

1901

Warrant for Annual Town Meeting, March 4, 1901 – File 13 No.

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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 directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet and assemble at the designated polling places of Precincts One and Two, namely: -

The Town Hall in voting Precinct One, and The Basement of the Arlington School House in Voting Precinct Two, on Monday, the fourth (4) day of March next, at six (6) o'clock in the forenoon, to bring in to the election officers their votes for Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, Highway Surveyor, one School Committee man to serve three (3) years in place of Edward A. Bower, one Water Commissioner to serve three (3) years in place of George A. Smith, one Trustee of Nevins Memorial to serve two (2) years in place of Lewis E. Barnes, one Tree Warden to serve one (1) year, Constables, Auditor, Fence Viewers, and "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question, "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town?" All to be voted for on one ballot. The polls may be closed at four (4) o'clock p.m.

Also to meet,

At the Town Hall in said Town on Saturday, the ninth (9) day of March next, at ten (10) 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 elect all Town Officers not required to be chosen by ballot.
- 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 for 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 authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of taxes of the current municipal year, 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 dog taxes, in accordance with Chapter 102, Section 107 of the Public Statutes.
- Article 11 By request of Col. William B. Greene Post, No. 100 G.A.R. to see if the Town will vote to appropriate one hundred and fifty (150) dollars for the purpose of decorating the graves of our soldiers and sailors on Memorial Day, May 30, 1901, said money to be expended under the direction of the above Post.
- Article 12 To determine what compensation the Town will grant the Tree Warden.
- Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to make an appropriation for the sum paid the Highway Surveyor, instead of taking it out of the regular appropriation of the departments under his charge.
- Article 14 By request of Mrs. David Nevins, to see if the Town will vote to give her permission to beautify and improve the sides of the highways on Broadway and Hampshire Street from junction of said streets to land of Fannie M. Dodge.
- Article 15 By request of Mrs. Fannie M. Dodge and others to see if the Town will vote to macadamize Hampshire Street from Broadway to the residence of Mrs. Fannie M. Dodge, a distance of about 2100 feet, and appropriate fifteen hundred dollars for the same.
- Article 16 By request of the committee on sidewalks to see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 50

of the Public Statutes relating to sidewalks.

- Article 17 By request of Jos. S. Howe, to see if the Town will vote to authorize some person to sign deeds for the redemption of land which has been taken by the Town for unpaid taxes.
- Article 18 By request of James O. Parker to see if the Town will vote to discontinue Beacon Street and that part of Highland Street lying east of land of Lindsey W. Keyes.
- Article 19 To see if the Town will vote to act in conjunction with the Boston & Maine Railroad in bridging over the tracks of said railroad at the junction of Lowell and Osgood Streets and continue the power granted the Selectmen at the last Annual Town Meeting in reference to the same and appropriate five hundred (\$500) dollars therefor.
- Article 20 By request of the School Committee, to see if the Town will authorize and instruct the School Committee to procure plans, specifications and proposals for a two room addition to the West Side School building and for a suitable school structure at the site of the present Barker School and appropriate two hundred (\$200) dollars therefor. The Committee to report their recommendations to a future Town Meeting.
- Article 21 By request of the School Committee, to see if the Town will authorize and instruct the Selectmen to convey, by deed of the Town, to Henry Arnold a strip of land about three feet wide extending from Merrill Street, adjoining his property, to within a certain distance of the Arlington School building, in exchange for a deed for a similar strip of land from Mr. Arnold's lot adjoining the school house land opposite the north end of the Arlington School, in accordance with agreement made, or to be made with Mr. Arnold by the School Committee, and appropriate such sum, if any, as may be required.
- Article 22 To see what action the Town will take with regard to the construction of sewers during the present year.
- Article 23 To see if the Town will vote to hire money for the construction of sewers and take such action thereon as the Town may think proper.
- Article 24 By request of Guy W. Currier and others to see if the Town will vote to build sewers in Boston, Kendall, Vermont and Boylston Streets, a distance of about five thousand feet, and appropriate five thousand (\$5,000) dollars for the same.

- Article 25 By request of William P. Morse and others, to see if the Town will vote to macadamize Lowell Street from Railroad Square to Elm Street and appropriate three thousand (\$3000) dollars for that purpose.
- Article 26 By request of James E. Johnson and others, to see if the Town will vote to macadamize Annis Street and make an appropriation for the same.
- Article 27 By request of German S. Phippen, to see if the Town will vote to change the name of Merrimack Street to Haverhill Road.
- Article 28 To see if the Town will vote to change the name of Pine Street, from Salem line to junction of Pelham and Pine Streets to Hampshire road, and from said junction to Pelham line to Pelham Street.
- Article 29 By request of Board of Fire Engineers, to see if the Town will vote to purchase a combination hook and ladder truck and make an appropriation for the same.
- Article 30 By request of James O. Parker and others, to see if the Town will vote to appropriate three hundred (\$300.) dollars for public improvements in the Town of Methuen, the same to be expended under the direction of the Town Improvement Society and Tree Warden of the Town.
- Article 31 By request of the Water Commissioners, to see if the Town will vote the sum of twenty five hundred and seventy three dollars and eighty five cents, (2573.85), being the amount of premium derived from the sale of Methuen Water Bonds, also the amount of three thousand dollars (\$3000.00) from the net proceeds of the works last year, both to be applied to the sinking fund.
- Article 32 By request of Edwin J. Castle and others, to see if the Town will vote to set edge stones from a point near the old fire engine house on Lowell Street to Central Fire Station, a distance of about four hundred and twenty five (425) appropriate the sum of two hundred (200.) dollars for the same.
- Article 33 By request of Moses G. Smith and others, to see if the Town will vote to macadamize Orchard Street from Barker corner to Lawrence line and appropriate three thousand (\$3000) dollars for the same.

- Article 34 To see if the Town will vote to appoint a committee to make an investigation in regard to securing a suitable lot of land for a play stead for athlete games and report the next Annual Town Meeting.
- Article 35 By request of Willard A. Bodwell and others, to see if the Town will vote to clean out and lower the culvert at the foot of the hill near the house of George M. Cole, and appropriate fifty (50) dollars for the same.
- Article 36 To see if the Town will vote to accept the extension of Summer Street, as laid out by the Selectmen, from a point near the residence of Antoinette Davis, to a point about one hundred feet beyond the residence of Richard Irvin, a distance of about four hundred feet.
- Article 37 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate one hundred (\$100) dollars for the purchase and setting of street bounds.
- Article 38 By request of Jesse M. Rutter and others, to see if the Town will vote to widen the roadbed on the north side of Pleasant Street from a point near the house of Jesse M. Rutter east about three hundred feet, and appropriate fifty (50) dollars for the same.
- Article 39 By request of James Robie and others, to see if the Town will vote to repair William Street, and appropriate two hundred and fifty (250) dollars for the same.
- Article 40 By request of William C. Sleeper and others, to see if the Town will vote to macadamize Milk Street from Dr. McAllister's corner to Short Street, and appropriate three thousand (\$3000) dollars for the same.
- Article 41 By request of John T. Dugdale and others, to see if the Town will vote to maintain an arc light at the corner of Oakland Avenue and Granite Street and appropriate seventy (70) dollars for the same.
- Article 42 By request of Thomas L. Barstow and others, to see if the Town will vote to maintain an arc light near the junction of Berkeley and Arlington Streets and appropriate seventy (70) dollars for the same.
- Article 43 To see if the Town will vote to maintain three incandescent electric lights to be located on Russ, King and Boston Streets, and appropriate fifty (50) dollars for the same.
- Article 44 By request of Joseph E. Buswell, to see if the Town will vote to maintain one incandescent electric light on Prospect Street, near the house of John Breen, and appropriate eighteen (18) dollars for the same.

- Article 45 By request of S. L. Holman and others, to see if the Town will vote to locate and maintain a Welsbach street light on William Street and appropriate twenty four (24) dollars for the same.
- Article 46 By request of Philip R. Park and others, to see if the Town will vote to locate and maintain two Welsbach lights on Lowell Street between Oakland Avenue and Elm Street, and appropriate forty eight (48) dollars for the same.
- Article 47 By request of Willard R. Whitney and others, to see if the Town will vote to locate and maintain six Welsbach lights on Pleasant Street, between land of C. H. Tenney and Marston's Corner, and appropriate one hundred and fifty (150) dollars for the same.
- Article 48 To see if the Town will vote to reimburse Robert E. Banister the amount of taxes overpaid by him during the years from 1894 to 1900, the same to be charged to general abatements for 1901.
- Article 49 To see if the Town will vote to build a fence around the lot of the Central Fire Station and appropriate two hundred (200) dollars for the same.
- Article 50 To see if the Town will vote to build a sewer on Willow Street, from Lawrence Street to Lawrence line, a distance of about two hundred and fifty feet, and appropriate two hundred and fifty (250) dollars for the same.
- Article 51 By request of Joseph E. Buswell and others, to see if the Town will vote to appoint a committee of five to take into consideration the present methods of conducting Town affairs, salaries of Town officers, etc. and suggest such changes as they think best for the interest of the Town, and report at the next annual Town meeting.
- Article 52 By request of E. F. Johnson, to see if the Town will vote to change the name of Leafy Lane to Ditson Lane.
- Article 53 By request of the Methuen Company, to see if the Town will vote to locate and maintain a Welsbach light at the corner of Osgood and River Streets and appropriate twenty four (24) dollars for the same.

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 (8) days at least before said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk on or before the time of the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands and the seal of the Town of Methuen, this twenty third (23) day of February, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and one.

Selectmen	George O. Marsh	}
of	Alfred Newsholme	}
Methuen	John H. George	}

Essex SS: -

Methuen, Feb. 23, 1901.

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 printed copies of this warrant at each of the public meeting houses, also 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

Record of Annual Town Meeting, March Fourth 1901

At meetings of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen in the County of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts held in the respective Precincts in said Town, pursuant to Warrant No. 1 File 13, on Monday, March fourth A.D. 1901 the qualified voters of said Town brought in their written votes for the several officers to be balloted for and on the question, “Shall Licenses be granted for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors in this Town?” and the same were received,

sorted, counted, declared and registered in open Precinct meetings, according to law, as appears by the certified returns from said Precincts, transmitted to the Town Clerk and examined by him in conjunction with the Board of Registrars of Voters. And according to the returns, the following appears as the result of the elections held as aforesaid.

	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Total
The whole number of ballots cast	799	299	1098

For Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of Poor

Edward A. Bower, 13 Chase St.	530	249	779
John H. George, 98 Pleasant St.	504	178	682
Clarence D. Holman, 36 High St.	392	115	507
George O. Marsh, 41 Hampshire St.	619	200	819
Blank	352	155	507

And Edward A. Boer, John H. George and George O. Marsh were declared elected Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor, and were sworn into those offices respectively.

For Town Clerk, Treasurer and Collector of Taxes

Joseph S. Howe, 8 Stevens St.	695	245	940
Blank	104	54	159

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

For School Committee – 3 years

Christopher H. Rogers, 20 Pleasant St.	444	198	642
J. Milton Tenney, 5 Charles St.	319	81	400
Blank	36	36	56

And Christopher H. Rogers was declared elected School Committee for three years.

For Water Commissioner – 3 years

George W. Copp, 13 Stevens St.	385	199	584
Albert L. Dame, 26 Osgood St.	375	83	458
Blank	39	17	56

And George W. Copp was elected Water Commissioner for three years and was sworn.

For Highway Surveyor

John Q. Hill, 48 Pelham St.	433	169	602
Charles B. Woodman, 31 Lowell St.	309	121	430
Isaac C. Brown	1		1

And John Q. Hill was declared elected Highway Surveyor and was sworn.

For Trustee Nevins Memorial – 2 years

Lewis E. Barnes, 30 River St.	637	235	872
Blank	162	64	226

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

For Tree Warden

Josiah W. Bodwell, 89 Broadway	261	65	326
John E. Davis, 65 Hampshire	444	190	634
Blank	94	44	138

And John E. Davis was declared elected Tree Warden and was sworn.

For Auditor

Charles H. T. Mann, 83 Prospect St.	581	220	801
Blank	218	79	297

And Charles H. T. Mann was declared elected Auditor

For Fence Viewers

Millard F. Emerson, 379 Pelham St.	583	211	794
Charles Hutchins, 32 Pelham St.	544	197	741
Addison P. Russell, 72 Merrimack	563	203	766
George W. Blanchard	1		1
Blank	706	286	992

And Millard F. Emerson, Charles Hutchins and Addison P. Russell were declared elected Fence

Viewers and sworn.

For Constables

Horace S. Blake, 25 Central St.	392	175	567
Daniel Carter, 57 Lowell St.	413	167	580
Charles H. Emerson, 56 Railroad St.	343	75	418
Albert B. Gordon, 30 Osgood St.	555	179	734

Amos E. Jones, 64 Union St.	394	78	472
William Moore, 43 Tenney St.	234	199	432
James L. Moxsom, 63 Pleasant St.	247	56	303
Eugene Murphy, 1 Morse Court	197	63	260
William J. Olivier, 8 Annis Court	468	248	716
Joseph N. Sargent, 20 Park St.	199	53	252
James C. Taylor, 45 Railroad St.	433	189	622
Blank	919	312	1231

And Horace S. Blake, Daniel Carter, Albert B. Gordon, Amos G. Jones, William J. Oliver and James C. Taylor were declared elected Constables and were all sworn.

License Vote

The number of voters voting "Yes" was	254	103	357
The number of voters voting "No" was	474	162	636
Blank	71	34	105

Attest,
 Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

Record of Business Meeting, March 9, 1901

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, a meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen, qualified to vote in election and in Town affairs, was held in the Town Hall in said Town on Saturday the ninth day of March A.D. 1901, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to elect the Town Officers not chosen by ballot and to transact the business of the Annual Town Meeting.

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

Article 1 **Moderator**

The polls were opened for the choice of Moderator, the checklist being used. Granville E. Foss was chosen Moderator, by a unanimous vote and was sworn.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Nathan Bailey

Article 2 **Officers not chosen by ballot**

The meeting then proceeded to the election of officers not to be chosen by ballot, as follows: -

Field Drivers

Thomas Spottiswood	Joseph B. Pierce
Samuel Mann	Andrew J. Devine, sworn

Surveyors of Plastering

Silas K. Nowell	Frank Buckminster	
Charles E. Russell	Nahum P. Winn	John W. Moss

Surveyors of Lumber

John H. George, sworn	James O. Parker, sworn
Frank Buckminster	Charles Hutchins, sworn
Isaac C. Brown	George O. Marsh
Millard F. Emerson, sworn	Samuel Emerson
James H. Lyons	Addison P. Russell
George W. Copp, sworn	William Waterworth

Surveyors of Wood & Bark

George O. Marsh, sworn	John H. George, sworn
Millard F. Emerson, sworn	Fred A. Russell
Isaac C. Brown	Charles E. Richardson, sworn
Josiah W. Bodwell	

Pound Keepers

David M. Cole	Joseph E. Buswell
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Sealers of Weights and Measures

John C. Sanborn	Henry K. Crompton
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Article 3 **Selectmen's Reports**

Voted to receive and accept the Annual Report of the Selectmen.

Article 4 **Appropriations**

Voted – to lay Article 4 on the table, the same to be in order as the first business after the recess.

Article 5 **Collection of Taxes**

Voted: - that taxes be collected the same as last year, and 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 **Temporary Loans**

Voted by a unanimous vote, that for the purpose of procuring a temporary loan to and for the use of the Town of Methuen, in anticipation of the taxes of the present municipal year, the Town Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to borrow from time to time, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, a sum or sums not exceeding in the aggregate fifty thousand dollars, and to execute and deliver the note or notes of the Town therefore, payable within one year from the time the loan is made. Any debt or debts incurred by a loan or loans to the Town under this vote shall be paid from the said taxes of the present municipal year.

Article 7 **Jury List**

The Jury List was next considered, and the names of Frank Bower, David M. Bruce and John H. Russell were at their own request stricken, from the List, and in their place the names of Albert Spurr, Operative, Sidney Poore, Painter, and Charles M. Sawyer, Farmer, were substituted.

The Jury List as this amended was then accepted and is as follows, for the current municipal year.

Austin Charles, Lumber dealer	Lowe John G., Clerk
Bodwell Willard A., Farmer	Lowell Levi U., Salesman
Bodwell Josiah W., Lumber dealer	Lyman Edward E., Painter
Brown Kirk F., Provision dealer	Mack Thomas, Operative
Carleton George N., Laborer	Mann, Charles, H. T.,
Bookkeeper	
Carrow Peter, Harness maker	McDermott Frank, Engineer

Clark Aaron H., Editor
Machinist
Colby Thomas C., Carpenter
Copp George W., Contractor
Farmer
Coburn Hugh F., Farmer
Coburn J. Varnum, Farmer
Cross George L., Farmer
Cox Patrick, Butcher
Shoemaker
Dame Albert L., Storekeeper
Dodge Selwin A., Grocer
Dowding Edmund, Farmer
Emerson Charles H., Carpenter
Emerson J. Frank, Clerk
Emerson James O., Janitor
Emerson Millard F., Farmer
Emerson Samuel, Farmer
Farmer
Feeney Edward J., Coachman
Farmer
Flahive Maurice, Watchman
Foster Frederick W., Farmer
Frederick Edwin R., Carpenter
Graham John M., Stable keeper
Gammons Thompson E., Bookkeeper
Operative
George John H., Farmer
Gilcreast Walter L. S., Bookkeeper
Griffin Rufus A., Farmer
Hall Charles H. C., Gardener
Manufacturer
Harvey Samuel A., Carpenter
Holman Silas L., Dry Goods
Howe Joseph S., Civil Engineer
Jones Amos. G., Janitor
Manufacturer
Johnson James E., Engineer
Manufacturer
Kimball Sylvanus G., Farmer
Lazelle Henry R., Farmer
Lippold Carl S., Farmer

Mannifield John T.,
Marsh George O., Farmer
MacKenzie Alexander D.,
Merrill Henry A., Grocer
Messer Cummings, Laborer
Morse William P., Farmer
Nichols Lysander M.,
Nice Benjamin, Clerk
Morris Lorin O., Dry Goods
Noyes, David W., Farmer
Press Edward, Insurance
Puffer Alphonso C., Plumber
Peaslee Orlando A., Painter
Poore Sidney, Painter
Richardson Charles E.,
Richardson Varnum B.,
Ridley John F., Bookkeeper
Russell Addison P., Farmer
Russell Edwin F., Mason
Salls James E., Farmer
Sargent Charles H.,
Sawyer Daniel H., Carpenter
Sawyer Charles M., Farmer
Sleeper William C., Farmer
Swain Fred M.,
Smith Moses G., Contractor
Spurr Albert, Operative
Stevens Granville C., Farmer
Tenney Daniel W.,
Tenney George W.
Webster Fred M., Gardener
Webster George K., Farmer
Young S. Wesley, Farmer

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

Article 10 **Dog License Money**

Voted: - that the money received from dog licenses in accordance with Chapter 102, Section 107 of the Public Statutes, be appropriated to the use of the schools.

Article 11 **Memorial Day**

Voted: - That one hundred and fifty dollars be appropriated for the purpose of decorating the graves of our soldiers and sailors on Memorial Day, May 30, 1901, said money to be expended under the direction of Col. Wm. B. Greene Post 100 G.A.R.

At 10h 45 min. the meeting took a recess until one o'clock p.m.

The meeting re-assembled at one o'clock, after the recess, and proceeded to the consideration of Article 4 of the Warrant.

Article 4 **Appropriations**

It was voted to consider the estimates of the Selectmen, item by item and the appropriations as finally made were as follows: -

For Teaching, music, Janitorship and Fuel as recommended by School Committee	Twenty two thousand five hundred dollars
	\$22,500.00

FOR

School Supplies, eighteen hundred dollars	1,800.00
Repairs on School Houses, fourteen hundred dollars	1,400.00
Contingencies for Schools, eight hundred dollars	800.00
Superintendent of Schools, fifteen hundred dollars	1,500.00
Evening Schools, eight hundred dollars	800.00
Opening Roads & Sanding Sidewalks, one thousand dollars	1,000.00

Highways and Bridges, three thousand dollars
 3,000.00
 Macadamizing, three thousand dollars
 3,000.00
 Repairs on Macadamizing, four thousand dollars
 4,000.00
 Sidewalks, fifteen hundred dollars
 1,500.00
 Edgestone and Flagging, one thousand dollars
 1,000.00
 Sewer Department, one thousand dollars
 1,000.00
 Fire Department, three thousand dollars
 3,000.00
 Town Teams, five hundred dollars
 500.00
 Street Lights, forty three hundred dollars
 4,300.00
 Contingencies, two thousand dollars
 2,000.00
 Health Department, two thousand dollars
 2,000.00
 Police Department, three thousand dollars
 3,000.00
 Pauper Department, five thousand dollars
 5,000.00
 Soldiers' Relief, three hundred dollars
 300.00
 Military Aid, three hundred dollars
 300.00
 Water for Hydrant and Drinking Fountains,
 Fifty seven hundred and twenty dollars
 5,720.00
 Watering Streets, four hundred and fifty dollars
 450.00
 Interest on Town Debt, forty five hundred dollars
 4,500.00
 Collection of Taxes, eight hundred dollars
 800.00
 Town Officers, twenty five hundred dollars
2,500.00

Total

\$77,670.00

It was voted that the compensation of the Tree Warden be twenty five cents per hour. Within an hour, a motion was made to reconsider the vote, which was carried; and it was then voted to establish the compensation of Tree Warden at forty cents per hour.

Article 13 **Highway Surveyor Salary**

Voted: - to make an independent appropriation for the salary of Highway Surveyor, and that twelve hundred dollars be appropriated for that purpose said sum to include the use of the team.

Article 14 **Mrs. David Nevins**

Voted, to give Mrs. David Nevins permission to beautify and improve the sides of the highways on Broadway and Hampshire Street, from junction of said streets to land of Fannie M. Dodge. The vote was unanimous, and taken by a rising vote.

Article 15 **Macadam Hampshire St.**

Voted: - to macadamize Hampshire Street from Broadway to the residence of Mrs. Fannie M. Dodge, a distance of about 2100 feet, and appropriate fifteen hundred (\$1500) for that purpose. On motion of John H. George, it was voted to accept the offer of James Robie to furnish ledge for Macadam, and that when the Stone crushing machinery is moved, it be moved to the ledge given by Mr. Robie.

Voted, to macadamize Hampshire Street from the residence of Mrs. Fannie M. Dodge to the New Hampshire line, and appropriate one thousand dollars therefor.

Article 16 **Sidewalks**

When Article 16 was reached the Committee on Sidewalks made the following report.

The Committee appointed by the Town at its last annual meeting to consider and report upon some system of procedure which would secure to Methuen good sidewalks of a permanent kind, hereby submit the following report.

- 1) In view of the wish of a majority of voters, hitherto expressed, that a portion of the expense of such permanent sidewalks as the Town may build, be paid by the abutters, your committee recommends the acceptance by the Town at this meeting of so much of Chapter 50 of the Public Statutes as relates to the subject of sidewalks, whereby it will be possible

for the Town to assess and collect from the abutters, one half the cost of such permanent sidewalks as it may build, provided such assessment do not exceed 1% of the assessed valuation of the abutting estate.

2) We recommend that an appropriation of \$2000 - \$1000 for concrete and \$1000 for edgestones, be made at this meeting, to be expended as hereinafter provided, during the current year, exclusively for permanent sidewalks, of concrete edged with stone.

3) That in the location of such new sidewalks, reference be had to the public convenience, the most populous and frequented streets taking precedence, to those less used preference being given also to such locations as will afford continuous walks, wherever in the judgment of the committee this course would be advantageous to the Town.

4) That the work be done by contract under the direction of a committee of three to serve without pay; which committee shall be appointed by the Selectmen, and cooperate so far as may be practicable with the Town Improvement Society.

5) That, in locations where edgestones have already been placed at the Town's expense, and no concrete walk, or a walk which in the judgment of the Committee is equal or superior to concrete, has been built, the entire cost of the sidewalk exclusive of edgestones, shall be assessed upon the abutter.

Voted: - to accept the Report of the Committee.

Voted: - to accept Chapter 50 of the Public Statutes relating to sidewalks.

Voted: - to appropriate two thousand dollars (\$2000) for permanent sidewalks, said sum to be expended as recommended in the report of the Committee.

Selectmen appointed Daniel W. Tenney, David M. Prince & Robert Driver.

Article 17

Tax Deeds

Voted: - to authorize the Selectmen to sign deeds for the redemption of land which has been taken by the Town for unpaid taxes.

Article 18

Beacon & Highland St.

Voted: - to discontinue Beacon Street and that part of Highland Street where Charles H. Tenney is an abutter on both sides of said Street.

Article 19 **Bridge over B. & M. R.R.**

Voted: - to act in conjunction with the Boston & Maine Railroad in bridging over the tracks of said Railroad at the junction of Lowell and Osgood Streets, and continue the power granted the Selectmen at the last Annual Town Meeting in reference to the same, and appropriate five hundred (\$500) dollars therefor.

Article 20 **New School Buildings**

Voted: - that the School Committee be authorized and instructed to procure plans, Specifications and proposals for any new school buildings that may be required the present year, to select sites for such buildings and to report their recommendation to a future Town meeting. The sum of two hundred dollars is hereby appropriated for plans and specifications. James O. Parker and J. Milton Tenney were added to the committee to carry out the above vote.

Article 21 **Henry Arnold Land**

Voted: - to authorize and instruct the Selectmen to convey, by deed of the Town, to Henry Arnold a strip of land about three feet wide extending from Merrill Street, adjoining his property to within a certain distance of the Arlington School building, in exchange for a deed for a similar strip of land from Mr. Arnold's lot adjoining the school house land opposite the north end of the Arlington School, in accordance with agreement made or to be made with Mr. Arnold by the School Committee and appropriate such sum, as may be required.

Article 22 Voted: - to appropriate thirty thousand dollars for the construction of sewers the present year.

Article 23 **Money for Sewers**

Voted: - by a unanimous vote, that for the purpose of paying for the construction of sewers, the Town Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to borrow with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, the sum of thirty thousand dollars and to execute and deliver the note or notes of the Town therefor payable in ten years from the date of issue, with interest thereon at the rate of four per cent per annum payable semiannually.

Article 24 **Sewers**

Voted: - to build sewers in Boston, Kendall, Vermont and Boylston Streets, a distance of about five thousand feet and appropriate five thousand dollars for that purpose.

Voted: - that this sum be taken from the money borrowed under authority given by Article 23.

Voted: - that the Selectmen with Guy W. Currier, Fred Miller and Joseph S. Howe, be a Committee with authority to make and execute a contract with the City of Lawrence, for the disposal of the sewage from said streets, similar to the contract offered for the disposal of the sewage from Methuen Village.

Voted: - to instruct the committee to ascertain if a contract exists between Methuen and Lawrence for the disposal of the sewage from Methuen Village.

Article 25 **Lowell St.**

A motion to macadamize Lowell Street was lost.

Article 26 **Annis Street**

Voted: - to macadamize Annis Street and appropriate fourteen hundred dollars for that purpose.

Article 27 **Merrimack St.**

The Town refused to change the name of Merrimack Street to Haverhill Road.

Article 28 **Pine Street**

Voted: - to change the name of Pine Street from Salem line to the junction of Pelham and Pine Streets, to Hampshire Road and from said junction to Pelham line, to Pelham Street.

Article 29 **Hook & Ladder Truck**

Voted that the sum of fifteen hundred dollars be appropriated to purchase a combination hook and ladder truck and that the truck be purchased.

Article 30 **Public Improvements**

the Town of Voted: - to appropriate three hundred dollars for public improvements in Methuen, the same to be expended under the direction of the Town Improvement Society and Tree Warden of the Town.

Article 31 **Sinking Fund**

Voted: - that the sum of twenty five hundred and seventy three & 85/100 dollars being the amount of premium derived by the sale of Methuen Water Bonds, also the amount of three thousand dollars from the net proceeds of the works last year (\$5573.85) be applied to the sinking fund.

Article 32 **Edgestones**

Article 32 was referred to the Board of Selectmen.

Article 33 **Orchard St.**

Voted: - to macadamize Orchard Street from Barker Corner to Lawrence line, and appropriate three thousand dollars for that purpose; the money to be taken from the regular appropriation.

Article 34 **Playstead**

Voted: - that a Committee of five be appointed to make an investigation in regard to securing a suitable lot of land for a playstead for athletic games, and report at the next special Town meeting. Moderator appointed Guy W. Currier, Lewis E. Barnes, John T. Mannifield, Alfred Sagar and Frank McDermott.

Article 35 **Culvert, Geo. M. Cole**

Voted: - to clean out and lower the culvert at the foot of the hill near the house of George M. Cole, and appropriate fifty dollars for that purpose, to be taken from the regular appropriations.

Article 36 **Summer St.**

Was referred to next special Town Meeting.

Article 37 **Street Bounds**

Voted: - to appropriate one hundred dollars for the purchase and setting of street bounds.

Article 38 **Pleasant St. Widening**

Voted to widen the road bed on the north side of Pleasant Street from a point near the House of Jesse M. Rutter east about three hundred feet, and appropriate fifty dollars for that purpose; the cost to be taken from the regular appropriation.

Article 39 **William St. Repairs**

Voted: - to repair William Street, and appropriate two hundred and fifty dollars for that purpose, the cost to be taken from the regular appropriation.

Article 40 **Milk St.**

Voted: - to pass over Article 40 of the warrant.

Articles **Street Lights**

41, 42, 43,
44, 45, 46,
47, 53

Voted: - that Articles 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46 and 53 all asking for street lights be referred to the Committee on Street Lights which was appointed Sept. 25, 1897, and that the sums of money asked for under those articles be appropriated, the Committee to have full powers.

Article 48 **Banister tax**

Voted: - to reimburse Robert E. Banister the amount of taxes overpaid by him during The years from 1894 to 1900 the same to be charged to general abatements for 1901.

Article 49 **Central Fire Station Fence**

Voted: - to build a fence around the lot of the Central Fire Station, and appropriate two hundred dollars for that purpose.

Article 50 **Sewer**

Voted: - to build a sewer on Willow Street from Lawrence Street to Lawrence line, a distance of about two hundred and fifty feet, and appropriate two hundred and fifty dollars for that purpose.

Article 51 **Committee on Town Business**

Voted: - to appoint a committee of five to take into consideration the present methods of conducting Town affairs, salaries of Town Officers, etc., and suggest such changes as they think best for the interest of the Town, and report at the next Annual Town Meeting. Moderator appointed Joseph E. Buswell, Frank Remick, Alfred Newsholme, John D. Emerson and Wm. D. Hartshorne.

Article 52 **Leafy Lane**

Voted: - to change the name of Leafy Lane to Ditson Place.

Voted: - that when an excess of water is found to be taken the consumer so using it shall be immediately notified.

At ten minutes past five, all articles in the warrant being disposed of, the meeting voted to adjourn without delay.

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe, Town Clerk.

Warrant for Special Town Meeting – June 22, 1901 File 13 No. 2

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 second day of June, inst., at two o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles, to wit.

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

Article 2 To hear the report of Committee on school buildings and act thereon.

Article 3 To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money to pay for land required, and construction and equipment of the new school buildings proposed to be built the present year, and give the note or notes of the Town therefor.

- Article 4 To see if the Town will authorize the School Committee to sell the old Barker schoolhouse and turn over the sum received therefor to the Town Treasurer for the use of the public schools.
- Article 5 To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money to be paid to Ernest H. Gaunt as compensation for damages for the loss of an eye while experimenting in the High School Chemical Laboratory.
- Article 6 By request of Albert J. Richardson, and others, to see if the Town will vote to remove the bank of earth on the Lowell Street sidewalk near the Methodist Parsonage and land of Emily Johnson, and also on the opposite side of the street, and to remove any fence located within the limits of the highway, to the street line and make an appropriation for the same.
- Article 7 To hear the report of Committee on Playstead and act thereon, and make an appropriation for the same.
- Article 8 To see if the Town will vote to accept the right of way and easement through land of the late James Ingalls, as seized and laid out by the Selectmen in accordance with Chapter 50 of the Public Statutes, to enable the Town of Methuen to construct and maintain an underground main sewer, and to repair and use the same.
- Article 9 To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell the real estate recently conveyed to the Town of Methuen by Mary Andrews, and to sign deeds for the conveyance of the same.
- Article 10 To see if the Town will vote to accept the extension of Summer Street as laid out by the Selectmen, from a point near the residence of Antoinette Davis, to a point about one hundred feet beyond the residence of Richard Irvin, a distance of about four hundred feet.
- Article 11 To see if the Town will vote to reimburse Mrs. Bridget Reardon, in part payment for damages sustained by her on account of the small pox cases in Town, last February and March, and appropriate fifty dollars for that purpose.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Town House, at each of the public meeting houses and at the several school houses outside of the village 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 on or before the time of the meeting aforesaid. Given under our hands and the seal of the Town of Methuen, this thirteenth day of June, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and one.

George O. Marsh } Selectmen
John H. George } of
Edward A. Bower } Methuen

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Essex SS: -

Methuen

June 14, 1901

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 printed copies of this warrant 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 before said meeting.

Amos G. Jones – Constable of Methuen

A true copy of Warrant & Return
Clerk of Methuen

Attest, Jos. S. Howe – Town

**Record of Special Town Meeting, June 22, 1901 Warrant No. 2
File 13**

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, June twenty second A.D. 1901 at two o'clock p.m. pursuant to Warrant No. 2 File 13. The meeting was called to order at the time appointed by Joseph S. Howe, Town Clerk, who read the warrant under which the meeting was called.

Article 1 **Moderator**

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

Hon. James O. Parker offered the following Resolutions which were unanimously adopted by a rising vote, and it was voted that a copy be engrossed and sent to Mr. Searles "Whereas our fellow citizen and townsman, Mr. Edward F. Searles in his generosity has seen fit to make a donation of fifteen thousand dollars to the Town of Methuen for the purpose of aiding in the construction of a system of sewers now in progress, therefore be it,

Resolved, that the legal voters of Methuen in Town Meeting assembled, accept this munificent gift, in the spirit in which it is made, as a free will offering for the benefit of all the citizens of the Town.

Resolved, that we are under obligations to the same generous and public spirited citizen, for numerous and expensive public improvements, all of which show his love for the Town of Methuen.

Resolved that we extend to the donor, Mr. Edward F. Searles in behalf of the Town, a vote of thanks, which we are confident will express the sentiments of every citizen of the Town.

Article 2 **Report of Committee on School Buildings**

Mr. Hartshorn, chairman of Committee on School Buildings, made a verbal report, explaining the doings of the Committee to the present time, but also stated that the Committee was not prepared to make a definite recommendation. After some discussion it was voted that the subject be recommitted to the Committee, with instructions to report at an adjournment of this meeting.

Voted, that when this meeting adjourns, it adjourn to meet at this place three weeks from this day, July 13 at two o'clock p.m.

Article 3 **School Loan**

Voted to postpone action on Article 3 to the adjourned meeting.

Article 4 **Barker School House**

Voted to postpone action on Article 4 to the adjourned meeting.

Article 5 **Ernest H. Gaunt Damages**

Mr. Henry Gaunt, father of Ernest H. Gaunt, made a statement to the meeting, of the manner in which the accident occurred for which compensation is asked. Mr. Buswell advocated reference of the Article to a committee.

Voted: that a committee of five be appointed by the Chair, to investigate the matter and report at an adjourned meeting.

Article 6 **Improvement of Lowell St. \$125.00 Appropriated**

Voted, - to remove the bank of earth on the Lowell Street sidewalk near the Methodist Parsonage and land of Emily Johnson, and also on the opposite side of the street, and appropriate one hundred and twenty five dollars to pay for the same.

Article 7 **Committee on Playstead \$280.00 Appropriated**

Methuen,

June 22, 1904

Report of Committee on Playstead

To the Citizens of the Town of Methuen.

Your Committee appointed at the last Annual Town Meeting to report on the matter of a Playstead for the Town Meeting to report on the matter of a Playstead for the Town have attended to their duty and would report as follows: -

We have looked up several plots of land, which were thought to be available for a playstead and have been unable to get prices on any, there seeming to be unwillingness on the part of owners, to sell land for this purpose.

The Methuen Co., through Mr. Barnes, Agent, have very generously come to our aid, and offer the Town at a nominal rent, the parcel of land next to the Mill and bounded by the Mill, Osgood Street, Central Fire Station and Lowell Street. This offer your committee consider very opportune, and would strongly recommend that it be accepted by the Town.

	Guy W. Currier	
	Lewis E. Barnes	}
Committee		
	John T. Mannifield	
	Alfred Sagar	

Voted, - that the report of the Committee be accepted and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

Voted, - to appropriate two hundred and eighty dollars to carry out the recommendations of the Committee.

Article 7 During the discussion it appeared that Mr. Edward F. Searles had offered the use of certain lots of land in the Arlington District for a Playstead it was therefore,

Voted: - that a vote of thanks be extended to the Methuen Company and to Mr. Searles for the gift of the use of land for a Playstead.

Article 8 **Right of Way for Sewer**

Voted to accept right of way for sewer through land of James Ingalls as seized and laid out by the Selectmen for purposes of a Sewer.

Article 9 **Mary Andrews Real Estate**

Voted, - to authorize the Selectmen to sell the real estate recently conveyed to the Town of Methuen by Mary Andrews, and to sign deeds for the conveyance of the same.

Article 10 **Summer St.**

Voted, - to accept the extension of Summer St., as laid out by the Selectmen.

Article 11 **\$500 App. Bridget Reardon**

Voted, - to reimburse Mrs. Bridget Reardon in part payment for damages sustained by her on account of the small pox cases in Town last February and March, and appropriate fifty dollars for that purpose.

Voted: - to adjourn for three weeks, to July thirteenth, at two o'clock p.m.

Committee Gaunt Case

The Moderator appointed the following named persons to investigate and report on the subject matter contained in Article 5 of the Warrant. Daniel W. Tenney, Edwin J. Castle, Albert L. Dame, Kirk F. Brown, and Charles F. Swain (D. W. Tenney refused to serve and Lorin O. Norris was appointed).

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe, Town

Clerk.

**Adjournment of Special Town Meeting, July 13, 1901 File 13,
Warrant No. 2**

**An adjourned meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of
Methuen was held
according to adjournment on Saturday, July 13, at two o'clock p.m.**

The meeting was called to order by Granville E. Foss, Moderator.

Article 2

New School Buildings

The first business in order was the report of the Committee on new school houses. Mr. Hartshorne made a verbal report to the meeting recommending the building of two new school houses, one in the Barker District and one on Oakland Avenue on a lot a little east of the railroad bridge, at an estimated expense of twenty three thousand dollars for both building and lot. It was voted to accept the report of the Committee.

On motion of Mr. Newsholme it was voted to consider the building of the houses separately.

Voted to appropriate five thousand dollars to build and equip the school house in the Barker District. A motion was then made to appropriate eighteen thousand dollars to purchase land, and build and equip the proposed school house on Oakland Avenue. After some discussion, a motion was made to postpone further consideration of the matter of building a school house on Oakland Avenue to the next Annual Meeting, and the motion was carried.

Article 3

Loan for Building School Houses

Voted, - by a unanimous vote, that for the purpose of paying for land required, and construction and equipment of the new school-house proposed to be built in the Barker district the present year, the Town Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to borrow with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, the sum of five thousand dollars and to execute and deliver the note or notes of the Town therefor payable in twenty years from the date of issue, with interest thereon at the rate of three and one half per cent per annum payable semi-annually.

Building Committee

Voted, - that the Building Committee consist of the Committee on New School Houses appointed at the last Annual Town Meeting, viz. – the School Committee and J. Milton Tenney and James O. Parker. It was voted that George W. Copp be added to the Building Committee.

Article 5

The Committee to whom was referred the request of Mr. Gaunt for compensation for injuries received by his son, while experimenting at the High School, asked for further time, and stated that they had not had time to investigate the subject as fully as they wished. It was voted, that the Committee have further time, and that they report to the Annual Town Meeting in March.

Article 4

Barker School House

Voted, to authorize the School Committee to sell the old Barker School House, and turn over the sum received therefor to the Town Treasurer, for the use of the public schools.

The Town Treasurer stated to the meeting, that the National Bank of Redemption, had declined to have the water bond coupons paid at that bank, because of a bogus water bond which had been shown at the Bank. The following resolution was passed by a unanimous vote.

Resolve Redemption Bank

Resolved, - that the Town agrees to indemnify the National Bank of Redemption from any loss occasioned by the payment by said Bank, of the coupons on Methuen Water Land Bonds, which are payable at that Bank, and that the Selectmen be authorized to sign an agreement, in behalf of the Town to indemnify said Bank from such loss.

No other business appearing, the meeting adjourned at twenty five minutes past three, without delay.

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe, Town Clerk

Methuen, August 14, 1901

I Joseph S. Howe of Methuen in the County of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as I am the Town Clerk of said

Methuen hereby appoint, Miss. H. Maud Merrill of said Methuen, to be assistant Town Clerk as provided by statute.

Attest

Jos. S. Howe, Town

Clerk of Methuen

And Miss H. Maud Merrill was sworn to the faithful performance of her duty as Assistant Town Clerk.

Jos. S. Howe, Town

Clerk.

Warrant for Special Town Meeting, Aug. 8, 1901, File 13, No. 3

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 Thursday the eighth day of August next at seven and one half o'clock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following articles to wit: -

- Article 1 To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- Article 2 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sign a contract agreeing to indemnify the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, against damages which may be caused by the laying out and construction of a section of State Highway on Merrimack Street, as provided for under Chapter 345 of the Acts of 1901.
- Article 3 To see what action the Town will take about entering into a contract with the Massachusetts Highway Commission in regard to building the section of State Highway about to be constructed on Merrimack Street. 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 school houses outside of the village 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 on or before the time of the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands and the seal of the Town of Methuen this thirtieth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and one.

(Seal)	George O. Marsh
} Selectmen	
} of	John H. George
} Methuen	Edward A. Brown

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Essex SS: - 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 printed copies of this warrant 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 before said meeting.

A true copy of warrant and return

Attest Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

Record of Special Town Meeting, August 8, 1901 Warrant No. 3 File 13

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 Thursday August eighth A.D. 1901, at seven and one half o'clock in the afternoon, pursuant to Warrant No. 3 File 13.

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

Article 1 **Moderator**

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

Article 2 **Contract Concerning State Road**

Mr. Marsh, Chairman of Selectmen, stated the reasons requiring action by the Town, and it was voted unanimously that the Selectmen be authorized to sign a contract agreeing to indemnify the Commonwealth of Massachusetts against damages which may be caused by the laying out and construction of a section of State Highway on Merrimack Street, as provided for under Chapter 345 of the Acts of 1901.

Article 3 **Building State Road**

Voted that the whole matter contained in Article 3 of the warrant be referred to the Selectmen with full power.

No other business appearing, the meeting adjourned sine die.

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe, Town Clerk.

Death of President McKinley

On the sixth day of September 1901, late in the afternoon, the people of Methuen were startled by the report that President McKinley had been shot by an assassin at Buffalo, where he had gone to attend the Pan American exhibition. The news was received with incredulity at first, and excited the whole Town. The next morning, the reports of his condition were more favorable, and continued to be so, for several days. On Thursday morning the report was received, that his physicians pronounced him as practically out of danger, and the excitement over the attempted assassination began to subside. On Friday morning news came that he had taken a sudden turn for the worse, and the reports became more and more unfavorable, through the day. Between three and four o'clock on Saturday morning, the tolling of the bell on the engine house announced to the towns people that the President was dead. The shock to the community was very great. On Saturday

evening Sept. 14 an informal meeting of citizens was held at the Town Hall. It was presided over by Hon. Guy W. Currier now Senator for this district. It was voted unanimously to hold a memorial service on the day of the funeral. Albert Le Dame, Alfred Sagar and Rev. Nathan Bailey were appointed a committee to arrange the exercises for the memorial service, and Guy W. Currier, Joseph S. Howe and James O. Parker were appointed a committee to prepare suitable resolutions. Thursday, Sept. 19th, the day of the funeral at Canton, Ohio, was generally observed as a day of mourning throughout the country. In Methuen all places of business were closed through the day, and memorial services were held at Nevins Memorial Hall at two o'clock p.m. A procession was formed in the square near the Town Hall, headed by Wm. B. Greene Post 100 G.A.R. and followed by the Town Officers, speakers at the service, members of the D.A.R., High School Cadets and citizens, and proceeded without music to the Nevins Memorial Hall, where exercises were held as follows: -

Hon. Guy W. Currier, presiding.

Singing, - "Jesus Lover of my soul" by the congregation.

Scripture reading, 1 Corinthians 15-20-58 by Rev. W. R. Libby of the Universalist Church.

Prayer by Rev. Nathan Bailey, Pastor of the Baptist Church.

Singing: - "Abide with me, fast falls the eventide".

The following resolutions were then read by Joseph S. Howe of the Committee on Resolutions.

Whereas, The people of the Town of Methuen are assembled in this hour of universal grief that they may give formal expression to the deep sorrow which they one and all feel for the death of the Chief Magistrate of the United States, be it therefore

Resolved, That in the death of William McKinley as the result of a causeless, purposeless, and wicked crime, there has been cut off in the fullness of its splendid powers, a life and career of singular devotions, and inestimable value to the country. A gallant soldier in the Army of the Union,

when a mere boy, a leader for many years in the councils of the nations, he rose
when elected to the
Presidency, to the full measure and dignity of his great office, the trusted
Executive of seventy five
millions of people; beloved by his own country, and respected by all the nations
of the earth.

Resolved: - That we express to Mrs. McKinley, the wife of the President, for
whom his tender
solicitude has so endeared him to all, - our sympathy in her great bereavement.

Resolved: - That to the new President, Theodore Roosevelt, brought so suddenly
face to face with
stupendous responsibilities, we pledge our loyal support, in the full faith that the
vast power with
which this tragedy has invested him, will be wisely and conscientiously exercised,
to the continuing
credit and honor and prosperity of the nation.

Committee

Guy W. Currier
Jos. S. Howe }
James O. Parker

Brief addresses, in support of the Resolutions, and appropriate to the occasion,
were made by:

Joseph E. Buswell, Representative from this district
Rev. Wm. B. Taylor, Pastor of the Primitive Methuen Church
Rev. John W. Adams, A citizen of Methuen.

A letter was read from Rev. Charles H. Oliphant, Pastor of the Congregational
Church who was
absent from the Town.

The resolutions were then adopted by a rising vote.

Singing by the congregation, of the hymn "Nearer My God to Thee", and
benediction by Rev. A.
Everett White, Supt. Of Schools, concluded the exercises, and the assemblage
dispersed.

The house was crowded during the service, and many could not gain admittance.

Jos. S. Howe, Town Clerk

Warrant for State Election, Nov. 5, 1901 File 13 No. 4

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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 directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified by law to vote in election of National, State, District, and County Officers, to meet and assemble at the designated polling places of Precinct One and Two namely: - the Town Hall in voting Precinct One, and the basement of the Arlington School House in voting Precinct Two, on Tuesday, the fifth (5) day of November next, at six o'clock in the forenoon, to bring in to the election officers their votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, Attorney General, Councilor, Senator Two Representatives in the General Court; County Commissioner, Two Associate Commissioners, District Attorney, Clerk of Courts, Sheriff. All to be voted for on one ballot. The polls may be closed at four o'clock p.m.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon to the Selectmen. Given under our hands and the seal of the Town of Methuen this twenty fifth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and one.

George O. Marsh } Selectmen
John H. George } of
Edward A. Bower } Methuen

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Essex SS:

Methuen,

Oct. 26th 1901

To the Selectmen of Methuen

Greeting: -

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen, qualified by law to vote in elections of National, State, District and County Officers to meet as within directed, by posting up attested printed copies of this warrant at each of the public

meeting houses and at the Town House, eight days before said meeting.

A true copy of Warrant and return Amos E. Jones, Constable of Methuen
Attest, Jos. J. Howe – Town Clerk.

Record of State Election, Nov. 5, 1901

**At meetings of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen in the County of
Essex, held in the
respective Precincts in said Town, pursuant to Warrant No. 4 File 13 on
Tuesday Nov. fifth**

A.D. 1901, the qualified voters of said Town brought in their written ballots for the
several officers
to be balloted for, and the same were received, sorted, counted, declared and
registered in open
Precinct meetings according to law, as appears by the certified returns from said
Precincts, trans-
mitted to the Town Clerk, and examined by the Selectmen and Town Clerk, and
according to said
returns, the following is the result of the election held as aforesaid.

	Precinct 2	Total	Precinct 1
Whole number of ballots cast			759
	287	1046	
For Governor			
Michael T. Berry of Haverhill – Socialist Labor Party			23
	17	40	
W. Murray Crane of Dalton – Republican			533
	197	730	
John B. Lewis, Jr. of Reading – Prohibition			10
	12	22	
Josiah Quincy of Boston – Democratic			133
	40	173	
George H. Wrenn of Springfield – Democratic Social			20
	8	28	
Blanks			40
	13	53	

For Lieutenant Governor

John L. Bates of Boston – Republican		517
	197	714
John W. Coughlin of Fall River – Democratic		137
	38	175
Alfred E. Jones of Everett – Socialist Labor		21
	14	35
William H. Partridge of Newton – Prohibition		12
	9	21
Charles W. White of Boston – Dem. Social		21
	10	31
Blanks		51
	19	70

For Secretary

Frederick W. Clark of Boston		21
	17	38
Alonzo H. Dennett of Middleborough		24
	8	32
Jeremiah O’Fihelly of Abington		24
	12	36
William M. Olin of Boston		503
	185	588
Willmore B. Stone of Springfield		110
	35	145
Blanks		77
	30	107

For Treasurer and Receiver General

George E. Batchelder of Lynnfield		15
	13	28
Wendell P. Bosworth of Brockton		22
	10	32
Edward S. Bradford of Springfield		499
	186	685
Joseph L. Chalifoux of Lowell		123
	35	158
Frederick A. Nagler of Springfield		21
	13	34
Blank		79
	30	109

For Auditor of Accounts

James F. Dean of Salem		114
	35	149
Frank Keefe of Lynn		21
	15	36
John H. Smith of Dalton		17
	14	31
Frank Thompson of Plymouth		23
	9	32
Henry E. Turner of Malden		501
	180	681
Blank		83
	34	117

For Attorney General

Allen Coffin of Nantucket		18
	13	31
John T. Hargraves of Worcester		23
	14	37
Herbert Parker of Lancaster		501
	189	690
Arthur A. Putnam of Uxbridge		121
	33	154
Clarence E. Spelman of Westfield		17
8	25	

For Councilor - Sixth District

Henry Benoit of Lawrence		46
	22	68
George M. Buttrick of Everett		16
	14	30
Francis L. Fletcher of Westford		118
	33	151
S. Herbert Howe of Marlborough		489
	184	673
Blank		90
	34	124

For Senator – Fifth Essex District

Amedee Cloutier of Lawrence		122
	36	158
John J. Duffy of North Andover		8
	7	15

George G. Frederick of Methuen	383
123 506	
Archie N. Frost of Lawrence	205
101 306	
William S. Searle of Methuen	8
7 15	
Fred Tepper of Lawrence	11
7 18	
Blank	22
6 28	

For Representative in General Court – 6th Essex District

John W. Bridge of Methuen	22
16 38	
Joseph E. Buswell of Methuen	453
169 622	
Albert L. Dame of Methuen	334
82 416	
Karl M. Ebert of Lawrence	338
158 496	
Alfred Holt of Methuen	15
14 29	
Otto Muller of Lawrence	123
50 173	
Frank J. O'Brien of Lawrence	11
9 20	
Byron L. Orff of Lawrence	11
7 18	
Gilbert G. Smith of Lawrence	8
8 16	
Joseph Stringer of Methuen	21
9 30	
Blank	182
52 234	

For County Commissioner

Wallace Bates of Lynn	493
187 680	
William J. Jackman of Lynn	33
16 49	
Asa T. Newhall of Lynn	118
36 29	
J. Choate Underhill of Hamilton	15
14 29	

Blank	100
34 134	

For Associate Commissioners

James W. Bailey of Merrimac	33
14 47	
Isaac A. Berry of Danvers	19
16 35	
Andrea H. Crispin of Gloucester	98
34 132	
Charles S. Grieves of Amesbury	26
14 40	
Sherman Nelson of Georgetown	456
170 626	
William M. Stuart of Lawrence	447
176 623	
Frank J. Whelan of Lawrence	89
30 119	
Blank	350
120 470	

For District Attorney

Charles H. Bradley of Haverhill	42
19 61	
W. Scott Peters of Haverhill	522
199 721	
Michael J. Sullivan of Salem	101
39 140	
Blank	94
30 124	

For Clerk of Courts

Edward B. George of Haverhill	549
197 746	
Albert L. Gillen of Haverhill	65
31 96	
Blank	145
59 204	

For Sheriff

Samuel A. Johnson of Salem	548
185 733	

Frank Lee of Lynn	72
33 105	
Frank N. Rand of Haverhill	42
19 61	
Blank	97
50 147	

Attest

Jos. S. Howe, Town Clerk

Meeting of City and Town Clerks – Nov. 15, 1901

**City of Lawrence, Mass.
City Clerk's Office, Nov. 15, 1901.**

At a meeting of the City Clerk of Lawrence and the Town Clerk of Methuen, said Town, and Wards One and Two of the said City of Lawrence forming the Sixth Essex Representative District, held at noon this day, in accordance with the provisions of Section 195 Chapter 417 Acts of 1893, upon comparing the transcript of 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 fifth A.D. 1901.

Methuen	Ward 1			Ward 2		
	Prc. 1	Prc. 2	Prc. 3	Prc. 4	Prc. 5	Prc. 1
Prc. 2 Total						
John W. Bridge of Methuen	8	2	5	8	6	22
16 67						
Joseph E. Buswell of Methuen	214	135	207	263	232	453
169 1673						
Albert L. Dame of Methuen	134	160	179	131	378	334
82 1398						
Karl M. Ebert of Lawrence	168	106	272	236	221	338
158 1497						
Alfred Holt of Methuen	6	8	21	14	22	15
14 101						
Otto Muller of Lawrence	197	155	337	121	419	123
50 1402						
Frank J. O'Brien of Lawrence	20	7	29	12	29	11
9 117						
Byron L. Orff of Lawrence	2	1	7	5	4	11
7 37						

Gilbert G. Smith of Lawrence	7	10	19	15	11	8
8 78						
Joseph Stringer of Methuen	27	4	24	6	25	21
9 116						
Blanks	63	74	92	99	156	182
52 718						

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

Joseph E. Buswell of Methuen
 And
 Karl M. Ebert of Lawrence

Attest

Jos. S. Howe, Town Clerk of Methuen

1902

Warrant for Annual Town Meting, March 3d, 1902 File 13 No. 5

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 directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet and assemble at the designated polling places of Precincts One and Two, namely:

The Town Hall in Voting Precinct One
 and

The Basement of the Arlington School House in Voting Precinct Two, on Monday, the third (3) day of March next, at six (6) o'clock in the forenoon to bring in to the election officers their votes for Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, Highway Surveyor, one School Committeeman to serve three (3) years in place of Kimball G. Colby, one Water Commissioner to serve three (3) years in place of John C. Sanborn, one Trustee of Nevins Memorial to serve two (2) years in place of Joseph S. Howe, one Tree Warden to serve one (1) year in place of John E. Davis, Constables, Auditor, Fence Viewers, and "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question, "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the Town?". All to be voted for on one ballot. The polls may be closed at four o'clock p.m. Also to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Saturday, the eighth (8) day of March

next, at one (1) 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 To elect all Town Officers not required to be chosen by ballot.
- 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 for 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 authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of taxes of the current municipal year, 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 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 two hundred (\$200) dollars for the purpose of decorating the graves of our soldiers and sailors on Memorial Day, May 30, 1902, said money to be expended under the direction of the above Post.
- Article 12 By request of Samuel Adams Chapter, D.A.R. to see if the Town will vote to appropriate one hundred dollars to assist in marking the graves of Revolutionary Soldiers.
- Article 13 By request of John Cunliffe and others, to see if the Town will vote to build a retaining wall on Railroad Street in front of the property of Elizabeth Ainsworth and John Cunliffe, a distance of about 120 feet, and appropriate one hundred (\$100) dollars for the same.

- Article 14 By request of William C. Sleeper and others to see if the Town will vote to macadamize Milk Street from East Street to Timber Lane, so called, and appropriate thirty five hundred (\$3,500.) dollars for same.
- Article 15 By request of William S. Searle and others to see if the Town will vote to macadamize Lowell Street from Lowell and Barker Streets to the corner of Lowell and Elm Streets. Providing the sewer is put in this year, to macadamize Lowell Street from Railroad Square to Barker Street after the sewer is completed, and appropriate three thousand (\$3000.) dollars for the same.
- Article 16 By request of A. A. Spofford and others, to see if the Town will vote to macadamize Quincy Street, from Swan Street to East Street, and appropriate one thousand (\$1000.) dollars for the same.
- Article 17 By request of Patrick J. Dooley, to see if the Town will vote to gravel Lowell Street from near the house of Mary E. Dowding to Dracut line, and appropriate seven hundred (\$700) dollars for the same.
- Article 18 By request of Patrick J. Dooley, to see if the Town will vote to clean out and lower the culvert near the house of Edmund Dowding on Lowell Street and appropriate fifty (\$50) for the same.
- Article 19 By request of Louis Reuter, to see if the Town will vote to widen the culvert, crossing East Street opposite land of said Reuter and appropriate fifty (\$50) dollars for the same.
- Article 20 By request of Elliott F. Dorr, to see if the Town will vote to repair North Street from Hampstead Street to Atkinson Street and appropriate two hundred and fifty (\$250) dollars for the same.
- Article 21 By request of James Robie to see if the Town will vote to repair William Street and appropriate two hundred and fifty (\$250) dollars for the same.
- Article 22 To see if the Town will appropriate and pay to Henry Gaunt, father of Ernest H. Gaunt, a minor, such sum not exceeding twenty five hundred (\$2,500) dollars as the Town may appropriate for this purpose. The payment of any such sum shall be in full consideration for injuries received by the said minor during the performance of a chemical experiment in the High School of the Town.
- Article 23 To see what action the Town will take with regard to the construction of sewers the present year towards the completion of the system adopted last year.

- Article 24 To see if the Town will vote to hire money for the construction of sewers, and take such action as the Town may think proper.
- Article 25 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate two thousand (\$2000) dollars for the construction of permanent sidewalks the present year, the same to be expended under the direction of the same committee appointed last year.
- Article 26 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate two hundred (\$200.) dollars for street improvements in the Town of Methuen, the same to be expended under the direction of the Town Improvement Society.
- Article 27 By request of Frank Remick and others to see what instructions the Town will give its Board of Selectmen with reference to the petition of the Boston & Northern Street Railway Company for a double track on Broadway to the present turnout on Hampshire Street.
- Article 28 By request of Joseph Stringer and others to see if the Town will vote to build a school house the coming season in the east part of the Town in or near Fairview and appropriate five thousand (\$5000.) dollars for the same.
- Article 29 By request of the Committee appointed to take into consideration the present methods of conducting Town affairs salaries, etc. and recommend changes. To see if the Town will vote to accept sections 335, 338 and 339 of Chapter 11 of the Public Statutes relating to the election of Town Officers.
- Article 30 To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following By-Law: - There shall be a Financial Committee, consisting of the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor, Chairman of the Board of Assessors, Chairman of the School Committee, Chairman of the Water Commissioners, Chief of the Fire Department and nine (9) other legal voters who shall hold no other Town office and who shall be appointed by the five (5) above named officials for the term of one (1) year, beginning with the first day of January, and who shall serve without pay. Said committee shall consider all articles in the Warrant calling for an appropriation of money, and shall report thereon at the Town Meeting. They shall have the power to fill vacancies in their committee.
- Article 31 By request of Joseph L. Clark and others, to see if the Town will build a paved gutter on the west side of Summer Street, to take care of the water which drains from the Town lot and appropriate one hundred dollars for the same.
- Article 32 By request of German S. Phippen and others, to see if the Town will vote to regulate the sale of the Town's water.

- Article 33 By request of James H. Lyons and others, to see if the Town will vote to adopt the following By-Law: No member of the Board of Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Board of Health, Water Commissioners, or School Committee, or any officer chosen or appointed by them or by the legal voters of the Town, shall be interested in a private capacity, either directly or indirectly in any sale, contract or agreement for labor or any materials, goods, wares or merchandise furnished to the Town wherein said Town is a party interested;; nor shall be directly or indirectly, for himself or any other person, receive any commission discount, bonus, present or reward from the person or persons making such sale, contract or agreement, or furnishing such materials, goods wares or merchandise. Provided, that an exception shall be made to the above By-Law, so as to allow the furnishing of one driving horse when found necessary to facilitate the Town business, and also in the case of a snow blockade, when this By-Law shall not apply.
- Article 34 By request of Albert B. Gordon, to see if the Town will vote to repeal Section 2 of the Town By-Laws, and adopt the following By-Law as Section 2. The warrants for all Town meetings shall be directed to either of the Constables of the Town, and meetings shall be notified by posting an attested printed copy of the Warrant at the Town House and at some public place in each voting precinct eight days at least before the day of meeting, and whenever a special meeting is called he shall also cause the same to be printed in some newspaper, if there is one printed in the Town, once a week for two successive weeks, the last publication to be not less than one day before the day of meeting.
- Article 35 By request of John Q. Hill, Highway Surveyor, to see if the Town will vote to buy an engine and boiler for crusher plant and appropriate one thousand (\$1000) dollars for the same.
- Article 36 By request of John Q. Hill, Highway Surveyor, to see, if the Town will vote to buy a ledge and appropriate a sum of money for that purpose.
- Article 37 By request of J. W. C. Reed, to see if the Town will vote to construct a sewer in French Court, a distance of about two hundred feet, and appropriate two hundred (\$200.) dollars for the same.
- Article 38 To see if the Town will vote to place a watering fountain in the Tenney Street Square and appropriate seventy five (\$75) dollars for the same.
- Article 39 By request of the Water Commissioners, to see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the earnings of the works, the sum of three thousand five hundred (\$3500) dollars to be placed in the Sinking Fund.

- Article 40 To see if the Town will vote to sell a tract of land on Lowell Street to George A. Closson.
- Article 41 By request of C. E. Richardson, to see if the Town will vote to purchase two hundred feet of hose to be used in connection with the reel now located near Smith's corner and make an appropriation for the same.
- Article 42 To see if the Town will vote to reimburse Fred Miller the amount of taxes overpaid by him during the years from 1891 to 1899, the same to be charged to the general abatement for 1902.
- Article 43 By request of William B. Taylor and others, to see if the Town will vote to discontinue the use of four Welsbach lights opposite the playsteads and appropriate one hundred and thirty six (\$136) dollars for the same.
- Article 44 By request of Joseph Stringer and others, to see if the Town will vote to establish a light opposite or near the drinking fountain at Fairview and appropriate eighteen (\$18) dollars for the same.
- Article 45 By request of Moses G. Smith and others, to see if the Town will vote to erect and maintain a light (an electric arc light preferred) at the junction of Orchard and Lowell Streets and make an appropriation for the same.
- Article 46 By request of Alfred Newsholme, to see if the Town will vote to erect and maintain an electric arc light at the junction of Oakland Avenue and Lowell Street and appropriate seventy (\$70) dollars for the same.
- Article 47 By request of James Robie, to see if the Town will vote to erect and maintain a Welsbach light at the corner of Walnut and William Streets and appropriate twenty four dollars for the same.
- Article 48 By request of Herman Kleiner and others to see if the Town will vote to erect and maintain and maintain an electric light on Boston Street, opposite Olive Street, and appropriate eighteen (\$18) dollars for the same.
- Article 49 By request of Fred Koenig to see if the Town will vote to maintain an incandescent light at the junction of Vermont and Boylston Streets and appropriate eighteen (\$18) dollars for the same.
- Article 50 By request of Agnes McCartney to see if the Town will vote to erect and maintain a Welsbach light at the corner of Centre and French Streets and appropriate twenty four (\$24) dollars for the same.
- Article 51 By request of Edward A. Sawyer, to see if the Town will vote to maintain a Welsbach light at the junction of Edgewood Avenue and School Street, and appropriate twenty four (\$24) dollars for the same.

- Article 52 To see if the Town will vote to maintain a Welsbach light at the corner of Broadway and High Street and appropriate twenty four (\$24) dollars for the same.
- Article 53 To see if the Town will vote to accept Chaning Street as laid out by the Selectmen, as shown on plan of the Oaklands, running from East to Oak Street.
- Article 54 To see if the Town will vote to accept the widening and altering Oakland Avenue at its junction with Broadway as laid out by the Selectmen.
- Article 55 To see if the Town will vote to accept Smith Avenue as laid out by the Selectmen, beginning at point on Lowell Street, and running westerly about 300 feet.

And you 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 (8) days at least before said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk on or before the time of the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands and the seal of the Town of Methuen, this twenty first (21) day of February, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and two.

(Seal)	George O. Marsh } Selectmen
of	John H. George }
Methuen	Edward A. Bower }

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Essex SS: -

Methuen, Feb. 22, 1902.

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 printed copies of this warrant at each of the public meeting houses, also 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

Record of Annual Town Meeting, March Third 1902

At meetings of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen in the County of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts held in the respective Precincts in said Town, pursuant to Warrant No. 5 File 13 on Monday, March third A.D. 1902 votes for the several officers to be balloted for, and on the question “Shall Licenses be granted for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors in this Town?” and the same were received, sorted, counted, declared and registered in open Precinct meetings, according to law, as appears by the certified returns from said Precincts, transmitted to the Town Clerk and examined by him in conjunction with the Board of Registrars of Voters. And According to the returns, the following appears as the result of the election held as aforesaid.

	Prc. 1	Prc. 2	Total
The whole number of ballots cast was	748	257	1005
For Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of Poor			
Edward A. Bower, 3 Kirk St.	622	227	849
Millard F. Emerson, 379 Pelham St.	654	213	768
George O. Marsh, 41 Hampshire St.	610	217	827
John E. Davis	1		1
John F. Ridley	1		1
C. D. Holman	1		1
Frank Remick	1		1
Ed. Taylor	1		1
Blank	353	114	467

And Edward A. Bower, Millard F. Emerson and George O. Marsh were declared elected Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor, and were sworn into those offices respectively.

For Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes

Joseph S. Howe, 8 Stevens St.	642	221	863
Blank	106	36	142

And Joseph S. Howe was declared elected Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes and was duly sworn into each of those offices by Wm. M. Rogers, Esq.

For School Committee – 3 Years

Kimball G. Colby, 147 Broadway	599	213	812
Blank	148	44	192
A. E. White	1		1

And Kimball G. Colby was declared elected School Committee for three years.

For Trustee Nevins Memorial – 2 years

Joseph S. Howe, 8 Stevens St.	622	211	833
Blank	126	46	172

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

For Auditor

Charles H. T. Mann, 83 Prospect St.	546	195	741
Blank	202	62	264

And Charles H. T. Mann was declared elected Auditor and was sworn.

For Highway Surveyor

Jesse J. Prescott, 430 Pelham St.	500	195	695
Charles B. Woodburn, 15 Elsmere Ave.	227	59	286
Blank	21	3	24

And Jesse J. Prescott was declared elected Highway Surveyor and was sworn.

For Tree Warden

Stephen J. Barker, Orchard St.	427	167	594
John E. Davis, 65 Hampshire	232	50	282
John George	1		1
Henry Arnold	2		2
Walter Leach	1		1
Blank	85	40	125

And Stephen J. Barker was declared elected Tree Warden and was sworn.

For Water Commissioner – 3 years

Alfred Newsholme, 156 Lowell	577	186	763
John C. Sanborn		2	2
Blank	171	69	240

And Alfred Newsholme was declared elected Water Commissioner for three years and was sworn.

For Constables

Horace S. Blake, 25 Central St.	432	152	584
Albert B. Gordon, 30 Osgood St.	534	190	726
Thomas N. Hubbard, 1 Richardson Ct.	303	84	387
Amos G. Jones, 64 Union St.	530	171	701
William Moore, 43 Tenney	391	189	580
Eugene Murphy, 124 Broadway	250	56	306
William J. Oliver, 8 Annis	509	218	727
James C. Taylor, 45 Railroad	483	167	650
Nathan T. Morse	1		1
John J. Clark	1		1
F. E. Doyen	1		1
Blank	1		1

And Horace S. Blake, Albert B. Gordon, Amos G. Jones, William Moore, William J. Oliver and James C. Taylor, were declared elected Constables and sworn.

For Fence Viewers

Charles Hutchins, 32 Pelham St.	519	180	699
Addison P. Russell, 72 Merrimack	525	179	704
S. Wesley Young, 354 Pelham	529	182	711
Blank	671	230	901

And Charles Hutchins, Addison P. Russell and S. Wesley Young were declared elected Fence Viewers and sworn.

License Vote

Yes	233	83	316
No	421	148	569
Blank	94	26	120

Attest Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk.
Record of Business Meeting, March 8, 1902

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, 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 March A.D. 1902 at one o'clock in the afternoon, to elect the Town Officers not chosen by ballot and to transact the business of the Annual Town Meeting. The meeting was called to order at one o'clock p.m. by Joseph S. Howe, Town Clerk, who read the warrant for the meeting.

Article 1 **Moderator**

The polls were opened for the choice of Moderator, the checklist being used. Granville E. Foss was chosen Moderator by a unanimous vote and was sworn.

Article 2 **Officers not chosen by ballot**

The meeting then proceeded to the choice of those officers not to be chosen by ballot, as follows:-

Field Drivers

Andrew J. Devine

Surveyors of Plastering

Silas K. Nowell	Charles E. Russell	John W. Moss
Frank Buckminster	Nahum P. Winn	

Surveyors of Lumber

John H. George, sworn	James O. Parker, sworn	
Isaac C. Brown, sworn	Charles Hutchins, sworn	
Millard F. Emerson, sworn	George O. Marsh, sworn	
James H. Lyons, sworn	Samuel Emerson, sworn	
George W. Copp, sworn	Addison P. Russell	William
Waterworth		

Surveyors of Wood and Bark

George O. Marsh, sworn	Josiah W. Bodwell	Millard F. Emerson,
sworn		
John H. George, sworn	Isaac C. Brown, sworn	
Frederick A. Russell	Charles E. Richardson	

Pound Keepers

David M. Cole	Joseph E. Buswell
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Article 3 **Selectmen's Report**
Voted, to receive and accept the Annual Report of the Selectmen.

Article 4 **Appropriations**

Mr. Jacob Emerson addressed the meeting in favor of care and economy in making appropriations. Each item in the Selectmen's estimate was taken up by itself, and the appropriations as finally agreed upon and voted were as follows: -

For

Teaching, janitorship and fuel, as recommended by the School Committee,
twenty one thousand five hundred dollars
\$21,500.00

School supplies, eighteen hundred dollars
1,800.00

Repairs on School Houses, two thousand dollars
2,000.00

Contingencies for schools, eight hundred dollars
800.00

Superintendent of Schools, fifteen hundred dollars
1,500.00

Evening Schools, one hundred and twenty five dollars
125.00

Opening roads and sanding sidewalks, one thousand dollars
1,000.00

Highways and bridges, three thousand dollars
3,000.00

Salary of Highway Surveyor, twelve hundred dollars
1,200.00

Repairs on macadam, seven hundred dollars
700.00

Sidewalks, one thousand dollars
1,000.00

Edgestone and flagging, seven hundred dollars
700.00

Expenses of Tree Warden, three hundred dollars
300.00

Sewer Department, fifteen hundred dollars
1,500.00

Fire Department, as recommended by Engineers, three thousand dollars
3,000.00

Town Teams, five hundred dollars
500.00

Street Lights, forty four hundred dollars
4,400.00

Contingencies, two thousand dollars	2,000.00	
Health Department, two thousand dollars	2,000.00	
Police Department, three thousand dollars	3,000.00	
Pauper Department, five thousand dollars	5,000.00	
Soldiers' Relief, three hundred dollars	300.00	
Military Aid, three hundred dollars	300.00	
Water for hydrants, drinking fountains & sprinkling street, three thousand dollars	3,000.00	
Watering streets, two hundred and fifty dollars	250.00	
Interest on Town Debt, five thousand dollars	5,000.00	
Collection of Taxes, nine hundred and fifty dollars	950.00	
Town Officers, twenty five hundred dollars	<u>2,500.00</u>	
		Total
	\$69,325.00	

Voted, that the sum in the Treasury received from the Street Railway Company (\$4302.93) be spent in repairs on macadam, and that the amount received from excise tax (\$1651.15) be expended on streets through which the street railway runs.

Article 5 Collection of Taxes

Voted: - That taxes be collected the same as last year, and 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 Temporary Loans

Voted: - by a unanimous vote, that for the purpose of procuring a temporary loan, to and for the use of the Town of Methuen in anticipation of the taxes of the present municipal year, the Town Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to borrow from time to time with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, a sum or sums not exceeding in the aggregate, sixty thousand dollars, and to execute and deliver the note or notes of the Town therefore, payable within one year from the time the loan is made. Any debt

or debts incurred by a loan or loans to the Town under this note shall be paid from the said taxes of the present municipal year.

Article 7

Jury List

The Jury List was next considered. Henry A. Merrill, John H. Russell, Lorin O.

Norris and Henry N. Hall were excused from serving, at their own request. The following named persons were substituted for those excused. The Jury List as thus amended, was then accepted and approved, and is as follows for the current municipal year.

Austin Charles, Lumber dealer	Dodge Selwin A., Grocer
Bodwell Willard A., Farmer	Dowding Edmund, Farmer
Brown Kirk F., Provision dealer	Emerson Charles H.,
Carpenter	
Bunting George, Wool sorter	Emerson J. Frank, Clerk
Carleton George N., Laborer	Emerson James O., Janitor
Carrow Peter, Harness maker	Emerson Millard F., Farmer
Clark Aaron H., Editor	Emerson Samuel, Farmer
Colby Thomas C., Carpenter	Flahive Maurice, Watchman
Collins Thomas, Shoe dealer	Foss Granville E., Salesman
Copp George W., Contractor	Foster Frederick W., Farmer
Coburn Hugh F., Farmer	Graham John M., Stable
keeper	
Coburn Tristram W., Laborer	Gammons Thompson E.,
Bookkeeper	
Coburn J. Varnum, Farmer	George John H., Farmer
Craven James F., Insurance Agent	Gilcreast Walter L. S.,
Bookkeeper	
Crompton Henry H., Section hand	Griffin Rufus A., Farmer
Cox Patrick, Butcher	Hall Charles H., Gardener
Dumas George B., Painter	Holman Silas L., Day goods
dealer	
Howe Joseph S., Civil Engineer	Richardson Varnum B.,
Farmer	
Jones Amos G., Janitor	Reynolds Edward P., Farmer
Johnson James E., Engineer	Ridley John F., Bookkeeper
Kimball Sylvanus G., Farmer	Russell Addison P., Farmer
Lazelle Henry R., Farmer	Russell William H., Loom
fixer	
Lippold Carl S., Farmer	Salls James E., Farmer
Low John G., Clerk	Sargent Charles H.,
Operative	
Lowell Levi U., Salesman	Sargent Walter S., Farmer
Lyman Edward E., Painter	Sawyer Daniel H., Carpenter

Mack Thomas, Operative	Sawyer William C., Farmer
Mannifield John T., Machinist	Sleeper William C., Farmer
Moriarty Edward F., Clerk	Swain Charles F.,
Manufacturer	
Marsh George O., Farmer	Smith Moses G., Contractor
Mackenzie Alexander D., Farmer	Stevens Granville C., Farmer
Merrill Joseph E. Farmer	Taylor Thomas, Farmer
Messer Cummings, Laborer	Tenney Daniel W.,
Manufacturer	
Morse William P., Farmer	Tenney George W.,
Manufacturer	
Nichols Lysander M., Shoemaker	Webster Fred M., Gardener
Nice Benjamin, Clerk	Webster George K., Farmer
Peaslee Orlando A. Painter	Whittier Horace A., Farmer
Richardson, Charles E. Farmer	Young S. Wesley, Farmer

Article 8

Report of Committees

The Committee appointed to examine and report on case of Ernest Gaunt presented the following report.

Committee on Case of Ernest Gaunt

“To the voters of the Town of Methuen,

Gentlemen: - The Committee chosen at the last Town Meeting to make investigation concerning the accident in the High School, whereby Ernest Gaunt was injured, have endeavored to perform their duty with fidelity.

We visited the school laboratory and gained information separately from a number of pupils in the chemistry class who were present when it occurred. We believe the School Committee have intended to supply every appliance necessary for work there, and they, as well as all other right minded citizens, deplore the results of this occurrence. We ascertained that there was an ample supply of test tubes for all of the scholars in the class to make use of; they being of much larger size than the ignition tube selected by Ernest Gaunt and one or two others.

The teacher informed this committee that earlier in the season the class had been instructed against using these small tubes for experiments, except by permission, but at this time the class was in charge of a substitute teacher, and the two or three pupils, in a class of thirteen selecting these small ones had either forgotten previous instructions or disregarded them.

We think the textbook in use should be more specific in stating what size tubes to make use of for the experiments, as there is only one place in the

book where the size of tube for an experiment is given. Ignition tube is simply a general term, applicable to any size, as they may be one quarter inch bore or many times that size, and too much is left to the discretion of the instructor, or pupil performing the work.

The teacher in charge at the time this occurred stated that she three times cautioned the class about the quantity to use, and gave instructions about holding the tube while heating; and several of the pupils testified to the same.

It is the conviction of this Committee that the quantity used was not the factor that caused the explosion, but making use of a tube that was not adapted to such a test, and it is our opinion if the regular teacher had been present there would have been much less likelihood of this accident.

This Committee, by good authority, have ascertained that the Town is not legally liable for an accident of this kind but owing to the large expense Mr. Gaunt has been obliged to incur, (some six hundred dollars already, and to the fact that the young man will be obliged to wear an artificial eye, as well as have the occasional attendance of a physician, we feel that we can do no less than recommend a payment of fifteen hundred dollars.

Edwin J. Castle
Charles F. Swain } Committee
Lorin O. Norris
Kirk F. Brown

Methuen, Mass. March 8, 1902

It was voted to accept the report of the Committee and also that the thanks of the Town be tendered to the Committee for their services.

Article 22

Ernest Gaunt

On motion of Mr. C. W. Mann it was unanimously voted that the Town appropriate and pay to Henry Gaunt, father of Ernest H. Gaunt, a minor, the sum of twenty five hundred dollars for injuries while performing a chemical experiment in the High School.

Mr. Mann moved that the School Committee be instructed to discontinue the dangerous use of chemicals in the schools of Methuen. The motion was lost.

The Committee on new school house reported verbally that it is not advisable to attempt to build a new school house the present year, and their report was accepted.

The Committee appointed to consider changes in the methods of doing Town business, reported verbally by the Chairman Mr. Buswell, that their report had been printed, and that they desired that action thereon should be postponed to the adjourned meeting.

Report.

Report of the Committee appointed to take into consideration the present methods of conducting Town affairs, salaries of Town Officers, etc. and to recommend changes.

Your Committee appointed at the last annual Town meeting to take into consideration the present methods of conducting Town affairs, salaries of Town officials, etc. after careful investigation of the manner in which the Town's business is conducted in Methuen, and comparing it with other towns of a similar size in the state, believe that the interests of the citizens would be better served if a change were made in the Town offices. As is well known a large number of towns in this state elect separate boards of Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor and Boards of Health, and of ten (10) towns, ranging from 7,061 to 8,263 inhabitants five (5) being next larger and five (5) next smaller than Methuen, only one Town (West Springfield) has the same officials serving as Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor, and the same person serving as Town Treasurer, Town Clerk and Collector of Taxes, as is the case in Methuen.

With an increase of fifty (50) per cent in the valuation of this Town between 1890 and 1900, with the increasing amounts appropriated each succeeding year, with the addition of a Board of Health (created in 1896) and a corresponding increase in the other departments of the Town, your committee believe that the Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor and Board of Health should be relieved from the burden of the routine work, which should be entrusted to a competent clerk, following the example of the School Department and Water Works.

Your Committee believe that as the duties of the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor are not arduous, these two offices should be combined but that there should be a separate Board of Assessors and a separate Board of Health.

Anyone who has served as Selectman, Assessor, Overseer of the Poor and member of the Board of Health during the past few years and is familiar with the multitudinous duties which have devolved upon him cannot fail to see that a division of offices, as proposed, must naturally result in a more satisfactory transaction of the Town's business.

Of the necessity of a Board of Assessors devoting their undivided attention to that department and a Board of Health unhampered by other offices, the citizens are well aware.

We believe the acceptance of the statute allowing the Town to elect a Town Clerk, who shall serve in addition to that office as clerk for the Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor and Board of Health, and do the routine work now performed by the Town officials, would be a distinct advantage over the present methods. The need of a finance committee to examine and report on articles in the warrant calling for an appropriation of money has been discussed and urged many times, and the by-law your Committee present for acceptance is drafted after similar ones adopted by other towns. The amount of the salaries of the offices as recommended by your committee will be less than the Town has paid for the past two years, and no increase in the average expense of the past five years. Believing that the changes proposed would result in serving the best interest of all concerned, and for the reasons given above your committee unanimously recommend that the Town vote to accept the sections of Chapter eleven of the Public Statutes as called for, elect the following officers in the manner proposed, appropriate the amounts asked for salaries and adopt the by-law as called for in Article 29 of the Warrant, as follows:

1. That the Town vote to accept sections 335, 338, and 339 of Chapter 11 of the Public Statutes, relating to the election of Town Officers. Said change to go into effect March 3, 1903.
2. That the Town vote to elect a board of Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor consisting of three members, and elect one for the term of one year, one for the term of two years, and one for the term of three years, and at each annual meeting thereafter elect one for the term of three years, as the term of office of one expires, and appropriate \$350 for the same, to be divided as follows: Chairman \$150.; 2 Selectmen at \$100 each.
3. That the Town vote to elect a Board of Assessors, consisting of three members and elect one for the term of one year, one for the term of two years, and one for the term of three years, and at each annual meeting thereafter elect one for the term of three years, as the term of office of one expires, and appropriate \$500 for the same, to be divided as follows: Chairman \$200 – 2 Assessors at \$150 each.
4. That the Town vote to elect a Board of Health consisting of three persons, one of whom shall be a physician who shall serve for terms of one two and three years respectively; beginning with the day following the meeting at which they are elected, or until their

respective successors are chosen and qualified; and thereafter the Town shall at its annual meeting choose one member of such board, who shall hold office for three years from the day following such meeting and until another is chosen and qualified in his stead, and appropriate \$175 for the same, to be divided as follows: Chairman \$75.00 – 2 members of Board of Health at \$50.00 each.

5. That the Town vote to elect a Treasurer and Collector of Taxes and appropriate \$1000.00 for same, and that the Treasurer's bond be furnished by some surety company authorized to do business in this state and to be paid for out of the contingency fund.
6. That the Town vote to elect a Town Clerk for the term of three years, said Clerk to serve as Clerk for the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Assessors and Board of Health, and to devote his entire time to the business of the Town during business hours, and appropriate \$1000.00 for the same.
7. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following By-Law:
There shall be a Finance Committee consisting of the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor, Chairman of the Board of Assessors, Chairman of the School Committee, Chairman of the Water Commissioners, Chief of the Fire Department and nine other legal voters, who shall hold no other Town office, and shall be appointed by the five above named officials for the term of one year beginning with the first day of January, and who shall serve without pay. Said Committee shall consider all articles in the warrant calling for an appropriation of money and shall report thereon at the Town meeting. They shall have power to fill vacancies in this Committee.

Respectfully submitted

Joseph E. Buswell
Frank Remick
John D. Emerson } Committee
Wm. D. Hartshorne
Alfred Newsholme

Article 23 **Sewer Construction**

Article 23 was next considered. On motion of Mr. George it was unanimously voted that thirty five thousand dollars be appropriated for the construction of sewers the present year.

Article 28 **New School House**

By request Article 28 was next considered.
It was voted to pass over Article 28 of the warrant.
The following letter was read to the meeting.

City of

Boston, Feb. 28, 1902

Mr. W. D. Hartshorne,
Chairman, School Committee, Methuen, Mass.

My Dear Mr. Hartshorne,

Within a few days I have been informed that your Committee contemplated the erection in the near future, of a school house in the eastern part of Methuen, somewhere near my old home. If this information is correct, I should be pleased to present to my native Town a tract of land containing 20,000 sq. feet, situated just off Merrimac Street in the Pleasant Valley District, and extending from Alton Road to Booth Road, comprising lots nos. 16, 17, 38 and 39, as per plan of survey made by J. A. Latham C.E. of Providence, R.I. in 1897. This land is well situated for school house purposes, being dry and of sufficient elevation to command an extensive view as well as to be thoroughly drained. It is handy to the electric cars, and yet far enough away to be free from noise and danger. A building on this lot would naturally face on Booth Road; the end facing on Alton Road contains a few noble oak trees, which would make a delightfully shady playground for the children in the warm weather. This tract is the last foot of land which I own of my birth place, "The Old Bradley Farm Homestead," – and I have always had in mind its use for school house purposes on account of its desirable situation. If this location is in that part of the district which in the judgment of your Committee requires new school accommodations, I should be pleased in memory of my beloved sister, Elizabeth Bradley who, during her whole life was deeply interested in the welfare of the children of "Pleasant Valley", to present through your Committee to the Town of Methuen, the lots of

land above mentioned; and this is offered without any reservation, except that the land shall be forever used for school house purposes, and that a school building shall be erected thereon within the next five years.

Very truly yours,

J. Payson Bradley

It was unanimously voted that the Town accept the proposition of Mr. Bradley under the conditions named in his letter, and that a vote of thanks be extended to him for his generous gift to his native Town.

Article 25 **Sidewalks**

Article 25 was next taken up. Mr. Oliphant moved that the sum of two thousand dollars be appropriated for the construction of permanent sidewalks, the present year, the same to be expended under the direction of the same Committee appointed last year. Daniel W. Tenney, Robert Driver, David M. Bruce.

A motion to lay Article 25 upon the table was defeated, Yes 41 No 63, and the motion made by Mr. Oliphant was carried and two thousand dollars appropriated.

Article 9 **Fire Department**

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

Article 10 **Dog taxes**

Voted. That the money received from dog licenses, in accordance with Chapter 102 Section 163 of the Revised Laws, be appropriated for the use of the schools.

Article 11 **Memorial Day**

Voted: - that two hundred dollars be appropriated for the purpose of decorating the graves of our soldiers and sailors on Memorial Day, May 30, 1902, said money to be expended under the direction of the Col. Wm. B. Greene Post 100 G.A.R.

Article 12 **Marking Graves Rev. Soldiers**

Voted to appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars to assist in marking the graves of Revolutionary Soldiers.

Article 13 **Retaining Wall**

Voted to build a retaining wall on Railroad Street in front of the property of Elizabeth Ainsworth and John Cunliffe a distance of about 120 feet and appropriate one hundred dollars for the same; to be taken from regular appropriation.

Article 37 **French Court Sewer**

By request, Article 37 was considered.
Voted, to construct a sewer in French Court, a distance of about two hundred feet, and appropriate two hundred dollars for that purpose.

Article 14 **Macadam Milk Street**

Voted to pass over Article 14 of the Warrant.

Article 15 **Macadam**

Voted to pass over Article 15 of the Warrant.

Article 16 **Macadam**

Voted to pass over Article 16 of the Warrant.

Article 17 **Lowell St.**

Voted to pass over Article 17 of the Warrant.

Articles 43- **Street Lights**

52 Voted that Articles 43 to 52 inclusive, relating to street lights, be referred to the Street Light Committee of last year, it being the committee appointed Sept. 25, 1897. At twenty minutes past five, it was voted to adjourn for one week, to Saturday March 15, at one o'clock p.m.

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe, Town Clerk.

Methuen,

March 15, 1902

Record of Adjourned Town Meeting

The Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Town affairs met at the Town Hall at one o'clock p.m. according to adjournment, the Moderator in the chair.

Article 18 **Culvert Lowell St.**

Voted to clean out and lower the culvert near the house of Edmund Dowding on Lowell Street, and appropriate fifty dollars for the same.

Article 19 **Culvert East St.**

Voted: - to widen the culvert crossing East Street opposite land of Louis Reuter, and appropriate fifty dollars for the same.

Article 20 **North St.**

Voted to pass over Article 20 of the Warrant.

The number of voters in the hall being small, it was voted to take a recess until two o'clock.

The meeting reassembled at two o'clock and proceeded to the consideration of Article 21 of the Warrant.

Article 21 **William St.**

Voted to repair William Street and appropriate two hundred and fifty dollars for the same, and that the expense be taken from the regular appropriation.

Article 24 **Sewer Loan**

Voted: - by a unanimous vote, that for the purpose of paying for the construction of sewers, the Town Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to borrow with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, the sum of thirty five thousand dollars and to execute and deliver the notes of the Town therefore, payable as follows: - then thousand dollars in five years from the date of issue and twenty five thousand dollars in thirty years from the date of issue, with interest thereon at the rate of three and one half per cent per annum payable semi-annually.

Article 26 **Street Improvement**

Voted: to appropriate two hundred dollars, for street improvements in the Town of Methuen, the same to be expended under the direction of the Town Improvement Society and Tree Warden.

Article 27 **Boston & Northern St. R.R. Co.**

After considerable discussion of Article 27, Mr. Newsholme moved that the Selectmen be requested to give the Boston & Northern Street Railway Company leave to withdraw their petition for a double track on Broadway to the present turnout on Hampshire St. and the motion was carried.

Voted: - that the Selectmen be instructed to ask the Railroad Company to repair the road from Central Square to Brown Street.

Voted: - that the Selectmen be instructed to refuse to extend the time to the Boston and Northern St. R.R. Co. for the construction of the road from Brown St. to Oakland Ave. and also to the Lawrence and Methuen R.R. Co. for an extension of time to complete their road.

Article 29 **Town Officers**

Voted to pass over Article 29 of the Warrant.

Article 30 **Committee**

The Town voted to adopt the following By-Law.

There shall be a Financial Committee, consisting of the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor, Chairman of the School Committee, Chairman of the Water Commissioners, Chief of the Fire Department and nine other legal voters who shall hold no other Town office, and who shall be appointed by the Town Meeting for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of January, and who shall serve without pay. Said Committee shall consider all Articles in the warrant calling for an appropriation of money, and shall give at least one public hearing to parties interested before any Town meeting and shall report thereon at the Town Meeting. They shall have the power to fill vacancies in their Committee.

Voted to proceed to the appointment of a committee of nine from the floor. The following persons were appointed: Daniel W. Tenney, James O. Parker, Joseph E. Buswell, Fred Miller, Jacob Emerson, Wm. H. Craven, George B. DeMars, Samuel Emerson and Moses G. Smith.

Article 31 **Summer St.**

Voted: - that the whole subject contained in Article 31 of the Warrant be referred to the Selectmen with power to sell and convey the land owned by the Town situated in the vicinity of Summer St., meaning thereby the lot where the ledge was taken out, and the lot where gravel has been taken.

Article 32 **Water rates**

Voted – that the present water rates be continued. The subject of extending water pipes up Pelham Street was referred to the Water Commissioners.

Article 33 **By-Law**

Voted to adopt the following By-Law.

No member of the Board of Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Board of Health, Water Commissioners, School Committee or Highway Surveyor shall be interested in a private capacity either directly or indirectly in any sale, contract or agreement for labor or any materials, goods, wares or merchandise furnished to the Town wherein said Town is a party interested nor shall he directly or indirectly, for himself or any other person receive any commission, discount, bonus, present or reward from the person or persons making such materials, goods, wares or merchandise. Provided, that an exception shall be made to the above By-Law, so as to allow the furnishing of one driving horse when found necessary to facilitate the Town business, and also in the case of a snow blockade, when this By-Law shall not apply.

Article 34 **By-Law**

Voted: - to repeal Section 2 of the Town By-Laws, and to adopt the following By-Law as Section 2.

The warrant for all Town meetings shall be directed to either of the Constables of the Town, and meetings shall be notified by posting an attested printed copy of the Warrant at the Town House and at some public place in each voting precinct eight days at least before the day of meeting; and whenever a special meeting is called he shall also cause the same to be printed in some newspaper, if there is one printed in the Town, once a week for two successive weeks, the last publication to be not less than one day before the day of meeting.

Article 35 **Engine & Boiler**

Voted: - to pass over Article 35 of the Warrant.

Article 36 **Ledge**

Voted to refer Article 36 to the Selectmen, to investigate and report thereon to the next Annual Town Meeting.

Article 38 **Watering Place**

A motion to pass over Article 38 was lost.

Voted, that the Water Commissioners be requested to place a watering fountain in the Tenney Street Square and that the cost thereof be taken from the water works funds.

Article 39 **Sinking Fund**

in said Town, on Tuesday the first day of April next, at seven and one half o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles to wit: -

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

Article 2 By request of John C. Sanborn and others, to see if the Town will vote to rescind the vote passed under Article 33 of the warrant, at the adjourned Annual Town Meeting held the 15th of March instant, whereby it was voted to adopt the following By-Law.

No member of the Board of Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Board of Health, Water Commissioners, School Committee or Highway Surveyor, shall be interested in a private capacity either directly or indirectly in any sale, contract, or agreement for labor, or any materials, goods, wares, or merchandise furnished to the Town wherein said Town is a party interested, nor shall he directly or indirectly for himself or any other person, receive any commission, discount, bonus, present or reward from the person or persons making such sale, contract or agreement, or furnishing such materials, goods, wares, or merchandise, provided that an exception shall be made to the above By-Law so as to allow the furnishing of one driving horse when found necessary to facilitate the Town business, and also in the case of a snow blockade, when this By-Law shall not apply.

Article 3 To see if the Town will rescind the vote which was passed at the adjourned Town meeting held the 15th day of March instant, under Article 27 of the warrant requesting the Selectmen to give the Boston & Northern Street Railway Company leave to withdraw their petition for a double track on Broadway to the present turnout on Hampshire Street.

Article 4 To see if the Town will vote to request the Selectmen to so far comply with the petition of the Boston & Northern Street Railroad Company, so as to give said Company the right to lay a double track on Broadway from Oakland Avenue to Dame's corner under such restrictions as the Selectmen may see fit to impose.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Town House, at each of the public meeting houses, and at the several school houses outside of the village 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, on or before the time of the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands and the seal of the Town of Methuen this twenty second day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and two.

Edward A. Bower } Selectmen
George O. Marsh } of
Millard F. Emerson } Methuen

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**Essex SS: -
1902.**

Methuen 24th

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 election and Town affairs, to meet as within directed, by posting up attested printed copies of this warrant at each of the public meeting houses, also at each of the school houses outside 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 Constable's return,

Attest

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

**Record of Special Town Meeting, April 1, 1902 Warrant No. 6
File 13**

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, April 1st, 1902, at seven and one half o'clock p.m., pursuant to Warrant No. 6 File 13. The meeting was called to order at the time appointed in the warrant, by Joseph S. Howe, Town Clerk, who read the warrant under which the meeting was called.

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

Article 2 After a long discussion it was voted to rescind the vote passed under Article 33 of the Warrant at the Town Meeting held on the fifteenth of March inst. Whereby it was voted to adopt the following By-Law: - No member of the Board of Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Board of Health, Water Commissioners, School Committee or Highway Surveyor, shall be interested in a private capacity, either directly or indirectly, in any sale, contract or agreement for labor or any materials, goods, wares or merchandise furnished to the Town wherein said Town is a part interested; nor shall be directly or indirectly for himself or any other person, receive any commission, discount, bonus, present or reward from the person or persons making such sale, contract, or agreement, or furnishing such materials, goods, wares or merchandise. Provided, that an exception shall be made to the above By-Law, so as to allow the furnishing of one driving horse when found necessary to facilitate the Town business, and also in the case of a snow blockade, when t his By-Law shall not apply.”

Article 3 Voted, - 160 Yes to 27 Nays, - to rescind the vote which was passed at the adjourned Town Meeting held the 15th day of March instant, under Article 27 of the Warrant, requesting the Selectmen to give the Boston & Northern Street Railroad Company lave to withdraw their petition for a double track on Broadway to the present turn-out on Hampshire Street.

Article 4 Mr. Buckminster moved that the Selectmen be requested to so far comply with the petition of the Boston & Northern Street Railroad Company, as to give said Company the right to lay a double track on Broadway, and leave the question of termination to the Selectmen.

Mr. Holman, moved that the petition be complied with when the following requirements are met.

1st Said Company shall carry working men and working women to and from their work on week days between the hours of five and seven in the morning, and five and seven in the evening, for one half the usual fare.

2nd There shall be only one fare from any point in Methuen to any point in Methuen.

3rd The double track from Brown Street to Oakland Avenue shall be completed and put in operation.

4th That when these conditions are fully met, the Boston and Northern Street Railway Company be granted a location for a double t rack from Oakland Avenue on Broadway to the southerly side of Osgood street only. The Town reserving the right to allow the use of the tracks by other roads if it should prove for the best interests of the Town. Said company shall pave the usual distance outside the tracks using first quality block paving only. Nothing less than 90 pound rails to be used. Mr. Ackroyd moved an amendment that these conditions terminate at the end of twenty five years.

Mr. George moved that the whole subject be referred to the Selectmen, and the motion was carried by a large vote.

Voted, to adjourn without delay.

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe, Town Clerk.

By-Laws of the Town of Methuen adopted at the Annual Town Meeting in March 1902

To the Honorable the Justices of the Superior Court

At the Annual Town Meeting held in the Town of Methuen in the County of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts on the fifteenth day of March, A.D. 1902 in pursuance of Warrant No. 5 File 13, the following votes, being in substance Articles 30 and 34 of said Warrant, were adopted.

Article 30 - Voted to adopt the following By-law.

“There shall be a Financial Committee, consisting of the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor, Chairman of the School Committee, Chairman of the Water Commissioners, Chief of the Fire Department, and nine other legal voters who shall hold no other Town office, and who shall be appointed by the Town meeting for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of January, and who shall serve without pay.

Said Committee shall consider all articles in the warrant calling for an appropriation of money, and shall give at least one public hearing to parties interested, before any Town meeting, and shall report there on at the Town Meeting. They shall have the power to fill vacancies in their Committee.”

Article 34 – Voted to repeal Section 2 of the Town By-laws and to adopt the following By-law as Section 2.

“The warrant for all Town meetings shall be directed to either of the Constables of the Town, and meetings shall be notified by posting an attested printed copy of the Warrant at the Town House,

and at some public place in each voting precinct eight days at least before the day of meeting; and whenever a special meeting is called, he shall also cause the same to be printed in some newspaper, if there is one printed in the Town, once a week for two successive weeks, the last publication to be not less than one day before the day of meeting.”

The foregoing is a true copy from the record and the above By-laws are presented for approval.

Attest, Jos. J. Howe, Town Clerk of
Methuen.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**Essex SS: - March sitting in Lawrence 1902.
Superior Court.**

The foregoing By-laws of the Town of Methuen not being repugnant to law are approved by the

Court.

E. B. George, Clerk

A true copy attest,
A true copy attest,

E. B. George, Clerk
Jos. S. Howe, Town Clerk.

Methuen,

August 11, 1902.

I Joseph S. Howe of Methuen in the County of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as I am the Town Clerk of said Methuen, hereby appoint Miss H. Maud Merrill of said Methuen, to be Assistant Town Clerk as provided by statute.

Attest, Jos. S. Howe, Town Clerk of
Methuen

And Miss H. Maud Merrill was sworn to the faithful performance of her duty as Assistant Town Clerk.

Attest, Joseph S. Howe, Town Clerk

Warrant for State Election, Nov. 4, 1902 File 13 No. 7

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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 directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen, qualified by law to vote in election of National, State, District and County Officers to meet and assemble at the designated polling places of Precinct One and Two, namely, - The Town Hall in voting Precinct One, and the basement of the Arlington School House in voting Precinct two on Tuesday the fourth (4) day of November next at six o'clock in the forenoon, to bring in to the election officers their votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, Attorney General, Representative in Congress, Councilor, Senator, two Representatives in the General Court, and County Commissioner, all to be voted for on one ballot. The polls may be closed at four o'clock p.m.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen.

Given under our hands, and the seal of the Town of Methuen, this twenty seventh day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and two.

Seal Edward A. Bower } Selectmen
George O. Marsh } of Methuen

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Essex SS: -

Methuen,

Oct. 27 1902.

To the Selectmen of the Town of Methuen, -

Greeting

By virtue of the within precept I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in elections of National, State, District and County Officers, to meet as within directed by posting up attested printed copies of this warrant in public places in each of the voting precincts eight days before said meeting.

Amos G. Jones, Constable of

Methuen

A true copy

Attest

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk.

Record of State Election, Nov. 4, 1902.

At meetings of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen in the County of Essex, held in the respective Precincts in said Town, pursuant to Warrant No. 7 File 13, on Tuesday Nov. fourth

A.D. 1902, the qualified voters of said Town brought in their written ballots for the several officers to be balloted for, and the same were received, sorted, counted, declared and registered in open Precinct meetings according to law, as appears by the certified returns from said Precincts, transmitted to the Town Clerk, and examined by the Selectmen and Town Clerk, and according to said returns, the following is the result of the election held as aforesaid.

	Precinct 1	Precinct 2
Total		
The whole number of ballots cast was	744	311
1055		
For Governor		
John L. Bates of Boston – Republican	499	197
696		
Michael T. Berry of Haverhill – Socialist Labor		

	Nom. Paper	13	10
	23		
John C. Chase of Haverhill – Socialist		66	32
	98		
William A. Gaston of Boston (Democratic)		133	55
	188		
William H. Partridge of Newton – Prohibition		13	5
	18		
Blank		20	12
	32		

For Lieutenant Governor

John Quincy Adams of Amesbury – Socialist		77	38
	115		
Thomas F. Brennan of Salem – Socialist Labor			
	Nom. Paper	16	9
	25		
Oliver W. Cobb of Easthampton – Prohibition		18	8
	26		
Curtis Guild Jr. of Boston – Republican		478	192
	670		
Herbert C. Joyner of Great Barrington – Democratic		110	46
	156		
Blank		45	18
	63		

For Secretary

Edward A. Buckland of Holyoke		57	33
	90		
Herbert B. Griffin of Winthrop		20	11
	31		
Jeremiah O’Fihelly of Abington		14	11
	25		
William M. Olin of Boston		484	183
	667		
Willmore B. Stone of Springfield		117	43
	160		
Blank		52	30
	82		

For Treasurer and Receiver General

Edward S. Bradford of Springfield 672	488	184
Joseph L. Chalifoux of Lowell 162	116	46
Frederick A. Nagler of Springfield 20	13	7
Daniel Parlin of Worcester 26	16	10
David Taylor of Boston 88	53	35
Blank 87	58	29

For Auditor

David Morrison of Fall River 38	26	12
S. Fremont Packard of Brockton 87	55	32
Charles Stoeber of Adams 24	14	10
Thomas C. Thacher of Yarmouth 154	112	42
Henry E. Turner of Malden 661	476	185
Blank 91	61	30

For Attorney General

Allen Coffin of Nantucket 38	24	14
Charles E. Fenner of Worcester 94	59	35
John J. Flaherty of Gloucester 152	108	44
John A. Henley of Lynn 18	10	8
Herbert Parker of Lancaster 670	485	185
Blank 83	58	25

For Representative in Congress

Butler Ames of Lowell	520	206
726		
William F. Searle of Methuen	28	14
42		
John T. Sparks of Dracut	106	50
156		
James A. Wilkinson of Methuen	55	26
81		
Joseph Youngjohns of Lowell	11	5
16		
Blank	24	10
34		

For Councilor – Sixth District

John H. Gray of Malden	22	16
38		
William J. McCluskey of Lowell	105	43
148		
Henri E. Richardson of Lowell	69	39
108		
Walter Scott Watson of Lowell	475	175
650		
Blank	73	38
111		

For Senator – Fifth Essex District

Amedee Cloutier of Lawrence	146	56
202		
Walter Fox of Methuen	24	14
38		
Archie N. Frost of Lawrence	489	199
688		
John Howard of Lawrence	10	7
17		
Louis B. Talbot of Lawrence	41	24
65		
Blank	34	11
45		

For Representatives in General Court – Sixth Essex District

William Andrew of Methuen	36	38
74		

Thomas A. Brooks of Lawrence 199	139	60
Edwin J. Castle of Methuen 656	491	165
Karl M. Ebert of Lawrence 185	133	52
Alfred Holt of Methuen 21	14	7
John Kenny of Lawrence 14	8	6
Otto Mueller of Lawrence 170	129	41
Benjamin A. Robinson of Methuen 36	24	16
John H. Spinlow of Lawrence 491	349	142
Joseph Stringer of Methuen 54	30	24
William Wood of Lawrence 30	14	16
Blank 180	121	59

For County Commissioner

John W. Bridge of Methuen 81	47	34
Michael Kelley of Salem 148	109	39
Elbridge C. Sawyer of Beverly 627	455	172
Fred E. Weed of Lynn 89	59	30
Blank 110	74	36

Attest

Jos. S. Howe, Town Clerk.

Recount of Ballots, Nov. 11, 1902

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

November fourth A.D. 1902 are erroneous, and that they deemed them in error in the following particulars, namely: - that votes cast for Otto Mueller have been counted for other candidates for Representative in General Court, and asking for a recount of the same, the Registrars of Voters of the Town of Methuen, met at the Selectmen's Room in the Town House, on Tuesday, November eleventh at seven o'clock and thirty minutes p.m., and all the candidates for Representative voted for at said election having been notified in writing of the meeting, they proceeded to open the envelopes containing the ballots cast at said election, recounted the votes cast for Representatives in General Court for the Sixth Essex District, and reported the result of the recount as follows: -

Total	Precinct 1	Precinct 2
William Andrew of Methuen 73	35	38
Thomas A. Brooks of Lawrence 200	140	60
Edwin J. Castle of Methuen 655	490	165
Karl M. Ebert of Lawrence 187	135	52
Alfred Holt of Methuen 21	14	7
John Kenny of Lawrence 12	6	6
Otto Mueller of Lawrence 170	129	41
Benjamin A. Robinson of Methuen 35	24	11
John H. Spinlow of Lawrence 490	348	142
Joseph Stringer of Methuen 53	29	24
William Wood of Lawrence 30	14	16
Blank 184	124	60

Total number of ballots 744 311
 1055

The ballots were replaced in the envelopes and resealed. Mr. Otto Mueller and Mr. John H. Spinlow were both present at the recount.

Attest,
 Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk.

Meeting of City and Town Clerks, Nov. 14, 1902

**City of
 Lawrence, Mass.
 City Clerk's Office,
 Nov. 14, 1902.**

At a meeting of the City Clerk of Lawrence, and the Town Clerk of Methuen, said Town and Wards One and Two of the said City of Lawrence forming the Sixth Essex Representative District, held at noon this day, in accordance with the provisions of Section 257 Chapter 11 of the Revised Laws, upon comparing the transcript of returns, the following appears as the result of the balloting for Representatives in the General Court for said District, at meetings held on Tuesday November fourth A.D. 1902.

	Ward 1			Ward 2		
Methuen	Prc. 1	Prc. 2	Prc. 3	Prc. 4	Prc. 5	Prc. 1
Prc. 2 Total						
William Andrew of Methuen 38 253	32	32	79	10	46	35
Thomas A. Brooks of Lawrence 60 1234	126	187	155	175	391	140
Edwin J. Castle of Methuen 165 1562	178	112	190	232	195	490
Karl M. Ebert of Lawrence 52 677	75	33	152	77	153	135
Alfred Holt of Methuen 7 61	4	9	9	8	10	14
John Kenny of Lawrence 6 68	6	13	8	11	18	6

Otto Mueller of Lawrence	175	185	304	153	437	129
41 1424						
Benjamin A. Robinson of Methuen	7	3	5	7	8	24
11 65						
John H. Spinlow of Lawrence	233	115	263	208	163	348
142 1472						
Joseph Stringer of Methuen	31	8	53	9	46	29
24 200						
William Wood of Lawrence	3	2	4	6	8	14
16 53						
Blanks	63	74	92	99	156	182
52 718						

In accordance with the foregoing returns, certificates of election were this day issued to the two persons having the highest number of votes for Representatives in the General Court for the Sixth Essex District, to wit: -

Edwin J. Castle of Methuen
 And
 John H. Spinlow of Lawrence

Attest
 Jos. S. Howe, Town Clerk