

1892

Warrant for Annual Town Meeting March 7, 1892

Essex SS: -

To Amos G. Jones, one of the Constables of the Town of Methuen,

Greeting: -

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Methuen, on Monday the seventh day of March next at eight o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, viz.: -

Article 1 To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2 To choose a Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, three School Committee, two to serve three years, in place of Edward F. Johnson and Aaron H. Clark, one to serve two years caused by the resignation of Sarah E. Sargent; one Road Commissioner to serve three years in place of James S. Blodgett; one Trustee of Nevins Memorial to serve two years in place of Joseph S. Howe; Constables, Auditor of Accounts, Fence Viewers and "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town?" Also to choose all other necessary Town officers in such manner as the Town may determine.

The polls may be closed at one o'clock p.m.

Article 3 To hear the Annual Report of the Selectmen and act thereon.

Article 4 To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges the ensuing year, and make appropriation for the same.

Article 5 To determine the manner of collecting taxes the ensuing year, and act thereon as the Town may think proper.

Article 6 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of taxes of the ensuing year, or to hire money to renew, replace, or pay any existing loan or loans or any part thereof, and to issue notes of the Town therefor.

Article 7 To see if the Town will vote to approve and accept the list of Jurors prepared by the Selectmen for the ensuing year.

Article 8 To hear the report of committees and act thereon.

- Article 9 To determine what compensation the Town will grant the members of the Fire Department for their services the ensuing year.
- Article 10 To determine the manner of appropriating the amount received from the dog taxes in accordance with Chapter 102 Section 107 of the Public Statutes.
- Article 11 By request of Col. William B. Green Post 100 G.A.R., to see if the Town will vote to appropriate one hundred and twenty five dollars for the purpose of decorating the graves of our soldiers and sailors on Memorial day May 30, 1892; said money to be expended under the direction of the above Post.
- Article 12 By request of Clarence E. Young and others, to see if the Town will revoke the acceptance of Chapter 158 of the Acts of 1871 relating to Road Commissioners.
- Article 13 By request of Edward S. Taylor and others, to see if the Town will vote to accept the extension of Central Street from its present terminus to a street known as Stevens Street, as laid out by the Road Commissioners, and appropriate four hundred dollars for the same.
- Article 14 By request of James O. Parker and others, to see if the Town will vote to accept a street laid out by the Road Commissioners known as Willow Street and appropriate two hundred dollars for the same.
- Article 15 By request of the Road Commissioners to see if the Town will appropriate twenty five hundred dollars for Macadamizing on Broadway.
- Article 16 By request of Charles W. Mann and others to see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of eight thousand dollars for Macadamizing roads in that part of the Town known as the Village District.
- Article 17 By request of the Road Commissioners to see if the Town will vote to put a bank wall on Broadway in front of the estate of Joseph S. Morse, and appropriate three hundred dollars for the same.
- Article 18 By request of the Road Commissioners to see if the Town will vote to purchase a piece of the Cochrane land for the purpose of procuring material for gravelling and Macadamizing our streets.
- Article 19 By request of Wallace McLeod and others, to see if the Town will vote to establish a grade on Camden Street, and build the same to grade, and make an appropriation for the same.
- Article 20 By request of John S. Crosby to see if the Town will vote to repair Pond Street, and appropriate one hundred and seventy five dollars for the same.

- Article 21 By request of Charles H. Emerson and others, to see if the Town, will vote to repair Railroad Street from the house of Mrs. George Slader to the house of J. C. Taylor and appropriate two hundred and fifty dollars for the same.
- Article 22 By request of Henry Arnold and others, to see if the Town will vote to build Merrill Street to grade, as established, and appropriate one hundred and fifty dollars for the same.
- Article 23 By request of the Road Commissioners, to see if the Town will vote to build a sewer on Tenney Centre; and Camden Streets, about eleven hundred and fifty feet in length, and appropriate, three thousand dollars for the same.
- Article 24 By request of the Road Commissioners to see if the Town will vote to build a sewer on Chase Street about four hundred and fifty feet in length and appropriate four hundred and fifty dollars for the same.
- Article 25 By request of the Road Commissioners, to see if the Town will vote to build a sewer on Annis Street, about three hundred and fifty feet in length, and appropriate three hundred and fifty dollars for the same.
- Article 26 By request of Thomas L. Barstow and others, to see if the Town will vote to place a street light at the corner of South and Tarbox Streets, also at the corner of Pleasant and Prospect Streets, the petitioners agreeing to do the lighting.
- Article 27 By request of D. C. Rollins, to see if the Town will vote to erect and maintain a street light at the corner of Union Street and River Place.
- Article 28 To see if the Town will vote to accept a deed of the Soldiers and Sailors Monument, erected in said Methuen by Charles H. Tenney, and the land connected with it from Albert L. Dame, George E. Woodbury, and Calvin J. Sargent, Trustees of Col. William B. Greene Post 100 G.A.R. in accordance with the power contained in the deed of said monument and land, from said Charles H. Tenney and Fanny N. Tenney his wife to said Trustees, and to instruct the Selectmen of the Town to receive such deed in its behalf, and cause the same to be placed on record.
- Article 29 To see if the Town will vote to locate and maintain ten arc street lights and appropriate seven hundred dollars for the same.
- Article 30 By request of the Road Commissioners, to see if the Town will vote to purchase a gravel bank on Merrimack Street, and appropriate one hundred and forty dollars for the same.
- Article 31 By request of C. H. Oliphant, to see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to station an officer during such afternoon and evenings of the winter as shall be deemed necessary at the corner of Lawrence and Park Streets, to protect coasters, and to see if the Town will vote to prohibit coasting upon "Baptist Hill" so called, at all other times.

Article 32 To see if the Town will vote to name and change the names of the following streets: - change Tarbox to Berkeley, South to Arlington, Jackson to Miller, Vine to Myrtle (West End), Cherry to Tremont, and name the street running past the house of Joseph S. Howe, Stevens Street, and the new road laid out by the County Commissioners Jackson Street.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Town House and at each of the public meeting houses in said Town eight days at least before said meeting.

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 and the seal of the Town of Methuen this twenty seventh day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety two.

Kirk F. Brown Selectmen
Geo. O. Marsh of
Edwin J. Castle Methuen

Essex SS: -

Methuen, Feb. 27, 1892

By virtue of the within precept, I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Town affairs, by posting up attested copies of the warrant at the Town House and at each of the public meeting houses, eight days before said meeting.

Amos G. Jones
Constable of Methuen

Methuen March 7, 1892

A true copy of warrant and return

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

Record of Annual Town Meeting March 7, 1892 – Warrant File 11 No. 37

Pursuant to Warrant No. 37 File 11, the Annual Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen was held at the Town Hall in said Town, on Monday March 7 A.D. 1892.

The meeting was called to order at eight o'clock a.m. by Joseph S. Howe, Town Clerk, who

read the warrant for the meeting.

The polls were then opened for the choice of Moderator, the checklist being used.

Art. 1 Moderator

Granville E. Foss received every vote cast for Moderator and was declared elected and was sworn.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Charles H. Oliphant.

The Moderator appointed the following named tellers.

A. Leon Russell – Democrat	Silas L. Holman – Republican
Charles Russell – Democrat	George Remick – Republican
Albert L. Dame – Democrat	Selwyn Dodge – Republican
George W. Tenney – Democrat	John F. Ridley – Republican
Joseph J. Sharkey – Democrat	John E. Sawyer – Republican
Cyrus B. Gage – Democrat	Frank Remick – Republican

And all were sworn.

Messrs Silas L. Holman and Joseph J. Sharkey acted as ballot clerks, John E. Sawyer checked list at ballot box and Cyrus B. Gage had charge of the ballot box. The polls were then opened.

When the numbers on the ballot box register had reached 607 the machine ceased working and the ballots cast afterwards were deposited in an open ballot box. The polls were closed at six minutes past one, the polls having been kept open more than four hours.

The number of names checked on the lists as having voted was six hundred and sixty seven (667) and the number of ballots cast was six hundred and sixty seven (667). The votes given in were counted out into blocks of fifty each and the tellers proceeded to canvas the votes, and they were recorded and declaration thereof made as follows: -

Art. 2 Town Officers

For Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor

Kirk F. Brown four hundred and sixty	460
Frank Buckminster one hundred and fifty seven	157
Edwin J. Castle three hundred and fifty three	353
John W. Frederick two hundred and eighty eight	288
J. Haskell Gordon one hundred and ten	110
George O. Marsh three hundred and forty three	343
Joseph Martin one hundred and thirty two	132

A. P. Russell one	1
Blanks one hundred and fifty seven	157

And Kirk F. Brown, Edwin J. Castle and George O. Marsh were declared elected Selectmen,
Assessors and Overseers of the Poor and were sworn.

For Town Clerk, Treasurer and Collector of Taxes

Joseph S. Howe four hundred and forty three	443
Charles H. T. Mann two hundred and nine	209
Blanks fifteen	15

For School Committee for three years

Aaron H. Clark three hundred and sixty four	364
Edward F. Johnson four hundred and fifty nine	459
William M. Rogers two hundred and sixty five	265
Blank two hundred and forty six	246

And Aaron H. Clark and Edward F. Johnson were declared elected School Committee for three years.

For School Committee for two years

Harriet E. Woodbury five hundred and thirty five	535
Blanks one hundred and thirty two	132

And Mrs. Harriet E. Woodbury was declared elected School Committee for two years.

For Road Commissioners (Three years)

J. Sylvester Blodgett three hundred and fifty	350
Edward E. Pinney one hundred and eighty three	183
Horace S. Whittier sixty six	66
Blank sixty eight	68

And J. Sylvester Blodgett was declared elected Road Commissioner and was sworn.

For Trustee Nevins Memorial (Two years)

William D. Hartshorne two hundred and sixty five	265
Joseph S. Howe three hundred and forty nine	349
Blanks fifty three	53

And Joseph S. Howe was declared elected Trustee of Nevins Memorial.

For Auditor

Lewis E. Barnes two hundred and thirty three	233
Tenney Morse three hundred and sixty	360

Blanks seventy four 74
And Tenney Morse was declared elected Auditor and was sworn.

For Constables

George E. Blanchard three hundred and eighty two	382
George A. Closson two hundred and sixty nine	269
Charles H. Emerson three hundred and fifty five	355
John H. George three hundred and sixty four	364
Amos G. Jones four hundred and forty two	442
Frank McDermott one hundred and ninety three	193
John McGuire three hundred and fifteen	315
Horace Rounds one hundred and eighty seven	187
James Spicer two hundred and seventy	270
Phineas W. Stephen one hundred and twenty eight	128
J. Calvin Taylor two hundred and seventy one	271
Albert B. Gordon two	2
John J. Bunker four	4
Blanks eight hundred and thirty	830

And George E. Blanchard, Charles H. Emerson, John H. George, Amos G. Jones, John McGuire and J. Calvin Taylor were declared elected Constables and sworn.

For Fence Viewers

William H. Brackett one hundred and ninety six	196
Daniel E. Cole one hundred and forty seven	147
Daniel T. Morrison four hundred and nine	409
Addison P. Russell three hundred and seventy four	374
Leverett Swan three hundred and sixty	360
Charles L. Tozier one hundred and thirty six	136
Blanks three hundred and seventy nine	379

And Daniel T. Morrison, Addition P. Russell and Leverett Swan were declared elected Fence Viewers and sworn.

For License Vote

On the question, "Shall Licenses be granted for the Sale of Intoxicating liquors in this Town" the number of ballots marked

"Yes" two hundred and forty one	241
The number of ballots marked	
"No" three hundred and forty two	342
Blanks eighty four	84

The following Officers were appointed by the meeting.

Field Drivers

Daniel T. Morrison, sworn	Robert Nealey
Orrin Lowell, sworn	Everett L. Bragdon, sworn
Alfred Thorpe, sworn	

For Surveyors of Lumber

John H. George	Samuel J. Pedler
Edmund Dowding	John W. Frederick
George W. Copp	Millard F. Emerson
Charles Austin	Leverett Swan
James O. Parker	
All sworn and	Samuel Emerson

For Surveyors of Wood and Bark - Sworn

Nelson M. Blodgett	Edmund Dowding
John H. George	Charles Jackson
Charles Austin	James Allen
Millard F. Emerson	Eben W. Powell
George O. Marsh	John Q. Hill

For Surveyors of Plastering

George A. Paige	Silas K. Nowell
Lyman B. Gage	Edward F. Russell – sworn

For Pound Keepers

Stephen W. Williams	Joseph E. Buswell
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Sealer of Weights and Measures

John C. Sanborn

Art. 3 Voted to accept and adopt the Annual Report of the Selectmen.

Art. 4 The estimate of the Selectmen of the sums of money necessary to be raised to defray Town charges for the ensuing year was considered item by item and the sums voted and appropriated were as follows.

FOR

Support of schools, teachers, janitors, fuel and music	
The sum of eleven thousand eight hundred dollars	\$11,800.00
Supplies for schools one thousand dollars	1,000.00

Repairs on school houses one thousand dollars	1,000.00
School Committee	400.00
Opening Roads	1,500.00
Highways and Bridges two thousand dollars	2,000.00
Sidewalks five hundred dollars	500.00
Street Lights fifteen hundred dollars	1,500.00
Contingencies two thousand dollars	2,000.00
Pauper Department three thousand dollars	3,000.00
Soldier's Relief three hundred dollars	300.00
Fire Department two thousand dollars	2,000.00
Town Officers fourteen hundred dollars	1,400.00
Interest on Town Debt three thousand dollars	3,000.00
Collection of Taxes five hundred and fifty dollars	550.00
Special Police six hundred dollars	600.00
Suppression of Illegal Sale of Liquor three hundred dollars	300.00
Sewer Department five hundred dollars	500.00
Edge Stones & Flagging three hundred dollars	300.00
Military Aid five hundred dollars	500.00
Deficiency to pay bills overdrawn eight hundred and ninety & 67/100	<u>890.67</u>
	\$35,040.67

Voted – that the sums appropriated by the Deficiency Appropriation be added to the different departments as follows: -

Repairs on school houses	\$329.94
Fire Department	175.47
Contingencies	196.25
Highways	122.63
Macadamizing	<u>66.38</u>
	\$890.67

Voted – to take up Articles 15 and 16 of the Warrant.

Art. 15 & 16 Voted – to appropriate the sum of eight thousand dollars for Macadamizing roads in that part of the Town known as the “Village District”.

Art. 15 Voted to pass over Article 15 of the warrant.

Art. 5 Voted – that on all taxes, remaining unpaid, after October first, interest shall be paid from that date to the time of payment, at the rate of six per cent per annum.

Art. 6 Voted – by a unanimous vote, that the Treasurer be authorized with the approval of the Selectmen to hire money in anticipation of taxes of the next ensuing year, or to hire money to renew replace or pay any existing loan or loans or any part thereof, and to issue votes of the Town therefor.

Also voted by a unanimous vote that the Treasurer be authorized with the approval of the Selectmen, to hire the sum of six thousand dollars for a time not exceeding ten years, to pay a note of a like amount, held by the Haverhill

Savings Bank and falling due on the fifteenth day of July next, and to issue a note or notes of the Town therefor.

Art. 7 **Jury List**

Voted to approve and accept the List of Jurors prepared by the Selectmen for the ensuing year. The following is the **Jury List for the current year.**

Austin, Charles	Howe, Isaiah M.
Ayer, David M.	Jones, Amos G.
Bean, Marshall B.	Lowell, Levi N.
Beedle, Charles T.	Messer, Cummings
Blodgett, Nelson M.	Marsh, George O.
Blodgett, James S.	Messer, James E.
Bradley, George B.	Morse, James W.
Butters, George A.	Nichols, Woodburn J.
Clark, Joseph L.	Phippen, German S.
Chase, Elihu T.	Powell, Andrew J.
Cross, George L.	Rollins, Daniel C.
Crosbie, John A.	Ridley, John F.
Dodge, Selwyn A.	Russell, Addison P.
Douglas, Clarence W.	Remick, George A.
Dow, Homer	Russell, Edwin F.
Dumming, Elijah	Salls, James E.
Edwards, Joseph H.	Sawyer, John E.
Emerson, Millard F.	Sharkey, Joseph J.
Foster, Joel 1 st	Sargent, Samuel G.
Foss, Granville E.	Sargent, Walter S.
Frederick, John W.	Shirley, John A.
Fulton, Joseph W.	Smith, Moses G.
Gage, Lyman B.	Stickney, William H.
Gale, Amos L.	Swan, Leverett
Gammons, Thompson E.	Tapley, Sewell W.
Gordon, J. Haskell	Tenney, Daniel W.
Holman, Silas L.	Tenney, George W.
Hall, Henry N.	Webster, George K.
Homer, Elisha B.	Williams, Stephen W.
Howe, Joseph S.	Smith, Nathan A.

Art. 8 **Report of Committees**

No Committee reported, and no action was taken under Article 8.

Art. 9 **Fire Dept.**

Voted - that the compensation of members of the Fire Department be the same as last year.

Art. 10 **Dog Licenses**

Voted - that the money received from Dog Licenses be appropriated for the use of the schools.

Art. 11 **Memorial Day**

Voted – to appropriate one hundred and twenty five dollars for the purpose of decorating the graves of our Soldiers and Sailors on Memorial Day, May 30, 1892, the money to be expended under the direction of Col. William B. Greene Post 100, G.A.R.

Art. 12 **Road Commissioners**

A motion was made to revoke the acceptance of Chapter 158 of the Acts of 1871 relating to Road Commissioners.

After considerable discussion, the motion was put and lost as follows: -
Yeas 99 – Nays 131.

Art. 13 **Central Street**

Voted – to accept the extension of Central Street, as laid out by the Road Commissioners and appropriate four hundred dollars for the same.

Art. 14 **Willow Street**

Voted – to accept Willow Street as laid out by the Road Commissioners, and appropriate two hundred dollars for building said street.

Art. 17 **Bank Wall – J. S. Morse**

Voted – to put in a bank wall on Broadway in front of the estate of Joseph S. Morse, and appropriate three hundred dollars for that purpose. Also,
Voted – that the Road Commissioners adjust all land damages before proceeding to build the wall.

Art. 18 **Cochrane Land**

Voted – to refer the subject matter of Article 18 to the Selectmen with instructions to report at a future meeting.

Art. 19 **Camden Street**

Voted – to establish the grade of Camden Street, and build said Street to grade, and appropriate the sum of eight hundred dollars for that purpose.

Art. 20 **Pond Street**

Voted – to repair Pond Street and appropriate one hundred and seventy five dollars for that purpose.

Art. 21 **Railroad Street**

Voted – to repair Railroad Street from the house of Mrs. George Slader to the house of J. C. Taylor and to appropriate two hundred and fifty dollars for that purpose.

Art. 22 Voted – to build Merrill Street to grade, and use the material taken therefrom to build Camden Street, no appropriation was made.

Art. 23 **Sewer – Tenney, Cemetery Land**

Voted – to build a sewer on Tenney Centre and Camden Streets about eleven hundred and fifty feet in length and to appropriate three thousand dollars for that purpose.

Art. 24 **Sewer Chase Street**

Voted – to build a sewer on Chase Street about four hundred and fifty feet in length, and appropriate four hundred and fifty dollars for that purpose.

Art. 25 **Sewer Annis Street**

Voted – to build a sewer on Annis Street about three hundred and fifty feet in length, and appropriate three hundred and fifty dollars for that purpose.

Art. 26 **Street Lights South & Tarbox Streets**

Voted – to place a streetlight at the corner of South and Tarbox Streets, also at the corner of Pleasant and Prospect Streets the petitioners agreeing to do the lighting.

Art. 27 **Street Lights**

Voted – to erect and maintain a street light at the corner of Union Street and River Place.

Art. 28 **Soldiers Monument**

Voted – to accept a deed of the Soldiers and Sailors Monument erected in said Methuen by Charles H. Tenney, and the land connected with it, from Albert L. Dame, George E. Woodbury and Calvin J. Sargent, Trustees of Col. William B. Greene, Post 100 G.A.R. in accordance with the power contained in the deed of said monument and land from said Charles H. Tenney and

Fanny H. Tenney his wife to said Trustees, and to instruct the Selectmen of the Town to receive such deed in its behalf and cause the same to be placed on record.

Voted – that the Selectmen be instructed to return the thanks of the Town of Methuen to Charles H. Tenney for his gift of the Soldiers Monument and land connected with it.

Voted – that the Selectmen be instructed to return the thanks of the Town of Methuen to Edward F. Searles for his gift of the Hose Wagon to the Methuen Fire Department.

Art. 29 **Arc Lights**

Voted – to take up Article 29 in connection with the estimate of the Selectmen for Street Lights. After some discussion, it was

Voted – to pass over Article 29 and maintain the four arc lights now in use, the expense to be paid from the regular appropriation.

Art. 30 **Gravel Bank**

Voted – to purchase a gravel bank on Merrimack Street and appropriate one hundred and forty dollars for that purpose.

Art. 31 **Coasting Baptist Hill**

Voted – to authorize the Selectmen to station an officer during such afternoons and evenings of the winter a shall be deemed necessary, at the corner of Lawrence and Park Streets to protect coasters and to prohibit coasting upon “Baptist Hill”, so called, at all other times.

Art. 32 **Names of Streets**

Voted – to name and change the names of the following streets: -

Change the name of “Tarbox Street” to Berkeley Street.

Change the name of “South Street” to Arlington Street.

Change the name of “Jackson Street” to Miller Street.

Change the name of “Vine Street (West End) to Myrtle Street.

Change the name of “Cherry Street” to Tremont Street.

Name the Street running past the house of Jos. S. Howe – Stevens Street.

Name the New Road laid out by the County Commissioners – Jackson Street.

Street Names

Voted – that the streets in Town be suitably marked and the names thereof designated, and that fifty dollars be appropriated for that purpose.

New School House

Voted – that the School Committee be authorized to present a plan and estimate for a new school house in the eastern part of the Town, and also recommend a suitable location for said school house, and report at the next Annual Town Meeting.

The counting of ballots proceeded, while the business recorded above was transacted, and was not completed and the vote declared until about 11:30 p.m.

The meeting was dissolved about 11:45p.m. the business for which the meeting was called having all been transacted.

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

Recount of Ballots for Selectmen and Constables

Methuen, March 10, 1892

Pursuant to a petition from ten legal voters of the Town of Methuen, alleging that they had reason to believe that the returns of the election officers of said Town of the votes cast at the Annual Town Meeting held on the seventh day of March A.D. 1892 are erroneous with reference to the votes cast for Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor, also with reference to the votes cast for Constables in that more votes were cast for James Spicer than were returned and that less votes were cast for James C. Taylor than were returned, and asking for a recount of votes cast for said officers, I the subscriber Moderator of said Town Meeting did on this tenth day of March A.D. 1892 at eight o'clock a.m. at the Selectmen's Room in the Town House open the box containing the ballots cast at said Town meeting and recounted the votes cast for Constables, the request for a recount of the votes cast for Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor being waived by the petitioners after examination of the tally sheets; and I appointed Benjamin T. Wendell and Lewis E. Barnes tellers to assist in recounting said votes, both of whom were previously sworn. The result of the recount of said ballots was as follows: The whole number of ballots cast was found to be

Six hundred and sixty seven

667

For **Constables**

George E. Blanchard three hundred and eighty two	382
George A. Closson two hundred and sixty eight	268
Charles H. Emerson three hundred and fifty six	356
John H. George three hundred and sixty four	364
Amos G. Jones four hundred and forty two	442
Frank McDermott one hundred and ninety two	192
John McGuire three hundred and five	305
Horace Rounds one hundred and eighty eight	188
James Spicer two hundred and seventy	270
Phineas W. Stephens one hundred and twenty eight	128
J. Calvin Taylor two hundred and seventy one	271
Albert B. Gordon two	2
John J. Bunker four	4
Blanks eight hundred and thirty	830

The ballots were then replaced in the envelope and resealed and delivered to the Town Clerk.

Granville E. Foss – Moderator

A true Copy – Attest,

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

Record of Transfer of Lot in Walnut Grove Cemetery

Walnut Grove Cemetery Methuen, Mass.

Be it known that **E. F. Searles** as described on back and on plan, is the proprietor of Lot in the Walnut Grove Cemetery transferable by the consent of the Trustees thereof.

In witness whereof, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and Secretary of Treasurer, have hereunto set their hands this 11th day of July 1891.

D. T. Morrison, Chairman

D. W. Tenney, Secretary & Treasurer

The lot referred to in this certificate is situated as follows: - the southwest corner is fifty seven feet east of the southeast corner of Sarah E. Searles' lot; it extends easterly two hundred and ten feet on the south line of the cemetery and includes the land lying between said south line and a line three feet from Chestnut Avenue. The end lines being parallel to each other and at right angles to said south line of cemetery. It is stipulated that all interments shall be made within twenty three feet of the south line.

I hereby transfer the above described lot to the Town of Methuen.

E. J. Castle

E. F. Searles

The foregoing is a true copy of a paper on file in this office.

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe, Town Clerk.

Warrant for Town Meeting Nov. 8, 1892 – File 11 No. 38

Essex SS: -

To Amos G. Jones, one of the Constables of the Town of Methuen, in Said County,

Greeting: -

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required forthwith to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen, qualified to vote as the law directs, to assemble at the Town Hall in said Town, on Tuesday the eighth day of November next, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to give in their ballots for fifteen Electors for President and Vice President, Representative in Congress for the Fifth District, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Councilor for the Sixth District, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor, Attorney General, Senator for Sixth Essex District, two Representatives in the next Legislature for the Third Essex District, District Attorney, Sheriff, three Commissioners of Insolvency, County Commissioner, two Special Commissioners and "Yes" or "No" in answer to Article of Amendment to the Constitution abolishing the property qualification for the office of Governor, viz.:

So much of Article 2 of Section 1 of Chapter 2, of part the second of the Constitution of the Commonwealth, as is contained in the following words: "And unless he shall at the same time be seized in his own right of a freehold within the Commonwealth of the value of one thousand pounds", is hereby annulled. All to be voted for on one ballot.

The polls may be closed at four o'clock p.m. and you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting houses, and at the Town House in said Town, eight days at least before said meeting.

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

Kirk F. Brown Selectmen
Geo. O. Marsh of
Edwin J. Castle Methuen

Essex SS: - Methuen, Oct. 29th 1892

By virtue of the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote as the law directs, by

posting up attested copies of this warrant at each of the public meeting houses, and at the Town House eight days before said meeting.

Amos G. Jones – Constable of Methuen

A true copy of Warrant and Return

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe - Town Clerk of Methuen

State and National Election

A legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in elections, was held at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, the eighth day of November A.D. 1892, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, pursuant to Warrant No. 38 File 11.

The meeting was called to order at eight o'clock a.m. by Kirk F. Brown, Chairman of Selectmen, who read the warrant for the meeting. John F. Ridley, Republican and Joseph J. Sharkey, Democrat, were appointed Inspectors and were sworn. George A. Remick, Republican and Charles E. Russell, Democrat were appointed Deputy Inspectors and were sworn. Selwyn A. Dodge, John McGuire, Arthur L. Bailey, Republican and Leon Russell, J. Haskell Gordon, and Edward B. George, Democrat were appointed tellers and were sworn.

The Town Clerk delivered one package of ballots to the Chairman of Selectmen taking a receipt therefore and the package was publicly broken. The sample ballots and instructions to voters had been posted about the hall according to law; before the opening of the meeting. The ballot box was opened and shown to be empty and then locked and the key given to Amos G. Jones, Constable in attendance. The figures on the Register indicated four ciphers. The polls were then opened and the ballot proceeded. At nine o'clock and twenty minutes a.m. the register indicated 100; and by unanimous consent of the election officers, the ballot box was opened, the ballots removed therefrom and placed in envelopes in blocks of fifty and the county of the vote commenced. The ballot box was opened three times before the close of the voting, and the ballots removed and two groups of officers continued to count through the day. At five minutes past four it was voted to extend the time for closing the poll five minutes, and at ten minutes past four the poll was declared closed. The figures on the ballot box register marked 840. The number of names checked on each of the voting lists used was nine hundred and three.

The whole number of ballots cast was found to be nine hundred and three – 903 from which it appeared that the ballot box failed to register 63 ballots. All the ballots were counted into blocks of fifty each, verified, and placed in envelopes and the votes were counted, recorded and declaration thereof made as the law directs and were as follows: -

The whole number of ballots cast for the several officers voted for
was nine hundred and three

903

For Electors at Large

Prohibition	{John Bascom of Williamstown eighteen	18
	{Richard W. Cone of Boston eighteen	18
Democratic	{Patrick A. Collins of Boston three hundred and two	302
	{John E. Russell of Leicester three hundred and two	302
Republican	{Nathaniel P. Banks of Waltham five hundred and thirty seven	537
	{John D. Long of Hingham five hundred and thirty seven	537
People's Party	{Edward Bellany of Chicopee eight	8
	{George F. Washburn of Boston eight	8
Socialistic	{Jacob Thomas of Springfield two	2
Labor	{Blanks – seventy four	74

For Elector for District Number One

Augustus R. Smith of Lee	eighteen	18
James M. Clark of Holyoke	three hundred and two	302
Joseph Griswold of Greenfield	five hundred and thirty seven	537
Irving M. Miller of Pittsfield	eight	8

August Kleiner of Adams	two	2
Blanks – thirty six		36

For Elector for District Number Two

Charles G. Allen of Barre	eighteen	18
John B. O'Donnell of Northampton	three hundred and two	302
George W. Johnson of Brookfield	five hundred and thirty seven	537
William O. Taylor of Orange	eight	8
Blanks – thirty eight		38

For Elector for District Number Three

Charles B. Knight of Worcester	eighteen	18
Charles Haggerty of Southbridge	three hundred and two	302
Edward B. Glasgow of Worcester	five hundred and thirty seven	537
Lot Berry of Spencer	eight	8
Blanks – thirty eight		38

For Elector for District Number Four

Edmund M. Stowe of Hudson	eighteen	18
Charles J. Williams of Acton	three hundred and two	302
Henry A. Goodrich of Fitchburg	five hundred and thirty seven	537
Asa F. Hall of Hudson	eight	8
Blanks -		38

For Elector for District Number Five

Varnum Lincoln of Andover eighteen	18
Peter H. Donohoe of Lowell three hundred and two	302
Peter D. Smith of Andover five hundred and thirty seven	537
Hiram W. K. Eastman of Lawrence eight	8
Blanks – thirty eight	38

For Elector for District Number Six

George H. Hoyt of Haverhill eighteen	18
James F. Dean of Salem three hundred and two	302
Frank Cousins of Salem five hundred and thirty seven	537
J. B. Woodfin of Marblehead eight	8
Blanks – thirty eight	38

For Elector for District Number Seven

George M. Buttrick of Everett eighteen	18
Samuel K. Hamilton of Wakefield three hundred and two	302
George W. Walker of Malden five hundred and thirty seven	537
J. E. Clements of Lyn eight	8
Patrick F. O’Neil two	2
Blanks – thirty six	36

For Elector for District Number Eight

John S. Paine of Cambridge eighteen	18
Ferdinand F. French of Winchester three hundred and two	302
Edward Glines of Somerville five hundred and thirty seven	537
Anthony J. Philpott of Arlington eight	8
Nathan Stahl of Boston two	2

For Elector for District Number Nine

James M. Gray of Boston eighteen	18
Edward J. Flynn of Boston three hundred and two	302
Jonathan A. Lane of Boston five hundred and thirty seven	537
Henry Lemon of Boston eight	8
J. Robert Simmons of Boston two	2
Blanks – thirty six	36

For Elector for District Number Ten

Henry W. Shugg of Boston eighteen	18
Josiah Quincy of Quincy three hundred and two	302
John Shaw of Quincy five hundred and thirty seven	537
George J. Moulton of Boston eight	8
Emil Rogers of Boston two	2
Blanks – thirty six	36

For Elector of District Number Eleven

Charles C. Bragdon of Newton eighteen	18
Robert Bleahie of Hyde Park three hundred and two	302
John R. Bullard of Dedham five hundred and thirty seven	537
Erastus L. Metcalf of Franklin eight	8
Thomas Mooney of Boston two	2
Blanks – thirty six	36

For Elector for District Number Twelve

William H. Phillips of Taunton eighteen	18
Joseph L. Sweet of Attleborough three hundred and two	302
Benjamin S. Lovell of Weymouth five hundred and thirty seven	537
Thomas S. Hodgson of Middleborough eight	8
Blanks – thirty eight	38

For Elector for District Number Thirteen

Robert A. Sherman of New Bedford eighteen	18
John W. Coughlin of Fall River three hundred and two	302
John Simpkins of Yarmouth five hundred and thirty seven	537
Frank E. Peck of Wareham eight	8
Blanks – thirty eight	38

For Governor

William H. Haile of Springfield four hundred and seventy seven	477
Wolcott Hamlin of Amherst eighteen	18
Squire E. Putney of Somerville two	2
William E. Russell of Cambridge three hundred and twenty seven	327
Henry Winn of Malden eight	8
Blanks – seventy one	71

For Lieutenant Governor

James B. Carroll of Springfield two hundred and eighteen seven	287
Edward Kendall of Cambridge twenty five	25
William J. Shields of Boston ten	10
Charles N. Wentworth of Lynn two	2
Roger Wolcott of Boston four hundred and sixty eight	468
Blanks – one hundred and eleven	111

For Secretary of State

Charles S. Hamlin of Brookline two hundred and sixty seven	267
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George Kempton of Sharon ten	10
Frederick A. Nagler of West Springfield one	1
William M. Olin of Boston four hundred and sixty	460
Samuel B. Shapleigh of Boston seventeen	17
Blanks – one hundred and forty eight	148

For Treasurer and Receiver General

Wilbert D. Farnham Jr. of Somerville twenty one	21
James S. Grinnell of Greenfield two hundred and sixty seven	267
George A. Marden of Lowell four hundred and seventy two	472
James K. Nugent of Boston two	2
Thomas A. Watson of Braintree nine	9
Blanks – one hundred and thirty two	132

For Auditor

Alfred H. Evans of Ashburnham twenty three	23
John W. Kimball of Fitchburg four hundred and sixty eight	468
Maurice W. Landers of Springfield twelve	12
Michael Lynch of Boston five	5
Irving B. Sayles of Millbury two hundred and seventy three	273
Blanks – one hundred and twenty two	122

For Attorney General

Charles S. Lilley of Lowell two hundred and sixty eight	268
Herbert McIntosh of Worcester nine	9
Albert E. Pillsbury of Boston four hundred and seventy	470
Robert F. Raymond of New Bedford twenty five	25
James Waldock of Boston five	5
Blanks – one hundred and twenty six	126

Representative in Congress – Fifth District

Walter A. Dutton of Lowell twenty five	25
William S. Knox of Lawrence four hundred and fifty five	455
Moses T. Stevens of North Andover three hundred and sixty four	364
Blanks – fifty nine	59

Councilor – Sixth District

James H. Carmichael of Lowell two hundred and eighty one	281
Luman T. Jests of Hudson four hundred and ninety	490
Blanks – one hundred and thirty two	132

District Attorney – Eastern District

Robert E. Burke of Newburyport two hundred sixty six	266
William H. Moody of Haverhill five hundred and eleven	511
Blanks – one hundred and twenty six	126

Sheriff – Essex County

William S. Hoyt of Lynn three hundred and twenty one	321
Samuel A. Johnson of Salem four hundred and seventy nine	479
Blanks – one hundred and three	103

County Commissioner – Essex County

William F. M. Collins of Salem two hundred and eighty eight	288
John M. Danforth of Lynnfield four hundred and ninety four	494
Blanks – one hundred and twenty one	121

Special Commissioners – Essex County

George W. Blatchford of Rockport two hundred seventy two	272
Nelson P. Cummings of Merrimac four hundred fifty three	453
Jeremiah J. Mahoney of Lawrence two hundred and forty six	246
Thomas F. Pedrick of Lynn four hundred and fourteen	414
Blanks – four hundred twenty one	421

Commissioners of Insolvency – Essex County

Benjamin C. Ames of Lawrence four hundred and seventy two	472
William D. Chapple of Salem four hundred and forty three	443
Harry J. Cole of Haverhill four hundred and fifty four	454
Fred A. Haynes of Haverhill two hundred and sixty seven	267
Daniel D. Saunders of Gloucester two hundred and fifty three	253
George L. Weil of North Andover two hundred and fifty eight	258
Blanks – five hundred and sixty two	562

For Senator – Sixth Essex District

Richard A. Carter of Lawrence two hundred ninety seven	297
George L. Gage of Lawrence five hundred and seventeen	517
Cyrus R. Lawrence of Lawrence twenty two	22
Blanks – sixty seven	67

Representatives in General Court – Third Essex District

Augustus F. Bailey of Bradford twenty four	24
John C. Barker of Haverhill fourteen	14

E. Elsworth Batchelder of Haverhill thirteen	13
Edward J. Donahue of Haverhill two hundred and seventy	270
John Q. Hill of Methuen five hundred and four	504
Robert A. Richardson of Haverhill four hundred and thirty three	433
William S. Wardman of Bradford two hundred and thirty three	233
George L. Williams of Haverhill twenty three	23
Blanks – two hundred and ninety two	292

Amendment to the Constitution

Shall the proposed amendment to the Constitution abolishing the property qualification for the office of Governor be approved and ratified?

Yes – two hundred and fifty four	254
No – one hundred and sixty six	166
Blanks – four hundred and eighty three	483

The returns of the votes cast for the several officers balloted for were made up, properly certified, sealed, and delivered to the Town Clerk, and the ballots cast were also sealed up in an envelope and delivered to the Town Clerk.

Both check lists were also sealed up in an envelope and delivered to Edwin J. Castle, one of the Selectmen.

The seal was retained by the presiding officer Kirk F. Brown, Chairman of Selectmen.

The vote was declared in open Town Meeting at about half past nine o'clock, and the meeting was adjourned at four minutes past eleven o'clock p.m.

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

Recount of votes for Governor – Nov. 15, 1892

Pursuant to a petition from ten legal voters of the Town of Methuen alleging that they had reason to believe that the returns of the election officers of said Town, of the votes cast at the State Election, held No. 8th A.D. 1892 are erroneous, in that fewer votes were counted for William H. Haile than were cast for said Haile, and that more votes were counted for William E. Russell than were cast for said Russell and asking for a recount of the same, the Selectmen met at the Selectmen's Room, in the Town House, on Tuesday, November fifteenth, at two o'clock p.m. and opened the box containing the ballots cast at said election, recounted the votes cast for Governor of the Commonwealth and reported the result of the ballot as follows: -

Methuen, Nov. 15, 1892

We the undersigned Selectmen of the Town of Methuen hereby certify that the recount of the votes this day for Governor of the State of Massachusetts was as follows:

William H. Haile of Springfield four hundred seventy seven	477
Wolcott Hamlin of Amherst eighteen	18
Squire E. Putney of Somerville two	2
William E. Russell of Cambridge three hundred twenty seven	327
Henry Winn of Malden eight	8
Blanks – seventy one	71

The ballots were then placed in the box and re-sealed.

Kirk F. Brown	Selectmen
George O. Marsh	of
Edwin J. Castle	Methuen

Mr. Russell was represented at the recount by Daniel W. Tenney and Mr. Haile was not represented.

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk of Methuen

Record of Meeting of City, Town and Precinct Clerks

**City of Haverhill
City Clerk's Office, November 18, 1892**

At a meeting of the City Clerk of Haverhill, the Town Clerk of Methuen, the Town Clerk of Bradford, the Precinct Clerks of Precinct One in Ward Three, Precinct One in Ward Five, and Precinct Two in Ward Five, in the City of Haverhill, said Towns and Precincts forming the Third Essex Representative District, held at noon this day in accordance with the provisions of Section 151 Chapter 423 Acts of 1890, upon comparing the transcripts of the returns the following appears as the result of the balloting for Representatives to the General Court for said District, at meetings held on Tuesday, November 8, 1892 – To wit: -

	Methuen	Bradford	Ward 3	Ward 5 Prec. 1	Ward 5 Prec. 2	Total
Augustus F. Bailey of Bradford	24	36	13	30	19	122
John C. Barker of Haverhill	14	25	40	62	58	199
E. Elsworth Batchelder of Haverhill	13	22	31	48	49	163
Edward J. Donahue of Haverhill	270	282	421	326	369	1168
John Q. Hill of Methuen	504	292	157	210	250	1413
Robert A. Richardson of Haverhill	433	346	190	280	312	1561
William S. Wardman of Bradford	233	402	324	261	305	1525
George L. Williams of Haverhill	23	25	18	29	27	122
Arthur A. Wardman		1				1

Haverhill, Nov. 18, 1892

In accordance with the foregoing returns, certificates of Election were this day duly issued to the two persons having the highest number of votes for Representatives to the General Court for the Third Essex District.

To with: -

Edward J. Donahue of Haverhill and Robert A. Richardson of Haverhill

David B. Tenney - City Clerk of Haverhill
Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk of Methuen
William A. Kimball – Town Clerk of Bradford
George Ashworth – Clerk Precinct One Ward Three
Ned C. Tozier – Clerk Precinct One Ward Five
Frank H. Gerrish – Clerk Precinct Two Ward Five

A true copy,

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

1893

Agreement of Town of Methuen with Hannah Flanagan

This agreement made this **twenty seventh day of January 1893** between Hannah Flanagan of Methuen in the County of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and Said Town of Methuen, witnesseth as follows.

Said Flanagan agrees to give and has given t his day a mortgage of her land in Methuen to said Town and promises to pay to said Town all sums which they have already paid out on her account for any purpose and a reasonable sum for support already furnished to her; and further to pay to said Town all sums which they shall pay on her account hereafter, and a reasonable sum for all support hereafter furnished her.

And said Town agrees in consideration of her above promises, and of said mortgage given to the, to continue to support her at their Town Farm so long as she shall remain as said Farm and to pay her expenses incurred in the suit against Daniel F. Sheehan just finished in the Supreme Court.

Hannah [her x mark] Flanagan

Witnessed by

Jos. S. Howe

Mrs. Fred H. Akers

Kirk F. Brown

Geo. O. Marsh

Edwin J. Castle

Selectmen

of

Methuen

Warrant for Annual Town Meeting March 6, 1893 – File 11 No. 39

Essex SS:

To Amos G. Jones, one of the Constables of the Town of Methuen,

Greeting: -

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Methuen, on Monday the sixth day of March, next, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, viz.: -

- Article 1 To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- Article 2 To choose a Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, two School Committee to serve three years in place of Charles H. Oliphant and Fred A. Lowell, one Road Commissioner to serve three years in place of Eben W. Powell, one Trustee of Nevins Memorial to serve two years in place of James Peirce, Constables, Auditor of Accounts, Fence Viewers, and "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question "Shall Licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town?" Also to choose all other necessary Town officers in such manner as the Town may determine. The polls may be closed at one o'clock p.m.
- Article 3 To hear the Annual Report of the Selectmen and act thereon.
- Article 4 To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges the ensuing year, and make appropriations for the same.
- Article 5 To determine the manner of collecting taxes the ensuing year and act thereon as the Town may think proper.
- Article 6 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to hire money in anticipation of taxes of the ensuing year, or the hire money to renew, replace or pay any existing loan or loans or any part thereof and to issue notes of the Town therefor.
- Article 7 To see if the Town will vote to approve and accept the List of Jurors prepared by the Selectmen for the ensuing year.
- Article 8 To hear the report of Committees and act thereon.
- Article 9 To determine what compensation the Town will grant the members of the Fire Department for their services the ensuing year.
- Article 10 To determine the manner of appropriating the amount received from the dog taxes in accordance with Chapter 102 Section 107 of the Public Statutes.
- Article 11 By request of Col. William B. Greene Post 100 G.A.R., to see if the Town will vote to appropriate one hundred and twenty five dollars for the purpose of

decorating the graves of our soldiers and sailors on Memorial Day, May thirtieth 1892, said money to be expended under the direction of the above post.

- Article 12 By request of Daniel W. Tenney and others to see what arrangement the Town will vote to make with the Methuen Water Company in regard to putting in a system of waterworks.
- Article 13 By request of Charles W. Mann and others to see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of seven hundred dollars to purchase a screen and elevator to use with the stone crusher.
- Article 14 By request of Lewis E. Barnes and others to see if the Town will vote to maintain such additional arc lights to those now in use as can be maintained with the appropriations; the same to be located by the Selectmen.
- Article 15 By request of Charles W. Mann and others to see if the Town will vote to appropriate eight thousand dollars for Macadamizing.
- Article 16 By request of John Slader and others, to see if the Town will vote to accept a street as laid out by the Road Commissioners, from Union Street near the house of Patrick Wright, to land belonging to the Boston and Main Railroad, and appropriate one thousand dollars for the same.
- Article 17 By request of Arthur W. Hutchins and others, to see if the Town will vote to locate and maintain street lights on Gage, East and Phillips Streets.
- Article 18 On petition of the School Committee, to see if the Town will vote to build a new high school building and make appropriation for the same.
- Article 19 On petition of the School Committee to see if the Town will vote to enlarge the Arlington School building, or to erect a new school house in that district and make an appropriation for the same.
- Article 20 On petition of the School Committee, to see if the Town will vote to build a school house in the eastern part of the Merrill School District, and make an appropriation for the same.
- Article 21 By request of John Baker, to see if the Town will vote to pay him one hundred dollars for injuries received while in the employ of the Town.
- Article 22 By request of Moses G. Smith and others, to see if the Town will vote to pay the street laborers fifteen cents per hour, and the Street Commissioners twenty cents per hour, the same as North Andover pays.
- Article 23 By request of Marcus W. Keyes and others, to see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chap. 255 of the Acts of the year 1878, of the Public

Statutes, relating to the election of the Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor.

- Article 24 By request of Nathan Bailey and others to see if the Town will vote to accept Chap. 309 of the Acts of the year 1885, being an act authorizing cities and towns to license groves to be used for picnics and other lawful amusements.
- Article 25 By request of Walter W. Coe and others, to see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chap. 264 of the Acts of the year 1886, relating to dividing towns into voting precincts.
- Article 26 By request of Joseph Hall, to see if the Town will vote to grant him permission to enter the Lawrence Street sewer.
- Article 27 By request of James Ingalls and others, to see if the Town will vote to lay flagging from the corner near the drug store of E. J. Castle, to the Exchange Hotel, and appropriate sixty five dollars for the same.
- Article 28 By request of Joseph W. Fulton and others to see if the Town will vote to build a sewer from the corner of Broadway and High Streets to the corner of High and Gage Streets and appropriate three hundred dollars for the same.
- Article 29 By request of D. W. Tenney and others, to see if the Town will vote to instruct the School Committee to employ in conjunction with some other town or towns, a superintendent of schools.
- Article 30 By request of Amos E. Rollins and others, to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Health to employ some suitable person or persons, with adequate apparatus to collect, remove and deposit properly, the contents of vaults, cesspools, and all offal, garbage or offensive matter within the precincts of the village and Arlington Districts, and charge and collect the expense of the same upon the owners of real estate where such labor is performed.
- Article 31 By request of Joel Foster 1st, George B. Bradley, Charles M. Sawyer and others, to see if the Town will vote to extend the fire alarm from Box 27 to near the corner of Lowell and Orchard Streets; and to Marsh's Corner on Pelham Street; also from Box 45 to Tozier's corner on Howe Street, and to the corner of Prospect and Brook Streets, also to the corner of Merrimack and Pleasant Valley Streets; and appropriate two thousand dollars for the same.
- Article 32 To see if the Town will vote to accept a system of sewerage for a part of said Town according as the sewers are now laid on the following streets viz.: - Tenney, Centre and Camden Streets, and provide that assessment under Section 4, Chap. 50 of the Public Statutes may be made upon owners of estates within such territory.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Town House, and at each of the public meeting houses in said Town eight days at least before said meeting.

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 and the seal of the Town of Methuen **this twenty fourth day of February, in the year of our Lord, one thousand, eight hundred and ninety three.**

Kirk F. Brown Selectmen
Geo. O. Marsh of
Edwin J. Castle Methuen

Essex SS: -

Methuen Feb. 28th 1893

To Joseph S. Howe
Town Clerk

Greeting: -

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet as within directed, by posting up attested copies of this warrant at the Town House and at each of the public meeting houses at least eight days before said meeting.

Amos G. Jones
Constable of Methuen

Record of Annual Town Meeting, March 6, 1893 – Warrant No. 39 - File 11

Pursuant to Warrant No. 39 File 11 the Annual Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen was held at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday March 6 A.D. 1892.

The meeting was called to order at eight o'clock a.m. by Joseph S. Howe, Town Clerk, who read the warrant for the meeting.

The polls were then opened for the choice of Moderator, the checklist being used.

Article 1 Moderator

Granville E. Foss received every vote cast for Moderator and was declared elected and was sworn.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Nathan Bailey.

Article 2 Town Officers

The Moderator appointed the following named persons as tellers.

John E. Sawyer – Republican	James Ingalls – Democrat
Levi N. Lowell – Republican	Otis Donahue – Democrat
George H. Butters – Republican	Albert L. Dame – Democrat
Silas L. Holman – Republican	Richard Trainer – Democrat
John F. Ridley – Republican	Joseph J. Sharkey – Democrat
George A. Remick – Republican	Charles Russell – Democrat

Charles H. Emerson was appointed to have charge of the ballot box.
And they were all sworn.

John F. Ridley and Joseph J. Sharkey acted as ballot clerks, and George A. Remick and Richard Trainer checked list at ballot box. The ballots were delivered to the ballot clerks and a receipt taken therefor; the ballot box was opened and shown to be empty, and the key delivered to J. Calvin Taylor, Constable in attendance. The number on the ballot box register indicated four ciphers. The polls were then opened at 8:20. When the number on the ballot box register indicated 150, the box was opened and the ballots taken therefrom, counted out, into blocks of fifty each, and the count began. At eleven o'clock the ballot box was again opened and the ballots taken therefrom and counted into blocks of fifty. The polls were closed at five minutes past one having been kept open more than four hours. The number on the ballot box register indicated 769. The names checked on the list used by the ballot clerks were counted, and numbered seven hundred and sixty nine. The names checked on the list used at the ballot box numbered seven hundred and sixty seven. The ballots remaining in the ballot box were taken and counted into blocks of fifty each, and in all, numbered seven hundred and sixty nine.

Three groups of tellers continued the canvas of the ballots through the day, and the votes given in were counted and declaration thereof made were as follows: -

For Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor

Selwin A. Dodge four hundred and sixty eight	468
John W. Frederick four hundred and sixty	460
George O. Marsh four hundred and ninety two	492
George A. Smith five hundred and sixty nine	569
F. Buckminster one	1
J. Kimball one	1
John Jones one	1
E. J. Castle one	1
K. F. Brown one	1
Blanks three hundred and thirteen	313

And Selwin A. Dodge, George O. Marsh and George A. Smith were declared elected Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor and were sworn.

Town Clerk, Treasurer and Collector of Taxes

Thompson E. Gammons two hundred seventy one	271
Joseph S. Howe four hundred and seventy one	471
Blanks twenty seven	27

And Joseph S. Howe was declared elected Town Clerk, Treasurer and Collector of Taxes and was sworn into those respective offices.

School Committee for Three Years

George B. Bradley five hundred and ninety two	592
William M. Rogers five hundred and sixty	560
C. H. Oliphant five	5
Geo. A. Taylor one	1
Edward Moriarty one	1
Currier one	1
G. M. Phippen one	1
Blanks three hundred and seventy seven	377

And George B. Bradley and William M. Rogers were declared elected School Committee for three years.

Street Commissioner – Three Years

Charles W. Mann three hundred and seventeen	317
Eben W. Powell four hundred and five	405
Blanks Forty seven	47

And Eben W. Powell was declared elected Street Commissioner and was sworn.

Trustee of Nevins Memorial – Two Years

Lewis E. Barnes three hundred and eighty three	383
James Peirce three hundred and thirty nine	339
Blanks – forty seven	47

And Lewis E. Barnes was declared elected Trustee of Nevins Memorial for Two Years.

Auditor

Lewis E. Barnes three hundred and thirty nine	339
Tenney Morse three hundred and seventy one	371
Blanks fifty nine	59

And Tenney Morse was declared elected Auditor and sworn

Constables

George E. Blanchard four hundred and sixty five	465
George A. Closson three hundred and twenty one	321
John Dolan one hundred and seventy six	176
Charles H. Emerson three hundred and forty	340
John H. George four hundred and thirty nine	439
Albert B. Gordon four hundred and forty one	441
Amos G. Jones four hundred and eighty one	481
Frank McDermott two hundred and thirty five	235
James Spicer four hundred and seventeen	417
J. Calvin Taylor three hundred and sixty eight	368
William Guard one	1
George Remick one	1
Joe Sharkey one	1
J. H. Smith one	1
Perkins Towne one	1
E. J. Moriarty one	1
Blanks nine hundred and twenty five	925

And George E. Blanchard, John H. George, Albert B. Gordon, Amos G. Jones, James Spicer, and J. Calvin Taylor were declared elected Constables and sworn.

Fence Viewers

Daniel T. Morrison five hundred and eighty two	582
Addison P. Russell five hundred and sixty	560
Leverett Swan five hundred and fifty four	554
Richard Trainer one	1
Blanks six hundred and ten	610

And Daniel T. Morrison, Addison P. Russell and Leverett Swan were declared elected Fence Viewers and sworn.

License Vote

On the question , “Shall Licenses be granted for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors in this Town?”

The number of ballots marked “Yes” was two hundred and nineteen	219
The number of ballots marked “No” was four hundred and ninety three	293
Blanks fifty seven	57

The following officers were appointed by the meeting.

Field Drivers

Daniel T. Morrison
George Hey
John Ostler
Mark D. Carrow
Benjamin Nice

Edward D. Taylor (sworn)
Newton K. Davis
Albert Russell
James Allen (sworn)

Surveyors of Lumber

John H. George (sworn)
Edmund Dowding (sworn)
Rufus Griffin (sworn)
John W. Frederick (sworn)
George B. Bradley (sworn) J

George W. Copp (sworn)
Millard F. Emerson (sworn)
Samuel J. Pedler
Samuel Emerson
James O. parker (sworn)

Charles Austin
A. J. Powell (sworn)

George O. Marsh (sworn)
James Allen (sworn)

Surveyors of Wood & Bark

Eben F. Sumner (sworn)
John H. George (sworn)
George O. Marsh (sworn)
Edmund Dowding (sworn)
Eben W. Powell (sworn)
J. S. Blodgett

Charles Austin (sworn)
Millard F. Emerson (sworn)
George M. Phippen (sworn)
Charles Jackson (sworn)
John Q. Hill (sworn)
James Allen

Surveyors of Plastering

Lyman B. Gage
George A. Page

Silas K. Nowell
Charles E. Russell

Pound Keepers

Stephen W. Williams

Joseph E. Buswell

Sealer of Weights and Measures

John C. Sanborn

Article 3 Selectmen's Report

Voted – to accept and adopt the Annual Report of the Selectmen.

Article 4 Appropriation (Regular)

The estimate of the Selectmen of the sums of money necessary to be raised to defray Town charges for the ensuing year was considered item by item, and the sums voted and appropriated were as follows: -

For support of schools, teachers, janitorship, fuel and music	
Twelve thousand five hundred dollars	\$12,500.00
For supplies for schools twelve hundred dollars	1,200.00
For Repairs on Schoolhouses one thousand dollars	1,000.00
For School Committee four hundred dollars	400.00
For opening roads encumbered with snow fifteen hundred	1,500.00
For highways and bridges two thousand dollars	2,000.00
For sidewalks five hundred dollars	500.00
For streetlights eighteen hundred dollars	1,800.00
For Contingencies two thousand dollars	2,000.00
For Pauper Department three thousand dollars	3,000.00
For Soldiers Relief three hundred dollars	300.00
For Fire Department two thousand dollars	2,000.00
For Town Officers fifteen hundred dollars	1,500.00
For Interest on Town debt twenty seven hundred dollars	2,700.00
For Collection of taxes five hundred and fifty dollars	550.00
For Special Police six hundred dollars	600.00
For Suppression illegal sale of liquor three hundred dollars	500.00
For Sewer department five hundred dollars	500.00
For edgestones and flagging one thousand dollars	1,000.00
For military aid five hundred dollars	500.00
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Total	\$35,850.00

Article 5 **Collection of Taxes**

Voted – that on all taxes remaining unpaid after October first, interest shall be paid from that date to the time of payment, at the rate of six per cent per annum.

Article 6 **Town Loans**

Voted – by a unanimous vote, that the Treasurer be authorized with the approval of the Selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of taxes of the next ensuing year, or to hire money to renew, replace or pay any existing loan or loans or any part thereof, and to issue notes of the Town therefor.

Article 7 **Jury List**

Voted to approve and accept the List of Jurors prepared by the Selectmen. The Jury List for the current year is as follows: -

Austin Charles Howe Isaiah M.

Ayer David M.	Jones Amos G.
Bean Marshall B.	Kimball Sylvanus G.
Beedle Charles T.	Kimball Amory N.
Bradley George B.	Messer Cummings
Blodgett J. Harrison	Marsh George O.
Butters George A.	Morse James W.
Castle Edwin J.	Nichols Lysander M.
Clark Joseph L.	Nichols Woodburn J.
Clark Clinton A.	Phippen German S.
Chase Elihu F.	Powell Andrew J.
Cross George L.	Ridley John F.
Carleton George N.	Rollins Amos E.
Cox Patrick	Russell Addison P.
Douglas Clarence W.	Salls James E.
Dow Homer	Sargent Walter S.
Dunning Elijah	Sargent Samuel G.
Edwards Joseph H.	Sawyer John E.
Emerson Millard F.	Shirley John A.
Emerson James O.	Sharkey Joseph J.
Foss Granville E.	Smith Moses G.
Foster Joel 1 st	Smith Nathan A.
Frederick John W.	Stickney William H.
Fulton Joseph W.	Swan Leverett
Gammons Thompson E.	Tapley Sewall W.
Gordon J. Haskell	Tenney Daniel W.
Holman Silas L.	Tenney George W.
Hall Henry N.	Webster George K.
Homer Elisha B.	Williams Stephen W.
Howe Joseph S.	

The name of John A. Crosbie, he being non-resident was stricken from the list.

Article 8 **Report of Committees**

The Selectmen reported inexpedient to purchase land on or near Central Street, and the report was accepted.

Article 9 **Fire Department**

Voted – that the compensation of members of the Fire Department be the same as last year.

Article 10 Voted – that the money received from Dog Licenses be appropriated for the use of the schools.

Article 11 **Memorial Day**

Voted – top appropriate one hundred and twenty five dollars for the purpose of decorating the graves of our soldiers and sailors on Memorial Day, May 30th 1893; said money to be expended under the direction of the above Post.

Article 12 **Water Supply**

Daniel W. Tenney Esq. offered the following motion and explained the details thereof to the meeting.

“The Town of Methuen hereby agrees to contract with the Methuen Water Company, when organized, for a supply of water for fire service in the Town, and for the supply of its public buildings and drinking fountains. The condition of such contract shall be as follows:

The Methuen Water Company shall provide not less than sixty hydrants of the most approved pattern, and shall set them on its lines of pipes where the Town may direct, and in a manner that shall be mutually satisfactory.

The Town shall pay for the service of said sixty hydrants for five purposes, the sum of twenty seven hundred dollars per annum during the term of such contract, which shall be for twenty five years, unless the Town should take possession of the works before the expiration of that time. Payment under said contract shall begin when water shall be furnished to said hydrants by the Methuen Water Company. And it is further agreed that the Town of Methuen shall pay the sum of forty five dollars annually to the Methuen Water Company for each additional hydrant, which shall be placed on said company’s lines of pipes.

Also that not less than seven hydrants shall be placed on each mile of distributing pipe.

The Methuen Water Company shall also provide a satisfactory supply of water for domestic uses to the public buildings owned by the Town and situated on the company’s lines of pipes and for not more than ten drinking fountains owned and set by the Town on the said Company’s lines. And the Town shall accept such service and supply in payment of all taxes which shall be assessed upon the property of the Methuen Water Company for a term of twenty five years, or until the Town shall take possession of the property of said company.

The Town hereby instructs its Selectmen to close the above named contract with the Methuen Water Company, provided the said Company shall have organized and accepted the Act of incorporation (Chapter 310 Acts of 1892) in thirty days from date. And the Selectmen and Town Clerk of Methuen are hereby instructed to act together with the incorporators of the Methuen Water Company, as a committee representing the Town, to petition the Legislature to amend Sec. 9 of Chapter 310 of the Acts of 1892 so that it shall read as follows: -

Sect. 9 The Town of Methuen shall have the right at any time after the expiration of a period of twenty five years from the passage of this Act, to take by purchase or otherwise the franchise, corporate property and all the rights and privileges of said corporation on payment to said corporation of the actual cost of its franchise, works and property of all kinds held under the provisions of this act. An itemized statement of the expenditures of said corporation made in the construction, extension, and maintenance of the works of said corporation or company authorized by this act, not including therein the running expenses of said waterworks shall be annually submitted to the Selectmen of the Town of Methuen and by said Selectmen to the citizens of said Town.

If said corporation has incurred indebtedness, the amount of such indebtedness outstanding at the time of such taking shall be assumed by said Town and shall be deducted from the amount required to be paid by said Town to said corporation under the foregoing provisions of this section. This authority to purchase such franchise and property is granted on condition that the purchase is assented to by said Town, by a two thirds vote of the voters of said Town present and voting thereon at a meeting legally called for that purpose.”

Mr. Swan moved that the subject be postponed to a future meeting, and that the motion of Mr. Tenney be printed and sent to every voter in Town. A vote was taken and the motion was lost.

Voted – that when the motion is taken, it be taken by a show of hands. The vote was taken on the motion of Mr. Tenney, and it was carried by the following vote:

Yes – two hundred twenty one	221
No – thirty two	32

Article 13 **Screen & Elevator**

Voted – to consider Article 13 with Article 15

Article 14 **Electric Lights**

Voted – to maintain such additional arc lights, to those now in use, as can be maintained with the appropriation; the same to be located by the Selectmen.

Article 13 & 15 Voted – to appropriate eight thousand dollars for Macadamizing, and that it be expended in the east part of the Town. Also that seven hundred dollars be appropriated for the purchase of a screen and elevator to use with the stone crusher.

Article 16 **New Street**

Voted – to accept a street as laid out by the Street Commissioners from Union Street near the house of Patrick Wright to land belonging to the Boston & Main Railroad, and appropriate one thousand dollars to build said street.

At 5:25 a motion was made to adjourn until tomorrow but upon taking the vote the motion was declared lost.

Article 17 **Streetlights**

Voted – to locate and maintain streetlights on Gage, East and Phillips Streets.

Article 18 **High School Building**

Voted to lay Article 18 on the table.

Article 19 **Merrill St. Schoolhouse**

Voted – to enlarge the Arlington School building and appropriate four thousand dollars therefor. Also voted – that the School Committee be authorized to expend the appropriation.

Article 20 **New Schoolhouse**

Voted – to build a schoolhouse in the eastern part of the Merrill School District and appropriate four thousand dollars therefor. Also Voted – that the School Committee be authorized to expend the appropriation. Voted – that the contracts for the two schoolhouses be let to the lowest responsible bidders advertising the Lawrence papers.

Ten Year Loan

Voted – by a unanimous vote – that the Treasurer be authorized with the approval of the Selectmen to hire the sum of eight thousand dollars for a time not exceeding ten years, to pay for the schoolhouses to be built the coming season under Articles 19 & 20 of the Warrant for this meeting.

Article 21 **John Baker**

Voted – to pay John Baker one hundred dollars for injuries received while in the employ of the Town and appropriate one hundred dollars for that purpose.

Article 22 **Pay for Street Labor**

Voted – to lay Article 22 upon the table.

Article 23 Voted – to pass over Article 23 of the Warrant.

Article 24 **Licenses for Groves**

Voted – to accept Chap. 309 of the Acts of the year 1885, being an act authorizing cities and towns to license groves to be used for picnics and other lawful amusements.

Article 25 **Voting Precincts**

Voted – to pass over Article 25 of the Warrant.

Article 26 **Joseph Hall Sewer**

Voted – that Joseph Hall be permitted to enter the Lawrence Street sewer provided he shall dig a cesspool and allow nothing but the overflow therefrom to enter the sewer and that the work be done under the direction of the Street Commissioners.

Article 27 **Flagging**

Voted – to pass over Article 27 of the Warrant.

Article 28 **Sewer**

Voted – to build a sewer from the corner of Broadway and High Streets to the corner of High and Gage Streets, and appropriate three hundred dollars for the same.

Article 29 **Superintendent of Schools**

Voted – that the School Committee be authorized to employ a Superintendent of Schools, either alone or in conjunction with some other Town or towns, at a salary not exceeding eight hundred dollars per year, and that eight hundred dollars be appropriate therefor.

Article 30 **Collection of Offal**

Voted – to authorize the Board of Health to employ some suitable person or persons, with adequate apparatus, to collect, remove and deposit properly, the contents of vault, cesspools, and all offal, garbage or offensive matter, within the precincts of the Village and Arlington Districts, and charge and collect the expense of the same, upon the owners of real estate where such labor is performed.

Article 31 **Fire Alarm**

Voted – to extend the fire alarm from Box 27 to near the house of Henry Griffin and Lowell Street, and to Marsh’s Corner on Pelham Street, also from Box 45 to Tozier’s Corner on Howe Street, and to the corner of Prospect and Brook Streets, also to the corner of Merrimac and Pleasant Valley Streets and appropriate two thousand dollars for the same.

Article 32 **Sewer System Acceptance**

Voted – to accept a system of sewerage for a part of said Town according as the sewers are now laid, on the following streets, viz.: - Tenney, Centre and Camden Streets; and that assessment under Section 4 Chapter 50, of the Public Statutes be made upon owners of estates, within such territory.

The counting of the ballots proceeded while the business above recorded was transacted, and the meeting was dissolved at 8:40 p.m.

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

Recount of Ballots for Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor

Methuen, March 9, 1893

Pursuant to a petition from more than ten legal voters of the Town of Methuen alleging that they had reason to believe that the returns of the election officers of said Town, of the votes cast at the Annual Town Meeting held on the sixth day of March A.D. 1893 are erroneous with reference to the votes cast for Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor, in that more votes were cast for John W. Frederick, than were returned for said Frederick, and that less votes were cast for Selwin A. Dodge than were returned for said Dodge, and asking for a recount of votes cast for said officers, I the subscriber, Moderator of said Town Meeting did on this ninth day of March A.D. 1893, at two o’clock p.m. at the Selectmen’s Room in the Town House, open the box containing the ballots cast at said Town meeting, and recounted the votes cast for Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor, and I appointed Frank Remick and Robert Moffat tellers to assist in recounting said votes, and they were both sworn. The result of the recount of said ballots was as follows: -

The whole number of ballots cast was found to be
Seven hundred and sixty nine 769

For Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor

Selwin A. Dodge four hundred and sixty eight 468
John W. Frederick four hundred and sixty 460
George O. Marsh four hundred and eighty nine 489

George A. Smith five hundred and seventy two	472
Frank Buckminster one	1
John Jones one	1
E. J. Castle one	1
K. F. Brown one	1
Blanks – three hundred and thirteen	313

The ballots were then replaced in the envelope and re-sealed and delivered to the Town Clerk.

Granville E. Foss,
Moderator

A true copy
Attest

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

Warrant for Special Town Meeting March 25, 1893 – File 11 No. 40

Essex SS: -

To Amos G. Jones one of the Constables of the Town of Methuen in said County: -

Greeting: -

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required forthwith to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Saturday the twenty-fifth day of March instant at two o'clock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following articles, viz.: -

Article 1 To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2 By request of Kirk F. Brown and others:

Shall the vote passed by the Town of Methuen at its last Annual Meeting held March 6th 1893, whereby it voted to instruct its Selectmen to enter into a contract with the Methuen Water Company for supplying the Town with hydrants and water, and to join with said company in asking the Legislature to amend Sec. 9 of Chap. 310 of the laws of 1892 be rescinded?

Article 3 Shall said Town take by purchase or otherwise, the franchise, corporate property, and all the rights and privileges of the Methuen Water Company, under the provisions of Chapter 310 of the laws of 1892?

Article 4 Shall the vote on the above Articles, namely, Articles numbered two and three in this warrant be taken on a printed or written ballot by marking in the voting

compartment, on said ballot a cross against the word “Yes” or “No” and depositing the ballot in the registering ballot box?

- Article 5 To see if the Town will elect a committee to confer with the Methuen Water Company and effect the purchase of its franchise, corporate property and all its rights and privileges set forth in Chapter 310 of the laws of 1892 and report their doings at such time as this meeting shall determine.
- Article 6 To see if the Town will appropriate five hundred dollars for the purchase of the franchise, corporate property, and all the rights and privileges of the said Methuen Water Company.
- Article 7 To see if the Town will adjourn this meeting and fix the time to which it shall be adjourned. The polls may be closed at eight o'clock p.m.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies at each of the public meeting houses also at each of the school houses outside of the village and at the Town House, eight days at least before said meeting.

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 the seal of the Town **this seventeenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety three.**

Geo. O. Marsh	Selectmen
Selwin A. Dodge	of
Geo. A. Smith	Methuen

Essex SS: Methuen, March 17th 1893

To Joseph S. Howe, Town Clerk

Greeting: -

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet as within directed by posting up attested copies of this warrant at each of the public meeting houses, also at each of the schoolhouses outside of the village, and at the Town House eight days before said meeting.

Amos G. Jones
Constable of Methuen

The foregoing is a true copy of Warrant and Return.

Record of Special Town Meeting, March 25, 1893 – Warrant No. 40 File 11

A meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs was held at the Town Hall in said Town, on Saturday the twenty fifth day of March A.D. 1893 at two o'clock p.m., pursuant to Warrant No. 40 File 11.

The meeting was called to order at the time appointed, by Joseph S. Howe, Town Clerk, who read the warrant for the meeting.

Art. 1 A ballot was taken and Granville E. Foss was chosen Moderator by a unanimous vote, and was sworn.

No objection being made, Article 3 of the Warrant was first considered. No motion was made but by unanimous consent the Methuen Water Company were allowed to make a written statement, which was read by Charles W. Mann. After considerable discussion it was

Art. 4 Voted to consider Article 4 of the warrant and it was Voted – that the vote on Article 3 of the Warrant be taken on a written or printed ballot, by marking in the voting compartment on said ballot a cross against the word “Yes” or “No” and depositing the ballot in the registering ballot box.

Art. 3 It was then voted to proceed to ballot on the Third Article of the Warrant. John F. Ridley and Joseph J. Sharkey acted as ballot clerks, and Geo. O. Marsh and Selwin A. Dodge as tellers, check lists being used. The ballot box was opened and shown to be empty and was then closed and locked; the figures on the register indicated four ciphers. At about half past three, the ballot proceeded and the polls were kept open until eight o'clock p.m. when the polls were declared closed. The figures on the register were 473, and the number of voters checked, as having voted was four hundred and seventy three. The votes given in were sorted, counted and recorded, and declaration thereof made, and were as follows: -

The whole number of ballots cast was four hundred and seventy three

The number of voters voting “Yes” was four hundred and four	404
The number of voters voting “No” was sixty nine	69

And the Moderator declared that the Town had voted to take by purchase or otherwise the franchise, corporate property and all the rights and privileges of the Methuen Water Company, under the provisions of Chapter 310 of the laws of 1892: - more than two thirds of the voters present and voting, having voted therefor.

- Art. 2 Voted – to rescind the vote passed by the Town of Methuen at its last Annual Meeting held March 6th 1893, whereby it voted to instruct its Selectmen to enter into a contract with the Methuen Water Company for supplying the Town with hydrants and water, and to join with said Company in asking the Legislature to amend Sec. 9 of Chap. 310 of the laws of 1892.
- Art. 5 Voted – that Kirk F. Brown, Edwin J. Castle and William D. Hartshorne be a Committee to confer with the Methuen Water Company and effect the purchase of its franchise, corporate property and all its rights and privileges set forth in Chapter 310 of the laws of 1892 and report their doings at a future meeting.
- Art. 6 Voted – to appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars for the purchase of the franchise, corporate property, and all the rights and privileges of the Methuen Water Company.
- Art. 7 Voted – to pass over Article 7 of the warrant.

At 8:25 p.m. it was voted to dissolve the meeting.

Attest

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

Warrant for Special Town Meeting, April 8, 1893 – Warrant No. 41 File 11

Essex SS: -

To Amos G. Jones, one of the Constables of the Town of Methuen in said County;

Greeting: -

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required forthwith to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Saturday the eight day of April next at two o'clock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following articles, viz.: -

- Art. 1 To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

- Art. 2 To hear the report of the Committee elected March 25th to confer with the Methuen Water Company, and effect the purchase of its franchise, corporate property, and all its rights and privileges, set forth in Chapter 310 of the Laws of 1892.
- Art. 3 To see if the Town will vote to elect by ballot three persons to hold office, one until the expiration of three years, one until the expiration of two years, and one until the expiration of one year from the next succeeding Annual Town Meeting, to constitute a Board of Water Commissioners.
- Art. 4 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money to pay for the construction of the schoolhouses voted to be built the present year and give the vote or votes of the Town therefor.
- Art. 5 To see if the Town will vote to make an appropriation to meet the deficiency in the amount appropriated at its last Annual Town Meeting held March 6th for opening roads when encumbered with snow.

The polls may be closed at six o'clock p.m.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Town House, at each of the public meeting houses, and at the several schoolhouses outside the limits of the village district, eight days at least before said meeting.

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 the seal of the Town **this thirty first day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand and eight hundred and ninety three.**

Geo. O. Marsh	Selectmen
Selwin A. Dodge	of
Geo. A. Smith	Methuen

Methuen, March 31st 1893

To Joseph S. Howe – Town Clerk

Greeting: -

In the name of the Commonwealth
Of Massachusetts, I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet as within directed, by posting up copies of this warrant at the Town house and at each of the public meeting houses, and at each of the school houses

outside of the village district, at least eight days before said meeting.

Amos G. Jones – Constable of Methuen

A true copy of Return and Warrant,

Attest, Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

Record of Special Town Meeting, April 8, 1893 – Warrant No. 41 File 11

A meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs was held in the Town Hall in said Town, on Saturday the eighth day of April A.D. 1893 at two o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to Warrant No. 41 File 11.

The meeting was called to order at the time appointed by Jos. S. Howe, Town Clerk, who read the warrant for the meeting.

Art. 1 A ballot was taken and Granville E. Foss was chosen Moderator by a unanimous vote, and was sworn.

Art. 2 Mr. Kirk F. Brown, Chairman of the Committee appointed at the meeting held March 25th, reported that they had effected the purchase of the franchise, corporate property and all the rights and privileges of the Methuen Water Company by the deed of transfer of which the following is a copy.

“The Town of Methuen having on the 25th day of March 1893 voted to take possession of the franchise, corporate property and all the e rights and privileges of the Methuen Water Company, the said Methuen Water Company hereby sells and conveys to said Town of Methuen, all its right, title and interest in and to said franchise, corporate property rights and privileges in consideration of the payment by the said Town Methuen to said Methuen Water Company of the sum of eleven hundred and eight dollars, that sum being the cost of said franchise, corporate property rights and privileges, according to the following schedule: -

Engineering expenses	\$143.30
Test wells	274.31
Legislative Committee	56.10
D. W. Tenney, time and expense	100.00
C. W. Mann time and expense	288.00
W. R. Rowell time and expense	100.00
Sundry cash items	146.29

The receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged.

	D. W. Tenney	
	William R. Rowell	
Directors}	Charles W. Mann	} Incorporators
	George W. Tenney	
	J. Milton Tenney	

Methuen, Mass. Apr. 7th 1893

The report of the committee was accepted by a unanimous vote. It was voted to defer the consideration of Article 3 until the completion of the other business for which the meeting was called.

- Art. 4 It was voted by a unanimous vote, that the Treasurer be authorized with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow a sum of money not exceeding eight thousand dollars for a time not more than ten years, to pay for the construction of the schoolhouses which the Town has voted to build the present year.
- Art. 5 Voted to appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars to meet the deficiency in the amount appropriated at the last Annual Town Meeting held March 6th for opening roads when encumbered with snow.
- Art. 3 Voted – by a unanimous vote, that when the ballot is taken for Water Commissioners, it be taken by marking in the voting compartments against the names of persons voted for, and depositing the ballots in the registering ballot box; and that the person receiving the highest number of ballots for Water Commissioner, be the Water Commissioner for the term of three years, the person receiving the next highest number of ballots for Water Commissioner be the Water Commissioner for two years, and the person receiving the third highest number of ballots for Water Commissioner be the Water Commissioner for one. It was then voted to proceed at one to ballot for Water Commissioners.

The polls were opened and kept open until six o'clock when the polls were closed. The ballots given in were counted and declaration thereof made and were as follows: -

Kirk F. Brown one hundred and fifty nine	159
Edwin J. Castle two hundred and twenty one	221
John E. Dustin one hundred and six	106
John W. Frederick thirty nine	39
William D. Hartshorne one hundred and six	106
John Q. Hill fifty nine	59
Charles W. Mann one hundred and ninety four	194
Daniel W. Tenney two hundred and one	201
Blanks eighty eight	88

And Edwin J. Castle was declared elected Water Commissioner for three years; Daniel W. Tenney was declared elected Water Commissioner for two

years; and Charles W. Mann was declared elected Water Commissioner for one year.

The ballot used had been prepared by the Town Clerk and contained all names suggested to him as candidates for Water Commissioner. No further business appearing, the meeting was adjourned sine die at twenty minutes past six.

Attest – Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

Warrant for Special Town Meeting June 14, 1893 – Warrant No. 42 File 11

Essex SS: -

To Amos G. Jones one of the Constables of the Town of Methuen in said County: -

Greeting: -

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required forthwith to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Wednesday the fourteenth day of June instant at seven and one half o'clock p.m. then and there to act on the following articles, viz.: -

Article 1 To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2 To hear the Report of the Water Commissioners

Article 3 To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Board of Water Commissioners to proceed with the construction of a system of Water Works under the charter granted the Methuen Water Company by the provisions of Chapter 310 of the Acts of 1892, and purchased of said company by the Town of Methuen in accordance with a vote of the Town passed at a special Town meeting held March 25th 1893 and make an appropriation for the same.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies at each of the public meeting houses, also at each of the schoolhouses outside of the village, and at the Town House eight days at least before said meeting.

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 the seal of the Town **this fifth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety three.**

Geo. O. Marsh	Selectmen
Selwin A. Dodge	of
Geo. A. Smith	Methuen

Essex SS: -

Methuen, June 6th 1893

To Joseph S. Howe – Town Clerk **Greeting: -**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet as within directed by posting up attested copies of the warrant at each of the public meeting houses, also at each of the schoolhouses outside of the village and at the Town House eight days before said meeting.

Amos G. Jones – Constable of Methuen.

Record of Special Town Meeting, June 14, 1893 – Warrant No. 42 File 11

A meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs was held in the Town Hall in said Town on Wednesday the fourteenth day of June A.D. 1893 at half past seven o'clock p.m. pursuant to Warrant No. 42 File 11.

Art. 1 A ballot was taken and Granville E. Foss was chosen Moderator by a unanimous vote, and was sworn.

Art. 2 Edwin J. Castle Esq., read a Report of the Water Commissioners substantially as follows: -

“Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen: Your board of Water Commissioners have since their election been trying to find a suitable water supply for the Town of Methuen. First, we experimented on the Sargent farm by sinking five wells in addition to those that were sunk by the Methuen Water Company. We connected seven of them with a steam pump and had them pumped continuously for five days and they yielded 226,000 gallons each day of twenty four hours. At the end of the fifty days we had Mr. Stearns, engineer for the State Board of Health look the ground over and the following is his report (see end of this report). We also drove five other test wells, two of which were on another portion of the Sargent farm, one on the Gage farm to the depth of thirty feet, one on the farm of Christopher Howe meadow, but they were all unsuccessful.

We then deemed it inexpedient to test further for an underground supply and so turned our attention to a supply from a pond and think that Harris' Pond with the aid of the Spicket River in case of emergency, will give the Town a sufficient supply of good water. We have had an engineer to look the Town over and furnish us with an estimate for a good system of waterworks, and he places the sum of \$170,000 which includes the provision of good supply for the Arlington Mills, for which they are willing to pay the Town the sum of \$3500.00 a year, taking the water at the same rate as Lawrence charges but if they do not use sufficient quantity to bring the amount to the \$3500.00 they are willing to pay that sum, and if they use over that amount they will pay extra at the same rate. So we feel that the work may stand at \$170,00.00 and we can realize from the

Arlington Mills	\$3,500.00
House service end of two years	<u>4,000.00</u>
Total income	7,500.00
Expense of maintaining the works	3,200.00
Interest on bonds at 4 per cent	<u>6,800.00</u>
Total	10,000.00

So that by the second year we can meet the expenses of running the works except the \$2500.00 for which the Town would receive the services of one hundred hydrants for fire purposes and water for all public buildings and drinking fountains.

Report of State Board of Health

**Office of State Board of Health
13 Beacon St.
Boston May 19, 1893**

To the board of Water Commissioners of the Town of Methuen

Gentlemen: -

The State Board of Health has considered your application of April 13, 1893, relative to a proposed water supply for the Town to be taken

from driven wells near Sargent's Brook, and has caused examination of the premises and analysis of the water to be made. The analysis of a sample of water sent in from one of the flowing wells showed the water to be very pure and soft, and in all respects an excellent water for the purposes of a public water supply. After pumping for nearly six days, however, from these wells another sample was collected and the character of the water was found to have undergone a decided change and to be much more unsatisfactory. Should this deterioration continue with steady pumping, as has been the case in some other places in the state, the water would become objectionable. The water shed above the point where the wells are located was examined and its area determined approximately by sketching its outlines upon the topographical map of the state and subsequently measuring from it. This area was found to be so small that the total amount of water flowing from it through the brook and through the ground, in a dry year would not be in excess of the requirements of a water supply of Methuen, having due regard to future needs. It was obvious from an examination of the water shed that much of the water would flow off through the brook, particularly in the spring of the year, so that the supply to be obtained from the ground would be much less than the total flow from the water shed and probably not enough during the dryer portions of a dry year to supply the Town as soon as water is generally introduced, by order of the board.

Samuel W. Abbott, Secy."

After considerable discussion it was

Voted – to accept the Report of the Water Commissioners as progressive.

Voted – that the Board of Water Commissioners conduct all preliminary surveys and that

they cause surveys to be made of White's Hill and Foster's Hill.

Voted – to appropriate one thousand dollars for the purpose of making preliminary surveys.

Voted – to pass over Article 3 of the warrant.

At nine o'clock and twenty five minutes it was voted to adjourn sine die.

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

Warrant for Special Town Meeting July 25, 1893 – No. 43 File 11

Essex SS: -

To Amos G. Jones one of the Constables of Methuen in said County: -

Greeting: -

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required forthwith to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Town, on Tuesday, the twenty fifth day of July inst. At seven and one half o'clock p.m., then and there to act on the following articles viz.: -

- Article 1 To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- Article 2 To hear and act upon the Report of the Water Commissioners.
- Article 3 To see if the Town will instruct its Board of Water Commissioners to proceed with the construction of its waterworks and instruct and authorize them to make all necessary contracts therefor in the name, and behalf of the Town.
- Article 4 To see if the Town for the purposes mentioned in chapter three hundred and ten (310) of the Acts of the Legislature of Massachusetts for the year 1892, will vote to take water from any or all of the following named sources of supply, namely, subsoil sources near and adjacent to the junction of Harris Pond Brook and the Spicket River, Harris Pond, and the Spicket River, all within the limits of the Town of Methuen and authorize and instruct the Board of Water Commissioners to take all necessary steps and do all necessary acts thereto for and in behalf of the Town.
- Article 5 To see if the Town will vote to instruct, its Board of Water Commissioners to take by purchase or otherwise any lands, rights of way, water rights, water sources, and easements necessary for taking, holding, preserving, and conveying the water under and in accordance with the authority granted to the

Town by the provisions of Chapter 310 of the Acts of the Legislature of Massachusetts for the year 1892.

- Article 6 To see if the Town will instruct the Board of Water Commissioners to make a contract with the Arlington Corporation such contract to be made for and in behalf of the Town for a term of years by said Water Commissioners.
- Article 7 To see if the Town will vote to issue any bonds notes or scrip and fix amounts, times of payment, and rates of interest thereof and thereon, and the form thereof pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 310 of the Acts of the Legislature of Massachusetts for the year 1892.
- Article 8 To see if the Town will vote to borrow any money pursuant to the provisions of said Chapter 310 of the Acts of the Legislature of the State of Massachusetts for the year 1892 or pass any votes relating thereto.
- Article 9 To see if the Town will provide for the establishment of a sinking fund, and raise and appropriate any money for the same, or pass any votes in relation thereto.
- Article 10 To see if the Town will vote to make any annual or other payments on such bonds notes or scrip or take any action or pass any votes upon the subject.
- Article 11 To see if the Town will vote to authorize and instruct, the Water Commissioners to petition the next Legislature for authority to issue additional bonds to an amount not to exceed fifty thousand dollars, such additional bonds to be issued by the Town for the purposes of water supply, in accordance with Chapter 310 of the Acts of 1892.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies at each of the public meeting houses and also at each of the schoolhouses outside of the village and at the Town House eight days at least before said meeting.

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 the seal of the Town **this seventeenth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety three.**

Geo. O. Marsh	Selectmen
Selwin A. Dodge	of
Geo. A. Smith	Methuen

Essex SS: Methuen July 17, 1893

To Joseph S. Howe Town Clerk

Greeting: -

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet as within directed, by posting up attested copies of this warrant at each of the public meeting houses, also at each of the schoolhouses outside of the village, and at the Town House, eight days before said meeting.

Amos G. Jones – Constable of Methuen

Record of Special Town Meeting, July 25, 1893 – No. 43 File 11

A meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs was held in the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday the twenty fifth day of July A.D. 1893 at half past seven o'clock p.m. pursuant to Warrant No. 43 File 11.

The meeting was called to order at the time named in the Warrant by Joseph S. Howe, Town Clerk, who read the warrant for the meeting.

Art. 1 Granville E. Foss was chosen Moderator by a unanimous vote and was sworn.

Art. 2 The Report of the Board of Water Commissioners was read by the Chairman, E. J. Castle, and was accepted.

The report was as follows; -

Mr. Moderator and Gentlemen: -

Your Board of Water Commissioners have since the last Town meeting employed the services of E. Worthington Jr. and Co., Civil Engineers, of Boston, to make the preliminary survey and prepare a map of the proposed water works for this Town.

Upon investigation we find adjacent to the mouth of Harris' Pond Brook and Spicket River a very satisfactory subsoil supply which has been approved by the State Board of Health as to quality and quantity as shown by the yield of the wells and surrounding water shed. It is desirable to locate the pumping station at this point on account of the subsoil supply, and if the wells should fail to give the desired quantity for future needs, we could then draw from Harris Pond or the river in case of emergency. But undoubtedly it would be some years before we should have to draw from the pond or river. The quantity needed for the present supply of the Town would be about three hundred thousand gallons a day, and in the opinion of the engineers the wells would undoubtedly yield all that would be required for some years. The pumping station being placed at this point the water would be forced through a twelve inch pipe by the way of the crossroad Pelham, Lowell, Hampshire and Pleasant Streets to Marston's Corner, thence by a fourteen inch pipe to the reservoir; also by a twelve inch pipe from Pleasant Street to Lawrence line by Broadway, Chase and Ingalls Streets. The remaining streets will be supplied by eight and six inch pipes, for the distribution

of which we refer you to the map of the proposed waterworks. It is necessary to have a covered reservoir in the case of taking the supply from a subsoil source for if it is not covered a vegetable growth forms in the reservoir and gets into the supply pipes and dies thereby causing decomposing vegetable matter which renders the water unfit for use. We deem it advisable to locate the reservoir on Foster's Hill, the advantages of which are:

First: - assuming that the same system of street piping at the village is to be carried out, the total length of all piping required to utilize White's Hill will be two miles in excess of the total piping in the system using the Foster's Hill location.

Second: - Foster's Hill is much nearer the more thickly settled portion of the Town. In providing the desired service the main pipe from White's Hill would necessarily be much larger to offset the friction lost due to the increased length of pipe.

Third: - Foster's Hill is more central to the district likely to receive the growth of the village and which may in the future be provided with extensions of the system.

Fourth: - the location of the pumps and reservoir at opposite limits of the district supplied, will be found advantageous in case of accident to the mains, or whenever it may be desired to draw out the water from the reservoir. At such times the reservoir could be shut off and the supply maintained for a time by direct pumping.

These conditions, together with the fact that at least twenty thousand dollars would be saved in the first cost of the works places the Foster's Hill location as unquestionably the most desirable. The total length of the pipe for the system will be fourteen miles, and have ninety one hydrants for fire purposes. The cost of the entire works will be about one hundred and thirty five thousand dollars and if we provide for the supplying of the Arlington Mills with what water they need it will take ten thousand dollars additional; and as they are anxious to take water from us at the same rate as they are now being furnished by the City of Lawrence and we having the water to spare we consider it advisable to make the extra expenditure as it would help the Town to put the works on a paying basis from the start.

As we were especially instructed to obtain the elevation of the Town Farm land on White's Hill we find it to be thirty feet higher than the land of C. W. Mann on Foster's Hill of which he proposes to deed the Town a piece large enough for a reservoir without any expense to the Town. We would therefore recommend the appropriation of one hundred thousand dollars at this time, the same to be applied toward the construction of the Town's waterworks.

Respectfully submitted

E. J. Castle

D. W. Tenney

C. W. Mann

After reading the report, the Engineer, Mr. Worthington read the Engineers Report to the

Committee, and explained the proposed system of works.

Art. 3 Voted – by unanimous vote that the Water Commissioners be and hereby are authorized and instructed to take all necessary steps to procure a permanent supply of water for domestic and fire purposes and for general use in the Town of Methuen, and to proceed with the construction of the waterworks by making all necessary contracts therefor in the name and behalf of this Town.

Art. 4 Under Article 4, it was voted by a unanimous vote, that the Town take water from subsoil sources near the adjacent to the junction of Harris' Pond Brook and Spicket River, also the waters of Spicket River and Harris Pond within the Town of Methuen, for the purposes specified in Chapter 310 of the Acts of the Legislature of Massachusetts for the year 1892, and that the Board of Water Commissioners be and they hereby are authorized and instructed to take all necessary steps and do all necessary acts thereto for and in behalf of this Town.

Art. 5 Under Article 5 it was voted by a unanimous vote that the Water Commissioners be and hereby are authorized and instructed to take in behalf of the Town by purchase or otherwise any and all lands, rights of way, water rights, water sources and easements necessary for taking, holding, preserving and conveying water under and in accordance with the authority granted to the Town by the provisions of Chap. 310 of the Acts of the Legislature of Massachusetts for the year 1892.

Art. 6 Voted – to pass over Article 6 of the Warrant.

Art. 7 Under Article 7 it was voted – 176 Yeas to 2 Noes that the Town appropriate one hundred thousand dollars for the purpose of constructing its waterworks, and that the Town issue bonds to the amount of one hundred thousand dollars, said bonds to be of the denomination of the one thousand dollars each, and have interest coupons thereto attached, such bonds to be issue at such date as may be deemed by the Water Commissioners to be fore the best interests of the Town and to be numbered consecutively from number one to number one hundred, both inclusive, and to be payable as follows, each payable with interest at four per cent per annum, payable semi-annually in each year, principal and interest payable in lawful money of the United States at such Bank or Trust Company in the City of Boston as the Water Commissioners shall select and determine, on presentation and surrender of the coupons therefor, as the same shall severally become due; and that each of said bonds shall be signed by the Treasurer of the Town and countersigned by the Water Commissioners of the Town, and bear on its face the words “Methuen Water Loan, Act of 1892” and that the Treasurer be and hereby is also directed to affix to each of said bonds, the seal of the Town, and to sell or negotiate said bonds under the direction of the Water Commissioners but not below par, and that the proceeds realized from the sale of said bonds shall be applied to defraying the expenses and liabilities incurred by the Town in carrying out the

provisions of the said Chapter 310 of the Acts of the Legislature of Massachusetts for the year 1892.

Said bonds to be made payable as follows: -

- No. 1 in one year from date of issue.
- No. 2 in two years from date of issue.
- No. 3 in three years from date of issue.
- No. 4 in four years from date of issue.
- No. 5 in five years from date of issue.
- No. 6 in six years from date of issue.
- No. 7 in seven years from date of issue.
- No. 8 in eight years from date of issue.
- No. 9 in nine years from date of issue.
- No. 10 in ten years from date of issue.
- Nos. 11-14 inclusive in eleven years from date of issue.
- Nos. 15-18 inclusive in twelve years from date of issue.
- Nos. 19-22 inclusive in thirteen years from date of issue.
- Nos. 23-26 inclusive in fourteen years from date of issue.
- Nos. 27-30 inclusive in fifteen years from date of issue.
- Nos. 31-34 inclusive in sixteen years from date of issue.
- Nos. 35-38 inclusive in seventeen years from date of issue.
- Nos. 39-42 inclusive in eighteen years from date of issue.
- Nos. 43-46 inclusive in nineteen years from date of issue.
- Nos. 47-50 inclusive in twenty years from date of issue.
- Nos. 51-55 inclusively in twenty one years from date of issue.
- Nos. 56-60 inclusively in twenty two years from date of issue.
- Nos. 61-65 inclusively in twenty three years from date of issue.
- Nos. 66-70 inclusively in twenty four years from date of issue.
- Nos. 71-75 inclusively in twenty five years from date of issue.
- Nos. 76-80 inclusively in twenty six years from date of issue.
- Nos. 81-85 inclusively in twenty seven years from date of issue.
- Nos. 86-90 inclusive in twenty eight years from date of issue.
- Nos. 91-95 inclusively in twenty nine years from date of issue.
- Nos. 96-100 inclusively in thirty years from date of issue.

Art. 8 Under Article 8 it was voted, Yes 132 – No. 1 – that the Water Commissioners be and hereby are authorized to borrow, in behalf of the Town of any persons, or corporations such sums of money, not exceeding in all fifty thousand dollars, as in their judgment may be necessary in anticipation of the loan authorized by the Town, under authority of Chapter 310 of the Acts of the Legislature of Massachusetts for the year 1892, giving the note or notes of the Town therefor, for a period not exceeding one year, bearing interest at a rate not exceeding six per cent per annum signed by the Treasurer of the Town and countersigned by the Water Commissioners, such sums of money to be applied by said Water Commissioners towards defraying the cost of introducing water under the authority of said Chapter 310 and the be paid from the proceeds of said loan.

- Art. 9 Voted – to pass over Article 9 of the Warrant.
- Art. 10 Voted – to pass over Article 10 of the Warrant.
- Art. 11 Under Article 11 it was voted by a unanimous vote that the Water Commissioners be and hereby are authorized and instructed to petition the next Legislature for authority for the Town to issue additional bonds to an amount not to exceed fifty thousand dollars, the proceeds of such bonds to be used for the purposes of water supply, in accordance with Chap. 310 of the Acts of 1892.

No other business appearing at 9:15p.m. it was voted to dissolve the meeting.

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

**Warrant for Town Meeting, Nov. 7, 1893 – State Election
Warrant 44 File 11**

Essex SS: -

To Amos G. Jones, one of the Constables of the Town of Methuen in said County,

Greeting: -

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required forthwith to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote as the law directs, to assemble at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday the seventh day of November next at a eight o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to give in their ballots for Governor of the Commonwealth, Lieutenant Governor, Councilor for the Sixth District, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor, Attorney General, Senator for the Sixth Essex District, two Representatives to represent the Third Essex District in the next Legislature, one County Commissioner, Register of Probate and Insolvency, and “Yes” or “no” in answer to the Article of Amendment to the Constitution relative to the payment of mileage to members of the General Court, viz.: - So much of Article two of Section three of Chapter one of the Constitution of the Commonwealth as is contained in the following words, “The expenses of traveling to the general assembly and returning home once in every session and no more shall be paid by the government out of the public treasury to every member who shall attend as seasonably as he can in the judgment of the house and does not depart without leave”, is hereby annulled. All to be voted for on one ballot. The polls may be closed at for o'clock p.m. And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Town House and at each of the public meeting houses in said Town eight days at least before said meeting.

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

Given under our hands and the seal of the Town of Methuen **this twenty eighth day**

of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety three.

(Seal of Town)

Geo. O. Marsh Selectmen
Geo. A. Smith of Methuen

Essex SS: -

Methuen, Oct. 28, 1893

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen of Methuen

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts I have this day notified the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in elections to meet as within directed, by posting up attested copies of this warrant at the Town House and at each of the public meetinghouses in Town eight days before said meeting.

Amos. G. Jones, Constable of Methuen

A true copy of Warrant & Return

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

Record of Town Meeting held November 7, 1893 – File 11 No. 44 State Election

A legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in elections, was held at the Town Hall in said Town, on Tuesday the seventh day of November A.D. 1898 at eight o'clock in the forenoon, pursuant to Warrant No. 44 File 11.

The meeting was called to order at eight o'clock a.m. by George O. Marsh Chairman of Selectmen, who read the warrant for the meeting.

John F. Ridley, Republican and Joseph J. Sharkey, Democrat were appointed ballot clerks and J. Frank Emerson, Republican and Charles E. Russell, Democrat were appointed Deputy ballot clerks and were all sworn.

John F. Ridley, J. Frank Emerson, William H. Russell, Robert Moffat, and Edward a Bower, Republicans and Joseph J. Sharkey, Charles E. Russell, Benjamin P. Cheney, Thomas R. Skinner, Charles D. Lewis, and Owen A. Donahue, Democrats, were appointed tellers and were sworn.

The Town Clerk delivered one package of ballots to the presiding officer, George O. Marsh, taking his receipt therefor, and the package was publicly broken. The sample ballots and instructions to voters had been posted about the hall according to law before the opening of the meeting.

The ballot box was opened and shown to be empty and was then locked and the key given to Albert B. Gordon, Constable in attendance. The figures on the Register indicated four ciphers. The polls were then opened and the ballot proceeded. At ten o'clock and forty minutes by unanimous consent of the Selectmen and Town Clerk the ballot box was opened and the ballots removed therefrom. The figures on the ballot box register indicated

The checklist used by ballot clerks was counted	225
The checklist used at the ballot box indicated	225
The ballots counted out	225

Messrs Cheney, Moffat, Lewis and Wm. H. Russell formed one group of tellers, and Messers Dodge, Bower, Skinner and Donahue formed a second group and they proceeded to count the ballots, which had been counted audibly by the presiding officer when first taken from the ballot box.

At one o'clock and fifty minutes, by unanimous consent of the Selectmen and Town Clerk the ballot box was again opened and the ballots taken therefrom, and counted audibly by the presiding officer. The figures on the ballot box register indicated

The checklist used by ballot clerks showed checks	670
The checklist used by ballot box showed checks	670
The ballots counted six hundred and seventy	670

At five minutes past four the polls were closed.

The Register on the ballot box indicated	840
The checklist used by ballot clerks showed checks	838
The checklist used by ballot box showed checks	838
The remaining ballots were counted audibly and the total	
Number of ballots cast was eight hundred thirty eight	838

All the ballots were counted into blocks of fifty each, verified and placed in envelopes and the votes were counted, recorded and declaration thereof made and were as follows: - (Voted declared at 5:50).

The whole number of ballots cast for the several persons voted for was

Eight hundred and thirty eight	838
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For **Governor**

Louis Albert Banks of Hyde Park thirteen	13
George H. Cary of Lynn eleven	11
Frederic T. Greenhalge of Lowell five hundred and thirteen	513
Patrick F. O'Neil of Boston seven	7
John E. Russell of Leicester two hundred and eighty	280
Blanks – fourteen	14

For **Lieut. Governor**

James B. Carroll of Springfield two hundred and fifty eight	258
Joseph K. Harris of Haverhill fifteen	15
Morris E. Ruther of Holyoke ten	10

Henry C. Smith of Williamsburg twenty	20
Roger Wolcott of Boston five hundred and fifteen	515
Blanks – twenty	20

For Secretary of State

James W. McDonald of Marlborough two hundred and thirty five	235
Frederick A. Nagler of West Springfield ten	10
William M. Olin of Boston five hundred and thirteen	513
Samuel B. Shapleigh of Boston nineteen	19
Isaac W. Skinner of Waltham sixteen	16
Blanks – forty five	45

For Treasurer

Wilbert D. Farnham Jr. of Somerville sixteen	16
Henry M. Phillips of Springfield five hundred and twelve	512
Squire E. Putney of Somerville ten	10
Eben S. Stevens of Dudley two hundred and fifty three	253
Thomas A. Watson of Braintree fifteen	15
Blanks – thirty two	32

For Auditor

Alfred H. Evans of Ashburnham sixteen	16
Bordman Hall of Boston two hundred and forty eight	248
John W. Kimball of Fitchburg five hundred and ten	510
Hermann J. Koepke of Pittsfield nine	9
Maurice W. Landers of Pittsfield thirteen	13
Blanks – forty two	42

For Attorney General

Hosea M. Knowlton of New Bedford five hundred and eleven	511
Charles S. Lilley of Lowell two hundred and fifty five	255
Daniel Lynch of Boston nine	9
Robert F. Raymond of New Bedford seventeen	17
Conrad Reno of Boston ten	10
Blanks – thirty six	36

For Councilor – Sixth District

William A. Hyde of Woburn two hundred and sixty eight	268
Suman T. Jefts of Hudson five hundred and eleven	511
Blanks - fifty nine	59

For Register of Probate and Insolvency

Jeremiah T. Mahoney of Salem five hundred and thirty three	533
Blanks – three hundred and five	305

For County Commissioner

Horace F. Longfellow of Newbury two hundred and eighty three	283
Samuel D. Smith of Marblehead four hundred ninety six	496
Blanks – fifty nine	59

For Senator Sixth Essex District

Richard A. Carter of Lawrence two hundred and twenty nine	229
Hiram W. K. Eastman of Lawrence twenty two	22
George L. Gage of Lawrence five hundred and fifty six	556
John Howell of Andover ten	10
Blanks – twenty one	21

For Representatives in General Court Third Essex District

E. Ellsworth Batchelder of Haverhill twenty three	23
Charles W. Chandler of Bradford twenty eight	28
Edward J. Donahue of Haverhill two hundred and thirty four	234
Granville E. Foss of Methuen five hundred and forty four	544
Charles F. Kelly of Haverhill nineteen	19
Robert A. Richardson of Haverhill four hundred and thirty five	435
William S. Wardman of Bradford one hundred ninety four	194
Blanks – one hundred and ninety nine	199

Amendment to the Constitution

Shall the proposed Amendment to the Constitution relative to the Payment of Mileage to Members of the General Court be approved and ratified?

Yes – two hundred and fifty	250
No – one hundred and eighty	180
Blanks – four hundred and eight	408

The returns of the votes cast for the several officers balloted for were made up, properly certified, sealed, and delivered to the Town Clerk, and the ballots cast were also sealed up in an envelope, and delivered to the Town Clerk.

Both checklists were used, were also sealed up in an envelope and delivered to Selwin A. Dodge, one of the Selectmen.

The seal was retained by the presiding officer George O. Marsh, Chairman of Selectmen. The vote was declared in open Town Meeting at five o'clock and fifty minutes, and the meeting was adjourned at six o'clock and forty five minutes.

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

Recount of Votes for Representatives, Nov. 14, 1893

Pursuant to a petition from more than ten legal voters of the Town of Methuen, alleging that they had reason to believe that the returns of the election officers of said Town, of the votes cast at the State Election held November 7, 1893 are erroneous, and that they deemed them in error in the following particulars, namely, that the election officers of said Town failed to count and return correctly and to make a correct record of the votes cast in the said Town for the candidates to fill the positions of Representatives to the next General Court from the Third Essex Representative District for the year next ensuing, and asking for a recount of the same, the Selectmen met at the Selectmen's Room in the Town House, on Tuesday November fourteenth at 7:30p.m. and opened the box containing the ballots cast at said election, recounted the votes cast for Representatives to the next General Court, and reported the result of the recount as follows: -

Methuen, Nov. 14, 1893

We the undersigned, Selectmen of the Town of Methuen hereby certify that the recount of the votes this day for Representatives in General Court was as follows: -

E. Ellsworth Batchelder of Haverhill twenty three	23
Charles W. Chandler of Bradford twenty eight	28
Edward J. Donahue of Haverhill two hundred and thirty four	234
Granville E. Foss of Methuen five hundred and forty four	544
Charles F. Kelly of Haverhill nineteen	19
Robert A. Richardson of Haverhill four hundred and thirty five	435
William S. Wardman of Bradford one hundred ninety four	194
Blanks – one hundred and ninety nine	199

Geo. O. Marsh Selectmen
Selwin A. Dodge of Methuen

Mr. Foss was represented by Wm. R. Rowell, Esq.

Mr. Donahue was present and was also represented by Mr. Haines.

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

Meeting of City and Town Clerks, Nov. 17, 1893

**City of Haverhill Massachusetts
City Clerk's Office, November 17, 1893**

At a meeting of the City Clerk of Haverhill, the Town Clerk of Methuen, the Town Clerk of Bradford, the Precinct Clerk of Precinct One, Ward Three, Precinct One, Ward Five, Precinct Two Ward Five, and Precinct Three Ward Five, in the City of Haverhill, said towns and Precincts forming the Third Essex Representative District, held at noon this day in accordance with the provisions of Section 195 Chapter 417, Acts of 1893, upon comparing the transcripts of the returns as amended by recounts, the following appears as the result of the balloting for Representatives to the General Court for said District, at meetings held on Tuesday November 7, 1893.

To wit: -

		Methuen	Bradford	Ward 3 Prec. 1	Ward 5 Prec. 1	Ward 5 Prec.2	Ward 5 Prec. 3	Totals
E. Elsworth Batchelder of Haverhill	23	54	80	49	50	59	315	
Charles W. Chandler of Bradford	28	34	20	16	14	10	122	
Edward J. Donahue of Haverhill	234	240	369	176	121	296	1436	
Granville E. Foss of Methuen	544	302	121	175	195	143	1480	
Charles F. Kelly of Haverhill	19	52	85	54	55	67	332	
Robert A. Richardson of Haverhill	435	390	181	239	249	204	1698	
William S. Wardman of Bradford	194	288	270	121	84	214	1171	
Blanks	199	188	154	144	122	166	968	

In accordance with the foregoing returns, Certificates of Election were this day issue to the two persons having the highest number of votes for Representatives to the General Court for The Third Essex District.

To wit: -

Robert A. Richardson of Haverhill and
Granville E. Foss of Methuen

Attest, -

William M. Roberts, City Clerk of Haverhill
Jos. S. Howe, Town Clerk of Methuen
William A. Kimball, Town Clerk of Bradford
Geo. E. Tozier, Clerk Precinct One, Ward Five
William E. Nelson, Clerk Precinct Two, Ward Five
Fred A. Haynes, Clerk Precinct Three, Ward Five

A true copy,

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk