

**1903**

**Warrant for Annual Town Meeting, March second 1903, File 13  
No. 8.**

**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  
second (2) 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 to the election officers their votes for Town  
Clerk, Treasurer, to  
the election officers their votes for Town Clerk, Treasurer 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 William  
D. Hartshorne, one  
Water Commissioner to serve three (3) years in place of Edwin J. Castle, one  
Trustee of Nevins  
Memorial to serve two (2) years in place of Lewis E. Barnes, one Tree Warden to  
serve one (1) year in  
place of Stephen J. Barker, 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 (4) o'clock p.m.

Also to met at the Town Hall in said Town, on Saturday the seventh (7) 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 therefore.
- 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 reports of Committee 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 163 of the Revised Laws.
- 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, 1903, said money to be expended under the direction of the above Post.
- Article 12 By request of Frank Remick and others, to see if the Town will vote to grade and macadamize High Street, from Hampshire to Stevens Street, with suitable drainage, and appropriate seven hundred dollars for the same.
- Article 13 By request of Hugh F. Coburn and others, to see if the Town will vote to repair the macadam on Howe Street, from Marston's corner to Tozier's corner and appropriate twenty five hundred (2500) dollars for the same.
- Article 14 By request of William P. Morse and others to see if the Town will vote to macadamize Lowell Street, from Railroad square to the corner of Lowell and Elm Streets, and appropriate three thousand (3000) dollars for the same.
- Article 15 By request of Fred E. Koenig and others, to see if the Town will vote to macadamize Milk Street, from its intersection with Prospect and East

Streets to Baremeadow Street, and appropriate two thousand dollars for the same.

- Article 16 By request of Charles E. Merrill and others, to see if the Town will vote to macadamize Hampstead Street from Grosvenor's Corner, north, past the Grosvenor School house and appropriate fifteen hundred (\$1500) dollars for the same.
- Article 17 By request of Joseph E. Buswell and others, to see if the Town will vote to macadamize Brook Street, from Prospect Street to Jackson Street extension, and appropriate five hundred (500) dollars for the same.
- Article 18 By request of Alfred Newsholme and others, to see if the Town will vote to grade and repair Lowell Street from Elm to Forest Streets, and appropriate eight hundred (800) dollars for the same.
- Article 19 By request of A. J. Crosby and others, to see if the Town will vote to build a 12-room brick school-house on the site of the High School building on Lawrence Street, or other suitable location in that vicinity, the same to be completed for occupancy September 1<sup>st</sup> 1904, and appropriate fifty thousand (50,000) dollars for the same.
- Article 20 By request of Joseph Stringer and others, to see if the Town will vote to build a suitable school house on the land already accepted for that purpose, situated on the Bradley Farm Platt, and appropriate five thousand dollars for the same.
- Article 21 By request of Albert J. Richardson and others, to see if the Town will vote to macadamize Barker Street, from Pelham Street to Lowell Street, and appropriate eight hundred (800) dollars for the same.
- Article 22 To see if the Town will vote to finish grading the sidewalk on the south side of Pleasant Street from near the back entrance of Mr. C. H. Tenney's estate to the entrance of Mr. Henry T. Lea's estate, the money to do the work to be taken from the regular appropriation for sidewalks.
- Article 23 By request of James Robie, to see if the Town will vote to re-imburse him the sum of one hundred and twenty five (125) dollars for labor done on uncovering the ledge in 1891, at the present location of the stone crusher on Walnut Street.
- Article 24 By request of the Arlington Mills, to see if the Town will vote to discontinue Stafford Street from the westerly line of Ingalls Street, to its termination.

- Article 25 By request of the Arlington Mills, to see if the Town will vote to discontinue Ingalls Street, from the northerly line of Chase Street to its termination.
- Article 26 By request of the Engineers of the Fire Department, to see if the Town will vote to purchase 500 feet of fire hose, and appropriate three hundred (300) dollars for the same.
- Article 27 By request of John W. Bentley and others, to see if the Town will vote to place a fire alarm box on Pelham Avenue, near the house of Frank McDermott, and appropriate one hundred and fifty dollars for the same.
- Article 28 By request of Andrew M. Hoh and others, to see if the Town will vote to place a fire alarm box at the corner of Milk and Dewey Streets, and make an appropriation for the same.
- Article 29 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate two hundred dollars for street improvement in the Town of Methuen, the same to be expended under the direction of the Town Improvement Society.
- Article 30 To see if the Town will vote to accept and adopt the Sewers as constructed in the Spicket River and Bloody Brook systems, and provide that assessments under Sections 3 and 5, of Chapter 49 of the Revised Laws may be made upon owners of estates within such territory.
- Article 31 To see what action the Town will take towards securing legislation to enable it to create a Board of Public Works, to have charge and control of the Town Water Works, the Town Sewers, Playsteads, Public Parks, and shade trees, or any part thereof.
- Article 32 To see if the Town will vote to establish the office of Sewer Commissioners under Section 341, Chapter 11 of the Revised Laws.
- Article 33 By request of Sidney Payne and others, to see if the Town will vote to construct a culvert across Oak Street, between Cook's corner and Channing Street, and appropriate fifty (50) dollars for the same.
- Article 34 By request of Edward F. Searles, to see if the Town will vote to accept a certain parcel of land on Broadway being lots no. 12 and 13, and situated between the Arlington School and Broadway, adjoining the Arlington School lot on the westerly side. This land to be used for school purposes only.
- Article 35 By request of Edward F. Searles to see if the Town will vote to accept a certain parcel of land on Tenney Street, being lots no. 175 to 178 inclusive, said land to be forever devoted to the same use as at present,

viz.: - a park or children's play ground. The donor retains the right to improve this park at any future time.

- Article 36 By request of Otto Muller and others, to see if the Town will vote to establish a voting precinct in the east part of the Town, including the territory bounded by Jackson Street on the west, Pleasant Valley Street and including the same on the north, Merrimack River from the Haverhill line to Lawrence line on the east, and the Lawrence line to Jackson Street on the south.
- Article 37 By request of the Board of Fire Engineers and the Highway Surveyor, to see if the Town will vote to buy a pair of horses to be worked on the streets, and to be used for fire department purposes, when needed, and appropriate five hundred dollars for the same.
- Article 38 To see what action the Town will take with regard to the construction of sewers the present year towards the completion of the system already adopted.
- Article 39 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 40 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 (\$3,500) dollars to be placed in the Sinking Fund.
- Article 41 By request of Jesse J. Prescott, Highway Surveyor, to see if the Town will vote to appropriate five hundred (500) dollars to widen and grade Forest Street as ordered by the County Commissioners.
- Article 42 By request of Jesse J. Prescott, to see if the Town will vote to rebuild a retaining wall in front of the house of C. H. Foss, on Railroad Street, in consideration of a strip of land now used by the Town for a sidewalk, and appropriate fifty (50) dollars for the same.
- Article 43 By request of Henry Arnold and others, to see if the Town will vote to pay for labor on the highways at the rate of \$1.75 per day of nine hours, instead of \$1.50 per day as at present.
- Article 44 By request of Joseph Morin and Guilford A. Lewis, to see if the Town will vote to grant them 14 days vacation without loss of pay.
- Article 45 By request of Guy W. Currier and others, to see if the Town will vote to employ a policeman to remain at the Police Station nights, and to furnish a telephone for said station, and increase the amount appropriate for police to cover expense of same.

- Article 46 By request of Samuel Adams Chapter, D.A.R. of Methuen, to see what action the Town will take in regard to the advisability of celebrating in a suitable manner "Old Home Week" in Methuen, whenever appointed by the Governor of the Commonwealth, and choose a committee of five to have charge of the celebration, and to make such appropriation as the Town may deem proper.
- Article 47 By request of Samuel Adams Chapter D.A.R. that whereas the location on East and Merrimack Streets, known as Cook's corner, never having been named by the Town, was purchased from the Indians by the ancestors of the Cross family and has always remained in their possession. We ask that the same be now named "Cross Corner".
- Article 48 By request of Samuel Adams Chapter D.A.R., that whereas in the early settlement of the Town of Methuen, the highway now named Howe Street, was called Howe Road. We ask that the same be changed to the original name, Howe Road.
- Article 49 By request of Silas L. Holman, to see if the Town will vote to put in drain for carrying off surface water from Lowell Street, beginning at a point nearly opposite the house of Sutcliffe Crowther, and running to Oakland Avenue; thence to a point on land of C. D. and J. B. Holman, opposite Hawthorne Avenue and appropriate two hundred (200) dollars for the same.
- Article 50 To see what action the Town will take in connection with report of Committee recommending changes in methods of conducting Town affairs submitted at last Annual Town Meeting.
- Article 51 By request of Mrs. David Nevis and others to see if the Town will appropriate five hundred (500) dollars for the suppression of the Brown Tail Moth and other insects injurious to the shade trees of the Town, said amount to be expended under the direction of the Tree Warden.
- Article 52 By request of C. W. Mann, to see if the Town will vote to establish three Sanitarians for public convenience, one near Central Place, one in Railroad Square and one in the Arlington District, and make an appropriation for the same.
- Article 53 By request of John E. Sawyer, Postmaster, to see if the Town will vote to repair the following streets, the better to enable the Rural Letter Carriers to deliver the U.S. mail: Riverdale Street from Merrimack Street to its terminus; Cross Street from Pumping Station to Hampshire Road; and Myrtle Street, from West Street, and make an appropriation for the same.

- Article 54 By request of Frank W. Payson to see if the Town will vote to lay a pipe on Howe Street from the house of Albert W. Currier to culvert at foot of hill and make an appropriation for the same.
- Article 55 By request of Peter Carrow and others, to see if the Town will vote to locate a fire alarm box at the corner of Stevens and Central Streets, and appropriate eighty five (85) dollars for the same.
- Article 56 By request of Eben E. Bailey and others to see if the Town will vote to locate a fire alarm box on Miller Street between Milk and Arthur Streets and appropriate one hundred (\$100) dollars for the same.
- Article 57 By request of Thomas Doyle, to see if the Town will vote to locate a fire alarm box at the corner of Lawrence and Spruce Streets, and appropriate one hundred and fifty (150) dollars for the same.
- Article 58 By request of Richard Irving, to see if the Town will vote to reimburse him sixty five & 60/100 (\$65.60/100) for taxes paid by him on a piece of land sold by him to the Town of Methuen, June 14, 1887 to 1901.
- Article 59 By request of Agnes McCartney, to see if the Town will vote to lay flagging across French Street to Centre Street.
- Article 60 By request of Heirs of Edward Young, to see if the Town will vote to buy a tract of land containing about seven acres, bounded by land of the Town Farm on three sides, and pay three hundred and fifty (350) dollars for the same.
- Article 61 By request of Thomas Hynes, to see if the Town will vote to locate a Welsbach street light at the corner of Elsmere and Edgewood Avenue, and appropriate twenty four (24) dollars for the same.
- Article 62 By request of J. T. McLean and others, to see if the Town will vote to establish street lights at Cook's Corner, Bates Street, corner of East, Swan, corner of East Street and appropriate seventy five (75) dollars for the same.
- Article 63 By request of German S. Phippen and others, to see if the Town will vote to erect and maintain a street light in Fairview near the fountain, and appropriate eighteen (18) dollars for the same.
- Article 64 By request of E. F. Davis and others to see if the Town will vote to erect and maintain street lights at the following places: - corner of Elm and Woodland streets, corner and Woodland and Orchard Streets (Barker's Corner), Orchard Street, between Barker's Corner and Forest Street; corner of Orchard and Lowell Streets, (Smith's Corner); corner Lowell

and Forest Streets, front of Barker school-house, corner of Lowell and North Lowell Streets, and on Lowell Street at Sawyer's Corner, and appropriate one hundred and seventy five (\$75) dollars for the same.

- Article 65 By request of Alfred Newsholme and others, to see if the Town will vote to erect and maintain an electric arc light at the junction of Oakland Ave. and Lowell Street, and appropriate seventy (70) dollars for the same.
- Article 66 By request of Joseph Bentley and others, to see if the Town will vote to erect and maintain a Welsbach street light on Hawthorne Avenue, opposite the house of Sarah Bentley, and appropriate twenty four (24) dollars for the same.
- Article 67 By request of Perley D. Smith and others, to see if the Town will vote to erect and maintain an electric arc light at the corner of Prospect and East Streets, and appropriate seventy dollars for the same.
- Article 68 To see if the Town will vote to accept a street as laid out by the Selectmen, running from Mystic Street to Inglewood, to be known as Webb Street.
- Article 69 To see if the Town will vote to accept Walnut Street, as laid out by the Selectmen, as shown on plan of Cochrane land.
- Article 70 To see if the Town will vote to accept Bryant Avenue as laid out by the Selectmen as shown on a plan of land owned by C. D. and S. L. Holman.
- Article 71 To see if the Town will vote to accept the extension of Closson Court, as laid out by the Selectmen, beginning at its present terminus and extending 100 feet.
- Article 72 By request of Arthur Redford and others, to see if the Town will vote to locate a fire alarm box at corner of Myrtle and Tyler Streets, and appropriate one hundred (100) dollars for the same.
- Article 73 By request of A. A. Spofford and others, to see if the Town will vote to Macadamize Quincy Street from East to Swan Streets, and make an appropriation for the same.

