

1863

Essex SS.

To Charles E. Goss Constable of the Town 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 inhabitants of the said Town of
Methuen qualified by law to
vote in Town affairs to meet and assemble at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the
second
day of March (1863) next at Ten O'Clock A.M. then and there to act on the following
Articles Viz.:

- Article 1st To choose a **Moderator** to govern said meeting
- Art. 2nd To choose all necessary Town officers for the year ensuing
- Art. 3rd To raise such sums of money as the Town may deem necessary to defray the Town
charges for the
year ensuing
- Art. 4th To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise to repair Highways and Bridges
the year ensuing
- Art. 5th To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the support of School the year
ensuing
- Art. 6th To determine the manner of collecting Taxes the year ensuing and act thereon as the
Town may think proper
- Art. 7th To see if the Town will vote to restrain neat cattle, Horses and swine from going at large
the year ensuing
- Art. 8th To see what pay the Town will allow the members of the Engine Company the year
ensuing
- Art. 9th To hear the annual Report of the Selectmen and Auditor and all Committees which are to
report at this meeting and act thereon
- Art. 10th To act on list of Jurors as reported by the Selectmen
- Art. 11th To see if the Town will authorize the Prudential Committees to hire teachers the year
ensuing
- Art. 12th To see if the Town will vote to act on the question of abolishing School Districts as
required by the

4th Section of the 39th Chapter of the General Statutes

- Art. 13th To see if the Town will vote to arrange in proper form the records of the roads in said Town
- Art. 14th To see if the Town will vote to provide a place for the safe keeping of their records and a vault for the convenience of the Town House, and choose a Committee to carry the same into effect.
- Art. 15th To determine how Town Meetings shall be notified and warned

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 at **Methuen this Fourteenth day of February A.D. 1863.**

Charles F. Abbott } Selectmen
D. T. Morrison } of
John W. Frederick } Methuen

Essex SS. Town of Methuen **March 2nd 1863.**

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen herein described to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned by posting up an attested copy of this warrant at the Town House and at each of the public meeting houses in said Town eight days before the time set for said meeting and I have caused the substance of said warrant to be published in a public newspaper printed in the adjoining City of Lawrence. I also caused copies to be posted upon several of the School Houses in said Town.

Charles E. Goss Constable of Methuen

A true Copy

Attest

Chas. Shed Town Clerk

March 2, 1863 – Annual Town Meeting

The Annual Town Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen was held at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday, March 2nd A.D. 1863 agreeably

to Warrant No 38, File 7 at Ten O’Clock A.M.

Article 1st Jacob Emerson Jr. was chosen **Moderator** & sworn
Prayer by Rev. E. Davis

Art. 2nd Charles Shed was chosen **Town Clerk** & Sworn
Charles Shed was chosen **Treasurer & Collector** & sworn

Selectmen chosen

John W. Frederick sworn as **Selectman & Assessor**
Daniel T. Morrison sworn as **Selectman & Assessor**
George W. Gage sworn as **Selectman & Assessor**

School Committee

J. Brown Lord for 3 Years
Edwin Davis for 2 Years

Constables

Charles O. Barker sworn
George A. Harris sworn

Auditor

Samuel G. Sargent sworn

Fire Wardens

John Low accepted accepted	Chas. E. Goss accepted	Lorenzo Dow
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Fence Viewers

Christopher How	E. G. Jackman	Jonathan Morse
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Surveyors of Lumber

John B. Webster sworn	Aaron Sawyer	Franklin Saunders
Joseph S. How sworn	Jerome Cross	J. W. Frederick sworn
J. M. Emerson sworn	John Wilson sworn	Samuel Richardson
Jesse Town sworn	Amos Currier	Hugh Mills
George F. Harvey sworn	Ralph Clark sworn	James O. Parker
D. H. Patterson appointed & sworn		

Surveyors of Wood & Bark

Joseph S. How sworn sworn	John B. Webster	Daniel Merrill 3 rd
Edmund P. Sargent sworn	D. H. Patterson	Aaron Sawyer
Franklin Saunders sworn	Ralph Clark sworn	Frederick Kimball
Joshua P. Hill appointed	Justin E. Griffin sworn	Enoch A. Merrill
Samuel Richardson 2 nd sworn		

Field Drivers

H. C. Richardson	T. B. Currier	John Merrill
Enoch H. Griffin	James M. Richardson	Joshua P. Hill
Michael Prescott sworn	Mark Gorrell	A. J. Whittier
Moody S. Wheeler sworn	Francis Sawyer appointed	Ervin Stevens

Sealer of Weights and Measures appointed

F. J. L. Boynton sworn

Pound Keepers

S. W. Williams	Hezekiah Chadwick
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Road Commissioner appointed

Joseph F. Ingalls

Surveyors of Highways

Darius Taylor	Charles Smith
Daniel Dowding sworn	Albert Butters sworn
Hezekiah Chadwick sworn	Edmund P. Sargent sworn
David W. Noyes sworn	Charles Merrill sworn
John Searles	Guy Carleton sworn
Daniel E. Cole sworn	Ebenezer Sawyer sworn
Samuel Cross sworn	James Messer
L. C. Clark	Saml H. Harris sworn
Jonathan Morse	Gorham Poor sworn
Nathan Perley	B. F. Woodbury
Mark S. Gorrill	Nathan Currier
John Sands	Nathan Perley sworn
B. F. Woodbury sworn	Mark Gorrell sworn

Nathan Currier sworn John Sands sworn

Art. 3rd **Voted** that the Selectmen be a Committee of Finance to hire money for the Town for a term of from Five to Twenty years to pay the Town debt.

Art. 4th **Voted** to raise Two Thousand dollars to repair Highways and Bridges the year ensuing

Art. 5th **Voted** to raise Twenty Five Hundred dollars for the support of Schools the year ensuing

Art. 6th **Voted** that the Taxes be collected the same as last year

Art. 7th **Voted** that they be restrained

Art. 8th **Voted** that they be paid the same as last year

Art. 9th **Voted** that the Financial Report of the Selectmen and Treasurer and School Committee be accepted

Art. 10th **Voted** that the following list of Jurors reported by the Selectmen be accepted.

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| Charles F. Abbott | Hazen Messer |
| George W. Butters | Leonard Morrison |
| Varnum Corliss | H. M. Perley |
| Stephen Currier | Aaron Gilcreast |
| Samuel F. Dearborn | Daniel Currier |
| Alfred Clark | E. K. Kent |
| Jacob Emerson Jr. | Benjamin M. Hall |
| Ralph Clark | Isaac H. Laney |
| John W. Frederick | Charles Freeman |
| Joseph F. Ingalls | Moses G. Smith |
| Gilbert Emerson | Asa Simonds |
| Edmund P. Sargent | John Low |
| Joseph Smith | Benjamin F. Woodbury |
| John Russ | David Gleason |
| John B. Webster | George Harris |
| Henry Knight | Samuel Cross |
| David W. Noyes | Charles Smith |
| Stephen W. Williams | Samuel Richardson 2 nd |
| Joseph S. How | Lewis Gage |
| Charles Jackson | Joseph Gardner |

Art. 11th **Voted** that the Prudential Committees be authorized to hire teachers the year ensuing

Art. 12th **Voted** not to abolish the School District System

- Art. 13th **Voted** that the Town Clerk be authorized and instructed to arrange and place in proper form, the old Records of the Town for reference hereafter
- Art. 14th **Voted** that the subject be referred to the Selectmen and that they report at some future meeting
- Art. 15th **Voted** that Town Meetings hereafter be notified and warned by posting up attested copies of the warrant at the Town House, and at each of the Public Meeting Houses in said Town, seven days at least, before the time mentioned in the warrant for holding said meeting.

Voted that three Truant Officers be chosen to carry into effect the Truant laws.

The following persons were chosen **Truant Officers**

Charles E. Goss sworn Charles F. Abbott Charles L. Tozier sworn

The following Resolution was passed

Resolved, that in consideration of the danger to the traveler, and consequent liabilities of the Town,
that the Selectmen be authorized and directed to secure the sides of the highway leading from Methuen to Lawrence viz.: commencing at Harvey's Bridge so called, by erecting a good and substantial fence upon the causeway, passing the hill to erect on the left bank the entire distance to the bridge a good and substantial fence – also that an addition be made of 8 feet to the width of the Harvey Bridge on the east side sufficient for a side walk.

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to put up Guide Boards where they are needed

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest Chas. Shed Town Clerk

Treasurer's Report

1863 Feby 20 Town of Methuen in account with Chas. Shed Dr

For Cash paid Selectmen's Orders	\$37,862.15
For Cash paid State Tax	2,826.00
For Cash paid County Tax	1,567.65

For Cash paid Principal on Notes	10,825.00
For Cash paid Interest on Notes	1,920.61
Discount on Taxes	765.11
Collecting on Taxes	114.00
Making out and distributing Tax Bills	25.00
Collecting Recording & Indexing Births, Marriages & Deaths	22.90
Making Returns of Births, Marriages, Deaths & Militia Roll	8.00
Services as Treasurer	30.00
Cash paid for Express, Stamps, Envelopes, P.O. Bill etc	15.70
Cash in the hands of the Treasurer Feby 20 1863	937.98
Taxes uncollected	<u>320.93</u>
	\$57,241.03

Town of Methuen in account with Chas. Shed Cr

Cash in Treasurer's hands Feby 20 1862	\$ 474.93
Taxes uncollected	296.32
Cash Rec'd of Ebenezer Kimball	510.00
Cash Rec'd of Ebenezer Kimball	3.67
Tax List for 1862	11,399.92
Cash Rec'd of Frederick Blodgett	285.00
Cash Rec'd of David Gleason	300.00
Cash Rec'd of Hannah Webster	750.00
Cash Rec'd of Frederick Blodgett	15.00
Cash Rec'd of Spicket Falls Bank	1,000.00
Cash Rec'd of Jeremy B. Barker	700.00
Cash Rec'd of Henrietta Currier	200.00
Cash Rec'd of David Gleason	500.00
Cash Rec'd of Spicket Falls Bank	10,000.00
Cash Rec'd of State Treasurer School Money for 1862	96.02
Cash Rec'd of Pemberton Bank	9,000.00
Cash Rec'd of Levi S. Blodgett	200.00
Cash Rec'd of Henry Carleton	100.00
Cash Rec'd of Andover Savings Bank	10,000.00
Cash Rec'd of Pemberton Bank	3,000.00
Cash Rec'd of State Treasurer for State Aid	1,625.42
Cash Rec'd of James W. Morse	1,000.00
Cash Rec'd of Frank H. Johnson	500.00
Amount of State aid overdrawn by J. A. Troy in 1861	6.15
Amount of State aid overdrawn by J. L. Keyser in 1861	2.00
Cash Rec'd of United States for subsistence of Recruits	68.80
Cash Rec'd of George Clark	700.00
Cash Rec'd of Mrs. S. G. Stevens for expenses of the sickness of S. A. Bodwell	164.35
Amount of State overdrawn by E. Sullivan in 1861	6.00
Amount of State aid overdrawn by J. E. Cross in 1861	.19
Cash Rec'd of George Foot Trustee	1,500.00

Cash Rec'd of Patrick Donahoe	600.00
Amount of State aid overdrawn by E. Sullivan in 1861	3.00
Cash Rec'd for Dog Licenses	101.00
Cash Rec'd of Merrill Gage for Stone	11.00
Cash Rec'd for Clothing Box	.33
Cash Rec'd of Liquor Agent	575.53
Cash Rec'd for Rents of Town House	421.40
Cash Rec'd of Hannah H. Mason	125.00
Cash Rec'd of George Foot Trustee	<u>1,000.00</u>
	\$57,241.03

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Chas. Shed Town Treasurer

Essex SS.

To Charles O. Barker Constable of the Town 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 inhabitants of said Town of Methuen qualified by law to vote for Senators and Representatives in General Court to meet and assemble at the Town Hall in said Town, on Monday the Sixth day of April next at 2 O'Clock P.M. then and there (pursuant to Resolves of the General Court entitled "Resolves concerning the Amendment to the Constitution" approved by the **Governor** on the twentieth day of February A.D. 1863.) give in their ballots, for or against the following article of amendment – to wit:

Resolved that the twenty third article of the articles of amendment of the Constitution of this Commonwealth which is as follows to wit:

"No person of foreign birth shall be entitled to vote or shall be eligible to office, unless he shall have resided within the jurisdiction of the United States for two years subsequent to his naturalization and shall be otherwise qualified according to the constitution and laws of this Commonwealth; provided that this amendment shall not affect the rights which any person of foreign birth possessed at the time of the adoption thereof; and provided further, that it shall not affect the rights of any child of a citizen of the United States, born during the temporary absence of the parent therefrom" is hereby wholly annulled.

The form of said ballot shall be as follows
Amendment to the Constitution, "Yes" or "No"

The Polls to be kept open until 4 O'Clock

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

Given under our hands at Methuen this Twenty first day of March in the year of our Lord One thousand and eight hundred and sixty three.

John W. Frederick } Selectmen
Daniel T. Morrison } of
George W. Gage } Methuen

Essex SS. Methuen April 6th 1863

I have served the within Warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at each of the Public Meeting Houses in said Town and at the Town House, eight days before the time of holding this meeting.

Chas. O. Barker Constable of Methuen

A true Copy

Attest Chas. Shed Town Clerk

April 6, 1863

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held at the Town hall in said Town on the sixth day of April A.D. 1863 agreeably to Warrant 39 File 7

Voted on the Amendment of the Constitution as follows

Yes Eighteen votes

No Sixteen votes

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Attest

Chas. Shed

Town Clerk

Essex SS.

Essex

To George A. Harris Constable of the Town of Methuen in said County of

Greeting:

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said Town of Methuen qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet and assemble at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the twenty first day of September current at 2 O'Clock P.M. then and there to act on the following Articles Viz.:

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

Article 2nd To see if the Town will vote to raise by tax or otherwise the sum of Five Thousand Three Hundred sixty seven 26/100 dollars, it being the sum the said Town of Methuen is required forthwith to raise and pay to the Treasurer of the Commonwealth (his warrant having been drawn therefore) agreeable to Chap. 218 of the Laws and Resolves of 1863, entitled an Act to provide for the Reimbursement of Bounties paid to Volunteers

Article 3rd To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen of said Town to appropriate aid to families and dependents of those persons who have been or may be drafted and serve in the army of the United States according to Chap. 176 of the Laws and Resolves of 1863

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

Given under our hands at Methuen this twelfth day of September A.D. 1863.

J. W. Frederick } Selectmen
D. T. Morrison } of
G. W. Gage } Methuen

A true copy

Attest

Chas. Shed Town Clerk

By virtue of this warrant I have notified and warned the qualified voters of the Town of Methuen to meet as therein directed by posting up five attested copies thereof at the usual places of posting notices, upon the four several churches and in the Town Hall entry, eight days before the time for holding said meeting

Methuen Sept. 21, 1863

George A. Harris Constable of the
Town of Methuen

A true Copy

Attest

Chas. Shed Town Clerk

September 21, 1863

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the twenty first day of September A.D. 1863 agreeably to Warrant No 40 File 7.

Article 1st Choose Jacob Emerson Jr. **Moderator**

Art. 2nd **Voted** that the Town of Methuen hereby elect the manner prescribed in the 9th Section of Chapter 218 of the Acts of 1863, as the way in which it will adjust its proportion of the State Tax called for under the provisions of said act: and the Town Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a certified copy of this vote to the Treasurer of the Commonwealth.

Art. 3rd **Voted** that the Selectmen be authorized to pay to the families of drafted men who serve in the United States Army, the same aid as that received by the families of Volunteers:

Provided however, that if any person drafted into the service of the United States shall procure a substitute and not go into the service personally his family shall not be entitled to receive any aid under this vote.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Attest

Chas. Shed

Town Clerk

Essex SS.

To George A. Harris, Constable of the Town of Methuen in said County of Essex

Greeting:

You are hereby directed in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Methuen qualified to vote in Town Elections to meet and assemble at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the second day of November next at 2 O'Clock P.M. to act on the following articles. Viz.:

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

Article 2nd To see what action the Town will take to fill its quota of 300,00 Men under the call of the President of the United States, dated October seventeenth One Thousand Eight Hundred and sixty three.

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

Given under our hands **this twenty fourth day of October A.D. One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty three.**

J. W. Frederick } Selectmen
D. T. Morrison } of
G. W. Gage } Methuen

By virtue of this warrant I have notified and warned the qualified voters of the Town of Methuen to meet as therein directed by posting up four attested copies thereof at the usual places of posting warrants, upon the several churches and in the entry of the Town House seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Methuen Nov. 2nd 1863.

George A. Harris Constable of Methuen

A true Copy Attest Chas. Shed Town Clerk

November 2, 1863

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the second day of November at 2 O'Clock P.M. A.D. 1863, agreeably to Warrant No 41 File 7.

Art. 1st Chose Ebenezer Sawyer **Moderator**

Art. 2nd **Voted** that the Selectmen be a Committee to procure Volunteers to fill the quota of this Town under the late call of the President of the United States for 300,00 Drafted men and that they have power to appoint one or more persons to assist in Recruiting the same.

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest

Chas. Shed Town Clerk

Essex SS.

To Charles O. Barker Constable of the Town of Methuen in said County of Essex

Greeting

You are hereby directed in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Methuen qualified by law to vote in Elections, to meet and assemble at the Town Hall in said Town, on Tuesday the Third day of November next at Ten O'Clock in the forenoon then and there to give in their ballots to the Selectmen

for **Governor** of the Commonwealth, Lieutenant **Governor**, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General, Attorney General Auditor of Accounts, Counselor for District number Two, One Senator for the Third Essex District one County Commissioner, and one Register of Probate and Insolvency for the County Of Essex all on one ballot

Also for one Representative to the General Court for the Representative District number fifteen composed of the Town of Methuen and the Fifth Ward of the City of Lawrence on a separate ballot, the Polls to be kept open until Four O'Clock P.M.

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

Given under our hands at Methuen this **Seventeenth day of October in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty Three.**

J. W. Frederick } Selectmen
D. T. Morrison } of
G. W. Gage } Methuen

Essex SS. Methuen Nov 3, 1863.

I have served the within warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at each of the public Meeting Houses in said Town and at the Town House fifteen days before the time of holding this meeting.

Chas. O. Barker Constable

A true copy Attest

Chas. Shed Town Clerk

November 3, 1863

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified by law to vote in Elections held at the Town Hall in said Methuen on Tuesday the Third day November A.D. 1863 agreeably to warrant No 42, File 7.

The votes were sorted, counted, recorded and declaration thereof made as the law directs and were as follows viz.:

The whole number of votes for **Governor** was Two Hundred and eighty six 286

John A. Andrew of Boston had One Hundred and eighty nine 189

Henry W. Paine of Cambridge had Ninety Seven 97

The whole number of votes for **Lieut. Governor** Two Hundred and eighty six 286

Joel Hayden of Williamsburg had One Hundred eighty nine 189

Thomas F. Plunket of Pittsfield had Ninety seven 97

The whole number of votes for **Secretary of State** Two Hundred and eighty six 286

Oliver Warner of Northampton had One Hundred and eight nine 189

Frederick O. Prince of Winchester had Ninety seven 97

For **Treasurer and Receiver General** was Two Hundred and eighty six 286

Henry K. Oliver of Salem had One Hundred and eighty nine 189

Nathan Clark of Lynn had Ninety seven 97

The whole number of votes for **Attorney General** Two Hundred and eighty six 286

Dwight Foster of Worcester had One Hundred and eighty nine 189

Theodore H. Sweetser of Lowell had Ninety seven 97

The whole number of votes for **Auditor of Accounts** Two Hundred & eighty six 286

Levi Reed of Abington had One Hundred and eighty nine 189

Moses Bates of Plymouth had Ninety seven 97

For **Councilor for District No. 2.** was Two Hundred and eighty six 286

Eben S. Poor of South Danvers had One Hundred and eighty nine	189
William Nutting Jr. of Marblehead had Ninety seven	97
For Senator for Third Essex District was Two Hundred and eighty six	286
Thomas Wright of Lawrence had One Hundred and eighty nine	189
Samuel Gould of Lawrence had Ninety seven	97
For County Commissioner was Two Hundred and eighty six	286
James Kimball of Salem had One Hundred and eighty nine	189
Moses Newell of West Newbury had Ninety seven	97
For Register of Probate and Insolvency was Two Hundred and eighty six	286
Abner C. Goodell of Salem had One Hundred and eighty nine	189
George R. Lord of Ipswich had Ninety seven	97

For Representative to General Court in District No. Fifteen

Jacob Emerson Jr. of Methuen had One Hundred and eighty eight	188
Thomas J. Richardson of Methuen had Seventy six	76
S. Harris Jr. of Methuen Two	2
Daniel Merrill 3 rd of Methuen One	1
Hazen Messer of Methuen One	1

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest Chas. Shed Town Clerk

Votes for Representative in Ward Five Lawrence

Jacob Emerson Jr. of Methuen had (left blank)	
Thomas J. Richardson of Methuen had (left blank)	

Perambulation

of the line between the Town of Haverhill and Methuen

We the subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Haverhill and Methuen met **October twenty eighth 1863** and perambulated the line between the said towns of Haverhill and Methuen and find the line to be as follows viz.: beginning at a point on the southwesterly side of Hawks Meadow brook at its junction with Merrimack river – then running North about 39-1/2 degrees West about two hundred

and Eighty two rods to a stone Monument marked M. H. standing on the Northerly side of the 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 the house of Nathan and Edmund Perley.

Thence about Four Hundred and Thirty six rods to a stone marked M. H. on the easterly side of the new road near Obadiah Fosters. – Thence about Seventy two rods to a stone marked M. H. on the Northerly side of the road near Gilman Haynes House.

Thence about One Hundred and Twelve rods to a large stone monument at the line of the Town of Salem N.H. one half degrees West all of which has been agreed upon by the said parties, as the boundary line between said towns.

Haverhill Octr 28th, 1863.

Levi Taylor } Selectmen of
A. A. Sargent } Haverhill

J. W. Frederick } Selectmen
D. T. Morrison } of
G. W. Gage } Methuen

A true Copy

Attest

Chas. Shed Town Clerk

1864

Essex SS.

To Charles O. Barker Constable of the Town 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 inhabitants of the said Town of Methuen
qualified by law
to vote in Town affairs to meet and assemble at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday
seventh
day of March next Ten O’Clock A.M. then and there to act on the following articles Viz.:

Article 1st To a (choose) a Moderator to preside at said meeting

Art. 2nd To choose all necessary Town officers for the year ensuing

Art. 3rd To raise such sums of money as the Town may deem necessary to defray the Town charges the year ensuing

- Art. 4th To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise to repair Highways and Bridges the year ensuing
- Art. 5th To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the support of Schools the year ensuing
- Art. 6th To determine the manner of collecting taxes the year ensuing and act thereon as the Town may think proper
- Art. 7th To see if Town will vote to restrain Neat Cattle Horses and Swine from going at large the year ensuing
- Art. 8th To see what pay the Town will allow the members of the Engine Company the year ensuing
- Art. 9th To hear the Annual Report of the Selectmen and Committees which are to report at this meeting and act thereon.
- Art. 10th To act on List of Jurors as reported by the Selectmen
- Art. 11th To see how the Town will vote to divide the money raised for School purposes among the several School Districts
- Art. 12th To see if the Town will vote to establish a High School in conformity to Chapter Thirty Eight Section Second of the General Statues of this Commonwealth and make the necessary appropriation therefore.
- Art. 13th To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to hire money to pay any notes of the Town that may become due during the year or in their discretion to renew any such note and to empower the Treasurer to sign any notes in behalf of the Town that may be necessary therefore.
- Art. 14th By request of Moody S. Wheeler to see if the Town will vote to reimburse to the men that were drafted in 1863, and paid the commutation or furnished substitutes, the amount paid by them to clear them from the draft, and act thereon as the Town may think proper.
- Art. 15th To see if the Town will continue to pay State aid to the families of soldiers as provided for by the laws of this Commonwealth relating thereto.
- Art. 16th To see if the Town will vote to charge interest on all taxes not paid within the time expressed on the

tax bill.

Art. 17th To see if the Town will authorize the Prudential Committees to hire teachers the year ensuing

Art. 18th By request of Alfred Clark and others to see if the Town will vote to unite the two Highway Districts in the westerly part of said Town described as follows viz.: commencing at the State line near the house of George Gutterson thence past the Alms-house to the School House in District No 1 also from the house of Jesse Heath to the main road, also from the corner near the house of Ezekiel Clark then past the house of Gorham P. Poor to the State line also from the corner near the house of Alfred Clark thence past the house of the late John N. Hall to the corner near the house of James Palmer.

Art. 19th To see if the Town will vote to widen and repair the road leading from the corner near the house of John Walsh to Dracut line near William Mansur's.

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

Given under our hands at Methuen **this twenty seventh day of February A.D. 1864.**

J. W. Frederick } Selectmen
D. T. Morrison } of
G. W. Gage } Methuen

Essex SS. Methuen March 7 1864

I have served the within warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at each of the Public Meeting Houses in said Town and at the Town House seven days before the time of holding this meeting.

A true Copy
Attest Chas. O. Barker Constable Methuen
Chas. Shed Town Clerk

March 7, 1864 – Annual Town Meeting

Samuel Richardson
Amos Currier
Ralph Clark sworn

Jesse A. Town sworn
George F. Harvey sworn
D. H. Patterson sworn

J. O. Parker sworn

Surveyors of Wood & Bark

Joseph S. How
Daniel Merrill 3rd sworn
D. H. Patterson sworn
Cyrus Blood
S. C. Crosby sworn

John B. Webster sworn
Edmund B. Sargent
Aaron Sawyer sworn
Ralph Clark sworn
Justin E. Griffin sworn

Samuel Richardson 2nd sworn
J. M. Grosvenor sworn

J. O. Parker sworn
George E. Carleton appointed sworn

Field Drivers

Stephen Hoyt
David M. Cole sworn
S. C. Crosby sworn
George W. Chadwick sworn
A. J. Whittier
Francis Sawyer sworn

John Russ sworn
R. L. Page sworn
Michael Prescott sworn
Lafayette Whittier sworn
Ervin Stevens sworn
J. O. parker appointed / sworn

Sealer of Weights & Measures appointed

E. B. Homer sworn

Pound Keepers

S. W. Williams

Hezekiah Chadwick

Road Commissioner appointed

J. F. Ingalls

Surveyors of Highways - sworn

John How
W. Annis - appointed
Samuel Batchelder
D. H. Patterson
Samuel Cross
J. M. Grosvenor - appointed
J. M. Emerson

E. M. Walton
Alba A. Farr
Oliver Emerson
Daniel E. Cole
Justine E. Griffin
Jonathan Morse
John Russ

Rufus Griffin
R. K. Miller
John Carleton
George E. Carleton
Aaron Palmer
Hazen Bodwell
Charles Richardson

Matthew Messer - not sworn

Truant Officers

Chas. E. Goss

J. G. Hubbard

Chas L. Tozier

Art. 3rd **Voted** to raise Six Thousand Four Hundred and Forty Five dollars to defray the Town charges the year ensuing

Art. 4th **Voted** to raise Two Thousand dollars to repair Highways and Bridges the year ensuing

Art. 5th **Voted** to raise Twenty Five Hundred dollars for the support of Schools the year ensuing

Art. 6th **Voted** that the Taxes be collect in the same manner as they were last year

Art. 7th **Voted** to adopt the following By Laws subject to the approval of the Superior Court

1st No person shall pasture cattle or other animals either with, or without a keeper, upon any of the streets or ways in the Town, provided that this By Law shall not affect the right of any person to the use of land within the limits of such way adjoining his own promises.

2nd Whoever violates the provisions of this By-Law shall forfeit and pay the sum of Ten dollars one half to the use of the informer, and the other half to the use of the Town.

Voted that the above by laws be presented to the Superior Court by J. Brown Lord for their approval

Art. 8th **Voted** that they receive the same pay as last year, also twenty five cents an hour for two hours each month for practice.

Voted that the Fire Wardens be a committee to cooperate with the Enginemen for the purpose of creating more interest in the company.

Art. 9th **Voted** that the Annual Report of the Selectmen be accepted

Voted that the Annual Report be made up to February first to be printed and ready for distribution ten days before the Annual Town Meeting

Art. 10th **Voted** to approve and adopt the following list of Jurors

George W. Butters
Stephen Currier

Varnum Corliss
Samuel F. Dearborn

Jacob Emerson Jr.	John W. Frederick
Joseph F. Ingalls	Gilbert Emerson
Hazen Bodwell	Hazen Messer
Aaron Gilcreast	Daniel Currier
Elbridge K. Kent	Isaac H. Laney
Charles Freeman	Moses G. Smith
Asa Simonds	Edmund P. Sargent
Joseph Smith	John Russ
John B. Webster	Henry Knight
David W. Noyes	Stephen W. Williams
Joseph S. How	Charles Jackson
John Low	Benjamin F. Woodbury
George Harris	Samuel Cross
Charles Smith	Samuel Richardson 2 nd
David Gleason	Joseph Gardner
John Cluff	George W. Gage
Abner Stevens	S. R. Merrill
John W. Bodwell	James M. Richardson

Art. 11th **Voted** to pass over this article until the Article 12th is acted upon

Art. 12th **Voted** that the subject be referred to the School Committee and one from each school district viz.: Samuel G. Sargent, Edwin Davis, J. Brown Lord, Dis. No. 1: J. G Hubbard, No. 2: Jonathan Morse, No. 3: J. B. Barker, No. 4: S. Huse, No. 5: J. F. Ingalls, No. 6: G. W. Gage, No. 7: J. S. How, No. 8: S. H. Harris.

Art. 13th **Voted** to authorize the Selectmen to hire money to pay any notes of the Town that may become due during the year, or in their discretion to renew any such note, and to empower the Treasurer to sign any notes in behalf of the Town that may be necessary therefore

Art. 14th **Voted** to pass over this Article

Art. 15th **Voted** to pay State aid to families of soldiers as heretofore

Art. 16th **Voted** to charge interest on all taxes not paid within the time expressed on the tax bills

Art. 17th **Voted** to pass over this Article until the 12th Article is acted upon

Art. 18th **Voted** to grant the prayer of the petitioner

Art. 19th **Voted** to pass over this Article

Voted that the Resolution passed at Annual Town Meeting be carried into effect this year

Voted to adjourn until four weeks from today at Two P.M.

Attest Chas. Shed Town Clerk

Adjourned Meeting

Met according to adjournment April 4th 1864.

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to post up copies of the By Laws passed at the Annual meeting relative to the pasturing animals on the street in the different sections of the Town.

Voted to accept the Report of the Selectmen on Guide Boards and Posts and that they be authorized to supply the deficiencies.

Voted to take up the Report of the Committee on High School section by section.

Art. 12th **Voted** that it is not expedient to establish a High School.

Art. 11th **Voted** that the money be divided as heretofore.

Art. 17th **Voted** that they be authorized to hire teachers

Voted to reconsider the vote passed March 7, 1786 instructing the Selectmen to carry out
the
Resolution passed at the Annual Meeting in 1863

Voted that the Resolution be passed

Voted to reconsider the vote passed on the 19th Article at the Annual Meeting

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to act on the 19th Article as they think best

Voted to accept the resignation of Edwin Davis as school Committee and H. S. Hall was
chosen
by ballot to fill the vacancy

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest Chas Shed
Town Clerk

CR Town of Methuen in Account with Charles Shed Treasurer Feby 20 1864

For Cash paid Selectmen's orders \$13,008.35

For Cash paid Bounty Tax	5,367.26
For Cash paid State Tax	3,768.00
For Cash paid County Tax	1,567.65
For Cash paid Principal on Notes	28,845.00
For Cash paid Interest on	3,321.87
Discount on Taxes	982.75
Collecting Taxes	144.60
Making out and distributing Tax Bills	25.00
Collecting, recording and indexing births, deaths and marriages	16.10
Services as Treasurer	50.00
Cash paid express, stamps, P.O. bill, etc.	28.03
Cash in the hands of the Treasurer Feby 20 1864	7,707.40
Taxes uncollected	346.75

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Cash in Treasurer's hands Feby 20, 1863	937.98
Taxes uncollected	320.93
Tax List for 1863	14,459.85
Cash received of Abiah Richardson	150.00
Cash received of First Bap. Society Methuen	288.00
Cash received of G. W. Gage	275.00
Cash received of Pemberton Bank	9,000.00
Cash received of Hannah Webster	200.00
Cash received of Hannah Clark	500.00
Cash received of Merrill W. Gove	600.00
Cash received of Henry Spencer	50.00
Cash received of Frederick Blodgett	300.00
Cash received of Warren Ordway	1,500.00
Cash received of F. F. Johnson	125.00
Cash received of William H. Johnson	750.00
Cash received of Rebecca S. Swan	2,000.00
Cash received of Lynn Ins. For Savings	10,000.00
Cash received of Miles Taylor	1,000.00
Cash received of Emeline S. Taylor	600.00
Cash received of Aaron Palmer	1,000.00
Cash received of Abner Stevens	700.00
Cash received of Samuel G. Sargent	200.00
Cash received of Delinda Messer	100.00
Cash received of Jonathan Jennings	600.00
Cash received of Cristie Brock	600.00
Cash received of Sophia Batchelder	500.00
Cash received of Hannah Webster	50.00
Cash received of Frederick Blodgett	250.00
Cash received of Trustees First Bap. Society	600.00
Cash received of State Treasurer for Bounties	10,500.00

Cash received of State Treasurer for State Aid	5,494.79
Cash received of Town Liquor Agent	561.97
Cash received for Rent of Town House	490.00
Cash received for Dog Licenses	113.00
Cash received of Ed. Sullivan State Aid overdrawn in 1861	6.00
Cash received of Ed. Sullivan State Aid overdrawn in 1861	2.00
Cash received of State Treasurer School Money for 1863	95.73
Cash received of U. S. for making enrollment of draft for 1862	36.00
Cash received of J. Brown Lord for violation of Dog Law	10.00
Cash received of J. S. Snell Note and interest	23.60
Cash received of Town of Stow	2.00
Cash received of John Cluff for board of wife at St Lun Hos. Wor.	<u>114.51</u>
	\$65,188.76

Essex SS.

To John S. Day Constable of the Town 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 inhabitants of said Town of Methuen qualified
by law to
vote in Town affairs to meet and assemble at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the
Twenty
fifth of April current at 2 O'Clock P.M. then and there to act on the following Articles
Viz.:

Article 1st To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting

Article 2nd By request of H. C. Gleason and others to see if the Town will vote to establish a High
School and appropriate money for the same

Article 3rd To see if the Town will vote to divide the money for School purposes among the several
School Districts

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 as aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Methuen this **sixteenth day of April A.D. 1864**

J. W. Frederick } Selectmen
D. T. Morrison } of
Methuen

Essex SS. Methuen April 25 1864

I have served the within warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at each of the public Meeting Houses in said Town and at the Town House, seven days before the time of holding t his meeting.

A true Copy
Attest
John S. Day Constable Methuen
Chas. Shed
Town Clerk

April 25, 1864

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of Town of Methuen on Monday the twenty fifth day of April A.D. 1864 at 2 O'Clock P.M. agreeably to Warrant No 2 File 8.

Article 1st Joseph How was chosen Moderator

Article 2nd **Voted** that the whole subject be passed over until the next annual meeting

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest
Chas. Shed
Town Clerk

Essex SS. To Charles E. Goss Constable of the Town of Methuen in the said County of Essex,

Greeting:

You are directed in the name of the
Commonwealth of
Massachusetts to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Methuen qualified by law to vote
in Town
affairs, to meet and assemble at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the thirtieth day
of May
current at 2 O'Clock P.M. then and there to act on the following Articles, Viz.:

Article 1st To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting

Article 2nd To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to pay to the amount of One Hundred and twenty five dollars (\$125.) to each person who shall volunteer into the service of the United States

for the quota of the Town of Methuen to the number of thirty six or more (36) in anticipation of a call of the President of the United States for 300,00 Troops, and make the necessary appropriation therefore, agreeable to Chapter 120, Sect. 1. of the Laws and Resolves of A.D. 1864.

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

Given under our hands this **twenty first day of May A.D. 1864.**

J. W. Frederick } Selectmen
D. T. Morrison } of
G. W. Gage } Methuen

Essex SS. Town of Methuen May 30th 1864

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 up attested copies of this warrant at each of the public meeting houses and at the Town House in said Town, eight days at least before the time set for said meeting.

Charles E. Goss Constable of Methuen

A true Copy

Attest

Chas. Shed

Town Clerk

May 30, 1864

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held at the Town Hall in said

Town on Monday May 30th A.D. 1864 agreeably to Warrant No 3 File 8.

Article 1st Joseph How was chosen Moderator

Article 2nd The following Resolutions were adopted

Resolved that the Selectmen be authorized as agents of the Town to pay the amount of One Hundred and twenty five dollars to each person who shall volunteer into the service of the United States for the quota of the Town of Methuen, to such a number as in the exercise of their best judgment will be sufficient to fill the same, not exceeding the number of fifty in anticipation of a call of the President of the United States for 300.00 Troops agreeably to Chapter 12- Sec. 1 of the Laws and Resolves of A.D. 1864.

Resolved that the Selectmen be and are hereby authorized to borrow a sufficient sum of money to pay said bounties and the necessary expenses attending the recruiting and that the Treasurer is hereby authorized to sign a note or notes for and in behalf of the Town for said money.

Resolved that the Selectmen and two other persons who shall be elected at this meeting be a committee to obtain said Volunteers if possible.

Voted that Charles E. Goss and Ebenezer Sawyer be on the Committee with the Selectmen as above.

The following Preamble and Resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Whereas. In the course of events, although long spared, many of our friends, neighbors and townsmen have been stricken down upon the battlefield, several of whom have fallen to rise no more in this life, and many more lie suffering from terrible wounds, from the effects of which they never can recover except by the smiles of Providence, and the tenderest care of friends, therefore

Resolved: That we the citizens of Methuen in Town meeting assembled, thus publicly desire to declare and express our grief for the lost and their friends, and our interest in, and sympathy for the wounded and their relatives.

Resolved. That we regret exceedingly to learn that not less than thirty and perhaps more of our men have been laid low in death as sacrifices upon the altar of our country.

next at Two O'Clock P.M. then and there to act on the following Articles Viz.

- Article 1st To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting
- Art. 2nd To determine upon what plan to rebuild the Bridge near Harvey's Mills so called and make the necessary appropriation therefor.
- Art. 3rd To see if the Town will vote to deposit with the Treasurer of the Commonwealth, the sum of \$125 for each recruit in accordance with General Order No 27
- Art. 4th To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to pay the sum of \$125 to each person who shall enlist in the Military Service of the United States and be credited to the said Town of Methuen.

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 as aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Methuen this **twenty seventh day of August A.D. 1864.**

J. W. Frederick } Selectmen
D. T. Morrison } of
G. W. Gage } Methuen

Essex SS. Town of Methuen Sept. 5, 1864

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 up an attested copy of the within warrant at the usual place of posting up notices upon the Town house and upon 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 Chas. Shed Town Clerk

September 5, 1864

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the Fifth day of September A.D. 1864, agreeably to Warrant No 4 File 8.

Article 1st Jacob Emerson Jr. was chosen Moderator and sworn

Art. 2nd **Voted** not to build a Bridge

Voted to adjourn this meeting one week from this day at 2 O'Clock P.M.

Attest Chas. Shed Town Clerk

Met agreeably to adjournment September 12 at 2 O'Clock P.M.

Art. 3rd **Voted** that the Selectmen be authorized to deposit money in accordance with General
& 4th Order No 27
with the State Treasurer to obtain 25 men if in their judgment they though best, or to
procure them
in any other manner at the same rate.

Voted to reconsider the vote passed at the meeting held September the Fifth whereby it
was voted not
to build a bridge.

Voted that Joseph How, Geo. W. Butters and John Low be a Committee to investigate
the subject of
building a bridge near Harvey's Mills (so called) and report at an adjourned meeting.

Voted to adjourn this meeting one week from this day at 2 O'Clock P.M.

Attest
Chas. Shed Town Clerk

Met agreeably to the adjournment September 19th at 2 O'Clock P.M.

The report of the Committee chosen at the last meeting was read and accepted.

Voted that the whole subject be referred back to the Committee for a full and detailed
account to be
reported at some future meeting.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Attest
Chas. Shed Town Clerk

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

Greeting:

You are directed in the name of the Commonwealth
of
Massachusetts to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Methuen qualified by law to vote
in Town
affairs, to meet and assemble at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday the eighth day of
November

next at Ten O’Clock in the forenoon, then and there to give in their Ballots for a
Governor of the
Commonwealth, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General,
Attorney General,
Auditor of Accounts, Councilor for District number Two, One Senator for the Third
Essex District and
one County Commissioner, County Treasurer, and a Register of Deeds for the County of
Essex, all on
one ballot.

Also for twelve Electors of President and Vice President of the United States, and
One
Representative to represent the Sixth Congressional District of the Commonwealth in the
next Congress of the United States on a separate ballot.

Also for a Representative to the General Court for the Representative District
number Fifteen
composed of the Town of Methuen and the Fifth Ward of the City of Lawrence on a
separate ballot.

The Polls to be kept open until Four O’Clock P.M.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at
each of the
Public Meeting Houses in said Town.

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

Given under our hands at Methuen this **twenty ninth day of October in the year**
of our Lord
One thousand Eight hundred and Sixty four.

J. W. Frederick } Selectmen
D. T. Morrison } of
G. W. Gage } Methuen

Essex SS. Town of Methuen Nov. 8 1864.

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 up attested copies of this warrant at the Town House and at each of the public meeting houses in said Town* ten days before the time set for said meeting.

Charles E. Goss Constable of Methuen

*Save the following sentence which was left out of two of the copies by mistake. "Also for a Representative to the General Court for the Representative District number fifteen composed of the Town of Methuen and the fifth ward of the City of Lawrence on a separate ballot"

A true copy

Attest Chas. Shed

Town Clerk

November 8, 1864

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Elections held at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday the eighth day of November A.D. 1864 at Ten O'Clock A.M. agreeably to Warrant No 5 File 8.

The votes were sorted counted recorded and declaration thereof made as the law directs and were as follows

The whole number of votes for **Governor** was Four Hundred and Forty two 442

John A. Andrew of Boston had Two Hundred and eighty seven 287

Henry W. Paine of Cambridge had One Hundred and fifty five 155

The whole number of votes for **Lieut. Governor** was Four Hundred and forty one 441

Joel Hayden of Williamsburg had Two Hundred and eighty six 286

Thomas F. Plunkett of Pittsfield had One Hundred and fifty five 155

For Secretary of State 441

Oliver Warner of Northampton had Two Hundred and eighty six 286

F. O. Prince of Winchester had One Hundred and fifty five 155

For Treasurer & Receiver General 440

Henry K. Oliver of Salem had Two Hundred and eighty five 285
Nathan Clark of Lynn had One Hundred and fifty five 155

For Attorney General 441

Chester P. Reed of Taunton had Two Hundred and eighty six 286
S. O. Lamb of Greenfield had One Hundred and fifty five 155

For Auditor of Accounts 441

Levi Reed of Abington had Two Hundred and eighty six 286
Moses Bates of Plymouth had One Hundred and fifty five 155

Councillor for District No. Two 441

Eben S. Poor of South Danvers had Two Hundred and eighty six 286
William Nutting Jr. of Marblehead had One Hundred and fifty five 155

Senator for Third Essex District 440

George Foster of Andover had Two Hundred and eighty five 285
John B. Nichols of Haverhill had One Hundred and fifty five 155

County Commissioner 441

Jackson B. Swett of Haverhill had Two Hundred and Eighty six 286
John P. Ladd of Groveland had One Hundred and fifty five 155

County Treasurer 441

Allen W. Dodge of Hamilton had Two Hundred and eighty six 286
Joseph D. Tuck of Beverly had One Hundred and fifty five 155

Register of Deeds

Ephraim Brown of Salem had 441

Votes for Electors of President and Vice President of the United States

Votes for Electors at Large

Edward Everett of Boston Two Hundred ninety two 292
Whiting Griswold of Greenfield Two Hundred ninety two 292
Robert C. Winthrop of Boston One Hundred fifty eight 158

Erasmus D. Beach of Springfield One Hundred fifty eight 158

Electors for District No 1.

Richard Borden of Fall River Two Hundred ninety two 292
A. H.. Howland of New Bedford One Hundred fifty eight 158

District No.2.

Artemas Hale of Bridgewater Two Hundred ninety two 292
John Wilson Jr. of Cohasset One Hundred fifty eight 158

District No. 3.

George Putnam of Roxbury Two Hundred ninety two 292
Abraham Jackson of Boston One Hundred fifty eight 158

District No. 4.

J. M. S. Williams of Cambridge Two Hundred ninety two 292
Andrew Pierce of Boston One Hundred fifty eight 158

District No. 5.

John G. Whittier of Amesbury Two Hundred ninety two 292
Samuel E. Peabody of Salem One Hundred fifty eight 158

District No. 6.

George L. Davis of No. Andover Two Hundred ninety two 292
James H. Carleton of Haverhill One Hundred fifty eight 158

District No. 7.

Stephen M. Weld of West Roxbury Two Hundred ninety two 292
L. Saltonstall of Newton One Hundred fifty eight 158

District No. 8.

Levi Lincoln of Worcester Two Hundred ninety two 292
Isaac Davis of Worcester One Hundred fifty eight 158

District No. 9.

William S. Clark of Amherst Two Hundred ninety two 292

William H. Fuller of Whately One Hundred fifty eight 158

District No. 10.

John Wells of Chicopee Two Hundred ninety two 292
Abram Paige of Springfield One Hundred fifty eight 158

Representative in Congress for the Sixth Congressional District

Daniel W. Gooch of Melrose had Two Hundred and ninety two 292
Thomas J. Greenwood of Malden had One Hundred and fifty seven 157

Representative in General Court for District No. Fifteen

John W. Frederick of Methuen had Two Hundred and Seventy nine 279
John M. Grosvenor of Methuen had One Hundred and Fifty one 151
J. Brown Lord One 1

Votes of Ward Five of Lawrence for Representative

John W. Frederick of Methuen had One Hundred and twenty 120
John M. Grosvenor of Methuen Fifty two 52

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest

Chas. Shed

Town Clerk

Essex SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town 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 inhabitants of the said Town of Methuen
qualified by law
to vote in Town affairs to meet and assemble at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday
the eighth
day of November next at 2 O'Clock P.M. then and there to act on the following Articles
Viz.:

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

Article 2nd To hear a full and detailed account of the Committee appointed at a previous meeting to investigate the subject of building a Bridge near Harvey's Mill (so called) and act 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 as aforesaid.

Given this **Twenty ninth day of October in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and sixty four.**

J. W. Frederick } Selectmen
D. T. Morrison } of
G. W. Gage } Town of Methuen

Essex SS. Town of Methuen Nov 8 1864

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 up attested copies of the warrant at the Town House and at each of the public meeting houses in said Town ten days before the time set for said meeting.

Chas. E. Goss Constable of Methuen

A true copy

Attest Chas. Shed Town Clerk

November 8, 1864

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday the eighth day of November A.D. 1864 at 2 O'Clock P.M. agreeably to Warrant No 6.

File 8.

Article 1st John Davis was chosen **Moderator**

Article 2nd **Voted** that the report of the Committee be accepted

Voted to adopt the following Resolution

Resolved that the whole subject be referred back to the same Committee with full power to build a Bridge near Harvey's Mill (so called) something after plan reported by them, varying in any minor matters which they in their judgment may think best; and also, that the same Committee be and are hereby authorized to act for the Town, to make any arrangement with the proprietors of the adjoining lands or parties interested as to Grading about the Bridge and on the causeway below.

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest

Chas. Shed

Town Clerk

1865

Essex SS. To either of the Constables of the Town 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 inhabitants of the said Town of Methuen,
qualified by law to
vote in Town affairs to meet and assemble at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the
Sixth day of
March next at Ten O'Clock A.M. then and there to act on the following Articles Viz.:

- Article 1st To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting
- Art. 2nd To choose a Town Clerk, Treasurer, and Collector
- Art. 3rd To choose Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor
- Art. 4th To choose all other necessary Town officers for the year ensuing
- Art. 5th To raise such sums of money as the Town may deem necessary to defray the Town charges for the year ensuing
- Art. 6th To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise to repair Highways and Bridges the year ensuing
- Art. 7th To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the support of Schools the year ensuing
- Art. 8th To determine the manner of collecting taxes the year ensuing and act thereon as the Town may

think proper

- Art. 9th To see if the Town will vote to restrain Neat Cattle, Horses and Swine from going at large the year ensuing
- Art. 10th To see what pay the Town will allow the members of the Engine Company the year ensuing
- Art. 11th To hear the annual Report of the Selectmen and Committees which are to report at this meeting and act thereon.
- Art. 12th To act on List of Jurors as reported by the Selectmen
- Art. 13th To see if the Town will vote to establish a High School in conformity to Chapter thirty eight Section second of the General Statutes of this Commonwealth and make the necessary appropriation therefor
- Art. 14th To see how the Town will vote to divide the money raised for School purposes among the several School Districts
- Art. 15th To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to hire money to pay any notes of the Town that may become due during the year, or in their discretion to renew such notes and to empower the Treasurer to sign any notes in behalf of the Town that may be necessary therefor
- Art. 16th To see if the Town will continue to pay State Aid to the Families of Soldiers as provided for by the Laws of this Commonwealth relating thereto
- Art. 17th To see if the Town will authorize the Prudential Committees to hire teachers the year ensuing
- Art. 18th To see if the Town will vote to raise the amount allowed per hour for labor on the highways from 12 ½ cents to 16 2/3 cents per hour and act thereon as the Town may think proper
- Art. 19th To see if the Town will vote to provide Hooks and Ladders for the Engine Company
- Art. 20th By request of Henry C. Richardson to see if the Town will vote to pay the members of the Tiger Engine Co. No 2 for services as fireman for the coming year and if so, to determine the amount to be paid for such services, also to see if the Town will pay for keeping the engine in repair
- Art. 21st By request of J. O. Parker to see if the Town will vote to allow the Ladies Soldiers Aid Society, to work for the Sanitary Commission, the use of the Town Hall one evening in a week for the next year without pay

Art. 22nd By request of George Harris to see if the Town will vote to allow the Ladies Soldiers Aid Society to work for the Christian Commission, the use of the Town Hall one evening in a week for the next year free of charge

Art. 23rd By request of Charles Ingalls to see if the Town will vote to abolish the Liquor Agency: indemnify the Selectmen against loss in case of prosecution for not appointing an agent, and act upon any thing relating to the same that the Town may t think proper

Art. 24th By request of Daniel Currier to see if the Town will vote to consolidate the three Highway Districts a part of which embrace the village; and allow the taxes to be paid in money and expended under the direction of a Street Commissioner and act upon anything relating to the subject that the Town may think proper

Art. 25th To see if the Town will vote to construct Reservoirs in suitable places in Town or act upon anything relating to the same and make the necessary appropriation therefor

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 as aforesaid.

Given under our hands at **Methuen this twenty fifty day of February A.D. 1865.**

J. W. Frederick } Selectmen
D. T. Morrison } of
G. W. Gage } Methuen

Essex SS. Town of Methuen Feby 25, 1865.

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 up attested copies of this warrant at the Town House and at each of the public meeting houses in said Town two days before the time set for said meeting.

A true copy
Attest John S. Day Constable of Methuen
Chas. Shed Town Clerk

The Annual Town Meeting – 1865

**The Annual Town Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen was
held at the
Town Hall in said Town on Monday the Sixth day of March A.D. 1865 at Ten
O'Clock A.M. agreeably to Warrant No 7 File 8**

Article 1st Jacob Emerson Jr. was chosen **Moderator** sworn
Prayer by Rev K. S. Hall

Art. 2nd Chas. Shed was chosen **Town Clerk** sworn
Chas. Shed was chosen **Treasurer** sworn
Chas. Shed was chosen **Collector** sworn

Art. 3rd **Selectmen**

Daniel T. Morrison sworn as **Selectman and Assessor**
George W. Gage sworn as **Selectman and Assessor**
Samuel G. Sargent sworn as **Selectman and Assessor**

Art. 4th **School Committee**

K. S. Hall for 3 years

Constables

Chas. E. Goss sworn Justus L. Boynton sworn (moved out of Town Oct. 18, 1865. C. Shed
Town Clerk)

Auditor

J. Brown Lord
Fire Wardens

John Low Chas. E. Goss John Wilson

Fence Viewers

Christopher How sworn E. G. Jackman Jonathan Morse
sworn

Surveyors of Lumber

John B. Webster Aaron Sawyer sworn
Franklin Saunders Joseph S. How sworn
Jerome Cross sworn J. W. Frederick sworn
J. M. Emerson sworn John Wilson sworn
Samuel Richardson J. A. Town

Geo. F. Harvey sworn
D. H. Patterson

Ralph Clark sworn
J. O. Parker sworn

Surveyors of Wood & Bark

Chas. Jackson sworn
E. P. Sargent
Aaron Sawyer
Ralph Clark sworn
Justin E. Griffin sworn
J. O. Parker sworn
Joseph S. How sworn

Daniel Merrill 3rd sworn
D. H. Patterson
Cyrus Blood
S. C. Crosby
Saml. Richardson 2nd
Asa Harris
E. W. Webster sworn

Field Drivers

Stephen Hoyt sworn
Chas. H. Harvey sworn
Wilson sworn
G. W. Chadwick Jr. sworn
sworn
H. J. Blodgett
sworn
Joseph How sworn
sworn
Chas. E. Goss

Walter E. Stevens
Edson Lowell sworn

John Russ sworn

J. L. Boynton sworn

E. P. Sargent sworn

John A. White sworn

E. K. Kent
Geo. H.

J. O. Parker

Cyrus B. Gage

Chas. Ingalls

Sealer of Weights & Measures (appointed)

E. B. Homer

Pound Keepers

S. W. Williams Hezekiah Chadwick

Road Commissioner (appointed)

J. C. Sawyer sworn

Surveyors of Highways – sworn

Darius Taylor
Sylvester Merrill
Smith
Amos Sargent
Webster (not sworn)

John Frye
Joseph F. Brown

John Carleton

Ezra Holmes
Moses G.

John B.

Samuel Cross (not sworn)	Joel Foster	Geo. W. Paler
Isaac Wentworth	Jonathan Morse	Benjn. Blood
J. G. Hubbard	Geo. Clark	John Cluff
R. K. Miller		

J. O. Sawyer appointed by Selectmen as Road Commissioner of the consolidated Highway Districts.

Truant Officers

Chas. E. Goss Tozier	J. G. Hubbard	Chas. S.
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Art. 5th Voted to raise Sixteen Thousand Five Hundred and Eighty Five dollars to defray the Town charges the year ensuing

Art. 6th Voted to raise Twenty Six Hundred dollars to repair Highways and Bridges the year ensuing

Art. 7th Voted to raise Thirty Five hundred dollars for the support of Schools the year ensuing

Art. 8th Voted that the taxes be collected in the same manner as last year

Art. 9th Voted that they be restrained

Art. 10th Voted that they be paid same as last year

Art. 11th Voted to accept the report of the Committee on Guide Boards and of the Selectmen and that Guide Boards be furnished where they are wanted

Art. 12th Voted to accept and adopt the following list of Jurors

Isaac H. Laney	Stephen W. Williams	S. R. Merrill
Charles Freeman	Samuel Cross	Hazen Messer
Varnum Corliss	John W. Frederick	George W.
Butters		
Gilbert Emerson	Benjn. F. Woodbury	Hazen
Bodwell		
George Harris	John Cluff	Joseph Smith
James M. Richardson	Joseph F. Ingalls	Samuel
Richardson 2 nd		
Charles Jackson	Charles Smith	Aaron
Gilcreast		
Moses G. Smith	E. K. Kent	Henry Knight

David W. Noyes Emerson Jr. John B. Webster	Abner Stevens Stephen Currier Bodwell	Jacob John W.
Daniel Currier Jonathan Morse	George W. Gage Daniel T. Morrison Sawyer	Joseph S. How Ebenezer
D. H. Patterson	John J. Webster Webster	John C.
J. G. Hubbard		

- Art. 13th Voted to pass over this article
- Art. 14th Voted that it be divided in the same manner as last year
- Art. 15th Voted to authorize the Selectmen to hire money to pay any notes of the Town that may become due during the year or in their discretion to renew such notes; and to empower the Treasurer to sign any notes in behalf of the Town that may be necessary therefor.
- Art. 16th Voted that the Town continue to pay State Aid to Soldier's Families
- Art. 17th Voted to authorize the Prudential Committee to hire teachers the year ensuing
- Art. 18th Voted to raise the amount allowed per hour for labor on the highways from 12 ½ cents to 16 2/3 cents per hour
- Art. 19th Voted to refer the subject to the Selectmen
- Art. 20th Voted that the members of Tiger Engine No 2 receive the same pay for their services as the members of Spicket Engine No 1 also that the Engine be kept in repair by the Town
- Art. 21st Voted that the Ladies of the Soldiers Aid Society who work for the Sanitary Commission be allowed the use of the Town Hall free of charge once in two weeks provided it is not wanted for other purposes.
- Art. 22nd Voted that the Ladies of the Soldiers Aid Society who work for the Christian Commission be allowed the use of the Town Hall, once in two weeks provided it is not wanted for other purposes.
- Art. 23 Voted that the Selectmen instruct the Liquor Agent to sell no more liquors excepting Alcohol and a little wine.

*Art. 24 Voted to consolidate the three Highway Districts apart of which embrace the village; and that the taxes be paid in money and expanded under the direction of a Street Commissioner; and that the Commissioner be appointed by the Selectmen.

Art. 25 Voted that the Selectmen be a Special Committee on the subject and report at a future meeting

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest

Chas. Shed Town Clerk

* The following vote was passed under Art. 24th as above.

Voted that the amount of Highway Tax assessed in the three former highway Districts which have been consolidated this day by vote of the Town agreeable to Art 24 of the warrant for this meeting be made out in a list as usual and delivered to the Street

Commissioner or Highway Surveyor who shall have been appointed to expend said tax, and said Commissioner or Surveyor is hereby empowered and directed to collect said tax in full in money (if possible) and expend all of said money so collected to improve and benefit the Highways and Bridges within the limits of said Consolidated District the same yare that it is raised, according to the best of his ability, and return the List at the end of the time for which he is appointed, with a report of his doings thereon, to the Selectmen,

Attest

Chas. Shed Town Clerk

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Town of Methuen in Account with Charles Shed Town Treasurer Feby 20, 1865

Cash Paid Selectmen's Order	\$20,815.17
Cash Paid State Tax	3,768.00
Cash Paid County Tax	1,567.18
Cash Paid Principal on Notes	4,900.00
Cash Paid Interest on Notes	2,750.00
Discount on Taxes	1,015.41
Collecting Taxes	151.22
Making and Distributing Tax Bills	25.00
Collecting Recording and Indexing Births, Marriages and Deaths	20.80

Making Returns of Births, Marriages and Deaths and Militia Roll	10.00
Services as Treasurer	50.00
Cash Expenses Stamps P.O. Bill etc.	25.59
Cash in Hands of Treasurer Feby 1, 1865	8,052.15
Taxes uncollected	<u>456.04</u>
	<u>\$43,606.56</u>

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Cash in Treasurer's hands Feby 20, 1864	\$ 7,707.40
Taxes uncollected	346.78
Tax List for 1864	15,121.77
Cash Rec'd of Levi S. Blodgett	200.00
Cash Rec'd of Frederick Blodgett	160.00
Cash Rec'd of Mary A. Ingalls	400.00
Cash Rec'd of Spicket Falls Bank	2,000.00
Cash Rec'd of Spicket Falls Bank	1,000.00
Cash Rec'd of Spicket Falls Bank	1,500.00
Cash Rec'd of Samuel Batchelder	1,500.00
Cash Rec'd of Phebe Robinson	900.00
Cash Rec'd of Mahabi Kimball	300.00
Cash Rec'd of Sarah G. Day	500.00
Cash Rec'd of J. S. Stinson	2,000.00
Cash Rec'd of Joseph A. Fisk	200.00
Cash Rec'd of Peter J. Lucas	400.00
Cash Rec'd of State Treasurer for State Aid	7,000.00
Cash Rec'd of State Treasurer School Money for 1863&4	110.40
Cash Rec'd of Treasurer U.S. Premium on Recruits	248.71
Cash Rec'd of E. Butler Liquor Agent	271.49
Cash Rec'd of Town of Andover for supplies furnished the Family of Abram Kimball	51.34
Cash Rec'd of D. T. Morrison for Wood and Hay cut in burial Grounds	16.00
Cash Rec'd of for old paper	12.00
Cash Rec'd of State Treasurer Corporation Tax	980.79
Cash Rec'd of Jonathan Morse for old Bridge Plank	4.00
Cash Rec'd of Jerome E. Cross State Aid overdrawn	2.29
Cash Rec'd of Town of Haverhill for Stone Monuments	30.50
Cash Rec'd of Rent of Town House	301.00
Cash Rec'd of Gutterson & Merrill Liquor Agents	329.03
Cash Rec'd of Interest on Taxes	7.51
Cash Rec'd of John Cluff for board of M. P. Cluff at Lunatic Hospital	<u>5.58</u>
	<u>\$43,606.56</u>

Essex SS. To either of the Constables of the Town 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 inhabitants of the said Town of Methuen qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to meet and assemble at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday, the Twenty fourth day of April current at 2 O'Clock P.M. then and there to act on the following Articles viz.:

Art. 1st To choose Moderator to govern said meeting

Art. 2nd To hear report of Committee appointed at the last annual meeting to see where cisterns were needed in Town for the use of the Fire Department, and to estimate the cost thereof and act thereon, and make the necessary appropriation to construct such cisterns as the Town may vote to build.

Art. 3rd To see if the Town will vote to reconsider that portion of the vote passed at our last annual meeting which relates to the raising by taxation this year the amount of money paid by the Town last year for recruits and if so, to make the necessary appropriation to pay the interest on said money:

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 as aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Methuen this **fifteenth day of April A.D. 1865.**

D. T. Morrison } Selectmen
G. W. Gage } of
S. G. Sargent } Methuen

Essex SS. Town of Methuen April 24 1865

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 up attested copies of this warrant at the Town House and at each of the public meeting houses in said Town, ten days before the time set for said meeting.

J. L. Boynton Constable of Methuen

A true Copy

Attest

Chas. Shed

Town Clerk

**At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held at the Town Hall
in said
Town April 24th A.D. 1865 agreeable to Warrant No 8 File 8.**

Art. 1st J. S. How was chosen **Moderator**.

Art. 2nd Voted to accept and adopt the report of the Committee.

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to hire money to build these Cisterns.

Voted that J. O. Sawyer, Chas. E. Goss Jr., J. O. Parker be a Committee to superintend
the building
of the Cisterns.

Art. 3rd **Voted** to reconsider.

Voted not to assess this year.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Attest

Chas. Shed

Town Clerk

Essex SS. To either of the Constables of the Town 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 inhabitants of the said Town of Methuen qualified
by law to vote
in Town affairs, to meet and assemble at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the
eighth day of May
next at 2 O'Clock P.M. then and there to act on the following Articles viz.:

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

Art. 2nd By request of John M. Grosvenor, and others, to see if the Town will vote to reconsider
the vote

whereby they voted on Monday 24th instant to cause cisterns or reservoirs to be built in
Methuen
Village and appropriate money for the same and act thereon as the Town may 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 as aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Methuen **this twenty ninth day of April A.D. 1865.**

D. T. Morrison } Selectmen
G. W. Gage } of
S. G. Sargent } Methuen

Essex SS. Town of Methuen May 8 1865.

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 purpose within
mentioned by
posting up attested copies of this warrant at the Town House and at each of the public
meeting houses
in said Town ten days before the time set for said meeting.

A true Copy

Attest

J. L. Boynton Constable of Methuen

Chas. Shed

Town Clerk

May 8, 1865

**At a legal meeting of the inhabitants qualified by law to vote in Town affairs held at
the Town
Hall in said Town on Monday May 8th A.D. 1865 Agreeable to Warrant No 9 File 8.**

Art. 1st John Davis was chosen **Moderator**

Art. 2nd **Voted** to reconsider the vote whereby they voted on Monday April 24th to cause cisterns
or reservoirs
to be built in Methuen Village and appropriated money for the same.

Voted to adjourn sine die.

Attest

Chas. Shed

Town Clerk

Essex SS. To either of the Constables of the Town 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 inhabitants of the said Town of Methuen qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to meet and assemble at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday May 22nd at 2 O'Clock P.M. then and there to act on the following Articles viz.:

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

Art. 2nd By request of Charles Freeman and others to see if they will vote to put in three or more reservoirs in Methuen Village and locate the same providing the cost to the Town shall not exceed twelve hundred dollars.

Art. 3rd To make the necessary appropriation therefor

Art. 4th To act on any other business in relation to the same

Art. 5th By request of J. G. Hubbard to see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation this year the amount of money paid by the Town last year for recruits as voted at the last annual meeting thereby reconsidering the vote relating to the same passed April twenty fourth of t his present year and make the necessary appropriation therefor

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

Given under our hand at Methuen this **thirteenth day of May A.D. 1865.**

D. T. Morrison } Selectmen
G. W. Gage } of
S. G. Sargent } Methuen

Essex SS Town of Methuen May 22 1865.

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 t his warrant at the Town House and at each of the public meeting houses in
said Town ten
days before the time set for said meeting.

Chas. E. Goss Constable of Methuen

May 22, 1865

**At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified
to vote in
Town affairs held at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday May 22 1865 agreeable
to Warrant
No 10 File 8.**

Art. 1st J. S. How was chosen Moderator

Art. 2nd Voted that the article under consideration be deferred to the next Annual March Meeting
and that the
Selectmen be then requested to report to the Town how those reservoirs are to be filled
with water and
the estimated expense of the same.

Also that the Selectmen inquire into the expediency of building other reservoirs in Town
and report
thereon the number wanted, where they are, the expense of building and filing them with
water, and the
proportion of the expense that those interested will pay.

Art. 3rd Voted to pass over this article

Art. 4th Voted to pass over this article

Art. 5th Voted to pass over this article

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest

Chas. Shed

Town Clerk

Essex SS. To Charles E. Goss one of the Constables of the Town of Methuen
Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Elections to meet and assemble at the Town House in said Methuen on Tuesday the 7th day of Nov. next at 10 O'Clock A.M. to bring in the subscribers Selectmen of Methuen their votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor and Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, a Representative to Congress from the Sixth District, a County Commissioner, and Two Special Commissioners, a Councilor, Sheriff, Three Commissioners of Insolvency and District Attorney for the County of Essex, a Senator for the Third Essex District, all on one ballot.

Also for a Representative to General Court for the Essex Representative District number Fifteen composed of the Town of Methuen and the Fifth Ward of the City of Lawrence on a separate ballot.

The polls to be kept open until Four O'Clock P.M. And you are directed to serve t his warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the meetinghouses and at the Town House in said Town.

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

Given under our hands at Methuen this **Twenty seventh day of October in the year of our Lord One Thousand eight hundred and sixty five.**

D. T. Morrison } Selectmen
G. W. Gage } of
S. G. Sargent } Methuen

Essex SS. Town of Methuen Nov. 7, 1865.

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 up attested copies of this warrant at each of the meeting houses and at the Town House in said Town ten days before the time set for said meeting.

Methuen
A true copy
Attest
Charles E. Goss Constable of
Chas. Shed Town Clerk

November 7, 1865

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Elections held at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday Nov. 7 A.D. 1865 at 10 O'Clock A.M. agreeable to Warrant No. 11 File 8.

The votes were sorted counted recorded and declaration thereof made as the law directs and were as follows.

The whole number of votes for <u>Governor</u> was Two Hundred and nineteen	219
Alexander H. Bullock of Worcester had One Hundred and fifty one	151
Darius N. Couch of Taunton had Sixty six	66
Thomas J. Richardson of Methuen had Two	2
The whole number of votes for <u>Lieut. Governor</u> was Two Hundred and twenty	220
William Claflin of Newton had One Hundred and fifty	151
Thomas F. Plunkett of Pittsfield had Sixty nine	69
<u>For Councilor for District No 2</u>	221
Benjamin Evans of Salisbury had One Hundred and fifty two	152
William Nutting Jr. of Marblehead had Sixty nine	69
<u>Secretary</u>	221
Oliver Warner of Northampton had One Hundred and fifty two	152
S. O. Land of Greenland had Sixty nine	69
<u>For Treasurer and Receiver General</u>	219
Jacob H. Loud of Plymouth had One Hundred and fifty	150
Thomas C. Amory Jr. of Boston has Sixty nine	69
<u>For Auditor of Accounts</u>	219
Henry S. Briggs of Pittsfield had One Hundred and fifty	150
Arthur F. Devereux of Salem had	69
<u>For Attorney General</u>	218
Chester T. Reed of Taunton had One Hundred and forty nine	149
Horatio G. Parker of Cambridge had Sixty nine	69
<u>Senator for Third Essex District</u>	219

George Foster of Andover had One Hundred and fifty	150
James R. Nichols of Haverhill had Sixty nine	69

Representative in Congress District No Six 221

Nathaniel P. Banks of Waltham had One Hundred and fifty two	152
Thomas J. Greenwood of Malden Sixty nine	69

For County Commissioner 219

Abram D. Waitt of Ipswich had One Hundred and fifty	150
Nathl. Shatswell of Ipswich had Sixty nine	69

For Special Commissioners

Nathl. H. Griffith of Groveland had One Hundred and fifty	150
Moses T. Whittier of Rowley had One Hundred and fifty	150
Ebenezer Payne of Saugus had Sixty nine	69
William C. Benney of Amesbury had Sixty nine	69

For Sheriff

Horatio G. Herrick of Saugus had One Hundred and fifty	150
Moses Tenney of Georgetown had Sixty seven	67

Commissioners of Insolvency

William Howland of Lynn had One Hundred and fifty	150
Nathaniel J. Holden of Salem One Hundred and fifty	150
Henry L. Sherman of Lawrence One Hundred and fifty	150
E. A. Ingalls of Lynn Sixty nine	69
John C. Choate of Essex had Sixty nine	69
H. G. Johnson of Newburyport Sixty nine	69

For District Attorney for the County of Essex

Benjamin H. Smith of Gloucester had One Hundred and forty one	141
Alfred A. Abbott of South Danvers had Seventy nine	79

For Representative to General Court for District Number Fifteen

John W. Frederick of Methuen had One Hundred and forty five	145
John M. Grosvenor of Methuen had Seventy two	72

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest

Chas. Shed

Town Clerk

Votes for Representative to General Court for District Number Fifteen Given at Ward Five Lawrence Nov. 7 1865

John W. Frederick of Methuen	Eighty	80
John M. Grosvenor of Methuen	Thirty two	32

[Omitted]

Notice

We hereby give notice that J. Brown Lord Esq. has resigned his office as School Committee, and that the vacancy this occasioned will be filled April 15th at 2 O'Clock P.M.

D. T. Morrison	}	Selectmen of Methuen
S. G. Sargent	}	

Methuen April 8 1865.

A true copy Attest Chas. Shed Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen and School Committee of the Town of Methuen held at the Selectmen's room April 15 1865 agreeable to the above notice the whole number of votes, being three were for E. H. Greeley to fill the vacancy in the School Committee caused by the resignation of J. Brown Lord.

Attest

Chas. Shed

Town Clerk

Essex SS.

To Charles E. Goss, Constable of the Town 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 inhabitants of the said Town of Methuen qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to meet and assemble at the Town Hall in said Town on Saturday the twenty third day of December at six O'Clock P.M. then and there to act on the following Articles Viz.:

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

Art. 2nd To see if the Town will vote to make and ordain a By-Law whereby persons shall be prohibited from riding or driving horses or other beasts of burden carriage or draught, in or upon any of the streets or ways for public travel, at a rate of speed which they deem inconstant with the public safety or convenience, and act upon anything relating to the subject which the Town may think proper by virtue of authority granted in Chap. 31 of the General Laws and Resolves of 1865.

And you hereby directed to serve this warrant in accordance with a vote of the Town passed at its Annual Meeting March 2nd 1863.

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

Given under our hands at Methuen this **sixteenth day of December in the year of our Lord one Thousand eight hundred and sixty five.**

D. T. Morrison } Selectmen
G. W. Gage } of
S. G. Sargent } Methuen

Essex SS. Town of Methuen Dec 23rd 1865.

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen herein described to meet and assemble at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned by posting up attested copies of this warrant at each of the public Meeting Houses and at the usual place of posting notices in the Town House in said Town more than seven days before the time set for said meeting.

A true Copy Chas. E. Goss Constable of Methuen

Attest

Chas. Shed

Town Clerk

December 23, 1865

**At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified
by
law to vote in Town affairs held at the Town Hall in the said Town on Saturday Dec
23rd
A.D. 1865 at six O'Clock P.M. agreeable to Warrant No 12. File 8.**

Article 1st Jacob Emerson Jr. was chosen Moderator & sworn

Art. 2nd Voted to adopt the following By-Law viz.:

No person shall ride or drive horses, or other beasts of burden, carriage or draught in or upon any of
The streets or ways for public travel within the limits of this Town at a rate of speed exceeding seven
Miles an hour in School District (Village) nor more than ten miles in other parts of the Town, and every
person riding or driving horses, or other beasts of burden in or upon any of the streets or ways for public
travel shall conduct the same with reasonable care and prudence so as not to endanger the public safety.

Any person offending against any of the provisions of this by-law shall forfeit and pay for each offence
a fine of not less than two, nor more than twenty dollars, provided that complaint for such offence be
instituted within six months from the time of its commission.

Voted that the above By-Law be presented by Charles E. Goss, to the Judge of the Superior Court,
for his approval.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Attest

Town Clerk

Chas. Shed