth 1848, agreeable to Warrant 62 File 6th Opened said meeting at ten O'clock A.M.

Article 1st Chose George A. Waldo **Moderator**

Prayer by Reverend Joseph M. Graves.

Article 2nd Chose Josiah Dearborn Town Clerk. Sworn

Voted that the number of Selectmen for the year ensuing, shall consist of three.

Whole number of ballots for Selectmen was 290 – Necessary for choice 146

George A. Waldo had 174 votes and was chosen (sworn)
Frederick Kimball had 157 votes and was chosen (sworn)

No other person had a sufficient number of ballots to elect him, therefore it was **Voted** to adjourn for one hour.

2d Ballot for Selectmen – Whole number of ballots was 239 – Necessary for choice 120.

John W. Hall had 150 and was elected/Sworn

School Committee Report was read, accepted and the usual number was **Voted** to be printed under the direction of the School Committee.

Voted that the number of the School Committee shall consist of three

School Committee - Stephen Huse, Daniel Merrill 2d & O. H. Tillotson were elected.

Constables. Voted that the number consist of two.

John Low and Charles E. Goss were elected & sworn.

Treasurer. Josiah Dearborn was elected.

Collector. Josiah Dearborn was elected.

Fire Wardens chosen.

John Low, Kimball C. Gleason, Charles Ingalls, Daniel Merrill 3d, Frederick George.

Fence Viewers chosen.

Joseph F. Ingalls – Sworn Joseph How - Sworn Amos Griffin

Surveyors of Lumber chosen

Samuel Harvey Adam Dicky - sworn Ezekiel Clark – sworn
Joseph R. Bodwell John B. Webster

Surveyors of Wood and Bark chosen & sworn.

Heman Webster Stephen Gage Frederick George
Amos Griffin John B. Webster John W. Hall
Joshua Webster Adam Dicky John Frye
Ebenezer Sawyer George A. Waldo Samuel Harvey
Guy Carleton Joseph Buswell Edward Carleton

Sealer of Weights and Measures chosen.

Joseph M. Brock

Voted to accept the Selectmen's report.

Article third **Voted** to raise thirty five hundred dollars to defray Town charges

Article fourth **Voted** to raise Sixteen Hundred Dollars for the support of Schools.

Article fifth **Voted** to raise Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars to repair Roads and Bridges; and that it be laid out under the direction of the Selectmen.

Article sixth **Voted** to restrain Horses and Neat Cattle and Swine from running at large within the limits of the Town, the year ensuing.

Article seventh **County Treasurer.**

Whole number of votes was 56 and William F. Wade had that number

Article eighth **Voted** to have the Taxes collected the same as last year.

Article ninth By request of J. W. Carleton and 21 others to see if the Town will vote to choose a Committee to see that the licence (license) laws be enforced against all offender's it was **Voted** that a committee of five be nominated from the chair to see that the licence laws be enforced against all offenders. The following persons were chosen after being nominated by the chair.

Joseph F. Ingalls
A. W. Carleton

Josiah G. White
Daniel Currier

Joseph How

Article tenth **Voted** that School Districts No. 1 & 2 recently made so by the Selectmen be united as one District.

Article eleventh **Voted** that Daniel Merrill 2d be set off from School District No. 2 and that he be added to District No. 7

Article twelfth **Voted** that the Town Treasurer be authorized to purchase a Standard of Weight and Measures for the use of the Town.

Article thirteenth **Voted** that it be left to the Selectmen for them to say to what amount A. B. & L. D. Chase may work out on Road past their house.

Article fourteenth **Voted** to pass over this article.

Article fifteenth **Voted** that the fifteenth article be referred to the School Committee for them to act as they may think most judicious in regard to Schools and schooling for those families who formerly belonged to District No. 3

Voted to desolve (dissolve) said meeting ~

Attest

Josiah Dearborn Town Clerk.

April 10, 1848

The Selectmen made the following Appointments of

Field Drivers - Sworn

Charles Merrill	S. H. Harris	Hazen Bodwell
Edward Dodge	Samuel Cross	Joseph Jackman
John Carleton	Joshua P. Hill	John Frye
Nathaniel Gorell	Col. Jonathan Merrill	J. H. Conant
Adam Dickey	Edward Kimball	Benjamin Webster
Henry A. Bodwell	Andrew Stiles	Ralph Clark
Varnum Tyler	John Sawyer	

Geo. A. Waldo	Selectmen
Frederick Kimball	} of
John W. Hall	Methuen

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Attest

Josiah Dearborn Town Clerk.

Pound Keepers.

Hezekiah Chadwick	Israel W. Young
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Treasurer's Account.

Debit The Selectmen being a committee for that purpose have examined the books and accounts of Josiah Dearborn Treasurer of Methuen and find them correctly kept and that he has proper vouchers for the payments.

He charges the Town as follows

To paid on Selectmen's Orders
5506.41
To paid Interest on John Farley Note
60.00
To paid Interest on David Gleason Note
90.00

To Interest on Daniel Gleason Note
48.00
To paid on Note at Andover Bank
1200.00
To paid County Tax
626.80
To paid School District Tax for 5 School house in District No. 6
18.32
To paid Town Farm Tax
11.73
To Collecting Taxes
52.00
To Making out & distributing Tax bills
20.00
To paid Hayes for Printing Tax bills
6.00
To cash paid out for Sundry expences (expenses), Recording etc.
24.46

\$7994.28

The Treasurer Credits the Town as follows
By balance due on last year report
168.90
By cash of Silas P. Wheeler in full for his Note
5.00
By Tax received on last year list
2.49
By Cash of William Huse
800.00
By Cash of Calvin Vickory
1300.00
By Cash of Overseers
230.76
By Cash received of School Fund
174.60
By Cash received Town of Lawrence for proportion of C. Tax
417.87
By Cash received for State Paupers
157.12
By Cash Selectmen for Highway Taxes
24.46
By Tax List
5285.07

8566.27

7994.28

Leaving balance in the Treasury of
571.99

\$

Debit Recapitulation

Due School District No. 1
.18
Due School District No. 4
67.58
Due School District No. 5
95.81
Due School District No. 6
7.42
Due School District No. 8
.24
Due School District No. 9 Dracutt
4.34
Due School District No. 9
68.46
Due School District No. 7
3.99
Due Prudence Poor
324.00

Due C. P. & C. Poor
224.00
Due John Farley
1055.00
Due David Gleason
1582.50
Due Daniel Gleason
833.00
Due William Huse
848.00
Due Calvin Vickory
1363.50
Due John Herriman
325.00
Josiah G. White ab...
125.00

6857.02

2281.59

Balance Against Town is
\$4575.43

Credit Recapitulation

By balance in Treasury
571.99
Moses Merrill unbs. Taxes
376.65
Due from Town of Andover
154.00
Due from West Newbury
20.45
Due from Town of Lawrence
1085.00
Due from Caleb Tippets Estate
27.50
Due from State Paupers
46.00

Methuen March 2d, 1848.

All which is respectfully submitted by

George A. Waldo	}	Selectmen
M. L. Atkinson	}	of
Joseph How	}	Methuen
Ben Osgood	}	

A true copy

Attest Josiah Dearborn Town Clerk.

March 27, 1848

**At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in
Town
affairs held Monday the twenty seventh day of March 1848 agreeable to Warrant 63
file 6th**

Opened said meeting and chose **Stephen Huse Moderator.**

Article 2nd **Voted** to pass over this article.

Article 3rd **Voted** to pass over this article.

Article 4th **Voted** to pass over this article.

Voted to dissolve said meeting.

Attest

Josiah Dearborn Town Clerk.

Essex SS. To either of the Constables of Methuen in said County of Essex **Greeting.**

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Mass to notify and warn the male Inhabitants of Methuen, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet and assemble at the Baptist Vestry, on Monday, April 10th 1848 at two O clock P.M. to act on the following Articles Viz.

- 1st To choose a **Moderator** to govern said Meeting.
- 2nd By request of J. M. Doe and others to see if the Town will vote that the school money shall divided according to valuation of property.
- 3rd By request of Rufus Griffin to see if the Town will vote that School District No. 1 may be divided into two District as recently divided by the Selectmen
- 4th By request of S. H. Wise to see if the Town will vote that the members of the Engine Company having served one year may receive the amount of their Poll Tax.
- 5th To see if the Town will vote that two hundred and fifty dollars may be added to the Highway Tax.

Hereof fail not but make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place above named.

Given under our hands & seal this first day of April 1848.

George A. Waldo	Selectmen
Frederick Kimball	} of
John W. Hall	Methuen

Essex SS. Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the male Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote as therein expressed to meet and assemble at the time and place & for the purposes therein named.

Methuen April 8th 1848

John Low, Constable.

A true copy

Attest Josiah Dearborn Town Clerk.

April 10, 1848

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified by law to vote in Town affairs held on Monday April 10, 1848 agreeable to Warrant 64 File 6th

Opened said meeting at two oclock P.M.

Article 1st George A. Waldo was elected **Moderator**

Article 2nd **Voted** not to divide School money according to valuation of property

Article 3rd **Voted** to pass this article over

Article 4th **Voted** that the members of the Engine Company having served one year, may receive the amount of their poll tax.

Article 5th **Voted** to pass over t his article.

The following resolution was presented and passed by nearly a unanimous vote: but one vote in the negative.

Voted That the Town assent to the alteration in the line of the branch of the Boston and Maine Rail Road from Lawrence to the State line as petitioned for by said corporation which is now pending before the Legislature.

Voted to desolve (dissolve) said meeting.

Attest

Josiah Dearborn Town Clerk.

Essex SS. To either of the Constables of Methuen in said County
Greeting.

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to Notify and warn the male Inhabitants of said Town, qualified by law to vote in Elections to meet and assemble at the Baptist Vestry, on Monday the twelfth day of June 1848 at 3 oclock P.M. to act on the following articles viz.

Art. 1st To choose a **Moderator** for said Meeting

Art. 2nd To see what method the Town will adopt to prevent the repetition of incendiary attempes (attempts) such as setting fir to buildings and the like – Also to see if the Town will vote to indemnify their Committee chosen at the last Annual meeting to enforce the Licence Law as to any loss or damage they may sustain in consequence of the discharge of their duty as said Committee and act anything thereon as the Town may think proper.

Art. 3rd To take any other action in relation to enlarging said Committee and offering a reward for the apprehention (apprehension) of disorderly persons the Town may think proper.

Art. 4th To see if the Town will authorize (authorize) the Selectmen to build a new road from Andrew Stiles House to the house of Amos Morse 2d.

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

Given under our hands and seal this third day of June 1848 ~

George A. Waldo Selectmen
Frederick Kimball } of
John W. Hall Methuen

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the male inhabitants qualified by law to vote in elections to meet and assemble at the time and place and for the purpose therein named ~

Methuen June 10th 1848. John Low, Constable.

A true copy
Attest Josiah Dearborn Town Clerk

June 12, 1848

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, held on Monday June 12th 1848, agreeable to Warrant 65 File 6th.

Opened said meeting at 3 oclock P.M. and chose Dr Stephen Huse **Moderator**

Article 2nd The following resolutions were presented and passed by a large majority ~

Whereas incendiary attemps (attempts) of a highly dangerous and destructive (destructive) nature have lately been made among us and property and even life are thus wantonly put in jepordy (jeopardy). **Therefore Resolved**

1. That it is the duty of every good citizen to endeavour as much as in him lies to ferret out and bring to justice the perpetrators of such infamous crimes. Resolved
2. That as the legality of the act may be called in question, it is inexpedient to pass a vote to indemnify the members of the committee chosen at our last Annual

Meeting to enforce the Licence Law as to any loss or damage that they may sustain in the discharge of their duties as said committee.

3. Resolved, That we highly approve of the conduct of our Selectmen in offering a handsome reward for the apprehension and conviction of such offenders against the public peace and security.
4. Resolved, That the committee chosen at our last Annual Meeting to enforce the Licence Law deserve and ought to received the thanks of their constituents for the faithful energetic and efficient manner in which they have discharged the duties assigned them.

Article 3rd **Voted** to pass over this article.

Article 4th **Voted** to authorise (authorize) the Selectmen to build a new road from Andrew Stiles House to the house of Amos Morse 2nd
Voted to desolve (dissolve) said meeting.

Attest

Josiah Dearborn Town Clerk.

Essex SS. To John Low Constable of Methuen in said County of Essex
Greeting.

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the male inhabitants of said Methuen qualified by law to vote in Election to meet and assemble at the Baptist Vestry on Tuesday November the seventh 1848 at one o'clock in the afternoon to bring in their votes on one ballot for Twelve Electors of President and Vice President of the United States.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at the time and place above named.

Given under our hands and seal this eighteenth of October one thousand eight hundred & forty eight.

George A. Waldo	Selectmen
Frederick Kimball	} of
John W. Hall	Methuen

A true copy attest, John Low Constable

Essex SS. Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the male inhabitants

[LS] qualified by law to vote as therein expressed to meet and assemble at the time and place and for the purpose therein named.

Methuen Oct. 30th 1848.

John Low Constable.

A true copy

Attest Josiah Dearborn Town Clerk.

November 7, 1848

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified according to the constitution to vote for Representative in General Court holden on the first Tuesday of November 1848 agreeable to Warrant 66 File 6th for the purpose of giving in their votes for Electors of President and Vice President of the United States.

The whole number of persons who gave in their votes was ascertained as directed in the Revised Statutes Chapter 4. Sec. 13. by counting the whole number of ballots given in and the whole number of ballots was Eleven Hundred and Seventy two, and the whole number of votes given in were sorted counted and declared, and record made thereof in open Town Meeting as by law directed, viz.:

Electors at Large.

Levi Lincoln of Worcester had	609 votes
Edmund Dwight of Boston had	609 votes
Charles G. Green of Boston had	332 votes
Henry H. Childs of Boston had	332 votes
Samuel Hoar of Concord had	231 votes
William Jackson of Newton had	231 votes

District No. 1 ~

Albert Fearing of Boston had	609 votes
James Cheever of Boston had	332 votes
Joseph Willard of Boston had	231 votes

District No. 2 ~

David Pingree of Salem had	609 votes
Ebenezer H. Stacy of Gloucester had	332 votes
John B. Allen of Lynn had	231 votes

District No. 3 ~

Daniel Adams of Newbury had	609 votes
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Edwin Lawrence of Newburyport had	332 votes
J. G. Whittier of Amesbury had	231 votes

District No. 4 ~

Isaac Livermore of Cambridge had	609 votes
Timothy Fletcher of Charlestown had	332 votes
Nathan Brooks of Concord had	231 votes

District No. 5 ~

Benjamin F. Thomas of Worcester had	609 votes
J. S. C. Knowlton of Worcester had	332 votes
A. De Witt of Worcester had	231 votes

District No. 6 ~

Myron Lawrence of Belchertown had	609 votes
Joseph Smith of Hatfield had	332 votes
James Fowler of Westfield had	231 votes

District No. 7 ~

Asa Howland of Conway had	609 votes
Samuel Gates of West Stockbridge had	332 votes
Thomas Robinson of Adams had	231 votes

District No. 8 ~

H. A. S. Dearborn of Roxbury had	609 votes
William Ellis of Dedham had	332 votes
Benjamin W. French of Braintree had	231 votes

District No. 9 ~

William Baylies of West Bridgewater had	609 votes
Foster Cooper of Fall River had	332 votes
Philo Leach of Bridgewater had	231 votes

District No. 10 ~

William R. Easton of Nantucket had	609 votes
James D. Thompson of New Bedford had	332 votes
Isaac C. Taber of New Bedford had	231 votes

Attest

Josiah Dearborn Town Clerk.

Essex SS. To John Low Constable of the Town of Methuen **Greeting.**
You are hereby directed in the name of the Commonwealth of
Massachusetts to Notify and
warn the male inhabitants of Methuen qualified by law to vote in Elections to meet and
assemble
at the Baptist Vestry in said Town on Monday the 13th day of November next at one
O'clock P.M.
to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a **Governor** and Lt **Governor** of the
Commonwealth
and five Senators for the County of Essex: Also their votes for Representative for the
third Representative Congressional District to Represent them in the thirty first Congress
of the United
States, all on one ballot.

Also to bring in their votes for Representative to represent them in General Court to be
holden at
Boston on the first Wednesday of January next.

Hereof fail not and make due return of t his warrant with your doings thereon to the
Selectmen at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands & seal at Methuen this **thirtieth day of October A.D. 1848.**

George A. Waldo Selectmen
Frederick Kimball } of
John W. Hall Methuen

A true copy Attest, John Low Constable.

Essex SS. Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the male
[LS] inhabitants of Methuen qualified to vote in elections to meet and assemble
at the
time & place therein named &U for the purpose therein expressed.

Methuen Nov 10th 1848.

John Low Constable

November 13, 1848

**At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in
Elections**

held November 13th 1848, agreeable to Warrant 67 File 6th for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor, Lieut. Governor, of this Commonwealth five Senators for the County of Essex, and a Representative to Congress of the United States, all on one ballot. Also to choose a Representative to represent said Town in General Court to be held in Boston the first Wednesday of January next.

The votes for **Governor**, Lieut. **Governor**, Senators and Representative to Congress being sorted, counted, recorded and declaration thereof made as the law directs were as follows.

Whole number of ballots was 978.

For Governor

George N. Briggs had	565 votes
Caleb Cushing had	182 votes
Stephen C. Phillips had	223 votes

For Lieutenant Governor

John Reed had	572 votes
Henry W. Cushman had	191 votes

Whole number of ballots for Senators was 978.

For Senators

Charles H. Balch had	571 votes
E. J. M. Hale had	568 votes
Daniel C. Baker had	571 votes
Otis P. Lord had	569 votes
N. W. Hazen had	562 votes
Nathaniel J. Lord had	194 votes
Edward C. Peabody had	194 votes
George A. Waldo had	194 votes
James M. Sargent had	194 votes
George Osborne had	194 votes
Edmund Kimball had	208 votes
James Kimball had	210 votes
Lemuel Gott had	209 votes
Dan Weed Jr had	214 votes
William Carey	210 votes

For Representative to United States.

Whole number of ballots was 972.

James H. Duncan had	573 votes
George S. Boutwell had	194 votes
Chancy L. Knapp had	205 votes

For Representative to General Court.

Whole number of ballots was 965.

John Tenney had	551 votes
John W. Hall had	209 votes
Lewis Young had	193 votes
John Hall had	1 vote
Josiah G. White had	1 vote
N. W. Harman had	2 votes
Chancy L. Knapp had	1 vote
Chester A. Blodgett had	7 votes

John Tenney, having the majority, was declared elected.

Voted to desolve (dissolve) said meeting.

Attest

Josiah Dearborn Town Clerk.

1849

Essex SS. To John Low Constable in the Town of Methuen in said County of Essex

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Greeting —

You are required in the name of the Commonwealth to notify and warn the Inhabitants of Methuen qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to meet and assemble at the Baptist Vestry in said Methuen on Monday March the fifth 1849 at ten oclock A.M. there act on the following Articles = Viz.=

1st To choose a **Moderator** to governed said meeting.

2^d To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

- 3^d To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges the year ensuing.
- 4th To see in what way the money shall be raised, & how much, for the repairs of High Way;
& in what manner it shall be expended the year ensuing.
- 5th To see what sum of Money shall be raised by the Town for the support of Schools the year ensuing. –
- 6th To see if the Town will vote that the Prudential School Committee be authorized to hire the School Teachers the year ensuing.
- 7th To see if the Town will vote to restrain Horses, Neat Cattle & Swine from running at large within the limits of the Town the year ensuing; or any part thereof.
- 8th By request Parker Morse to see if the Town will vote to set him off from School district No 1 & annex him to School district No 7.
- 9th To see if the Town will vote that A. B & S. D> Chase, & Samuel Cole be permitted to work out the amount of their highway tax on the road past their houses.
- 10th By request of Thomas McKay to see if the Town will vote to accept of the road as laid out from the Lowell road by the house of Widow Sarah Harris to the new road recently made by the Boston & Maine Rail Road Company: & to act thereon as the Town shall think proper.
- 11th By request of S. H. Wise to see if the Town will vote to pay the members of Spiggot Engine Company for their services while out on duty as fireman or act anything thereon.
- 12th By request of Rufus Griffin to see if the Town will vote that School district so one be divided into Two districts as recently divided by the Selectmen.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doing thereon to the
Town Clerk at the time & place of Meeting aforesaid. Given under our hands &
seal

twenty first day of February 1849 –

George A. Waldo Selectmen
Frederick Kimball } of
John W. Hall Methuen

A true copy attest John Low Constable

Essex SS. Pursuant to the within Warrants I have notified & warned the male
inhabitants
qualified by law to vote as therein expressed to meet & assemble at the
time &
place for the purpose therein named.

Methuen Feby. 2. 1849

John Low – Constable

A true copy Attest Josiah Dearborn Town Clerk.

March 5, 1849 – Annual Meeting

**Annual meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified by law to vote
in Town affairs held on Monday March 5, 1849 agreeable to Warrant 68 file 6th:
opened said meeting
at ¼ past 10 oclock A.M.**

Article 1st Chose John Davis . **Moderator**, Prayer By Reverend J. E. Phillips.

Article 2nd Chose Josiah Dearborn **Town Clerk**.

1st Ballot for **Selectmen**. Whole number of ballots was 346. Necessary for a choice 174.
No person having that number, proceeded to

2nd Ballot – Whole number of ballots 355 – necessary for a choice 178 and no person
having
that proceeded to the

3^d Ballot – Whole number of ballots was 332 – necessary for a choice 167

Moses L. Atkinson had that number and was elected.

4th Ballot for two Selectmen – Whole number of ballots was 288 – necessary for a choice 145.

Lewis Young had 150 votes & was elected.

Voted to adjourn until tomorrow at 10 o'clock A.M.

Met according to adjournment and proceeded to the

5th Ballot – Whole number was 270 – necessary for a choice was 136. No person had that number, proceeded to the

6th Ballot – Whole number of ballots was 293 – Necessary for a choice was 147 – No one having that number, proceeded to the

7th Ballot – Whole number of ballots was 297 – Necessary for a choice 149. No person had that number, proceeded to the

8th Ballot – Whole number of ballots was 297 – Necessary for choice 149 – John W. Hall had 152 and was elected and sworn.

School Committee Report was read, accepted and the usual number was **Voted** to be printed under the direction of the School Committee.

School Committee elected were

Daniel Merrill 2d

Stephen M. Gale

John M. Grosvner

Voted to accept the Selectmen's Report

Constables elected & sworn

John Low

James H. Conant

Fire Wardens elected

John Low

K. C. Gleason

Charles Ingalls

Daniel Merrill 2d

Frederick George

Fence Viewers chosen & sworn

Joseph F. Ingalls

Joseph How

Amos Griffin

Surveyors of Lumber chosen & sworn

Samuel Harvey

Joseph A. Bodwell

John Wilson

John B. Webster

Ezekiel Clark

Henry Tewksbury

John Anderson

Geo Mills

Francis Frye 2d

David Worthing

Edmund Sargent

Surveyors of Wood and Bark chosen & sworn

Heman Webster

Voted that the remainder be appointed by the Selectmen.

Sealer of Weights and Measures – Voted be appointed by Selectmen.

Henry Spencer – sworn

Surveyors of Highways chosen & sworn.

Nelson P. Cross

Alfred Clark

William Sleeper

Edward Kimball

Aaron Jack

James Currier

Charles Merrill

Asa Whittier

Samuel Richardson

Joseph How

John Low

Samuel H. Harris

Ralph Clark

Jewett Smith

Nathaniel Goude

George Gutterson

Daniel Cluff

Daniel Carleton

John How

Hazen Bodwell

Asa Harris

Article 4th **Voted** that the highway money be worked out by highway surveyors as formally (formerly).

Article 3rd **Voted** to raise Thirty five Hundred Dollars to defray Town charges.

Article 5th **Voted** to raise Seventeen Hundred Dollars for the support of Schools.

Article 4th **Voted** to raise Eighteen Hundred Dollars for repair of Highway & Bridges.

Article 6th **Voted** that the Prudential School Committee's be authorized to hire the School Teachers the year ensuing.

Article 7th **Voted** to restrain horses, neat cattle and swine from running at large the year ensuing.

Article 8th **Voted** to grant the request of Parker Morse & that he be set off from School District No. 1 and annex him to School District No. 7 ~

Article 9th **Voted** that A. B. & S. D. Chase and Samuel Cole be permitted to work out the amount of their highway tax on the road past their houses.

Article 10th **Voted** to pass over this article –

Article 11th **Voted** – That the members of the Engine Company be allowed the amount, of their Pool (Poll) Tax for last year's service.

Voted – That the members of the Engine Company be allowed 12 ½ cents per hour, while out on duty at fires ~

Article 12th **Voted** – to pass over this article.

Treasurer. Josiah Dearborn – elected –

Collector. Josiah Dearborn – elected –

Voted – That the Selectmen be authorized to examine, and settle, the claim against Moses Merrill.

Voted – To have the Taxes collected the same as last year.

Voted – That the **Field Drivers** be appointed by the Selectmen.

Voted – To desolve (dissolve) said meeting

Attest

Josiah Dearborn Town Clerk

The Selectmen made the following Appointments

Surveyors of Wood and Bark

John W. Hale	Ebenezer Sawyer	Frederick George	John B. Webster
John Frye	Edward Carleton	Amos Griffin	John F. Tenney
George A. Waldo	John W. Smith		

Field Drivers

Charles Merrill	Samuel H. Harris	Hazen Bodwell	Edward Dodge
Samuel Cross	Joseph Jackman	John Carleton	Joshua P. Hill
John Frye	Nathaniel Goude	Jonathan Merrill	Edward Kimball
Benjamin Webster	Henry A. Bodwell	Andrew Stiles	Ralph Clark
Varnum Tyler	John Sawyer	David Gleason	Asa Barker

Methuen Mar 8. 1849 ~

Samuel Bodwell	Selectmen
Moses L. Atkinson	} of
John W. Hale	Methuen

A true copy

Attest Josiah Dearborn Town Clerk

Treasurer's Account.

The Selectmen being a Committee for that purpose have examined the books and accounts of Josiah Dearborn Treasurer of said Town and find them correctly kept and that he has proper vouchers for payment.

The following abstract will show the amount of money received and paid out the past year and the amount now remaining in his hands.

Db – Treasurer's Account.

To amount paid on Selectmen's Orders
5192.32
Paid interest on D. Gleason's Note
90.00
Paid interest on J. Farley's Note
60.00
Paid interest on Calvin Vickory's Note
30.00
Paid interest on William Huse' Note
48.00
Paid interest on Note in full
841.31
Paid interest on Daniel Gleason note
48.00
Paid John Harriman Note and interest
329.87

Paid C. P. & A. Poor Note and interest
255.58
Paid Prudence Poor Note and interest
228.00
Paid Calvin Vickory Note & Interest
102.00
Paid County Tax
626.80
Paid Collecting Taxes
61.00
Paid Discount on Taxes
374.37
Paid For office for Clerk & Treasurer
6.72
Paid for Making out & distributing Tax bills
20.00
Making out Record of Birth and Death & recording Malitia (militia) Roll etc. etc.
15.05
Paid for Printing Tax bills
4.00

\$8333.02

Cr Treasurer Accounts

Due on last year settlement
571.99
Cash received of C. Vickery
100.00
For three Peddlers Licenses
24.00
Cash received of the Town of Lawrence
1000.00
Cash received of John Harriman
325.00
School Fund
80.50
Town of Andover
100.00
Tippets Estate
27.50
Overseers of the Poor
137.70
Tax List
6121.14

8905.70

8333.02

In the hands of Treasurer
572.68

\$

Db Recapitulation

Recapitulation Cr

Due John Farley Note & interest 1055.00
571.99

By Balance in Treasury

Due David Gleason Note & interest 1507.50
376.65

Moses Merrill unabated Tax list

Due Daniel Gleason Note & interest 833.00
20.45

Due from West Newbury

Due William Huse Note & interest 848.00

from School District No. 5

Due Calvin Vickory Note & interest 527.00
10.00

Methuen

Due Josiah G. White about 110.00
979.09

\$

Due John Harriman April 1st 325.00
\$5206.00

Due School District No. 1 35.42

Due School District No. 4 30.07

Due School District No. 6 105.59

Due School District No. 8 .24

Due School District No. 9 .96

Due School District No. 9

Dracut .28 172.56

5378.56

979.09

Amount of Town Indebtedness \$4399.47

Your Committee would here state that there was a mistake in the actual indebtedness of the Town, as reported last year. John Farley's Note was set down as being 255.00 when it should have been \$1055.00; which would have shown the Town indebtedness to have been \$4575.43, instead, as reported 3775.43.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

George A. Waldo Selectmen
Frederick Kimball } of
John M. Hale Methuen

A true copy

Attest Josiah Dearborn Town Clerk

Essex SS. To either of the Constables of Methuen in said County

Article 2nd The following resolution were presented and passed by a large majority.

1st Any person keeping a Dog shall cause to be constantly keep, about the neck of such dog, a collar, with the name and place of residence of such owner or keeper legibly marked on the same; and shall pay for the right of keeping said dog to the Town Treasurer Two Dollars per year.

2nd All dogs running at large after the first day of June next, in the Town of Methuen may be killed and the person so killing said dog shall be entitled to one dollar for each dog, upon satisfactory proof of the same to the Selectmen to be paid out of any money belonging to the Town on the Selectmen's order unless the above provisions are complied with in Article 1st.

Voted – that dogs running at large be muzzled.

Voted – That any owner of a dog, and who kills the same, shall not be allowed any bounty –

Voted – To desolve said meeting.

Attest

Josiah Dearborn Town Clerk.

Essex SS. To John Low Constable of the Town of Methuen

[LS] Greeting.

You are hereby directed in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

to Notify and warn the male Inhabitants of Methuen qualified by Law to vote

in Elections to meet and assemble at the Baptist Vestry in said Town on Monday

the 12th day of November next at Ten O clock A.M.

To bring in their Votes to the Selectmen for a **Governor** and Lt **Governor** of the Commonwealth and Five Senators for the County of Essex all on one ballot: Also to bring in their votes for a Representative to represent them in General Court to be holden at Boston on the fist Wednesday of January next. –

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands & seal at Methuen **this Twenty third day of October 1849 ~**

Moses L. Atkinson Selectmen
Lewis Young } of
John W. Hall } Methuen

Essex SS. By virtue of the within Warrant I have notified & warned the male Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified by law to vote as therein expressed to meet and assemble at the time & place and for the purposes therein named.

Methuen Nov 6th 1849.

John Low, Constable

A true copy Attest Josiah Dearborn, Town Clerk.

November 12, 1849

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified by law to vote in Town Affairs held on Monday the 12th of November 1849 agreeable to Warrant 70 File 6th for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor & Lieut. Governor, of this Commonwealth and five Senators for the County of Essex. Also for a Representative to represent said Town in General Court to be held in Boston the first Wednesday in January next. The votes for Governor, Lieut. Governor, Senators for the County of Essex and Representative to represent said Town in General Court, being sorted, counted, recorded and declaration thereof made as the law directs, were as follows

Whole number of ballots for **Governor** was 951

For Governor

George N. Briggs had	512 votes
George S. Boutwell had	296 votes
Stephen C. Phillips had	139 votes

For Lieutenant Governor

John Reed had	515 votes
Henry W. Cushman had	296 votes
John Miles had	136 votes

For Senators - Whole number of ballots for Senators was 951.

Nathan W. Hazen of Andover had	508 votes
Daniel C. Baker of Lynn had	511 votes
Chas. W. Upham had	511 votes
Albert Thorndike of Beverly had	415 votes
Moses Newell of W. Newbury had	511 votes
John G. Whittier of Amesbury had	432 votes
Robert Rantoul Jr. of Beverly had	428 votes
John B. Alley of Lynn had	429 votes
Edmund Kimball of Bradford had	430 votes
Daniel Saunders Jr. of Lawrence had	430 votes
Josiah G. White of Methuen had	1 vote
Charles Bailey of Newbury port had	1 vote
Ralph F. French had	1 vote

For Representative to General Court – Whole number of ballots was 936

Morris Knowles had	506 votes
James K. Barker had	416 votes
Joseph Smith had	1 vote
Amos Morse 2d had	1 vote
Thomas Right had	1 vote
Aaron Jacks had	1 vote

Morris Knowles, having the majority was declared elected.

Voted to desolve (dissolve) said meeting.

Attest

Josiah Dearborn Town Clerk.

1850

Essex SS. To John Low Constable in the Town of Methuen in said County of Essex.

[LS] Greeting.

You are required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify

and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to meet
and assemble at the Baptist Vestry in said Town on Monday March 4th 1850 at 10 O'clock A.M.
then & there to act on the following articles viz.-

- 1st To choose a **Moderator** to govern said Meeting.
- 2^d To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
- 3^d To bring in their votes for County Treasurer.
- 4th To raise such sums of Money as may be necessary to defray Town charges the year ensuing.
- 5th To see in what way the money shall be raised and how much for the repairs of Highways and in what manner it shall be expended the year ensuing.
- 6th To see what sum of money the Town will raise for the support of Schools the year ensuing.
- 7th To see if the Town will vote that the Prudential School Committees be authorized to hire the School Teachers the year ensuing.
- 8th To see if the Town will vote to restrain horses, neat cattle and swine from running at large within the limits of the Town the year ensuing or any part thereof.
- 9th To see if the Town will vote that S. S. D. & A. B. Chase be permitted to work out the amount of their highway tax on the wall past their house.
- 10th To see if the Town will vote that D. M. Richardson and Horace Petter be allowed to work out their highways taxes on the road past their houses.
- 11th To see if the Town will vote to widen the Bridge near Samuel Harvey's Mill.
- 13th To see if the Town will furnish a place for the safe keeping of criminals during arrest.
- 12th To see what pay the Town will allow numbers of the Fire Engine Company the year ensuing or act anything thereon.

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

Given under our hands & seal **this twenty third of February A.D. 1850.**

Moses L. Atkinson	Selectmen
Levis Young	} of
John W. Hale	Methuen

Essex SS. Methuen Feby 26th 1850

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified by law to vote in Town Affairs to meet and assemble at the time & place & for the purposes thereon named.

John Low Constable of Methuen

A true copy

Attest Josiah Dearborn Town Clerk.

March 4, 1850 – Annual Meeting

Annual Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified by law to vote in Town Affairs held on Monday March 4th 1850, agreeable to Warrant 71 file 6th.

Opened said Meeting at 10 ¼ O clock A.M.

Chose John Davis **Moderator** – Prayer by Reverend J. A. Graves.

Chose Josiah Dearborn **Town Clerk**, having 152 votes out of 154 ballots cast.

Selectmen – Whole number of ballots was 230 necessary for a choice 116 and the following persons had 121 votes and were **elected ~ sworn**.

Joseph W. Carleton

John W. Hale

John F. Tenney

School Committee's Report was read accepted and 500 copies ordered to be printed under the direction of the School Committee.

School Committee elected were

Stephen Huse	John C. Phillips	J. M. Graves
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Constables elected & sworn

John Low	Charles E. Goss
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Fire Wardens elected

John Low	K. C. Gleason	Charles
Ingalls		
Daniel Merrill 2d	F. George	

Fence Viewers chosen & sworn

Joseph F. Ingalls	Joseph How	Amos Griffin
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Surveyors of Lumber chosen & sworn

Samuel Harvey	Henry A. Bodwell	John B.
Webster		
George Mills	Jerome Cross	Jos. A.
Bodwell		
Henry Tewksbury	David Worthing	John Wilson
John Anderson	Edmund Sargent	

Surveyors of Wood & Bark – Voted to be appointed by the Selectmen

John W. Hall	Frederick Kimball	Ebenezer
Sawyer		
Frederick George	John B. Webster	John F.
Tenney		
Edward Carleton	David Clark	

Sealer of Weights and Measures – To be appointed by Selectmen

Christy E. Brock

Surveyors of Highways – Sworn

Nelson P. Cross	William Cross	Michael
Prescott		
Joseph Gardner	Benjamin Webster	Samuel
Richardson		
Edmund P. Sargent	Ralph Clark	James Merrill
Samuel Crosby	John Low	Josiah Fox

John Frye
Woodbury
Edward Carleton
Asa Whittier
Webster

James Currier
Frederick George
John Stickney

Ebenezer
James Messer
Moses

Treasurer Josiah Dearborn – elected

Collector Josiah Dearborn – elected

For County Treasurer

William F. Wade of Ipswich had 75 votes

John H. Clark of Andover had 59 votes

Field Drivers – To be appointed by the Selectmen

Asa Barker
Merrill
Benjamin Kimball
Harris
Charles Gage

John Gleason
Enoch G. Jackman
Joseph Jackman

Washington
Samuel H.
Charles Tozier

Pound Keepers – Appointed by Selectmen

Samuel Crosby

Article 4th **Voted** to raise Thirty five Hundred Dollars to defray Town Charges

Article 5th **Voted** to raise Eighteen Hundred Dollars to repair Highway & Bridges
and that it
be expended the same as last year.

Article 6th **Voted** to raise Seventeen Hundred Dollars for the support of Schools.

Article 8th **Voted** to restrain Horses, neat Cattle & Swine from running at large the
year ensuing.

Article 7th **Voted** that the Prudential School Committees be authorized to hire the
School
teachers the ensuing year.

Article 9th **Voted** to grant the request of S. S. D. & A. B. Chase.

Article 10th **Voted** to grant the request of D. M. Richardson & Horace Petter

Article 11th **Voted** that it be left with the Selectmen for them to enlarge said Bridge if they think it necessary.

Article 12th **Voted** that the members of the Engine Company be allowed 12 cts (cents) per hour, while out on duty at fires.

Voted that the Fire Engine Company bring in their accounts previous to the next Annual Meeting.

Article 13th **Voted** that this article be referred to the Selectmen with authority.

List of Juryman chosen.

Daniel Currier Jr.	Ralph Clark	Amos Morse
Joseph R. Bodwell Webster	David Clark	John B.
Ebenezer Marsh Kimball C. Gleason Dearborn	Ebenezer Sawyer Josiah G. White	John W. Hale Josiah
Jos. W. Carleton Samuel Harvey Ingalls	Joseph S. Morse Henry Townsend	S. C. Frazier Charles
Guy Carleton Hazen Bodwell David Gleason Spofford	J. S. Howe Joshua P. Hill A. B. Chase	Elam Dole Joseph Currier Thomas
Lorenzo Dow Gutterson	John F. Tenney	B. G.
John Carleton T. W. White Wm. H. Frye Harris	Samuel Richardson Michael Prescott Edmund Sargent	Chas. E. Goss Joseph How Samuel H.
Frederick Kimball Leonard Morrison 2d	Washington Merrill E. G. Butters	John Russ Daniel Merrill
George W. Butters Messer	E. G. Jackman	Mathew
Joseph F. Ingalls	J. W. Mann	

Voted to desolve (dissolve) said meeting.

Attest

Joseph Dearborn Town Clerk.

Treasurer's Account.

The Selectmen being a Committee for that purpose have examined the books and accounts of Josiah Dearborn Treasurer of said Town and find them correctly kept and that he has proper vouchers for the payment –

The following abstract will show the amounts of money received and paid out the past year, and the amount now remaining in his hands.

Db Treasurer's Account.

To amount paid on Selectmen's Orders
3667.13
To amount paid Interest on J. Farley's note
60.00
To amount paid Interest on David Gleason's note
90.00
To amount paid Interest on Calvin Vickery's note
30.00
To amount paid Interest on William Huse's note
48.75
To amount paid Interest on Daniel Gleason's note
48.00
To amount paid Howard Davis on account of
Standard of Weights and Measures
10.00
To amount paid County Tax
626.80
To amount paid on freights on Standard of Weights & Measures
3.40
To amount paid Collecting Taxes
55.77
To amount paid Discount on Taxes
368.78
To amount paid Recording Malitia Rool (Militia Roll) and return & recording
Births, deaths and marriages
36.36
To amounts paid J. Low summons
4.00
To amount making out & distributing Tax bills
20.00

\$5071.49

Cr Treasurer's Account.

By due on last year's settlement

572.68

By cash of C. Vickery's on note

100.00

By cash Maps sold

1.18

By cash of Overseers on account of Wood etc

219.40

By cash for School Fund

83.20

By cash of the Town of Lawrence for proportion of County Tax

417.87

By cash of Licence (license) of Dogs

14.00

Peddler License

5.00

Tax List

5577.10

6990.43

Amount brought down

5071.49

In hands of Treasurer

\$1918.94

The Town is owing

John Farley

1055.00

David Gleason

1587.50

Daniel Gleason

833.00

Wm. Huse

848.00

Calvin Vickery

633.25

J. G. White about

88.00

John Harriman

325.00

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

Given under our hands & seal this twenty third day of March A.D. 1850.

Joseph W. Carleton	Selectmen
J. W. Hale	} of
J. F. Tenney	Methuen

Essex SS. By virtue of the within warrant I have notified and warned the male
Inhabitants
qualified by law to vote as therein named to meet & assemble at the time and place and
for the
purposes therein named ~

Methuen May 26th 1850

John Low Constable

A true copy

Attest Josiah Dearborn Town Clerk

April 1, 1850

**At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified by law to
vote in
Town Affairs held on Monday the 1st day of April 1850 agreeable to Warrant 72 File
6th**

Opened said meeting at 2 o'clock and chose Ebenezer Sawyer **Moderator.**

Voted to pass over Article 2^d until Article 3^d was **Voted** upon.

Article 3^d **Voted** to accept the doings of John Russ, provided he widens and
straightens
the west side of the road near his house, to the satisfaction of the
selectmen –

Article 2^d Whole numbers of ballots for **County Commissioners** was 81.

John I. Baker of Beverly had	38 votes
Benjamin F. Newhall of Saugus had	33 votes

Charles Kimball of Ipswich had	66 votes
John Tenney of Methuen had	41 votes
Benjamin Mudge of Lynn had	43 votes
Asa W. Wilds of Newburyport had	4 votes
Edmund Kimball of Bradford had	7 votes
George Emery of Newburyport had	7 votes

Whole number of ballots for **Special Commissioners** was 81.

Dan Weld Jr. of Lawrence had	33 votes
Joshua P. Trask of Gloucester had	33 votes
George Wilson of Marblehead had	36 votes
Thomas E. Payson of Rowley had	36 votes
William Pool of Rockport had	5 votes
Lewis Allen of Danvers had	5 votes
Daniel Saunders Jr. of Lawrence had	7 votes
Dr. D. Robinson of West Newbury had	7 votes

Voted to desolve said meeting

Attest Josiah Dearborn Town Clerk.

Essex SS. To either of the Constables of the Town of Methuen in said County.
[LS] **Greeting.**
 You are hereby directed in the name of the Commonwealth of
 Massachusetts
 To notify and warn the male Inhabitants of Methuen qualified by law to vote in elections,
 to
 Meet and Assemble at the Baptist Vestry in said Town of Methuen on Monday the 11th
 day
 of November next at 2 o'clock P.M. to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a
Governor
 and Lt. **Governor** of the Commonwealth, and five Senators for the County of Essex.
 Also,
 their votes for Representative for the third Congressional District to represent them in the
 thirty second Congress of the United States, all on one ballot. Also to bring in their votes
 for Representative to represent them in General Court to be holden at Boston on the first
 Wednesday of January next.

Hereof fail not and make due return to the Selectmen at the time and place of said
 meeting.

Given under our hands and seal at Methuen this thirtieth day of October A.D.
 1850 ~

J. W. Carleton Selectmen
John W. Hall } of
John F. Tenney Methuen

Essex SS. Town of Methuen Nov 11th 1850. Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen herein described to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned by posting attested copies of this Warrant at the Post Office and at each of the Public Meeting Houses in said Town nine days before the time set for said Meeting.

Charles E. Goss Constable of Methuen
A true copy
Attest Josiah Dearborn Town Clerk

November 11, 1850

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified by law to vote in Town Affairs held on Monday the 11th day of November 1850 ~ agreeable to Warrant 73 file 6th for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor & Lieut. Governor of this Commonwealth and five Senators for the County of Essex. Also for a Representative to the thirty second Congress. Also for a Representative to represent them in General Court to be held at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next.

The votes for **Governor**, Lt. **Governor**, Senators, Representative to the United Congress and for a Representative of this Commonwealth were sorted, counted, recorded and declaration thereof made as the law directs and were as follows –

Whole number of ballots for **Governor** was 377.

George N. Briggs of Pittsfield had	183 votes
Geo. S. Boutwell of Groton had	110 votes
Stephen C. Phillips of Salem had	80 votes

Whole number of ballots for **Lt. Governor** was 377.

John Reed of Yarmouth had	183 votes
Henry W. Cushman of Bernardston had	112 votes
Amasa Walker of Brookfield had	81 votes

Whole number of ballots for **Senators** was 362.

Albert Thorndike of Beverly had	182 votes
Moses Newell of West Newbury had	182 votes
N. W. Hazen of Andover had	181 votes
David Pingree of Salem had	181 votes
Robert S. Daniels of Danvers had	181 votes
Frederick Robinson of Marblehead had	185 votes
John B. Alley of Lynn had	187 votes
Daniel Saunders Jr. of Lawrence had	184 votes
Edmund Kimball of Bradford had	187 votes
A. L. Bailey of West Amesbury had	185 votes
C. F. Abbott of Lawrence had	1 vote

Whole number of ballots for **Representative to the U. S. Congress** was 374.

James H. Duncan of Haverhill had	186 votes
A. R. Brown of Lowell	111 votes
T. W. Higginson of Newbury had	77 votes

Whole number of ballots for **Representative to General Court** was 370.
Necessary for choice 186.

Ebenezer Sawyer had	172 votes
T. W. White had	98 votes
Josiah G. White had	85 votes
Samuel Richardson 2d had	7 votes
John Low had	1 vote

Samuel Richardson had	1 vote
John Sawyer had	1 vote
Aaron Jacks had	1 vote
Geo. W. Butters had	1 vote
Samuel H. Harris had	1 vote
Moses C. Harrington had	1 vote
Joseph Pecker had	1 vote

No person having a majority it was **Voted** not to send a representative this year.

Voted to desolve (dissolve) said meeting.

Attest

Josiah Dearborn Town Clerk.

We the subscribers Selectmen of the Towns of Haverhill and Methuen have this day preambulated (sic: perambulated) the line between Haverhill and Methuen & find it as follows Viz.: -

Beginning at a point on the southwesterly side of Hawks Meadow brook at its junction with Merrimack River. Thence running north about 39 ½ degrees west/ and passing over the south westerly abutment of Hawks brook bridge, about two hundred and eighty two rods to a monument consisting of two stones one on the other, at a road heretofore called the new road. Thence about one hundred and seventy eight rods to a stone standing on the northerly side of the road near Asa Perley's marked M. H. Thence / passing by a small stone monument at the Grosvner road / about four hundred and thirty six rods, to a stone marked M. H. on the easterly side of the new road near Obedial Foster's. Then about seventy two rods to a stone marked M. H. on the northerly side of the road near stone monument at the line of the Town of Salem, N.H.

All on the same course of north thirty nine and one half degrees west all of which has been agreed upon by the said parties as the boundery (sic: boundary) line between said Towns -

Haverhill July 1. 1850 –

Charles Haseltine } Selectmen
Elbridge G. Eaton } of
John B. Nichols } Haverhill

J. W. Carleton } Selectmen of
John W. Hale } Methuen

A true copy
Attest

Josiah Dearborn Town Clerk

1851

Essex SS. To John Low Constable of the Town of Methuen in said County of Essex.
[LS] Greeting.

You are hereby directed in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to

Notify and Warn the male inhabitants of Methuen qualified to vote for Representatives in the General Court of this Commonwealth, to meet at the Baptist Vestry in said Town of Methuen on Monday the twentieth day of January instant at two o'clock P.M. To bring in their votes to the Selectmen for one Representative to represent them in the Congress of the United States of America for the term of two years from the fourth day of March 1851.

Hereof fail not and make due return to the Selectmen, at the time and place of said meeting -
Given under our hands and seal at Methuen, this **Fourth day of January 1851** ~

J. W. Carleton	}	Selectmen
John W. Hall	}	of
J. F. Tenney	}	Methuen

A true copy

Attest Josiah Dearborn Town Clerk

Essex SS. Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified & warned the male Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified by law to vote as therein expressed to meet & assemble at the time and place & for the purpose therein named. **Methuen January 17th 1851**

John Low Constable of Methuen.

A true copy

Attest Josiah Dearborn Town Clerk

January 20, 1851

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified by law to vote in Town Affairs held Monday the 20th day of January 1851. Agreeable to warrant 74 file 6th for the purpose of giving in their votes for one Representative to the Congress of the United States for the term of two years from the fourth of March 1851 ~

The votes were sorted, counted, recorded and declaration thereof made as the law directs as follows – Whole number of ballots was 205.

James H. Duncan of Haverhill had 122 votes
A. R. Brown of Lowell had 54 votes
T. W. Higginson of Newbury had 29 votes

Voted to desolve the meeting.

Attest Josiah Dearborn Town Clerk

Essex SS. To John Low Constable of the Town of Methuen in said County of Essex
[LS] **Greeting. -**

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to Notify and Warn the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified by law to vote in Town Affairs to meet and assemble at the Baptist Vestry in said Town on Monday the third day of March next at ten o'clock A.M. then and there to act upon the following articles. Viz.: -

- 1st To choose a **Moderator** to govern said meeting.
- 2nd To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
- 3rd To bring in their votes for County Treasurer.
- 4th To bring in their votes for Register of Deeds.
- 5th To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges the ensuing year.
- 6th To see in what way the money shall be raised and how much for the repair of Highways and Bridges and in what manner it shall be expended the year ensuing.
- 7th To see what sum of money the Town will raise for the support of Schools the ensuing year.
- 8th To see if the Town will authorize the Prudential School Committee to hire teachers the year ensuing.
- 9th To see if the Town will vote to restrain horses, neat cattle and swine from running at large within the limits of the Town the year ensuing or any part thereof.
- 10th To see what pay the Town will allow the members of the Fire Engine Company and act anything thereon.
- 11th To see if the Town will vote to form new school districts, or otherwise provide for such portions

of the Town as are not annexed to any School District – Also provide for paying the Town of Lawrence for schooling for such scholars as have already attended school in Lawrence.

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

Given under the hands and seal this **twenty second day of February A.D. 1851** ~

J. W. Carleton } Selectmen
John W. Hall } of
John F. Tenney } Methuen

Essex SS. By virtue of the within warrant I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified by law to vote in Town Affairs to meet and assemble at the time & place and for the purposes therein named.

Methuen Feb. 25. 1851

John Low Constable of Methuen

A true copy

Attest Josiah Dearborn Town Clerk

March 3, 1851

Annual meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified by law to vote

in Town affairs held on Monday March 3, 1851 agreeable to Warrant 75 file 6th

Opened

said meeting at 10 o'clock A.M.

Chose John Davis **Moderator.** – Prayer by Reverend W. H. Waggoner

Josiah Dearborn **Town Clerk** –

First ballot for **Selectmen:** the whole number of ballots was 280 – Necessary for a choice 441 – no person having that number proceeded to

Second ballot – whole number of ballots was 291 and no person having a majority: it was **Voted** to adjourn further balloting for Selectmen for one week ~

School Committee's Report was read, accepted, and 600 copies to be printed and distributed by the Assessors –

Voted to accept the Selectmen's Report.

School Committee elected

Dr. Stephen Huse
Bronson

Reverend W. H. Waggoner

Reverend B. F.

Constables – elected & sworn.

John Low

Jerome Cross

Fire Wardens – elected

John Low
Daniel Merrill 2^d

Ebenezer Sawyer
F. George

Joshua Webster

Fence Viewers – elected & sworn.

Joseph F. Ingalls

Joseph How

Amos Griffin

Surveyors of Lumber – elected & sworn.

Samuel Harvey
Anderson

George Mills

Henry Tewksbury

John

H. A. Bodwell
Hastings

Jerome Cross

Daniel Merrill

Nathaniel

David Worthing

Edmund Sargent

J. B. Webster

Samuel Clark

J. Wilson

Sealer of Weights and Measures – Voted to be appointed by Selectmen - sworn

Cristy E. Brock

Surveyors of Highways – chosen & sworn.

Samuel Cross
Morrison

Asa Palmer

Joseph Jackman

Leonard

Wm. H. Frye
Irving Stevens
How

Robert Taylor
Ralph Clark

Asa Whittier
John Low

Isaac B. Cobb
Christopher

John Anderson
Sawyer

Saml H. Harris

Hazen Bodwell

Francis

Calvin Wason
Farrington

Elijah Hall

Charles Tozier

Benj.

Joseph R. Bodwell

Treasurer – elected

Josiah Dearborn

Collector – elected

Josiah Dearborn

Field Drivers – to be appointed by Selectmen & sworn.

Asa Barker Butters	George W. Gage	Benj. Kimball	Geo. W.
Washington Merrill Webster	John Stickney	Albert Hastings	John B.
David F. Haynes	Francis Sawyer		

Surveyors of Wood and Bark – to be appointed by Selectmen and sworn

John W. Hall	Ebenezer Sawyer	Frederick George	J. S. Howe
Frederick Kimball	Edmund Sargent	Alfred Clark	J. B. Webster
Andrew Thompson 3 ^d	Joshua Webster	John F. Tenney	Daniel Merrill
Samuel Richardson			

Pound Keepers – to be appointed by Selectmen.

Samuel Crosby Nathaniel N. Harris

Article 5th **Voted** to raise Thirty five Hundred Dollars to defray Town charges.

Article 6th **Voted** to raise Eighteen Hundred Dollars to repair of Highways & Bridges.

Article 7th **Voted** to raise Seventeen Hundred Dollars for the support of Schools.

Article 8th **Voted** to authorize the Prudential School Committee to hire teachers the ensuing year.

Article 9th **Voted** to restrain horses, neat cattle and swine from running at large the ensuing year.

Art. 10th **Voted** that the members of the Engine Company be allowed 17 12 cts per hour while out on duty at fires.

Art. 11th **Voted** to pay the Town of Lawrence the same sum per head that it costs Methuen: for all the scholars actually attending their schools, from the ten districts now deprived of school houses.

Voted to authorize the Selectmen to pay the Town of Lawrence the amount new due them for schooling, as per vote above –

For County Treasurer

William F. Wade of Ipswich had	130 votes
Edward C. Peabody of Groveland had	95 votes

For County Register of Deeds

Ephraim Brown Jr. of Salem had	152 votes
William Bassett of Lynn had	94 votes

Met according to adjournment March 10th at 2 O clock P.M. and chose

John F. Tenney **Moderator** pro. tem.

Third Ballot for **Selectmen** = the whole number of ballots was 264 – necessary for a choice 133.

Samuel H. Harris had 190 votes and was elected.
David Clark had 165 votes and was elected.

Fourth ballot for one **Selectmen** = the whole number of ballots was 246 necessary for a choice 126

Joseph W. Carleton had 126 votes and was elected.

Voted to choose two Auditors to audit the Selectmen's accounts –

First ballot the whole number of ballots was 75 – necessary for a choice 38 and no person having that number proceeded to a

Second ballot – the whole number of ballots was 97 – necessary for a choice 49 and Joseph F. Ingalls and John Low had that number and were elected.

Voted to desolve (dissolve) the meeting

Attest

Josiah Dearborn Town Clerk

Selectmen's Report.

The Selectmen being a committee for that purpose have examined the Books & Accounts of

Josiah Dearborn Treasurer of said Town, and find them correctly kept and that he has proper vouchers for payments. The following abstract will show the amount of money received and paid out during the past year, and the amount now remaining in his hands –
Treasurer's Account **DR**

To amt paid on Selectmen's orders
4737.75
To amt. paid Interest on J. Farley's note
60.00
To amt. paid Interest on David Gleason's note
90.00
To amt. paid Interest on C. Vickery's note
36.00
To amt. paid C. Vickery Note & Interest
503.56
To amt. paid Interest on Daniel Gleason's note
48.00
To amt. paid Jos. E. Sprague cost of Court
10.87
To amt. paid Hayes for Printing Tax bills
3.75
To amt. paid on County Tax
626.80
To amt. paid for Collecting Taxes
55.00
To amt. paid on Discount on Taxes
334.17
To amt. paid Making out Distributing Tax bills
20.00
To amt. paid Recording Militia Roll & return
and recording Births, Marriages & Deaths etc. etc.
26.31
To amt. paid John Low for Summons
4.00

6556.21
~ Cr ~

By balance due on last year's settlement	1918.94
By Amt of School Fund	118.06
By Amt. of Town of Lawrence for County Tax	417.87
By Amt. of Tax list for 1850 -	5460.31
By Amt. of Note against Hannah Currier	104.00
By Amt. received of Overseers of Poor on	

Acct. of Wood, Oxen, etc.	<u>173.31</u>
	8192.49
	<u>6556.21</u>
In hands of Treasurer	<u>\$1636.28</u>

J. W. Carleton	}	Selectmen
John W. Hall		of
John F. Tenney		Methuen

Essex SS. To John Low Constable of Methuen in said County
[LS] **Greeting ~**

You are required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn all the Male Inhabitants of said Methuen qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs to meet and assemble at the Baptist Vestry in said Town on Monday the twenty first day of April instant at two O clock P.M. to act on the following particulars –

- 1st To choose a **Moderator** to Govern said meeting.
- 2^d By request of Josiah Bachelder and others to see if the Town will vote to divide School District No. 1 in said Town of Methuen and act anything thereon that the Town shall think proper ~
- 3^d By request of Ralph Clark to see if the Town will vote to straiten (straighten) or locate a new (anew) the road leading from said Clark's House and act as the Town shall think proper – Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of said meeting ~

Given under our hands and seal this tenth day of April A.D. **1851** ~

J. W. Carleton	}	Selectmen
Samuel H. Harris		of
David Clark		Methuen

Essex SS. Pursuant to within Warrant I have notified & warned the male Inhabitants qualified by Law to vote in Town Affairs to meet and assemble at the time & place & for the purposes therein named ~

John Low Constable

Methuen April 16th 1851

A true copy

Attest Josiah Dearborn Town Clerk

April 21, 1851

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified by law to vote in Town Affairs held on Monday the 21st day of April 1851, agreeable to Warrant 76 file 6th

Opened said meeting at 2 o'clock P.M. and elected Daniel Merrill 2^d

Article 2^d **Voted** to divide School District No. 1 into two districts

Voted that the Selectmen be a committee to divide said District forthwith.

Article 3^d **Voted** to leave the laying out of Ralph Clark's road to the Selectmen

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Attest

Josiah Dearborn Town Clerk

Essex SS. To John Low Constable of Methuen in said County

[LS] Greeting –

You are required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify

and warn the male Inhabitants of said Methuen qualified by Law to vote in Town Affairs to meet

and assemble at the Baptist Vestry in said Methuen on Monday the 12th day of May instant at two

o'clock P.M. to act on the following particulars /Viz./

1st To choose a **Moderator** to govern said meeting –

2nd By request of Charles Ingalls and others to see if the Town will vote to rescind (rescind) the vote passed April 5, 1857 relative to dividing the school money anew (anew) the Town shall think proper –

3rd By request of said Charles Ingalls to see if the Town will vote to rebuilt the bank wall on the easterly side of the Turnpike and near the house of said Ingalls and rail the same and act as the Town shall think proper –

4th By request of Moody S. Wheeler to see if the Town will vote to reconsider the vote passed the 21st day of April last by which they directed the Selectmen to divide School District No. 1 – and

act thereon as the Town shall think proper.

5th By request of J. F. Ingalls to see if the Town will vote to accept the widening of the road on Timberlane Hill made by the Selectmen and act anything thereon the Town shall think proper.

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

Given under our hands and seal at Methuen this third day of May A.D. 1951 ~

Essex SS. Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified and warned the male Inhabitants of Methuen qualified by law to vote as therein expressed to meet and assemble at the time and place and for the purposes therein named –

Methuen May 6th 1951.

John Low Constable

May 12, 1851

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified by law to vote

In Town Affairs held on Monday May 12th 1851 at two o clock P.M. agreeable to Warrant 77 file 6th.

Opened said meeting at 2 o clock P.M. and elected Moody S. Wheeler **Moderator.**

Article 2nd **Voted** to pass over Article 2nd

Article 3rd **Voted** to authorize the Selectmen to rebuild the bank wall and rail the same on the easterly side of the Turnpike near Charles Ingalls' house.

Article 4th **Voted** to reconsider the vote passed the 21st day of April by which they directed the Selectmen to divide School district No. 1 –

Article 5th **Voted** not to accept the widening of the road on Timberland Hill as reported by the Selectmen.

Voted to desolve (dissolve) the meeting.

Attest

Josiah Dearborn Town Clerk

Essex SS. To John Low Constable of Methuen in said County **Greeting :-**
You are required in the name of Commonwealth of Massachusetts to
notify and
warn all the male Inhabitants of said Methuen qualified by Law to vote in Town Affairs
to meet
and assemble at the Baptist Vestry in said Town on Monday the 26th day May instant at 2
o'clock
P.M. to act on the following particulars –

- 1st To choose a **Moderator** to govern said meeting.
- 2nd By request of J. B. Barker and others to see if the Town will vote to divide School District No. 1 in said Town and act anything thereon the Town shall think proper.
- 3rd By request of Charles Ingalls to see if the Town will vote to rescind (rescind) the vote passed April 5. 1857 relative to dividing the school money and to act anything relative to dividing the school money anew that the Town shall think proper.
- 4th By request of Josiah Dearborn to see if the Town will vote to district anew the Town into School Districts, and define the limits thereof and act thereon as the Town shall think proper.

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

Given under our hands & seal **this seventeenth day of May A.D. 1851.**

J. W. Carleton } Selectmen
Samuel H. Harris } of Methuen

Essex SS. Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified and warned the male
Inhabitants qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs to meet and assemble
at the time and
place and for the purposes therein named –

Methuen May 21st 1851.

John Low Constable of Methuen

A true copy

Attest Josiah Dearborn Town Clerk

May 26, 1851

**At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified by law to
vote
in Town Affairs held on Monday May the 26th 1851 at two O clock P.M. agreeable to
Warrant 78 file 6th**

Opened said meeting and John Davis was elected **Moderator.**

Article 2nd **Voted** to pass over this article until we had acted upon Article 4th

Article 3rd **Voted** to pass over this article until we had acted upon Article 4th

Article 4th **Voted** that the School Districts in Town be reconstructed, and the limits of each definitely established: and to effect this object, should the public interest require it, that new districts be formed.

Voted that a committee of seven be raised to take into consideration the best plan to effect the object proposed in the foregoing motion, to report at an adjourned meeting.

The following were chosen as the committee

John Davis, Samuel H. Harris, I. B. Cobb, David Clark, J. W. Carleton, Christopher How, William H. Frye

Voted that the same committee be authorized to propose some plan for the more equal distribution of the school money, to report at an adjourned meeting.

Voted to adjourn two from today at 2 o clock P.M.

Attest Josiah Dearborn Town Clerk

June 9, 1951 Met according to adjournment and the Committee who were chosen to divide the Town anew into School Districts, and to define the bounds of the same; made the following report.

District No. 1 ~

Beginning at the junction of the road leading from Pelham to Methuen Village past Benjamin Webster's with the road leading from Salem to Methuen Village past Joseph A. Bodwell's; thence in a northerly direction to a point in the road leading from Messer's to Pelham intersected by the line of Salem and Methuen, said point being east of the house of Joseph Snelling thence following the line of Methuen and Salem in a north westerly direction to a corner of Salem and Pelham thence in a westerly direction following the line between Methuen and Pelham to a corner of Methuen and Dracutt; thence following the line between Methuen and Dracutt in a southerly direction to a point near Bartlett's Brook; thence in an easterly direction to a point at the southwest corner of Mystic Pond; thence in a northerly direction to the point first, mentioned.

District No. 2 ~

Beginning at a point on the line between Methuen and Dracutt described as the corner of District No. 1; thence following the line between Methuen and Dracutt in a southerly direction to Merrimac river; thence following said river to a point near the mouth of 'Bartlett's Brook; thence northerly passing between the houses of Samuel and Amos Griffin, and between the houses of John Dole and Timothy Harris' at the Junction of road in the same straight line to the line of District No. 1; thence westerly by the southerly line of District No. 1 to the point first mentioned.

District No. 3 ~

Beginning at a point on Merrimac River near the mouth of Bartlett's Brook a corner of District No. 2; thence by said River in an easterly direction to the Town of Lawrence; thence by a line

of Lawrence in a northerly direction to a corner of the Towns of Methuen and Lawrence;
thence
in an easterly direction by the line of Lawrence about 1800 ft; thence in a north westerly
direction
passing east of the house of Daniel Merrill 2nd to a point near the southwest corner of
Mystic point
described as a corner of District No. 1; thence by the southerly line of District No. 1 to a
corner
of District No. 2; thence by the line of District No. 2 in a southerly direction to the point
near the
mouth of Bartlett's Brook first mentioned.

District No. 4 ~

Beginning at a point in the northerly line of Lawrence described as the corner of District
No. 3;
thence in an easterly direction following the line of Lawrence to the Junction of
Lawrence St.
with old County Road; thence in a northerly direction to the corner of the towns of
Methuen
and Salem in Strong Water Meador; thence in a northeasterly direction by the line of
Methuen
and Salem to a corner of District No. 1; thence following the line described as the
easterly lines
of No. 1 and of District No. 3 to the point first mentioned.

District No. 5 ~

Beginning at the Junction of Lawrence St. with Country Road it being a corner of District
No. 4;
thence in an easterly direction following the line of Lawrence to a stone post at side of
Road east
of the house of William Swan; thence in a northerly direction following the westerly line
of District
No. 6 to be described; thence in a westerly direction passing south of the house of Mr.
Welch to the
line of District No. 4; thence by the easterly line of District No. 4 in a southerly direction
to the
point first mentioned.

District No. 6 ~

Beginning at the stone post at side of road east of William Swan's house; thence in a
northerly
direction by the easterly line of District No. 5 & 7 crossing the road east of the house of
Joseph

F. Ingalls near a bridge to the southerly line of District No. 8 to be yet described; thence by the southerly line of District No. 8 in an easterly direction to the Merrimac River at a corner of the Towns of Methuen and Haverhill; thence following said Merrimac River south westerly direction to the Town of Lawrence; thence following the line of Lawrence in a westerly direction to the point first mentioned.

District No. 7 ~

Beginning at the monument in Strong Water Meadow a corner of Methuen and Salem; thence in a southerly direction by District No. 4 District No. 5 to the westerly line of District No. 6; thence following the westerly line of District No. 6 in a northerly direction to the southerly line of District No. 8; thence following the southerly line of District No. 8 in a westerly direction passing North of the Houses of Isaac Currier to a point in the line between the towns of Salem and Methuen; thence by the line of Salem in a southerly direction to the monument in Strong Water Meadow the point first mentioned.

District No. 8 ~

Beginning at the corner of Methuen and Haverhill at Merrimack River and corner of District No. 6; thence following the northerly line of District 6 and 7 passing north of the house of Isaac Currier to the line between Methuen and Salem; thence following said line in a northerly direction to the southwest corner of District No. 9; thence in an easterly direction following the southerly line of District No. 9 to the line between Methuen and Haverhill; thence following the line of Haverhill in a southeasterly direction to the point first mentioned.

District No. 9 ~

Beginning at the northeasterly corner of District No. 8 on Haverhill line; thence westerly following the northerly line of District No. 8 to Salem line; thence following the line of Salem in a north-westerly direction to the corner of Methuen and Haverhill; thence following the line of Haverhill in a southeasterly direction to the point first mentioned.

The committee appointed at a legal meting of the Town of Methuen to whom was referred the subject of dividing the Town into School Districts have carefully considered the subject and believe the public good will be promoted by a division of the Town into Nine Districts and would suggest the Divisions be made as represented on accompanied (accompanying) Map of the Town and their territorial lines would be described as follows viz.:-

Description see 1st 3 pages back.

The committee have considered the convenience and necessity of the arrangement and while we could wish personal feelings and in some cases personal convenience might be accommodated differently yet we offer this plan unanimously believing under all the circumstances it is the best that can be presented.

Respectfully Submitted

Methuen June 9, 1851 ~

John Davis
J. W. Carleton
Samuel H. Harris
David Clark } Committee
Christopher How
Isaac B. Cobb
Wm. H. Frye

Voted to accept and adopt the committee's report.

Voted that the School money be divided according to the report of the committee and that all previous votes for the distribution of the same be repealed.

Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to erect monuments on the bounds of each School District, and to have the number placed upon the School Houses of each ward.

Voted to desolve (dissolve) the meeting.

Attest

Josiah Dearborn Town Clerk

Essex SS. To John Low Constable of Methuen in said County,

[LS]

Greeting:-

You are required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to Notify and Warn all the Male Inhabitants of said Town of Methuen qualified by Law to vote in Town Affairs, to meet at the Baptist Vestry in said Town on Monday the 30th day of June instant at 2 o'clock P.M. to act on the following particulars.

- 1st To choose a **Moderator** to govern said meeting.
- 2nd By petition of Joseph F. Ingalls and others to see if the Town will accept and build a road or highway as laid out by the Selectmen agreeable to their report commencing near the Causeway Brook so called; on the Timberland Hill road, so called, thence to the Country Road near the house John Russ, And act anything respecting said road the Town shall think proper.
- 3rd On petition of Daniel Merrill 2nd and others to see if the Town will vote to set off said Merrill and Parker Morse from School District number three and annex them to District Number four and act anything thereon the Town shall think proper.
- 4th On petition of Mathew Messer and others to see if the Town will reconsider the vote passed the 9th instant establishing the boundary's of School District No. 5, 6 & 7 and so far alter the boundaries that No. 6 may return its former Inhabitants and act thereon as the Town shall think proper.

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

Given under our hands and seal this twelfth day of June A.D.1851 ~

J. W. Carleton	Selectmen
Samuel H. Harris	} of
David Clark	Methuen

Essex SS. Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified & warned the male inhabitants of Methuen qualified by law to vote in Town Affairs to meet & assemble at the time & place & for the purposes therein named.

June 17th 1851

John Low, Constable

June 30, 1851

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified by law to vote in Town Affairs held on Monday June 30th 1851 at two o clock P.M. agreeable to Warrant 79 file 6th

Opened said meeting and elected John Davis **Moderator**.

Article 2nd **Voted** not to accept the Selectmen's report on the petition of Joseph F. Ingalls and others

Article 3rd **Voted** not to grant the request of Daniel Merrill 2nd and others

Article 4th **Voted** not to grant the request of Mathew Messer and others.

Voted to desolve (dissolve) the meeting.

Attest

Josiah Dearborn Town Clerk.

[LS] To John Low Constable of the Town of Methuen

Greeting: -

You are required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to Notify and Warn the Male Inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in Town Affairs to meet and assemble at the Baptist Vestry on Monday the thirtieth day of June instant at two o clock P.M. to act on the Following articles viz. –

First To choose a **Moderator** to govern said meeting.

2nd On petition of Joseph How and others to see if the Town will reconsider the vote passed on the ninth instant so far as relates to School District No. 8 so that said District may retain its former limits, and act thereon as the Town shall think proper.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant, with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at the time and place above mentioned,

Given under our hands and seal at Methuen this twenty first day of June A.D. 1851,

J. W. Carleton
Samuel H. Harris } Selectmen
David Clark

Essex SS. Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified & warned the male Inhabitants of Methuen qualified by Law to vote in Town Affairs to meet & assemble at the time and place & for the purposes therein named.

Methuen June 27th 1851. John Low, Constable
June 30, 1851

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified by law to vote in Town Affairs held on Monday June 30th 1851 agreeable to Warrant 80 file 6th

Opened said meeting and John Davis was elected **Moderator.**

Voted not to grant the request of Joseph How.

Voted to desolve (dissolve) the meeting.

Attest Josiah Dearborn, Town Clerk

To Josiah Dearborn Clerk of the Town of Methuen.

The subscribes, Assessors of said Town have determined that the non resident Lands in said Town of Methuen belonging to Jesse Sargent and Elizabeth Jennings of Andover; Mass and Enoch Merrill of Andover N.H. and E. C. Emerson of Boston Mass and Jesse Smith of Haverhill and Ben Osgood and Asa M. Bodwell & Jonathan Jennings & Adolphus Durant & Ben Richardson and Thomas Marshall of Lawrence and T. W. Sargent of Newburyport & John Tyler of Pelham N.H. and Rebecca Carleton of Greegsville (Craigsville) Illinois belongs to School District No. 3 and is taxed there for building a House for said district and other purposes and shall be taxed in such district accordingly until the Town shall be districted anew.

Given under our hands at Methuen this twenty sixth day of July A.D. 1851 –

J. W. Carleton } Assessors
Samuel H. Harris } of Methuen

A true copy

Attest Josiah Dearborn Town Clerk

Essex SS. To John Low Constable of the Town of Methuen

[L.S.]

Greeting.

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to Notify and Warn the Male Inhabitants of said Town qualified by law to vote in Town Affairs to meet and Assemble at the Baptist Vestry on Thursday the seventh day of August next, at two o'clock P.M. to act on the following particulars. viz.-

- 1st To choose a **Moderator** to Govern said meeting
- 2nd To see what measures if any the Town will take in relation to an order of notice served on the Town Clerk by order of the County Commissioners on petition of Joseph F. Ingalls for a road commencing near the Causey (Causeway) Brook so called on the Timberland Hill Road, and from thence to the County road near the house of John Russ and act anything respecting said road the Town shall think proper.
- 3rd By request of Daniel Merrill 2nd and Parker Morse to see if the Town will vote to set them off from District No. 3 and annex them to District No. 4 and act as the Town shall think proper.
- 4th By request of Edmund Sargent to see if the Town will vote so to alter School District No. 6 that it may retain the same limits and inhabitants as when it was District No. 4 and act thereon as the Town shall think proper.
- 5th By request of Charles Richardson to see if the Town will vote so to alter the Southerly line of District No. 8 that it may retain its former limits and Inhabitants and act thereon as the Town shall think proper.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place above named.

Given under our hands and seal at Methuen this twenty sixth day of July 1851.

J. W. Carleton } Selectmen
Samuel H. Harris } of Methuen

Essex SS. July 30th 1851. Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified & warned the Male Inhabitants of Methuen qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to meet & assemble at the time and place and for the purposes therein named.

John Low, Constable

May 17, 1851

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified by law to vote in Town Affairs held on Thursday the 7th day of August 1851 agreeable to Warrant 81 File 6th.

Opened said meeting and Joseph W. Carleton was elected **Moderator**.

The following resolves were accepted and adopted.

Resolved that from a regard to the public interest of our Town we earnestly protest against locating a new road as petitioned for by J. F. Ingalls & others, and reported to the Town by our Selectmen the 30th of June instant for the following reasons. Viz. –

- 1st The aforementioned petitioners can have all reasonable accommodations for travel by suitable repairs and improvements upon the roads already in use by them and for a trifling expense as compared with the cost of a new road.
- 2nd The aforementioned petitioners have never been refused any reasonable aid or assistance from the Town, whenever a petition for the same has been presented, on any suitable occasion for the Town to have final action upon the same.
- 3rd The aforementioned road, that is petitioned for, can be of no possible use to the public whatever, but is likely to serve as a precedent for claims too numerous other roads in our Town of like character (character), serving no other purpose than to suit the convenience or fancy of very few individuals and to oppress the Town with a burden beyond its ability to sustain.

Voted To choose a Committee of three to carry out the views of the above resolves before the Commissioners, on Thursday August 14th 1851: - and the following persons were chosen.

John Russ Perley Morse Josiah Dearborn

3rd **Voted** to pass over article third.

4th **Voted** to pass article fourth.

5th **Voted** to pass over article fifth.

Voted to desolve (dissolve) the meeting.

Attest

Josiah Dearborn Town Clerk

Essex SS. To John Low Constable of Methuen
[LS] **Greeting**

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of
Massachusetts
to Notify and Warn the male Inhabitants of said Town qualified by Law to
vote
in Town Affairs to meet and assemble at the Baptist Vestry on Monday
the 25th
day of August instant at 4 O clock P.M. to act on the following particulars
/ viz.-:

1st To choose a **Moderator** to govern said meeting.

2nd By request of the Committee chosen to oppose the road petitioned for by Joseph
F. Ingalls, to see if the Town will vote to widen and repair the road on Timberland
Hill / so called / on condition the road petitioned for by said Ingalls shall not be
granted, also to see what sum of money if any the Town will appropriate to defrey
(defray) the expence (expense) of the same, and act thereon as the Town shall
think proper.

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

Given under our hands and seal at Methuen this Sixteenth day of August 1851 ~

J. W. Carleton Selectmen
Samuel H. Harris } of Methuen

Essex SS. Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified and warned the male
Inhabitants of Methuen qualified by Law to vote in Town Affairs to meet
& assemble at the time & place and for the purposes therein named.

Methuen Aug 21st 1851 ~

John Low Constable

A true copy

Attest Josiah Dearborn Town Clerk

August 25, 1851

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified by law to vote in Town Affairs held on Monday the 25th day of August 1851, agreeable to Warrant 82 file 6th

Opened said meeting and William H. Frye was elected **Moderator**.

The following resolve was adopted

Resolved that the Town appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Dollars to widen and repair the road from Causway (Causeway) Brook / so called / to the corner near the house of Mr. Hill, if the prayer of J. F. Ingalls now pending before the County Commissioners be not granted.

Voted That the Selectmen be a Committee to carry the resolution into effect.

Voted to desolved (dissolve) the meeting.

Attest Josiah Dearborn Town Clerk

Methuen September 4th

1851

To J. Dearborn Town Clerk.

Sir.

The Nonresident Land lying in said Town of Methuen

and

owned by the Essex Company and Moses L. Atkinson, of Lawrence, Aaron P. Richardson

of Lexington, B. F. Varnum's heirs, Aikin Parker, Theodore Parker, Nathan Parker Jr. Oliver Whittier, Oliver Whittier Jr., Wm. Harvey, and James Richardson of Dracut, Rhoda Parker,

John Wilson and Thomas Nesmith of Lowell, is taxed in **School District No. 2** as determined

by the Assessors of said Town, and so to remain as belonging to said School District until the Town is districted anew.

J. W. Carleton }
Samuel H. Harris } Assessors.

A true copy

Attest

Josiah Dearborn Town Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Essex SS. Court of County Commissioners, August term A. D. 1851.

Upon the petition of Joseph F. Ingalls of Methuen No. 352 praying for an approval and allowance of a Town way in said Town as laid out by the Selectmen thereof, but refused by said Town; it having been made to appear, that all persons and corporations interested therein had been duly notified of time and place of meeting, We the County Commissioners for said County, did on the fourteenth day of August, 1851, and at a subsequent adjournment, proceed to view the premises and hear the parties, and now having completed said view and heard all the parties who then and there desired to be heard, we do upon due consideration adjudge that said Town of Methuen did unreasonably refuse to approve and allow of said Town way as laid out by said Selectmen; and no sufficient cause being shewn (shown) against petition or application we do therefore approve and allow of said Town way, and hereby direct, that the said laying out and the report thereof as made by the Selectmen June 21, 1851, and refused by the Town on the thirtieth day of June last past, shall be recorded by the Town Clerk of said Methuen, so that the same shall have the like effect as if accepted by the Town and recorded. Said report and laying out being in manner and form as follows.

“We the subscribers, Selectmen of Methuen being met this twenty first day of June for the purpose of laying out a Town or private way, on petition of Joseph F. Ingalls and others, commencing on the Timberland hill road, so called, near the causeway brook, so called, thence southwesterly to the County road near the house of John Russ, have attended that service and laid out said road as follows, - beginning near said causeway brook, thence south $17\frac{3}{4}$ degrees west forty nine rods on land of Ebenezer Dustin to land of Daniel Cluff, thence on said Cluff’s land on the same course fifty five rods to other land of said Dustin, thence a little more westerly on said Dustin’s land fifty rods to land of Buswell, thence a little more west as shown on the plan on said Buswell’s land forty seven rods and half rod to land of John Russ, thence on the same course on said Russ’ land twenty five rods and half a rod to the County road near said Russ’ house. And we have laid out said road three rods wide on the easterly side of said described line. All of which is respectfully submitted.”

Methuen, June 21, 1851.

J. W. Carleton	Selectmen
Samuel H. Harris	} of
David Clark	Methuen

Estimated land damages and fencing the road petitioned for by J. F. Ingalls and others.

To Ebenezer Dustin for one acre and 138 rods of land...	\$120 ~
for building 198 rods wall or fence at \$1.50...	288 ~
\$408 ~	
To Daniel Cuff for one acre and 5 rods of land...	65 ~
for building 110 rods wall at \$1.25...	137.50
202.50	

To the heirs of Joshua Buswell, one hundred and forty two rods land	50. ~
for building 95 rods wall at 1.25...	118.75
168.75	
To John Russ for seventy six rods land...	150. ~
for building 51 rods road at 1.50...	76.50
226.50	
Making 227 rods road at \$1.75 per rod....	
397.25	

And it is hereby ordered and determined that the inhabitants of Methuen, the Town in which said road is laid, shall, on or before the first day of April, A.D. 1852, complete and finish the same, at least twenty four feet wide, suitably drained, crowned, graded and graveled and convenient for public travel, and to the acceptance of the County Commissioners for said county. And one month from this date is allowed for the removal of wood, timber and trees from the lands over which said way is located. And the damages awarded as aforesaid shall be paid to the parties named when their respective land shall been entered upon and possession taken for the purpose of constructing said way, out of the Town treasury of said Methuen.

In testimony of all which, we the said County Commissioners have hereunto set our hands this twenty third day of September in the year eighteen hundred and fifty one.

Commissioners	Asa W. Wilds	} County
	John I. Baker	
	Benjamin Mudge	

Essex SS. Court of County Commissioners, August term. A.D. 1851 The foregoing report is filed and accepted, and thereupon it is ordered, that the same be recorded; that, the said road may be known as a public way forever.

Attest. A. Huntington, Clerk.
 By A. Kimball.
 A true copy,
 Attest Josiah Dearborn Town Clerk.

Essex SS. To John Low Constable of the Town of Methuen in said County
Greeting: -

You are hereby directed in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to Notify and Warn the Male Inhabitants of said Methuen qualified by law to vote in elections to meet

and assemble at the Vestry of the Baptist Society in said Town on Monday the 10th day of November next at one of the clock P.M. –

To bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a **Governor** of the Commonwealth and Lt. **Governor**; and five Senators for the County of Essex and their votes for one Representative to represent them in General Court, to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next. Also to give in their votes b ballot for or against choosing delegates to meet in convention for the purpose of Revising or Altering the Constitution of Government of this Commonwealth.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this Thirtieth day of October A.D. 1851 ~

J. W. Carleton Selectmen
Samuel H. Harris } of Methuen

Essex SS. Nov 4th 1851.

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified and warned the Male Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified by law to vote in Elections to meet & assemble at the time and place & for the purposes therein named. John Low Constable.

A true copy

Attest Josiah Dearborn Town Clerk.

November 10, 1851

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified by law to vote in Town Affairs held on Monday the 10th day of November 1851, agreeable to Warrant 83, file 6th for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor & Lieut Governor of this Commonwealth and five Senators for the County of Essex. Also for a Representative to represent them in General Court to be held at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next. The votes for Governor, Lt. Governor, Senators, and Representative, also on revising the Constitution, were sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made as the law directs and were as follows.

Whole number of ballots for **Governor** was 399.

Robert C. Winthrop of Boston had	192 votes
George S. Boutwell of Groton had	140 votes

John G. Palfrey of Cambridge had 65 votes

Whole number of ballots for **Lt. Governor** was 399.

George Grennell of Greenfield had 192 votes
Henry W. Cushman of Bernardstown had 140 votes
Amasa Walker of North Brookfield had 66 votes

Whole number of ballots for **Representative** was 394.

John Tenney had 191 votes
Josiah G. White had 65 votes
Samuel Richardson 2nd had 134 votes
Amos Morse Jr. had 1 vote
John Low had 1 vote
George W. Butters had 1 vote
Moses W. Bowen had 1 vote

As no person had a majority it was **Voted** that when this meeting adjourns that they adjourn to meet tomorrow at 1 o'clock P.M.

Whole of ballots for **Senators** was 399.

Robert S. Daniels of Danvers had 192 votes
Nathaniel Silsbee of Salem had 192 votes
Micajah Lunt of Newburyport had 192 votes
Thomas Wright of Lawrence had 192 votes
Isaac Ames of Haverhill had 192 votes
Josiah Lovett 2nd of Beverly had 204 votes
Albert Currier of Newburyport had 203 votes
Edmund Kimball of Bradford had 206 votes
Henry Osgood of Andover had 203 votes
John B. Alley of Lynn had 206 votes

On Revising the Constitution.

For not calling a Convention 184 votes
For calling a Convention 160 votes

Voted to adjourn until tomorrow at one o'clock P.M.

Attest Josiah Dearborn Town Clerk.

1851 Nov 11th Met according to adjournment and proceeded to ballot for a Representative. Whole number of ballots was 426.

John Tenney had	207 votes
Saml. Richardson 2 nd had	149 votes
Josiah G. White had	68 votes
J. M. Grosvner had	1 vote
John Low had	1 vote

As no person had a majority it was **Voted** to desolve (dissolve) the meeting.

Attest

Josiah Dearborn Town Clerk.

Essex SS. To John Low, Constable of the Town of Methuen in said County
Greeting..

You are hereby directed in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to Notify and Warn the Male Inhabitants of said Methuen, qualified by law to vote in Town Affairs to meet and assemble at the Vestry of the Baptist Society in said Town on Monday the 5th day of January next at two o clock P.M. To act on the following particulars.

- 1st To choose a **Moderator** to govern said meeting.
- 2nd By Petition of Jonathan F. Russell and others to see if the Town will reconsider the vote passed on the ninth day of June last, so far as it concerns School District's number six and number eight, so that the limits of said Districts may be the same as before said meeting and act thereon as the Town shall think proper.
- 3rd By request of Daniel Merrill 2nd to see if the Town will vote to set him off from School District No. 3 and annex him to District No. 4 and act thereon as the Town shall think proper.

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

Given under our hands and seal this twenty fifty day of December 1851 ~

J. W. Carleton } Selectmen
 Samuel H. Harris } of Methuen

Essex SS. Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified & warned the male Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified by law to vote in Town Affairs to meet & Assemble at the time and

place & for the purpose therein named.

Methuen Dec 30th 1851

A true copy

Attest Josiah Dearborn Town Clerk

John Low Constable