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



Given under our hands and the seal of the Town of Methuen, this twentieth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and three.

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

### **Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**Essex SS: -  
1903**

**Methuen, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>**

To Joseph S. Howe, Town Clerk,      **Greeting.**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts I have notified and warned 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 the Town House; and in public places in each of the polling places in Methuen, eight days before said meeting.

Amos G. Jones, Constable of Methuen

The foregoing is a true copy of warrant and return.

Attest, Jos. J. Howe – Town Clerk.

### **Record of Annual Town Meeting, March second, 1903**

**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. 8 File 13, on Monday, March second, A.D. 1903,** the qualified voters of said Town brought in their written votes for the several officers to be balloted for, and on the question “Shall license 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.

<b>Precinct 2</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Precinct 1</b>
<b>The whole number of ballots cast was</b>		519
219	738	

**For Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of Poor**

Edward A. Bower, 3 Kirk St.		423
193	616	
Millard F. Emerson, Barker St.		439
184	623	
George O. Marsh, 42 Hampshire		419
188	607	
Blanks		276
92	368	

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

**For Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes**

Joseph S. Howe, 8 Stevens St.		449
179	628	
Blank		70
40	110	

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

**For School Committee – 3 years**

William D. Hartshorne, 40 Pleasant St.		403
165	568	
Blank		114
54	168	
Geo. B. Bradley		1
	1	
L. O. Norris		1
	1	

And William D. Hartshorne was declared elected School Committee for three years.

**Auditor**

Charles H. T. Mann, 83 Prospect St.	386
160      540	
Blank	133
59      192	

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

**For Trustee of Nevins Memorial – 2 years**

Lewis E. Barnes, 30 River St.	417
169      586	
Blanks	102
50      152	

And Lewis E. Barnes was declared elected Trustee of Nevins Memorial for two years.

**For Highway Surveyor**

Jesse J. Prescott, 57 Hampshire	447
196      643	
Isaac C. Brown	2
2	
Blanks	70
23      93	

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

**For Tree Warden**

Stephen J. Barker, Orchard St.	410
156      566	
John E. Davis	2
2	
Blank	107
63      170	

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

**For Water Commissioner**

George A. Smith, 55 Tenney	388
175 563	
Peter Carrow	1
1	
George Silver	1
1	
Blank	129
44 173	

And George A. Smith was declared elected Water Commissioner 3 years and was sworn.

### **For Fence Viewers**

Frederick W. Foster, Washington	310
143 453	
Charles Hutchins, 32 Pelham	278
130 408	
Daniel T. Morrison, 11 Park	191
35 226	
Leverett Swan, 70 Hampshire	110
26 136	
S. Wesley Young, 354 Pelham	291
140 431	
Blank	377
183 560	

And Frederick W. Foster (sworn), Charles Hutchings (sworn) and S. Wesley Young were declared Fence Viewers.

### **Constables**

Horace S. Blake, 25 Central	298
99 397	
Charles H. Emerson, 56 Railroad	362
113 475	
Albert B. Gordon, 30 Osgood	372
130 502	
Amos G. Jones, 64 Union	389
120 509	
William Moore, 302 Broadway	172
156 328	
William J. Oliver, 8 Annis	367
191 558	

Jeremiah O'Leary, 18 Union	109
38 147	
James C. Taylor, 45 Railroad	350
108 458	
Blank	695
359 1054	

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

**License Vote**

Yes	157
71 228	
No	313
179 432	
Blank	49
29 78	

Attest,  
 Jos. S. Howe, Town Clerk

**Record of Business Meeting, March Seventh 1903**

**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 seventh day of March A.D. 1903, at one o'clock in the afternoon, to elect 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 check list being used. Granville E. Foss was chosen Moderator by a unanimous vote, and was sworn.

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

Article 2      **Officers not chosen by ballot**

**Field Drivers**

Arthur Richardson                      Louis P. Grass

**Surveyors of Plastering**

Silas K. Nowell                      Frank Buckminster  
Albert Huntress                      William A. Shirley  
John W. Moss                      Nahum P. Winn  
Charles E. Russell

**Surveyors of Lumber**

John H. George (sworn)              Millard F. Emerson  
James O. Parker (sworn)              George O. Marsh (sworn)  
Isaac C. Brown                      James H. Lyons (sworn)  
Charles Hutchins (sworn)              Samuel Emerson  
Geo. W. Copp (sworn)              Frederick A. Russell  
William Waterworth

**Surveyors of Wood and Bark**

George O. Marsh (sworn)              Millard F. Emerson  
Josiah W. Bodwell                      John H. George (sworn)  
Charles E. Richardson                      William A. Shirley  
James H. Lyons (sworn)

**Pound Keepers**

David M. Cole                      Joseph E. Buswell

Article 3      **Selectmen's Report**

Voted – To receive and accept the Annual Report of the Board of Selectmen.

Article 4      **Appropriations**

On motion of Mr. Hartshorne, it was voted that as the amounts recommended are called, the Finance Committee be requested to report upon them. The estimates of the Board of Selectmen were then taken up, and as finally determined upon and voted were as follows: -

**For**

Teaching, janitorship and fuel as recommended by  
School Committee, twenty six thousand dollars  
\$26,000.00

School Supplies, eighteen hundred dollars  
1,800.00

Repairs on School Houses, fifteen hundred dollars  
1,500.00

Contingencies for schools, one thousand dollars  
1,000.00

Superintendent of Schools, fifteen hundred dollars  
1,500.00

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

Macadamizing:

Sidewalks (\$1,000 for permanent) two thousand dollars  
2,000.00

Edgestones and flagging, seven hundred dollars  
700.00

Expense of Tree Warden, five hundred dollars  
500.00

Sewer Department, eighteen hundred dollars  
1,800.00

Fire Department, thirty five hundred dollars  
3,500.00

Town Teams, five hundred dollars  
500.00

Street lights, forty seven hundred dollars  
4,700.00

Contingencies, two thousand dollars  
2,000.00

Health Department, twenty five hundred dollars  
2,500.00

Police Department, thirty one hundred dollars  
3,100.00

Pauper Department, six thousand dollars  
6,000.00

Soldiers' Relief, three hundred dollars  
300.00

Military Aid, five hundred dollars	
500.00	
Water for hydrants, drinking fountain & sprinkling streets	
Three thousand dollars	
3,000.00	
Watering Streets, two hundred dollars	
200.00	
Interest on Town debt, seven thousand dollars	
7,000.00	
Collection of taxes, nine hundred and fifty dollars	
950.00	
Town officers, twenty five hundred dollars	
2,500.00	
	Total (left
bank in the minutes)	

Action on the estimate for Macadam was postponed until after section on subsequent articles. The estimate for sidewalks was increased to two thousand dollars - one thousand to be used for permanent sidewalks. The estimate for Tree Warden was postponed until action should be taken on a subsequent article.

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 therefor, 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 reported by Selectmen was accepted and is as follows:



Arnold Henry, Plumber  
Austin Charles, Lumber dealer  
Bodwell Willard A. Farmer  
Brown Kirk F., Provision Dealer  
Bunting George, Wool sorter  
Carleton George N., Laborer  
Carrow Peter, Harness Maker  
Colby Thomas C., Carpenter  
Collins Thomas, Shoe Dealer  
Machinist  
Copp George W., Contractor  
Coburn Hugh F., Farmer  
Farmer  
Coburn Tristram W., Laborer  
Coburn J. Varnum, Farmer  
Craven James F., Insurance Agent  
Shoemaker  
Craven William H., Carpenter  
Crompton Henry H., Section Hand  
Cox Patrick, Butcher  
Farmer  
Dumas George B., Painter  
Farmer  
Dodge Selwin A., Wood & Coal Dealer  
Dowding Edward, Farmer  
Emerson Charles H., Carpenter  
Hand  
Emerson J. Frank, Clerk  
fixer  
Emerson James O., Janitor  
Flahive Maurice, Watchmen  
Foss Granville E., Salesman  
Foster Frederick W., Farmer  
Manufacturer  
Frederick George G., Druggist  
Graham John M., Stable keeper  
George John H., Farmer  
business  
Gilcreast Walter L. S., Bookkeeper  
Gordon J. Haskell, Operative  
Griffin Rufus A., Farmer  
Hall Charles H., Gardener  
Holman Silas L., Dry Goods Dealer  
Manufacturer  
Jones Amos G., Janitor  
Manufacturer

Kenyon John J., Barber  
Kimball Sylvanus G., Farmer  
Lazelle Henry R., Farmer  
Lippold Carl S., Farmer  
Low John G., Clerk  
Lowell Levi U., Salesman  
Lyman Edward E., Painter  
Mack Thomas, Operative  
Mannifield John T.,

Marsh George O., Farmer  
Mackenzie Alexander D.,

Merrill Joseph E., Farmer  
Merrill Charles E., Farmer  
Nichols Lysander M.,

Nice Benjamin, Clerk  
Peaslee Orlando A., Painter  
Richardson Charles E.,

Richardson Varnum B.,

Reynolds Edward P., Farmer  
Ridley John F., Bookkeeper  
Ridings, James, Section

Russell William H., Loom

Salls James E., Farmer  
Sargent Walter S., Farmer  
Sleeper William C., Farmer  
Swain Charles F.,

Smith Moses G., Contractor  
Smith George A., Agent  
Smith Nathan A., No

Stanley Robert, Bookkeeper  
Stedman William Q.  
Stevens Granville C., Farmer  
Stevens Charles C., Farmer  
Tenney Daniel W.,

Tenney George W.,

Howe Joseph S., Civil Engineer  
Whittier Horace A., Farmer

Webster George K., Farmer  
Young S. Wesley, Farmer

Article 8 **Committees**

The Selectmen as a Committee to report on a ledge for Macadam reported verbally, that the ledge on the Cochrane land was the only ledge available. And the report was accepted.

Article 9 **Fire Department**

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

Article 10 **Dog licenses**

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, 1903, said money to be expended under the direction of Col. Wm. B. Greene Post 100 G. A. R.

Article 12 **High St.**

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

Article 13 **Howe St.**

Voted: - To pass over Article thirteen of the Warrant.

Article 14 **Lowell St.**

Voted: - to Macadamize Lowell Street, from Railroad square to the corner of Lowell and Elm Streets, and appropriate three thousand dollars for that purpose. Also

Voted: that that sum be taken from the street railway and excise tax.

Voted: - to pave the gutters from Barker Street to Railroad Square with cobble stones, the cost to be taken from the appropriation for Macadam. Also,

Voted: that the Selectmen request the Boston and Northern Street Railway Company, to relay the rails on Lowell Street with heavier rails.

Article 15 **Milk St.**

Voted: to pass over Article fifteen of the Warrant.

Article 16 **Hampstead St.**

Voted: to pass over Article sixteen of the Warrant.

Article 17 **Brook St.**

Voted: to pass over Article seventeen of the Warrant.

Article 18 **Lowell St.**

Voted: to grade and repair Lowell Street, from Elm to Forest Streets, and appropriate two hundred dollars for that purpose.

Voted: - that the money for that purpose be taken from the regular appropriation for Roads and Bridges.

Article 19 **School House**

Voted: to pass over Article nineteen of the Warrant.

Article 20 **School House**

After considerable discussion, the Town refused to vote to build a school house this year on the Bradley Farm Plot.

Article 21 **Barker St.**

Voted: to macadamize Barker Street, from Pelham Street to Lowell Street, and also provide drainage, and appropriate eight hundred dollars for that purpose, the money required to be taken from the excise and railway tax.

Article 22 **Sidewalk Pleasant St.**

Voted: to finish grading the sidewalk on the south side of Pleasant Street, from near the back entrance of Mr. C. H. Tenney's estate to the entrance

of Mr. Henry T. Lea's estate, the money to do the work to be taken from the regular appropriation for sidewalks.

Article 23     **James Robie**

Voted: to reimburse James Robie the sum of one hundred and twenty five (125) dollars for labor done on uncovering the ledge in 1901 at the present location of the stone crusher on Walnut Street.

Article 24     **Stafford St.**

Voted: to discontinue Stafford Street, from the westerly line of Ingalls Street to its termination.

Article 25     **Ingalls St.**

Voted: to discontinue Ingalls Street, from the northerly line of Chase Street to its termination.

Article 26     **Fire Hose**

Voted: to purchase five hundred feet of fire hose, and appropriate three hundred dollars for the same.

Article 27     **Fire Alarm Box**

Voted: to purchase five hundred feet of fire hose, and appropriate three hundred dollars for the same.

Article 28     **Fire Alarm Box**

Voted: to pass over Article twenty eight of the Warrant.

Article 29     **Street Improvement**

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

Article 30     **Sewers**

Voted: that the Town hereby accept and adopt the systems of Sewers as constructed in the Spicket River and Bloody Brook Systems, and as shown

in the Town reports for 1901 and 1902; and that the Town hereby provide and determine that assessments shall be made upon all owners of land, abutting upon such sewer streets and ways, as shown in said reports where such land is capable of being drained into said sewers; such assessments to be at the rate of sixty six and two thirds (66-2/3) cents per foot of frontage of said land upon the sewer streets and ways. And the Selectmen be and hereby are authorized and directed to ascertain, assess and certify to the individual assessments which will become due under the vote to the tax collector, and give notice thereof to the persons charged or assessed in accordance with Section 3 of Chapter 49 of the Revised Laws.

Article 31 **Board of Public Works**

Voted: to take action towards securing legislation to enable the Town to create a Board of Public Works, to have charge and control of the Town Water Works, the Town Sewers, Playsteads, Public Parks and General Court be requested to take such action as is necessary to secure legislation for that purpose.

Article 32 **Sewer Commission**

Voted: to pass over Article thirty two of the Warrant.

Article 33 **Culvert**

Voted – to postpone action on Article thirty three to the adjourned Town meeting.

Article 34 **Searles Land**

Voted – to accept from Edward F. Searles, a certain parcel of land on Broadway, being lots no. 12 and 13, and situated between the Arlington School and Broadway, adjoining the Arlington School lot on the westerly side. This land to be used for school purposes only.

Article 35 **Searles Land**

Voted – to accept from Edward F. Searles a certain parcel of land on Tenney Street, being lots no. 175 to 178 inclusive, said land to be forever devoted to the same use as at present, viz.: - a park or children's playground. The donor retains the right to improve this park at any future time.

Voted – that a vote of thanks be given by the Town to Mr. Searles for the gift of the land on Broadway and Tenney Streets, and that the Selectmen be requested to present to Mr. Searles a vote of thanks for his generosity and liberality.

Article 36     **Precinct**

Voted – to pass over Article thirty six of the Warrant.

Article 37     Voted – to buy a pair of horses to be worked on the streets and to be used for fire department purposes when needed, and appropriate five hundred dollars for the same. The purchase to be made by the Highway Surveyor and Chief Engineer.

Article 38     **Sewers**

Voted – to postpone action on Article thirty eight to the adjourned meeting.

Article 39     **Loans**

Voted – to postpone action on Article thirty nine to the adjourned meeting.

Article 40     **Sinking Fund**

Voted – to appropriate from the income of the Water Works the sum of three thousand five hundred dollars to be placed in the Sinking Fund.

Article 41     **Forest St.**

Voted – to appropriate five hundred (\$500) dollars to widen and grade Forest Street as ordered by the County Commissioners.

Article 42     **Railroad St.**

Voted – to rebuild a retaining wall in front of the house of C. H. Foss, on Railroad Street, in consideration of a strip of land now used by the Town for a sidewalk, and appropriate fifty dollars for that purpose, said sum to be taken from the regular appropriation.

Article 43     **Wages of Labor**

Voted – to pay for labor on the highways at the rate of one dollars and seventy five cents per day of nine hours, instead of one dollar and fifty cents as at present.

Article 44     **Drivers' Vacation**

Voted – that drivers of the apparatus of the Fire Department be allowed a vacation of fourteen days, without loss of pay.

Article 45 **Patrolman – See action taken at adjourned meeting**

Voted – that a fourth patrolman be appointed, and a telephone furnished the Police Station, and that the patrolmen so arrange their beats that some one shall be at the Police Station once every half hour or less. The appropriation for Police was then taken up, and it was,  
Voted – to appropriate thirty three hundred dollars for Police.

Article 46 **Old Home Week**

Voted – to celebrate in a suitable manner “Old Home Week” in Methuen, and that a committee of five be appointed by the chair, to have charge of the celebration. The subject of an appropriation was laid over until the adjourned meeting.

Article 47 **Cross Corner**

Voted – that the location on East and Merrimack Streets known as “Cook’s Corner” be now named “Cross Corner”.

Article 48 **Howe Road**

Voted – that the highway now known as “Howe Street” be named “Howe Road”.

Article 49 **Culvert**

Voted – that consideration of Article forty nine of the Warrant be postponed to the adjourned meeting.

At four o’clock and forty five minutes, it was voted to adjourn this meeting one week, to Saturday March fourteenth at two o’clock p.m.

Attest

Jos. S. Howe, Town Clerk.

**Record of Adjourned Meeting**

**Methuen, March 14,**

**1903**

**The Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Town affairs, met at the Town Hall this day at two o'clock p.m. according to adjournment, the Moderator in the Chair.**

Article 45     **Police Station**

Mr. Buckminster moved to reconsider the vote taken at the previous meeting on the subject contained in Article 45 of the Warrant. After considerable discussion, a vote was taken, and the motion was carried – fifty eight persons voting “yes” and eight “no”.  
A motion to pass over the article was made and the motion was lost.

Voted: - that the Selectmen be instructed to establish a telephone in the police station, and that they be authorized to make an arrangement with janitor to remain at the lockup all night.

Voted: - to reconsider the vote whereby an appropriation was made for “Police” at the last meeting.

Voted that the appropriation for Police be thirty one hundred dollars instead of thirty three hundred. Unanimous vote.

Voted: that the Selectmen be instructed to make such arrangements with all Electric Railways passing through the Town, that conductors on said railways shall be forbidden to put off drunken passengers from the cars within the limits of Methuen, excepting persons who are residents of Methuen.

Article 49     **Culvert**

Voted: - to pass over Article 49 of the Warrant.

Article 50     **Town Business**

Voted: - To pass over Article fifty of the warrant.

Article 51     **Tree Warden**

Voted: - To add the sum of two hundred dollars to the appropriation estimated for the expense

of Tree Warden, for the suppression of the Brown Tail Moth and other insects injurious to the shade trees of the Town.

Voted: - That the appropriation for Tree Warden be five hundred dollars.



Article 52     **Sanitarians**

Voted: To pass over Article fifty two of the Warrant.

Article 53     **Street Repairs**

Voted: - To appropriate five hundred dollars for repairs on Riverdale Street, the money to be taken from the sums received from Street Railway and excise tax.

Article 54     **Howe St.**

Voted to pass over Article fifty four of the Warrant.

Article 46     **Old Home Week**

Voted: - To appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars for the celebration of "Old Home Week".

Voted: - That the Moderator be a member of the Committee on the celebration. The Committee consists of the following persons.

Granville E. Foss	Stephen J. Barker
Lewis E. Barnes	Kimball G. Colby
James O. Parker	Calvin J. Sargent

Article 55     **Fire Alarm**

Voted: - To pass over Article fifty five of the Warrant.

Article 56     **Fire Alarm**

Voted: - to locate a fire alarm box on Miller Street between Milk and Arthur Streets and appropriate one hundred and twenty five dollars for the same.

Article 38     **Sewers**

Voted: - To pass over Article thirty eight of the Warrant.

Article 39     **Appropriation**

Voted: To pass over Article thirty nine of the Warrant.

Article 30     **Sewers**

Voted: - By a unanimous vote, to reconsider the vote taken at the last meeting on Article thirty of the Warrant.

Voted: - to amend the vote passed at the previous meeting by adding the following: - Sections 14, 15 and 21 of Chapter 49 of the Revised Laws are hereby accepted. The vote as amended was then passed by a unanimous vote and is as follows: -

Voted: - that the Town hereby accept and adopt the systems of Sewers as constructed in the Spicket River and Bloody Brook systems, and as shown in the Town reports for 1901 and 1902; and that the Town hereby provide and determine that assessment shall be made upon all owners of land abutting upon such sewered streets and ways, as shown in said reports, where such land is capable of being drained into said sewers; such assessment to be at the rate of sixty six and two thirds (66-2/3) cents per foot of frontage of said land upon the sewered streets and ways. And the Selectmen be and hereby are authorized and directed to ascertain assess and certify to the individual assessments which will become due under this vote, to the tax collector, and give notice thereof to the persons charged or assessed in accordance with Section 3 of Chapter 49 of the Revised Laws. Sections 14, 15 and 21 of Chapter 49 of the Revised Laws are hereby accepted.

Voted: - That the same persons who served on the Finance Committee last year, be the Finance Committee next year.

### **Finance Committee**

The Committee on Finance is composed of the following persons, besides those who are ex officio members.

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.

### **Vote of Thanks**

Voted: - that a vote of thanks be given to the Committee of Finance for their services previous to this meeting.

### Article 57 **Fire Alarm Box**

Voted: - to locate a fire alarm box at the corner of Lawrence and Spruce Streets, and appropriate one hundred and seventy five dollars for the same.

### Article 58 **R. Irving**

Voted: to pass over Article fifty eight of the warrant.

Article 59     **Flagging**

Voted: - To refer Article fifty nine to the Board of Selectmen with full power to act.

Article 60     **“Young” land**

Voted: - To pass over Article sixty of the Warrant.

Article 61     **Street Lights**

Voted: To pass over Article sixty one of the Warrant.

Article 62     **Street Lights**

Voted: - To establish street lights at Cook’s Corner, Bates Street corner of East, Swan, corner of East Street, and appropriate fifty four (\$54.00) for the same.

Voted: - That a Committee of five be appointed to investigate the question of street lighting and report at some future meeting. The committee was nominated from the floor and consists of the following persons.

Frank Remick, Edwin J. Castle, John Q. Hill, Alfred Newsholme, and James H. Lyons.

I was voted to add, Richard P. Osgood to the committee.

Article 63     **Street Lights**

Voted: - To refer Article sixty three to the Selectmen with full power, and appropriate thirty dollars for the same.

Article 64     **Street Lights**

Voted to pass over Article sixty four of the Warrant.

Article 65     **Arc Light**

Voted: - to erect and maintain an electric arc light at the junction of Oakland Avenue and Lowell Street, and appropriate seventy dollars for the same, also voted to move the Welsbach lights now in the vicinity – one to Elsmere Avenue and the other to Hawthorne Avenue.

Article 66     **Street Light**

Voted: - To pass over Article sixty six of the Warrant.

Article 67     **Street Light**

Voted: - To pass over Article sixty seven of the Warrant.

Article 68     **Webb St.**

Voted: - To accept a street as laid out by the Selectmen, running from Mystic Street to Inglewood, to be known as Webb Street.

Article 69     **Walnut St.**

The Town refused to vote to accept Walnut Street as laid out by the Selectmen.

Article 70     **Bryant Avenue**

Voted: - To accept Bryant Avenue as laid out by the Selectmen.

Article 71     **Closson Court**

Voted: - To accept the extension of Closson Court, as laid out by the Selectmen.

Article 72     **Fire Alarm Box**

Voted: - to pass over Article seventy two of the Warrant.

Article 73     **Quincy St.**

Voted: - To pass over Article seventy three of the Warrant.

Voted: - that the Selectmen instruct the Street Commissioner to put High Street in suitable condition for travel.

Voted: - to take from the table the item of macadam in the general estimate of the Selectmen, which was postponed; and it was then

Voted: - to pass over the item for macadam.

John S. Tapley was elected Public weigher, and also Surveyor of wood, bark and lumber and was sworn into those offices.

No other business appearing, the meeting was adjourned sine die at five o'clock and forty minutes.

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

**Methuen, March  
21, 1903**

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.

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, April 25, 1903 –  
File 13 No. 9**

**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 met at the Town Hall in said Town on Saturday the twenty fifth day of April instant, 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      By request of Frank Remick and others, to see what action the Town will take in regard to the construction of sewers in Hampshire Street and High Street.
- Article 3      By request of George A. Hunting, and others, to see if the Town will vote to extend the sewer in Pleasant Street from its present terminus to Summer Street.
- Article 4      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 5 To see what rate of interest the sewer assessments to be levied upon the Spicket River and Bloody Brook Systems shall bear, and what rate of interest assessments, as provided for in Sections 14, 15 and 21 of Chapter 49 of the Revised Laws.
- Article 6 To see what action the Town will take in regard to the claims of Charles G. Craib & Co. for additional compensation for work done under a contract in 1901, and to raise and appropriate any monies which may be necessary to carry out the vote of the Town under this article.
- Article 7 To see what action the Town will take in regard to taking care of the surface water that flows on the premises in the rear of no. 63 Arnold Street, as petitioned for by Edward Crompton and others and make an appropriation for the same.
- Article 8 By request of Alfred Newsholme, to see if the Town will vote to accept Maplewood Avenue as laid out by the Selectmen, as shown on plan of Jos. S. Howe dated May 1902.

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

Given under our hands, and the seal of the Town of Methuen, this sixteenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and three.

(Seal)  
Selectmen

Edward A. Bower

George O. Marsh } of  
Millard F. Emerson

Methuen

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**Essex SS: -  
1903**

**Methuen, April 17<sup>th</sup>**

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 the Town House, and in public places in each of the voting precincts, eight days before said meeting. I have also caused to be printed in the Methuen Transcript for two

successive weeks an attested copy, - the last publication not less than one day before said meeting.

Amos G. Jones, Constable of  
Methuen

A true copy of warrant, and return.

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

### **Record of Special Town Meeting April 25<sup>th</sup> 1903 – File 13 No. 9**

**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 April twenty fifth A.D. 1903 at two o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to Warrant No. File 13.**

**Article 1 Moderator**

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

**Article 2 Sewers**

Voted: - to construct sewers, in Hampshire Street, from Broadway Street to High Street, and through High Street as specified on sewer plans.

**Article 3 Sewers**

A motion to lay Article 3 upon the table was made and was lost. After considerable discussion it was voted to refer the whole subject to the Finance Committee, with instruction to report thereon at the next Annual Town Meeting.

**Article 4 Appropriation & 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 Twenty Five Hundred Dollars and to execute and deliver the notes of the Town therefore, payable in ten 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 5     **Interest**

Voted: - that the rate of interest to be levied upon sewer assessments on the Spicket River and Bloody Brook Systems shall be four per cent per annum from Jan. first A.D. 1904, and that the same rate of interest be charged in case of apportionment of such assessment, as provided for in Sections 14, 15 and 21 of Chapter 49 of the Revised Laws of Massachusetts.

Article 6     **Claim of Chas. E. Craib**

Article 6 being under consideration, it was stated that Mr. Barney, representing the firm of Charles G. Craib & Co. was present, and no objection being made, he stated to the meeting the reasons why he thought the firm was entitled to additional compensation. Mr. Worthington, sewer engineer replied and the meeting voted to refer the whole matter to the Board of Selectmen and the Engineer with power to make a final settlement.

Article 7     **Drainage Arnold St.**

Voted: - to refer the subject matter of Article 7 to the Highway Surveyor to be reported on at a future meeting.

Article 8     **Maplewood Ave.**

Voted - to accept Maplewood Avenue when completed to the satisfaction of the Highway Surveyor.

Adjourned at 4-40 p.m.

Attest

Jos. S. Howe, Town Clerk.

**Perambulation of Dracut and Methuen line**

The subscribers, Selectmen of the Towns of Dracut and Methuen Mass, met on Thursday, Nov. 20, 1902 and perambulated the line between said towns and found the bounds substantially set, and the courses from one bound to the other as follows, viz.: -

Beginning at a stone monument set in the ground marked D.M. situated near the Merrimack River a little West of a small brook emptying into said



river, on or near the land of Patrick J. Dooley, thence North 2 degrees West 392 rods to a stone monument marked D.M. in the wall on the west side of the road near the house formerly owned by J. O. Whittier, then North 2 degrees 40 feet West 729.5 rods to a stone monument in the wall on the west side of the road near the house formerly owned by Thomas Devine; thence North 3 degrees West 134.8 rods to a stone monument in the land of Catherine Walsh; thence North 2 degrees West 210 rods to a stone monument on the "State Line" marked D.M.P.

And they find stone monuments substantially set at the several points where the Town line crosses the public roads.

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

Frank S. Hill	Selectmen
Edward St. Leger, Jr.	} of
Bernice Parker	Dracut

A true copy,  
Attest,

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk.

**Perambulation.  
Methuen & Salem, N.H.**

Perambulation of the boundary line between the Towns of Salem N.H. and Methuen, Mass.

The subscribers, Selectmen of the towns of Salem, N.H. and Methuen Mass., met

On Tuesday, Nov. 25, 1902, and perambulated the line between said towns, and found the bounds substantially set and the courses from one bound to the other as follows, viz.:

Beginning at the northeasterly corner of Methuen at Haverhill line, at a stone set in the ground, thence South 49 degrees 56 feet West, 93 rods to a stone set in the ground a few rods south of the house of Frank D. Wilson; thence south 70 degrees 20 feet West 1159 rods to a stone set in the ground in "Strong Water Meadow"; thence north 62 degrees – 18 feet West 69 ½ rods, crossing the Turnpike so called to a stone set in the ground east of house formerly owned by George W. Noyes; thence North 87 degrees – 53 feet West 226 rods, crossing the road South of said Noyes' house, to a stone set in the ground on the side of the hill southwest of said Noyes' house; thence South 79 degrees – 19 feet West 137 rods, to a stone set in the ground at the corner of Salem and Pelham N.H.

And they find stone bounds at the several points where the Town line crosses the public roads.

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

Benjamin R. Wheeler    Selectmen  
Charles T. Maxwell    } of  
Lewis F. Soule        Salem N.H.

A true copy      Attest      Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk.

### **Perambulation Methuen and Lawrence**

#### **Perambulation of the boundary line between the Town of Methuen and the City of Lawrence**

The Subscribers, Selectmen of the Town of Methuen, and a deputation appointed by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Lawrence, consisting of Arthur D. Marble, City Engineer, and Robert W. Priestman, Assistant Engineer of the City of Lawrence, met on Friday Nov. 28, 1902, and perambulated the line between said Town of Methuen and the City of Lawrence and found the bounds substantially set, and the courses from one bound to the other as follows, viz.: -

Beginning on the westerly line of the City of Lawrence where the lines of Methuen and Andover intersect on the Merrimack River, at a stone monument marked L.W. on the bank of said river, on or near land of Eben L. Saunders, thence Northerly in a straight line to a stone monument marked L. W. near Woodland Street, known in Lawrence as Barker Street thence Northeasterly to a stone monument marked L.W. on Broadway; thence running North sixty one degrees East, to a stone monument marked L.W. set in the ground in the field between Lawrence Street and Arlington Street; thence running South seventy nine degrees East, in a straight line to a stone monument marked L.W. on the

bank of the Merrimack River on land of George L. Cross; thence to the line of the Town of North Andover in said river. And they find stone monuments substantially set at the several points where the Town line crosses the public roads, with the exception where the Town line crosses Orchard Street, known in Lawrence as Haverhill Street, and it was agreed upon by the Selectmen of Methuen, and the deputation appointed by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Lawrence present, to locate and erect a stone monument at the above point; and Arthur D. Marble City Engineer of the City of Lawrence was chosen to carry into effect the above agreement.

from the Mayor of Aldermen Lawrence	Arthur D. Marble R. W. Priestman	} Deputation and Board of
	Edward A. Bower George O. Marsh Millard F. Emerson	} Selectmen of Methuen

A true copy, Attest, Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk.

**Warrant for State Election, Nov. 3, 1903 – File 13 No. 10**

**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 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 Tuesday the third (3) 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, Councillor, Senator, two Representatives in the General Court, County Commissioner, Register of Probate and Insolvency, Register of

Deeds, and County Treasurer; also acceptance of Chapter 454 Acts of 1903 entitled "An Act to provide for joint caucuses or Primaries of all political and municipal parties". 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 you doings thereon to the Selectmen.

Given under our hands and Seal of the Town of Methuen, this twenty fourth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and three.

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

### **Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**Essex SS:** - To the Board of Selectmen of the Town 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 the election of National, State, District and County Officers, to meet as within directed, by posting up attested printed copies of this warrant in each of the public polling places in Town, 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 State Election, Nov. 3, 1903**

**At a meeting 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. 10 File 13,** 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.

	<b>Precinct 1</b>	<b>Precinct 2</b>
<b>Total</b>		
<b>The whole number of ballots cast was</b>	737	310
1047		
<b>For Governor</b>		
John L. Bates of Boston (Republican)	477	192
669		
Thomas F. Brennan of Salem (Socialist Labor)	8	8
16		
John C. Chase of Haverhill (Socialist)	53	31
84		
Oliver W. Cobb of Easthampton (Prohibition)	13	7
20		
William A. Gaston of Boston (Democratic)	163	60
223		
Blank	23	12
35		
<b>For Lieutenant Governor</b>		
John Quincy Adams of Amesbury (Socialist)	63	30
93		
Curtis Gild Jr. of Boston (Republican)	467	187
654		
William F. Merrill of Boston (Prohibition)	22	10
32		
Richard Olney 2 <sup>nd</sup> of Leicester (Democratic)	139	50
189		
Moritz E. Ruther of Holyoke (Socialist Labor)	11	9
20		
Blank	35	24
59		
<b>For Secretary</b>		
Olof Bokelund of Worcester	55	30
85		
John F. Coyle of Lynn	12	10
22		
Alfred L. Cutting of Weston	21	12
33		

Ezekiel M. Ezekiel of Springfield 161	121	40
William M. Olin of Boston 649	466	183
Blank 97	62	35

**For Treasurer and Receiver General**

John A. Billings of Rockland 89	57	32
Edward S. Bradford of Springfield 643	463	180
Napoleon B. Johnson of Milford 35	22	13
Frederick A. Nagler of Springfield 20	10	10
Thomas C. Thacher of Yarmouth 165	124	41
Blank 95	61	34

**For Auditor**

John H. Hagan of Lynn 30	17	13
Joseph Orr of Chicopee 79	52	27
Alfred E. Steele of Northampton 40	28	12
Francois X. Tetrault of Southbridge 153	110	43
Henry E. Turner of Malden 634	458	176
Blank 111	72	39

**For Attorney General**

John A. Anderson of Gardner 24	13	11
William J. Carroll of Lowell 81	51	30
Henry M. Dean of Hyde Park 39	27	12

John J. Flaherty of Gloucester 154	109	45
Herbert Parker of Lancaster 640	458	182
Blank 109	79	30

**For Councilor – Sixth District**

Oscar C. Hulsman of Malden 98	63	35
William J. McCluskey of Lowell 164	119	45
Walter S. Watson of Lowell 644	465	179
Blank 109	90	51

**For Representatives in General Court – 6<sup>th</sup> Essex**

William Andrews of Methuen – Socialist 78	40	38
Edwin J. Castle of Methuen – Republican 638	472	166
Otto Mueller of Lawrence – Democratic 264	189	75
Byron L. Orff of Lawrence – Prohibition 22	16	6
Richard Sacks of Lawrence – Socialist 67	41	26
John C. Sanborn Jr. of Lawrence – Democratic 191	146	45
Arthur L. Searle of Methuen – Prohibition 61	42	19
John H. Spinlow of Lawrence – Republican 531	367	164
Blank 242	161	81

**For Senator – Fifth Essex District**

John P. Fleming of Lawrence 78	48	30
Joseph J. Flynn of Lawrence 216	146	70

Granville E. Foss of Methuen 653	464	189
William Wood of Lawrence 53	43	10
Blank 47	36	11

**For County Commissioner**

Justin Allen of Topsfield 36	22	14
Edward B. Bishop of Haverhill 564	398	166
John E. Eustace of Peabody 18	12	6
James O. Parker of Methuen 265	207	58
Jason Spofford of Amesbury 76	44	32
Blank 88	54	34

**For Register of Probate and Insolvency**

Benjamin H. Blaney of Marblehead 107	65	42
Jeremiah T. Mahoney of Salem 661	486	175
Michael Tracey of Lynn 41	32	9
Blank 238	154	84

**For Register of Deeds – Essex North**

Thomas F. Delaney of Lawrence 184	130	54
Aretas R. Sanborn of Lawrence 645	463	182
James A. Wilkinson of Methuen 102	65	37
Blank 116	79	37

**For County Treasurer**



William H. Hitchcock of Lynn	56	31
87		
John Kenny of Lawrence	10	9
19		
Frank N. Rand of Haverhill	26	12
38		
David I. Robinson of Gloucester	436	173
609		
Frederick O. Spaulding of Lawrence	135	49
184		
Blank	74	36
110		

**Acceptance of Caucus Act.**

Yes	250	98
348		
No	139	57
196		
Blank	348	155
503		

Attest

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk.

**Recount of Ballots, Nov. 11, 1903**

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 third A.D. 1903 are erroneous, and that they deemed them in error in the following particulars namely: - that votes cast for John H. Spinlow have been counted for other candidates for Representatives 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 Wednesday, November eleventh at seven o'clock and thirty minutes p.m. and all the candidates for Representatives 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 as follows: -

<b>Total</b>	<b>Precinct 1</b>	<b>Precinct 2</b>
William Andrews of Methuen 78	40	38
Edwin J. Castle of Methuen 637	470	167
Otto Mueller of Lawrence 263	187	76
Byron L. Orff of Lawrence 22	16	6
Richard Sachs of Lawrence 66	40	26
John C. Sanborn, Jr. of Lawrence 193	147	46
Arthur L. Searle of Methuen 62	43	19
John H. Spinlow of Lawrence 532	368	164
Blanks 241	163	78
Whole number of ballots 1047	737	310

The ballots were replaced in the envelopes and resealed.

Mr. Edwin J. Castle and Mr. John H. Spinlow were both present, and both represented by counsel.

Attest

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk.

### **Meeting of City of Town Clerks, Nov. 13, 1903**

**City of**  
**Lawrence, Mass.**  
**Nov. 13, 1903.**

**City Clerk's Office,**

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 third  
A.D. 1903.

Methuen	Ward 1			Ward 2		
	Prc. 1	Prc. 2	Prc. 3	Prc. 1	Prc. 2	Prc. 1
Prc. 2						
Total						
William Andrews of Methuen	51	15	77	25	57	40
38 303						
Edwin J. Castle of Methuen	177	99	200	219	258	470
167 1590						
Otto Mueller of Lawrence	194	182	370	242	431	187
76 1682						
Byron L. Orff of Lawrence	3	5	6	3	3	16
6 42						
Richard Sachs of Lawrence	51	11	97	19	54	40
26 298						
John C. Sanborn Jr. of Lawrence	129	176	218	266	420	147
46 1402						
Arthur L. Searle of Methuen	4	2	5	2	9	43
19 84						
John H. Spinlow of Lawrence	227	103	276	209	240	368
164 1587						
Blank	92	75	119	133	128	163
78 788						

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  
Otto Mueller of Lawrence

Attest

Jos. S. Howe, Town Clerk.

**1904**

**Warrant for Annual Town Meeting, March Seventh File 13, No.  
11**

**Essex SS: -**

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

**Greeting: -** In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby 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 seventh (7) 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 Christopher H. Rogers, one Water Commissioner to serve three (3) years in place of George W. Copp, 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 Stephen J. Barker, 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 (4) o'clock p.m. Also to meet at the Town Hall in said Town, on Saturday the twelfth 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 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 163 of the Revised Laws
- 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 dollars for the purpose of decorating the graves of our Soldiers and Sailors on Memorial Day, May 30, 1904, said money to be expended under the direction of the above Post.
- Article 12 By request of Otto Muller and others, to see if the Town will vote to macadamize Milk Street, from its intersection with Prospect Street to Baremeadow Street, and appropriate two thousand (2000.) dollars for the same.
- Article 13 By request of William P. Morse and others, to see if the Town will vote to macadamize Lowell Street, from the house of Charles L. Magoon to Elm Street, and appropriate nine hundred (900) dollars for the same.
- Article 14 By request of Fred W. Stickney and others, to see if the Town will vote to appropriate fifteen hundred (1500) dollars for macadamizing on Hampstead and North Streets, beginning at Grosvenor's Corner.
- Article 15 By request of L. C. Moore and others, to see if the Town will vote to macadamize Brook Street from Prospect Street to Jackson Street extension, and appropriate five hundred (500.) dollars for the same.
- Article 16 By request of George M. Cole and others, to see if the Town will vote to cut down the hill on Forest Street, near the house of George M. Cole, about five feet and remove the gravel into the valley of the street on the north side of said hill and appropriate three hundred (300) dollars for the same.
- Article 17 By request of the School Committee, to see if the Town will agree to purchase the Ingalls estate at its net cost to the present holder and appropriate this year not less than three thousand (3000) dollars towards the payment of the same.
- Article 18 By request of the School Committee to see if the Town will authorize said committee to build this year on the land presented to the Town by Mr. J. Payson Bradley at Bradley Farm Plot a two-room school house similar to

the Barker school, equip same and appropriate therefor the sum of five thousand dollars.

- Article 19 By request of the School Committee, to see if the Town will authorize said Committee to repair the old East School building and put the same into reasonably safe and sanitary condition, and appropriate therefor the sum of thirty five hundred (3500) dollars.
- Article 20 To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money to pay for land purchased and construction and equipment and repairs of the school buildings proposed and repaired the present year, and issue the note or notes of the Town therefor.
- Article 21 By request of the Water Commissioners, to see if the Town wishes to extend the water system, and if so, to instruct the Water Commissioners to apply to the legislature to issue water bonds to the amount of twenty five thousand (25,000) dollars.
- Article 22 By request of the Water Commissioners, to see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the earnings of the works the sum of thirty-five hundred (3500) dollars, to be placed in the sinking fund.
- Article 23 By request of Charles F. Swain, to see if the Town will vote to have all dead ends in the service pipes washed out once every thirty days and a record kept of the same.
- Article 24 By request of Walter W. Coe and others, to see if the Town will vote to collect the excess on the water once a year, instead of once every six months, as heretofore.
- Article 25 By request of Carl S. Lippold and others, to see if the Town will vote to place the bell now owned by the Town, formerly the old engine house bell, in the tower of the Currier school house, and connect the same with the fire alarm system and make an appropriation for the same.
- Article 26 To see what action, if any the Town will take to establish a sinking fund for the payment of the sewer debt.
- Article 27 To see what action the Town will take in regard to accepting the provisions of Chapter 218 of the Acts of 1903, being an Act to authorize the Town to elect a Board of Public Works.
- Article 28 To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Section 9 of Chapter 208 of the Revised Laws of Massachusetts, relating to setting fires on land.

- Article 29 By request of the Engineers of the Fire Department, to see if the Town will vote to purchase a wagon to be used as a combination wagon, and appropriate six hundred (600) dollars for the same.
- Article 30 By request of William Hoepfner and others to see if the Town will vote to provide five hundred (500) feet of hose with hose reel, to be housed at a convenient location in Pleasant View, and appropriate three hundred (300) dollars for the same.
- Article 31 By request of James E. Thurlow and others, to see if the Town will vote to locate a fire alarm box on Lowell Street near Morse Brothers, and make an appropriation for the same.
- Article 32 To see if the Town will vote to make a survey and plans of the Town and take such action thereon as the Town may think proper, and appropriate one thousand (1000) dollars for that purpose.
- Article 33 To see if the Town will vote to sell to John Broadhead a small tract of land near the corner of Railroad Street and Oakland Avenue and take such action thereon as the Town may think proper.
- Article 34 To see if the Town will vote to construct a sewer on Chelmsford Street, from a manhole on said street to Ashton place, a distance of about two hundred and fifty (250) feet, and appropriate two hundred and fifty (\$250) dollars for the same.
- Article 35 By request of Maurice Flahive and others, to see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to call for bids for collecting the ashes as done by the Town, the contract to be given to the lowest responsible bidder, who shall furnish a suitable bond for the faithful performance of the same.
- Article 36 By request of the night patrolmen, to see if the Town will vote to instruct the heads of different departments to call for bids on the printing and to let it to the lowest responsible parties.
- Article 37 By request of C. H. Hall and others, to see if the Town will vote to instruct the heads of different departments to call for bids on the printing, and to let it to the lowest responsible parties.
- Article 38 By request of C. A. Frisbee and others to see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to appoint an inspector of milk and vinegar and furnish apparatus for carrying on the same, and appropriate one hundred (100) dollars for that purpose.
- Article 39 By request of J. E. Thurlow, to see if the Town will vote to pay one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) per day for the use of a horse.

- Article 40 To see if the Town will vote to accept the tablet and everything pertaining thereto, erected to the memory of the Revolutionary Soldiers of Methuen by the Samuel Adams Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, perpetual care being the only condition imposed.
- Article 41 By request of Isaac C. Brown, to see if the Town will vote to remove the drinking fountain from its present location, corner of the Park and Howe Streets, to the corner of Jackson and Pleasant Streets, for the better acomodation of the public.
- Article 42 By request of George C. Corless and others, to see if the Town will vote to change the name of that part of Baremeadow Street, between Prospect Street and Milk Street, to Albion Street.
- Article 43 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer to sign and execute tax deeds.
- Article 44 To see if the Town will vote to accept a part of Cochrane Street as laid out by the Selectmen as shown on plan of Cochrane land.
- Article 45 By request of Levi W. Taylor and others, to see if the Town will vote to erect and maintain a suitable number of street lights on Pleasant Streets from near the residence of Henry T. Lea to Marston's Corner and from Marston's Corner on Howe Street to near the residence of Isaac C. Brown, and make an appropriation for the same.
- Article 46 By request of Ruella H. Hitchings, to see if the Town will vote to erect and maintain a street light at the corner of William and Walnut Streets and make an appropriation for the same.
- Article 47 By request of C. H. Emerson and others, to see if the Town will vote to erect and maintain a street light on Railroad Street near the residence of John Slader, and make an appropriation for the same.
- Article 48 By request of Robert Webb, to see if the Town will vote to erect and maintain a street light on Webb Street, near the residence of Robert Webb, and appropriate twenty two (\$22) dollars for the same.
- Article 49 By request of Robert Gaffney and others, to see if the Town will vote to erect and maintain a street light on Pinedale Avenue near the residence of Robert Gaffney, and make an appropriation for the same.
- Article 50 By request of A. S. Huntress and others, to see if the Town will vote to erect and maintain an electric street light on Prospect Street, near the



residence of Moses Shuttleworth, and appropriate eighteen (\$18) dollars for the same.

Article 51 By request of Victor Breslaner and others, to see if the Town will vote to erect and maintain an electric street light on Prospect Street near the residence of John Breen and appropriate eighteen (\$18.) dollars for the same.

Article 52 By request of William D. Clark, to see if the Town will vote to erect and maintain an electric street light at the corner of East and Ashford Streets, and appropriate eighteen (\$18) dollars for the same.

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

Given under our hands and the seal of the Town of Methuen this twenty sixth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and four.

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

### **Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**Essex SS: -**

**Methuen Feb. 27 1904**

To Joseph S. Howe, Town Clerk,

**Greeting: -**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts I have notified and warned 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 in each of the public polling places in Town 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 seventh 1904

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. 11 File 13, on Monday, March seventh A.D. 1904 the qualified voters of said Town brought in their written votes for the several officers to be balloted for and on the question "Shall license be granted for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors in this Town?"

Total	Precinct 1	Precinct 2
<b>The whole number of ballots cast was</b>	616	206
822		
<b>For Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of Poor</b>		
George Bunting, 33 Spruce St.	476	180
656		
Millard F. Emerson, 12 Barker St.	505	166
676		
George O. Marsh, 65 Lowell St.	491	167
658		
Blanks	376	105
481		

And George Bunting (sworn) Millard F. Emerson (sworn) and George O. Marsh, were declared elected Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor.

### For Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes

Joseph S. Howe, 8 Steven St.	512	167
679		
Blanks	104	39
143		

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

### For School Committee – 3 years

J. Milton Tenney, 5 Charles St. 674	509	165
Blanks 148	107	41

And J. Milton Tenney was declared elected School Committee for three years.

**For Trustee Nevins Memorial – Two Years**

Joseph S. Howe, 8 Stevens St. 661	496	165
Blank 161	120	41

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

**For Auditor of Accounts**

Charles H. T. Mann, 83 Prospect St. 586	436	150
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And Charles H. T. Mann was declared elected Auditor and was sworn.

**For Highway Surveyor**

Jesse J. Prescott, 27 Barker St. 684	507	177
Blanks 138	109	29

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

**For Tree Warden**

Alfred H. Wagland, 38 Broadway 636	466	170
Blanks 186	150	36

And Alfred H. Wagland was declared elected Tree Warden and was sworn.

**For Water Commissioner – 3 years**

George W. Copp, 10 Gage St. 277	201	76
William H. Craven, 9 Craven St. 499	387	112
Blanks 46	28	18

And William H. Craven was declared elected Water Commissioner for three years and was sworn.

#### **For Fence Viewers**

Frederic W. Foster, Washington St. 569	425	144
Charles Hutchins, 32 Pelham St. 555	416	139
S. Wesley Young, 354 Pelham St. 574	428	146
Blanks 768	579	189

And Frederic W. Foster (sworn), Charles Hutchins (sworn), and S. Wesley Young were declared elected Fence Viewers.

#### **For Constables**

Joseph Cookson Jr., 6 Arnold St. 233	187	46
Charles H. Emerson, 56 Railroad St. 571	442	129
Albert B. Gordon, 30 Osgood St. 624	473	151
Amos G. Jones, 64 Union St. 593	454	139
William Moore, 30 ½ Broadway St. 494	356	138
Eugene Murphy, 124 Broad St. 220	177	43
William J. Oliver, 8 Annis St. 598	429	169
James C. Taylor, 45 Railroad St. 567	434	133
Blanks 1032	744	288

**License Vote**

The number of persons voting “Yes” was	191	61
252		
The number of persons voting “No” was	366	118
484		
Blanks	59	27
86		

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk.

**Record of Business Meeting – March twelfth, 1904**

**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 twelfth day of March A.D. 1903 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 check list being used. Granville E. Foss was chosen Moderator by a unanimous vote and was sworn. The meeting then proceeded to the choice of those officers not to be chosen by ballot, as follows: -

Article 2 **Officers not chosen by Ballot**

**Field Drivers**

Andrew J. Devine	Edmund Dowding (sworn)
Willard Bodwell	Charles H. Cooper
Benjamin Robinson	James Smith

**Surveyors of Plastering**

Silas K. Nowell  
John W. Moss (sworn)

Charles E. Russell (sworn)  
Nahum P. Winn

### **Surveyors of Lumber**

William J. Buckley  
Millard F. Emerson  
George W. Copp (sworn)  
Charles Hutchins (sworn)  
Samuel Emerson (sworn)  
William Waterworth

Isaac C. Brown  
James H. Lyons (sworn)  
James O. Parker (sworn)  
George O. Marsh (sworn)  
Harry D. Kelley (sworn)

### **Surveyors of Wood & Bark**

George O. Marsh (sworn)  
Isaac C. Brown  
Fred A. Russell (sworn)  
John S. Tapley (sworn)

Millard F. Emerson  
Josiah W. Bodwell  
Charles E. Richardson (sworn)

### **Pound Keepers**

Benjamin Nice

Joseph E. Buswell

## Article 3

### **Selectmen's Report – Finance Committee**

Voted to receive and accept the Report of Selectmen.

Mr. Bower Clerk of Finance Committee read the Report of that Committee, in which they indicated the amounts of money the Committee thought necessary to appropriate for difference objects, and the disposition the Committee recommend to be made of several articles in the warrant.

Voted to accept report of the Finance Committee.

Voted to instruct the School Committee to pay not more than one thousand dollars per annum, salary of the Superintendent of Schools.

Voted – that the repairs on macadam roads be paid for from the money received from the street railway taxes.

Voted: to instruct the Selectmen to draw no orders in excess of an appropriation, except as provided by law.

## Article 4

### **Appropriations**

The Selectmen's estimate of the sums needed for the ensuing year was taken up item by item and after considerable discussion the following sums of money were appropriated.

**For**

Teaching, janitorship and fuel as recommended by School Committee

Twenty six thousand dollars

\$26,000.00

School Supplies – eighteen hundred dollars

1,800.00

Repairs on School Houses, fifteen hundred dollars

1,500.00

Contingencies for Schools – one thousand dollars

1,000.00

Superintendent of Schools – one thousand dollars

1,000.00

Opening roads & sanding sidewalks – twenty five hundred dollars

2,500.00

Highways & Bridges – three thousand dollars

3,000.00

Salary of Highway Surveyor – twelve hundred dollars

1,200.00

(To be taken from Street Railway taxes)

Repairing macadam, Howe & Pleasant Sts. – four thousand dollars

4,000.00

Sidewalks – twelve hundred dollars

1,200.00

Edge stone & flagging – seven hundred dollars

700.00

Expense of tree warden – three hundred dollars

300.00

Sewer Department – eighteen hundred dollars

1,800.00

Fire Department – thirty five hundred dollars

3,500.00

Town teams – five hundred dollars

500.00

Street lights – forty five hundred dollars

4,500.00

Contingencies – two thousand dollars

2,000.00

Health department – twenty five hundred dollars

2,500.00

Police department – three thousand dollars

3,000.00

Pauper department – thirty five hundred dollars	
3,500.00	
Soldiers’ relief – five hundred dollars	
500.00	
Military Aid – five hundred dollars	
500.00	
Water for hydrants, drinking fountains and sprinkling streets	
Three thousand dollars	
3,000.00	
Watering streets – three hundred dollars	
300.00	
Interest on Town debt – seven thousand dollars	
7,000.00	
Collection of taxes – one thousand dollars	
1,000.00	
Town Officer – twenty five hundred dollars	
<u>2,500.00</u>	
	Total
\$80,000.00	

Article 1 **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 the Town Treasurer be and hereby is authorized, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow during the municipal year beginning January first A.D. 1904, in anticipation of the collection of taxes, the sum of sixty thousand dollars, giving the notes of the Town therefore payable within one year after the date thereof. All debts incurred under the authority of t his vote shall be paid from the taxes of the present municipal year.

**Resolutions – Police Court**

Mr. Parker offered the following Resolutions, which were adopted by a very large vote.

Whereas a bill is now pending in the Legislature, entitled An Act to include the Towns of Andover, North Andover and Methuen within the Jurisdiction of the Police Court of Lawrence. Therefore, Resolved by the Legal Voters of Methuen at their Annual Town Meeting assembled, - That



we are opposed to the merging of our Police Court with that of Lawrence, as it would be inconvenient and would incur a large additional expense.

Resolved, that our Representatives in the Legislature be instructed to oppose said bill, as in our judgment it would be detrimental to the interest of Methuen, should it become a law.

In accordance with the above vote, a certified copy of the above Resolutions was handed to Representative Castle, to be presented by him to the Committee of the Legislature having charge of the bill.

## Article 7

### **Jury List**

The Jury List reported by the Selectmen was accepted and is as follows.

Arnold Henry, Plumber	Kellett Timothy, Warp dresser
Austin Charles, Retired	Kimball Sylvanus G., Farmer
Bodwell Willard A., Farmer	Lazelle Henry R., Farmer
Brown Kirk F., Provision Dealer	Low John G., Retired
Bunting George, Woos sorter	Lowell Levi N., Salesman
Colby Thomas C., Carpenter	Lyman Edward E., Painter
Copp George W., Retired	Mack Thomas, Operative
Coburn Tristram W., Laborer	Mannifield John T., Machinist
Clark Aaron H., Editor	Marsh George O., Farmer
Craven William H., Carpenter	Merrill Charles E., Farmer
Cox Patrick, Framer	Merrill Joseph E., Farmer
Dumas George B., Painter	Miller Frederick, Farmer
Dodge Selwin A., Salesman	Nichols Lysander M.,
Laborer	
Doran Thomas J., Carpenter	Nice Benjamin, Clerk
Dowding Harry N., Motorman	Peaslee Orlando A., Painter
Emerson James O., Janitor	Richardson Charles E.,
Farmer	
Emerson J. Frank, Clerk	Richardson Varnum B.,
Farmer	
Emsley Joseph M., Insurance	Reynolds Edward P., Farmer
Flahive Maurice, Watchman	Ridings James, Mule spinner
Foss Granville E., Insurance	Salls James E., Farmer
Foster Frederick M., Farmer	Sargent Walter S., Farmer
Frederick George G., Druggist	Snell Cyrus C., Laborer
Garry John, Retired	Swain Charles F.,
Manufacturer	
Graham John M., Stable keeper	Smith Moses G., Contractor
George Edward B., Clerk	Smith George A., Agent
Gilcreast Walter L. S., Bookkeeper	Smith Nathan A., No
business	

Griffin Rufus A., Farmer	Stanley Robert, Bookkeeper
Hall Charles H., Gardener	Stealman William L.,
Machinist	
Hill John Q., Ice dealer	Stevens Charles A., Farmer
Holman Silas L., Dry goods dealer	Taylor Levi W., Retired
Homer Elisha B., Stove & Furnace dealer	Tenney Daniel W., Retired
Howard Leroy D., Operative	Webster Geroge K., Farmer
Howe Joseph S., Civil Engineer	Whittier Horace A., Farmer
Jones Amos G., Janitor	Young Clarence E. Salesman
Young S. Wesley, Farmer	

Article 8 **Report of Committees**

Mr. Castle from the Committee on Lighting, appointed last year reported verbally, that the Committee had investigated the matter to some extent, but thought that in the present financial condition of the Town the subject had better be postponed.

Voted, to accept the report of the Committee.

Article 9 **Fire Department**

Voted, - that the pay of the members of the Fire Department be same as last year, and that the salary of the Chief Engineer be two hundred dollars per annum and the salary of his two associates be one hundred and fifty dollars per annum.

Article 10 **Dog Licenses**

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, - to appropriate two hundred dollars for the purpose of decorating the graves of our Soldiers and Sailors on Memorial Day, May 30, 1904, said money to be expended under the direction of the above Post.

Article 12 **Macadam**

Voted to pass over Article 12 of the Warrant.

Article 13 **Macadam**

Voted to pass over Article 13 of the Warrant.

Article 14     **Macadam**

Voted to pass over Article 14 of the Warrant.

Article 15     **Macadam**

Voted to pass over Article 15 of the Warrant.

Article 16     **Forest St.**

Voted to pass over Article 16 of the Warrant.

Article 17     **Ingalls Est.**

Voted to pass over Article 17 of the Warrant.

Article 18     **School House**

Voted, to authorize the School Committee to build this year on the land presented to the Town by J. Payson Bradley at Bradley farm plot, a two room school house, similar to the Barker School, equip same, and appropriate therefor the sum of five thousand dollars.

Voted, that the School Committee be authorized and instructed to procure a deed of said land from Mr. Bradley, and that two citizens be added to the Committee. The chair appointed Edward A. Archibald & Wm. H. Craven. Mr. Richardson moved that none but Methuen citizens be employed upon the work, and the motion was laid upon the table.

Article 19     **East School House**

Voted to authorize the same Committee to repair the old East School building and put the same into reasonable safe and sanitary condition, and appropriate therefor the sum of thirty five hundred dollars.

Article 20     **School House Loan**

Voted, by a unanimous vote, that for the purpose of paying for the construction and equipment of the school house.

Voted to be built on the Bradley Farm, and the repairs voted to be made on the East School Building, the Town Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to borrow with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, the sum of eighty five hundred dollars, and to execute and deliver the notes of the Town therefor, payable in twenty years from the date of issue, with

interest thereon at the rate of four per cent per annum payable semi-annually.

Article 21 **Water Bonds**

Voted: - to pass over Article 21 of the Warrant.

Article 22 **Sinking Fund**

Voted: - to appropriate the sum of thirty five hundred dollars to be placed in the sinking fund.

The words “from the earnings of the works” were voted to be stricken from the motion as originally made.

Article 23 **Dead Ends**

Voted, to refer Article 23 to the Water Commissioners with instructions to see that dead ends of water pipes are properly cared for.

Article 24 **Water Excess**

Voted, to pass over Article 24 of the Warrant.

Article 25 **School Bell**

Voted, that the School Committee be authorized to place the bell now owned by the Town, formerly the old engine house bell, in the tower of the Currier School House, and appropriate fifty dollars for that purpose.

Also, voted, to extend the fire alarm system to the schoolhouse, and appropriate fifty dollars for that purpose.

Voted, that when the meeting adjourns, it adjourn to Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at two o'clock p.m.

Article 27 **Board Public Works**

Voted, to pass over Article 27 of the Warrant.

Article 28 being under consideration, a motion was made to adjourn, and the motion was carried and the Moderator declared the meeting adjourned to Saturday next, March 19<sup>th</sup> at two o'clock p.m.

Attest

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk.

**Record of Adjourned Town Meeting**

**Methuen, March 19,  
1904**

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

Article 28      **Forest Fires**

Article 28 of the Warrant was under consideration at the time of adjournment, the motion being to pass over the Article. Mr. Rogers explained the statutes and opposed passing over. A viva voce vote was taken and doubted, and a hand vote was called for. The motion to pass over was lost by a vote of 42 to 51. It was then,  
Voted, - to accept the provisions of Section 9 of Chapter 208 of the Revised Laws of Massachusetts, relating to setting fires on land.

Article 26      **Sewer Sinking Fund**

Voted, that all money received from sewer assessments be invested and placed in a sinking fund, to pay the debts contracted for the building of sewers, as said debts shall be come due.  
Voted – that the Selectmen and Town Treasurer constitute the commission to carry out this vote and that they be authorized and instructed to make such investments as they shall deem for the best interests of the Town.

Article 29      **Fire Dept. Wagon**

After considerable discussion the Town refused to vote to purchase a combination wagon, or to make any appropriation therefor.

Article 30      **Hose & Reel**

Voted – To pass over Article 30 of the Warrant.  
Voted, that the Hose and Reel now kept on premises of Joseph E. Buswell be transferred and housed at a convenient location in Pleasant View.

Article 31      **Fire Alarm Box**

Article 31 came up for consideration and considerable opposition developed against it. The point of order was made that no detailed statement of estimated expense was presented to the meeting, and the article was laid upon the table. It was afterwards taken from the table at

an estimated cost of 75.00 was handed the Moderator. The point of order was again made and the Moderator sustained the point of order on the ground that no estimate of expense had been made when the article came up for action by the meeting and the subject was dropped. Subsequently the article was again taken up and it was voted, to locate a fire alarm box on Lowell Street, near Morse Brothers, and that the cost thereof be taken from the regular appropriation for the Fire Department.

Article 32     **Survey of Town**

Voted to refer Article 32 to the Selectmen and the Town Clerk to be reported on at the next Annual Town Meeting.

Article 33     **Sale of land**

Voted to pass over Article 33 of the Warrant.

Article 34     **Sewer in Chelmsford St.**

Voted to construct a sewer on Chelmsford Street from a manhole on said street to Ashton Place, a distance of about three hundred and fifty feet, and appropriate three hundred and fifty dollars for that purpose.

Article 35     **Collecting Ashes**

Voted, to pass over Article 35 of the Warrant.

Article 36     **Night Patrol**

Voted, to increase the pay of the night officers from two dollars to two dollars and twenty five centers per night.

Article 37     **Printing**

Voted – to pass over Article 37 of the Warrant.

Article 38     **Milk, etc. Inspector**

Voted to pass over Article 38 of the Warrant.

Article 39     **Use of Horse**

Voted to pass over Article 39 of the Warrant.

Article 40     **Memorial Tablet**

Voted, - to accept the tablet and everything pertaining thereto, erected to the memory of the Revolutionary Soldiers of Methuen by the Samuel Adams Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, perpetual care being the condition on which it is given and received.

Voted, - that the thanks of the Town be extended to the ladies of the Samuel Adams Chapter, for their agency in this matter.

Article 41 **Drinking Fountain**

Voted, that the drinking fountain situated at the corner of the Park and Howe Street, be removed from its present location to the corner of Jackson and Pleasant Streets, and that the work be done under supervision of Water Board. Isaac C. Brown said he would pay expenses.

Article 42 **Albion St.**

Voted, to change the name of that part of Baremeadow Street, between Prospect Street and Milk Street, to Albion Street.

Article 43 **Tax Deeds**

Voted, to authorize the Town Treasurer to sign and execute deeds of land redeemed after tax sale, and purchase by the Town.

Article 44 **Cochrane St.**

Voted, - to accept a part of Cochrane Street as laid out by the Selectmen.

Article 45 **Street Lights**

46,47,50,51

Articles 45, 46, 47, 50 and 51 were reported on favorably by the Committee on Finance, and were referred to the Old Committee on Street Lighting with full power, and the sum of one hundred and sixty five dollars was appropriated.

The Committee consists of the following persons.

Alfred Sagar, Joseph E. Buswell, George W. Tenney and Jacob Emerson.

Frank Buckminster, who has left Town, being the remaining member.

Originally appointed Sept. 25, 1897.

Voted – that the Moderator appoint a member of the Committee in place of Frank Buckminster. George McLane, 23 Barker St. was appointed.

Articles 48 **Street Lights**

49, 52

Voted, to pass over Articles 48, 49 and 52 of the Warrant.

John S. Tapley was appointed Surveyor of Wood and Bark and Public Weigher.

The Chair appointed Edward A. Archibald and William H. Craven, the additional members of Committee on building School House.

Voted, - that all Committees whose duties are completed be discharged. Mr. Lyons presented a petition for removal of Arc light on Chase St. A remonstrance was also presented. Both papers were referred to the Selectmen with full power.

Voted – that the Finance Committee of this year be requested to serve next year. Edward A. Bower was appointed to serve in place of William H. Craven.

The business of the meeting having been completed, it was voted to adjourn sine die – at 4-55.

Attest

Jos. S. Howe, Town Clerk.

## **In Memoriam**

**Died on the twenty first day of March A.D. 1904 George O. Marsh, who had been elected Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor for the current year.**

**Mr. Marsh was first elected in 1883 and his election for the present year, was the sixteenth one of the longest terms of service in the annals of the Town. It is doubtful too, if any Selectman has ever before died in office. Mr. Marsh was born in Hudson, N.H. and came to Methuen when three years of age, has resided here ever since, and died at the age of seventy year.**

**He attended Town Meeting on Saturday March 12 apparently in his usual health. He sat next the center aisle, where there was a draught of air through the hall and contracted a cold which developed into pneumonia, causing his death on Monday March 21<sup>st</sup>. His death is a great loss to the Town.**

**Endowed as he was with good natural ability his long service gave him an experience in Town matters which was of great value to his townsmen. As a Town officer he was thoroughly honest**



and impartial, not allowing his prejudices to swerve his judgment, or his temper to control his action when people were unreasonable and irritating. His judgment of real estate was exceptionally good, and he was more familiar with land ownership in the Town, than any other man in it. As Overseer of the Poor, his services were particularly valuable. He was very familiar with the pauper laws, having had that department of the Town business under his special charge most of the time during his service. He was sympathetic with the poor and destitute and yet did not allow his sympathies to run away with his discretion. Few men could draw the line between the deserving poor, and the idle, improvident pauper so accurately as he. He was thoroughly honest and sincere and had the best interests of the Town at heart, in all he did. A kind father, a staunch friend, a generous public spirited citizen, a faithful public servant and an honest man his memory will long be cherished by those who knew him.

“The sweet remembrance of the just,  
Shall flourish when he sleeps in dust.”

### **Warrant – Special Meeting, April 18, 1904 – File 13 No. 12**

**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 Town Hall in said Town on Monday the eighteenth day of April next at ten o'clock in the forenoon then and there to act on the following articles, viz.: -

- Article 1        To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- Article 2        To choose one Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor to fill the unexpired term of the late George O. Marsh. The polls may be closed at four (4) o'clock p.m.



Article 1      **Moderator**

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

Article 2      **Selectman, Assessor, Overseer of Poor**

The Moderator announced the appointment of the following persons as election officers.

**Ballot Clerks:** Perley D. Sawyer, Republican      Edward J. Feeney,  
Democrat

**Tellers:**      George A. Taylor, Republican      Andrew J. Lawton,  
Democrat

                         Charles Press, Republican      Edward J. Moriarty,  
Democrat

And they were sworn.

The polls were opened for the choice of Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor and the balloting proceeded.

At four o'clock the polls were closed. The figures on the ballot box register were 158 and the number of persons checked as having voted was 158. The ballots were taken from the ballot box and counted audibly by the Moderator, sorted, counted, and declaration thereof made, and were as follows: -

The whole number of ballots cast was one hundred and fifty eight  
158

Kirk F. Brown had one hundred and forty nine  
149

Granville E. Foss had one  
1

Edward Bower had one  
1

And Kirk F. Brown was declared elected Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor to fill the vacancy caused by the death of George O. Marsh and was sworn.

The meeting was then adjourned sine die.

Attest

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk.

**Warrant for Special Town Meeting May 28, 1904 – File 13 No. 13**

**Essex SS: -**



## **Record of Special Town Meeting, May 28, 1904**

**A meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs was held at the Town Hall in said Town, on Saturday May 28 A.D. 1904, at eight o'clock p.m., pursuant to Warrant No. 13 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**

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

### **Article 2 Dedication of School House**

On motion of Edwin J. Castle it was voted to consider each division of the Article separately.

Voted, - to hold appropriate exercises for the dedication of the new high school building.

Voted, that a Committee be appointed to arrange and prepare for suitable exercises, for the occasion.

At this point Mr. Hartshorne, Chairman of School Committee stated to the meeting what the School Committee and others had thought would be a suitable order of exercises.

Voted: - that a Committee of eleven persons be appointed by the Town to prepare plans and make all necessary arrangements for the dedication.

The Committee consists of the following persons.

The School Committee – (Messrs Hartshorne, Colby and Tenney)

The Selectmen (Messrs. Emerson, Brown & Bunting)

Hon. Jacob Emerson, Caleb Page, Edward A. Bower, Edwin J. Castle and John H. Russell.

Voted, that this Committee be authorized to appoint such other sub committees as may be thought necessary.

Voted, to pass over the last part of the article relating to appropriations.

Voted, that the question of publication of the dedication services be referred to the Managing Committee.

Mr. Castle stated that the City of Lowell and Town of Dracut were desirous that Methuen should build a passable road by the side of the electric road from Lowell Street to Dracut line.

Voted that the Selectmen and Road Commissioner be requested to investigate and report thereon to the next Annual Town Meeting. The meeting then adjourned.

Attest, Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk.

**Warrant for Special Town Meeting July 2, 1904 File 13 No. 14**

**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 Town Hall in said Town on Saturday the second day of July next at eight o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles, viz.: -

- Article 1 To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- Article 2 By request of J. Milton Tenney and others to see if the Town will vote to widen and improve Pleasant Street between Central Street and Highland Street and make an appropriation for the same.
- Article 3 By request of David M. Bruce and others to see if the Town will vote to erect and maintain a street light opposite the stone steps on Park Street, that lead from Park to Charles Street, also a light on East Street opposite the residence of Mr. E. F. Searles, and one at the top of the hill opposite the residence of Mr. Wm. Henry butters and make an appropriation for the same.

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

Given under our hands and the seal of the Town of Methuen, this twenty fourth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and four.

Selectmen

Millard F. Emerson

Kirk F. Brown } of

George Bunting

Methuen

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**Essex SS: -  
1904**

**Methuen, June 24,**

To Joseph S. Howe, Town Clerk – **Greeting,**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts I have notified and warned the Inhabitants 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 the Town House and in public places in each of the voting precincts eight days before said meeting. I have also caused to be printed in the Methuen Transcript for two successive weeks an attested copy of this warrant, the last publication not less than one day before said meeting.

Amos G. Jones, Constable of

Methuen

A true copy of Warrant and Return,  
Attest,

Jos. S. Howe, Town Clerk.

**Record of Special Town Meeting July 2, 1904**

**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 July second, A.D. 1906 pursuant to the foregoing warrant.** The meeting was called to order at eight o'clock p.m. by the Town Clerk, who read the warrant for the meeting.

Article 1 **Moderator**

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

Article 2 **Pleasant St.**

Mr. C. W. Mann explained the object of the article, which was to build Pleasant Street to the line as laid out, and to otherwise improve the street from Central Street to Highland Street.

Voted – that Pleasant Street from Highland Street to Central Street be built to the street line, and improved as asked from the Article.

Article 3 **Street Lights**

Voted – to erect a street light on East Street opposite the residence of Mr. E. F. Searles, and one at the top of the hill opposite the residence of Wm. H. Butters and move the light now on Park Street to a point opposite the stone steps leading from Park to Charles St. and appropriate fifty dollars for that purpose. No other business appearing the meeting adjourned.

Attest, Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk.

**National and State Election, November eighth 1904 – Warrant  
No. 15 File 13  
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 eighth (8) day of November next at six o'clock in the forenoon, to bring in to the election officers, their votes for Electors of President and Vice President, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, Attorney General, Representative in Congress, Councilor, Senator, Representatives in General Court, District Attorney, Sheriff, County Commissioners and Associate Commissioners. 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 four.

**(Seal)**  
Selectmen

Millard F. Emerson

Kirk F. Brown } of



George Bunting

Methuen

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**Essex SS:** To the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Methuen

**Greeting: -**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts I have notified and warned 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 in each of the voting precincts 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 National and State Election, Nov. 8, 1904**

**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. 15 File 13 on Tuesday, November eighth, A.D. 1904,** the qualified voters of said Town brought in their written votes 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.

	<b>Precinct 1</b>	<b>Precinct 2</b>
<b>Total</b>		
<b>Whole number of ballots cast</b>	1007	378
1385		

**For Electors at Large**

Frederick A. Nagler of Springfield (Socialist Labor)	5	4
9		
Charles N. Wentworth of Lyn (Socialist Labor)	5	4
9		
John Eills of Haverhill (Socialist)	41	18
59		
Howard A. Gibbs of Worcester (Socialist)	41	18
59		
Patrick A. Collins of Boston (Democratic)	160	52
212		
Henry W. Ely of Westfield (Democratic)	160	52
212		
William W. Crapo of New Bedford (Republican)	697	258
955		
Edwin N. Curtis of Boston (Republican)	697	258
955		
Napoleon B. Johnson of Milford (Prohibition)	23	12
35		
William H. Partridge of Newton (Prohibition)	23	12
35		
E. Gerry Brown of Brockton (Peoples Party)	3	4
7		
George E. McNeill of Cambridge (Peoples Party)	3	4
7		
Blanks	156	60
216		

## **Electors by Districts**

### **District Number One**

Herman Keopke of Pittsfield – Socialist Labor	5	4
9		
Edgar N. Whitaker of Holyoke – Socialist	41	18
59		
Robert Abercrombie of Greenfield – Democratic	160	52
212		
Robert M. Woods of Hatfield – Republican	697	258
955		
Wilbur M. Purrington of Williamsburg – Prohibition	23	12
35		
Blanks	81	34
115		

**District Number Two**

Henry Noffke of Holyoke	5	4
9		
Alva E. Fenton of Springfield	41	18
59		
William P. Hayes of Springfield	160	52
212		
Norman P. Wood of Northfield	697	258
955		
Alfred H. Evans of Northampton	23	12
35		
Alvin M. Shaw of East Longmeadow	3	4
7		
Blanks	78	30
108		

**District Number Three**

John A. Fredrickson of Worcester	5	4
9		
Louis F. Weiss of Worcester	41	18
59		
James E. Estabrook of Worcester	160	52
212		
Calvin D. Paige of Southbridge	697	258
955		
Richard D. Murphy of Worcester	23	12
35		
Francis Leander King of Worcester	3	4
7		
Blanks	78	30
108		

**District Number Four**

John A. Anderson of Gardner	5	4
9		
Ernest C. Irish of Waltham	41	18
59		
Herbert H. Lyons of Fitchburg	160	52
212		
Walter Perley Hall of Fitchburg	697	258
955		
Alfred L. Cutting of Weston	23	12
35		

Blanks	81	34
115		

**District Number Five**

John Kenny of Lawrence	5	4
9		
John B. Cameron of Lawrence	41	18
59		
Peter J. Brady of Lowell	160	52
212		
Newton P. Frye of North Andover	697	258
955		
George E. Batchelder of Lynnfield	23	12
35		
Horace B. Foster of North Andover	3	4
7		
Blanks	78	30
108		

**District Number Six**

James F. Dailey of Haverhill	5	4
9		
Parkman B. Flanders of Haverhill	41	18
59		
William B. Sullivan of Danvers	160	52
212		
George H. Dole of Haverhill	697	258
955		
James F. Pease of Merrimac	23	12
35		
Benjamin Potter of Swampscott	3	4
7		
Blanks	78	30
108		

**District Number Seven**

Edwin S. Mayo of Everett	5	4
9		
Alfred B. Outram of Chelsea	41	18
59		
Charles J. Barton of Melrose	160	52
212		

Clarence F. Fernald of Melrose 955	697	258
Henry A. Smith of Stoneham 35	23	12
Levi R. Pierce of Lynn 7	3	4
Blanks 108	78	30

### **District Number Eight**

John J. Wall of Cambridge 9	5	4
Charles W. White of Somerville 59	41	18
John H. H. McNamee of Cambridge 212	160	52
George W. Perkins of Somerville 955	697	258
Joseph B. Bent of Somerville 35	23	12
G. Leonard McNeill of Somerville 7	3	4
Blanks 108	78	30

### **District Number Nine**

James F. Stevens of Boston 9	5	4
George W. Galvin of Boston 59	41	18
Emery D. Leighton of Boston 212	160	52
Francis L. Auld of Boston 955	697	258
William H. Park of Boston 35	23	12
Henry Lemon of Boston 7	3	4
Blanks 108	78	30

### **District Number Ten**

John E. Eustace of Peabody 9	5	4
Daniel W. Gorman of Quincy 59	41	18
Lawrence J. Logan of Boston 212	160	52
Milton C. Paige of Boston 955	697	258
Roland F. Alger of Boston 35	23	12
Asa F. Hall of Milton 7	3	4
Blanks 108	78	30

#### **District Number Eleven**

George Nelson of Boston 9	5	4
Jacob Haertl of Boston 59	41	18
John H. Lee of Boston 212	160	52
Thomas Sherwin of Boston 955	697	258
Hiram B. Cross of Boston 35	23	12
Phinehas P. Field of Boston 7	3	4
Blanks 108	78	30

#### **District Number Twelve**

Carl D. H. Fredrickson of Hopedale 9	5	4
Herbert Mosman of Stoughton 59	41	18
James E. Cotter of Hyde Park 212	160	52
Abbott E. French of Canton 955	697	258
William H. Cobb of Newton 35	23	12
George F. Washburn of Westwood 7	3	4

Blanks	78	30
108		

**District Number Thirteen**

Dennis McGoff of New Bedford	5	4
9		
Jeremiah J. Sullivan of Fall River	41	18
59		
Charles S. Ashley of New Bedford	160	52
212		
Benjamin Anthony of New Bedford	697	258
955		
Charles A. Chace of Swansea	23	12
35		
Blanks	81	34
115		

**District Number Fourteen**

Frank Bohmbach of Boston	5	4
9		
Charles E. Lowell of Whitman	41	18
59		
Thomas C. Thacher of Yarmouth	160	52
212		
William A. Nye of Bourne	697	258
955		
Daniel F. Chessman of Sandwich	23	12
35		
Thomas S. Hodgson of Middleborough	3	4
7		
Blanks	78	30
108		

**For Governor**

John Quincy Adams of Amesbury	46	17
63		
John L. Bates of Boston	570	197
767		
Michael T. Berry of Lynn	4	6
10		
Oliver W. Cobb of Easthampton	16	8
24		

William L. Douglas of Brockton	310	135
445		
Blanks	61	15
76		

**Lieutenant Governor**

Olof Bokelund of Worcester	50	20
70		
John C. Crosby of Pittsfield	192	85
277		
Frank P. Dyer of Arlington	26	13
39		
Curtis Guild Jr. of Boston	601	217
818		
Moritz E. Ruther of Holyoke	8	5
13		
Blanks	130	38
168		

**Secretary**

James A. Bresnahan of Cambridge	15	11
26		
Fannie J. Clary of Williamsburg	15	10
25		
Charles C. Hitchcock of Ware	54	21
75		
Henry B. Little of Newburyport	141	46
187		
William M. Olin of Boston	625	241
866		
Blanks	157	49
206		

**Treasurer**

Hubert C. Bartlett of Fitchburg	51	25
76		
Arthur B. Chapin of Holyoke	622	244
866		
Edmund D. Codman of Boston	148	48
196		
Andrew Mortensen of Somerville	7	5
12		



Willard O. Wylie of Beverly	19	11
30		
Blank	160	45
205		

**Auditor**

Charles E. Burnham of Worcester	20	14
34		
Walter J. Hoar of Worcester	14	8
22		
Charles Stevens of Plymouth	51	21
72		
Francis X. Tetrault of Southbridge	129	48
177		
Henry E. Turner of Malden	619	231
850		
Blank	174	56
850		

**Attorney General**

Henry M. Dean of Hyde Park	20	11
31		
John P. Leahy of Boston	132	47
179		
Herbert Parker of Lancaster	629	237
866		
John Weaver Sherman of Boston	55	25
80		
Thomas Stevenson of New Bedford	6	6
12		
Blanks	165	52
217		

**Representative in Congress – Fifth District**

Butler Ames of Lowell	652	255
907		
Alexander B. Bruce of Lawrence	258	79
337		
Winfield F. Parker of Lowell	48	19
67		
Blank	49	25
74		

**Councilor - Sixth District**

John E. Brennan of Malden	55	24
79		
John F. O'Brien of Lowell	120	37
157		
Walter-Scott Watson of Lowell	618	227
845		
Blanks	214	90
304		

**Senator – Fifth Essex District**

Edwin J. Castle of Methuen	753	252
1005		
Joseph J. Flynn of Lawrence	163	73
236		
James A. Wilkinson of Methuen	43	22
65		
William Wood of Lawrence	17	7
24		
Blanks	31	24
55		

**Representatives in General Court – 6<sup>th</sup> Essex District**

William Andrew of Methuen	54	28
82		
Edward A. Bower of Methuen	705	262
967		
John W. Bridge of Methuen	41	17
58		
Joseph Mosler of Lawrence	41	17
58		
Otto Mueller of Lawrence	220	56
276		
John C. Sanborn Jr. of Lawrence	207	49
256		
John H. Spinlow of Lawrence	430	209
639		
Warren F. Taylor of Lawrence	19	22
41		
Blank	297	96
393		

**County Commissioner**

Wallace Bates of Lynn	558	217
775		
Walter L. Ramsdell of Lynn	220	73
293		
George A. Sanborn of Salem	70	32
102		
Blanks	159	56
215		

#### **Associate Commissioners**

Isaac C. Day of Boxford	561	217
778		
Francis P. Grant of Beverly	61	21
82		
William H. Hitchcock of Lynn	59	27
86		
Sherman Nelson of Georgetown	486	194
680		
James O. Parker of Methuen	229	66
295		
William E. Sherburne of Georgetown	100	36
136		
Blanks	518	195
713		

#### **District Attorney – Eastern District**

Robert A. Amend of Danvers	59	30
89		
John P. S. Mahoney of Lawrence	188	52
240		
W. Scott Peters of Haverhill	619	246
865		
Blank	141	50
191		

#### **Sheriff – Essex County**

Samuel A. Johnson of Salem	640	239
889		
James H. Moulton of Swampscott	137	45
182		
Harry V. Noyes of Newburyport	64	27
91		

Blanks

223

166

57

Attest

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk.

### **Recount of Ballots, November 17<sup>th</sup> 1904**

Pursuant to a petition from ten legal voters of the Town of Methuen alleging that they had reason to believe and did believe that the records of the election officers of precincts 1 – 2 in said Town for the office of Senator are erroneous, and that they deemed them in error in the following particulars, namely: - that votes cast for Joseph J. Flynn were credited to Edwin J. Castle, and some were counted blank and asking for a recount of the same.

Also.

Pursuant to another petition from ten legal voters of the Town of Methuen alleging that they had reason to believe and did believe that the records of the election officers of precincts 1 –2 in said Town for the office of Representative in General Court are erroneous and that they deemed them in error in the following particulars, namely that votes cast for Otto Mueller were credited to Edward A. Bower and John H. Spinlow, and that some were counted blank, and asking for a recount of the same, the Registrars of Voters of the Town of Methuen, met at the Town House in said Town, on Thursday November seventeenth A.D. 1904, at seven o'clock p.m. and all the candidates for Senator and for Representatives 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 Senator for the Fifth Essex District and the votes cast for Representatives in General Court for the Sixth Essex District, and reported the result as follows: -

**Total**

**Precinct 1    Precinct 2**

**Senator – Fifth Essex District**

Edwin J. Castle of Methuen 1007	754	253
Joseph J. Flynn of Lawrence 234	161	73
James A. Wilkinson of Methuen 66	44	22
William Wood of Lawrence 25	17	8
Blanks 53	31	22

**Representatives in General Court – 6<sup>th</sup> Essex District**

William Andrew of Methuen 81	53	28
Edward A. Bower of Methuen 948	685	263
John W. Bridge of Methuen 58	41	17
Joseph Mosler of Lawrence 57	40	17
Otto Mueller of Lawrence 275	220	55
John C. Sanborn Jr. of Lawrence 268	218	50
John H. Spinlow of Lawrence 640	431	209
Warren F. Taylor of Lawrence 42	20	22
Blank 401	306	95

The ballots were replaced in the envelopes and resealed.

Mr. Edwin J. Castle, Mr. Otto Mueller and Mr. John H. Spinlow were present,  
and were all  
represented by counsel.

Attest

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

**Meeting of City and Town Clerks, November 18 1904**

**Lawrence, Mass.**

**City of**

**City Clerk's Office, Nov.**

**18, 1904**

At a meeting of the City Clerk of Lawrence and 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 eighth  
A.D. 1904.

	<b>Methuen</b>			<b>Ward 1</b>		<b>Ward 2</b>		
	<b>Prec. 1</b>	<b>Prec. 2</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Prec. 1</b>	<b>Prec. 2</b>	<b>Prec. 3</b>	<b>Prec. 4</b>	<b>Prec. 5</b>
William Andrew, Methuen	46			8	53	15	37	
	53	28	240					
Edward A. Bower, Methuen	220			120	266	203	327	
	685	263	2084					
John W. Bridge, Methuen	2			2	4	5	2	
	41	17	73					
Joseph Mosler, Lawrence	51			7	81	12	41	
	40	17	249					
Otto Mueller, Lawrence	206			185	374	270	491	
	220	55	1801					
John C. Sanborn Jr., Law.	158			171	223	280	456	
	218	50	1556					
John H. Spinlow, Lawrence	264			120	313	189	283	
	431	209	1809					
Warren F. Taylor, Lawrence	5			4	7	8	11	
	20	22	77					
Blanks			112	129	131	196	186	
	306	95	1155					

The whole number of ballots was – Lawrence 3137 – Methuen 1385

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: -

Edward A. Bower of Methuen  
And  
John H. Spinlow of Lawrence

Attest  
Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk