

# 1808

## March 7<sup>th</sup> 1808 - Annual Town Meeting

**At an Annual Town Meeting in Methuen held on Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> day of March 1808 agreeable to Warrant No 13 file 3<sup>rd</sup> dated February 18 1807**

1<sup>st</sup> Chose Capt John Russ **Moderator**

2<sup>ndly</sup> Chose Benjamin Osgood **Clerk and Treasurer**

**Selectmen** – Chose Capt Jonathan Merrill, Capt John Russ, Stephen Barker Esq.

<b>Surveyors of Highways</b>	Jeremiah Frye Joseph How Jesse Jones John Searl	John Huse John Richardson Stephen Messer Oliver Whittier	Ebenezer Hibberd Jr James Gutterson John Gage Benjamin Osgood
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<b>Fence Viewers</b>	Asa Palmer Enoch Poor Amos Barker	Elijah Carlton Alfred Ingalls Joshua Davis	Isaac Bodwell Alfred Ingalls Aaron Sawyer
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<b>Surveyors of Wood &amp; Bark</b>	Oliver Whittier Amos Barker Nathaniel Whittier	William Swan Elisha Richardson Benjamin Willson	Theodore Barnard Joseph How Asa Palmer
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<b>Surveyors of Lumber</b>	John Searl Isaac Bodwell Amos Barker Ebenezer Emerson	George D Herrick Joseph Willson Joseph Griffen Junior John Willson	Joseph Bodwell Enoch Poor Aaron Sawyer
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<b>Tything men</b>	Alfred Ingalls	John Pettengill
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<b>Sealer of Leather</b>	Zadok Bodwell
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<b>Sealer of Weights &amp; Measures</b>	Benjamin Osgood
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<b>Pound Keepers</b>	Elisha Richardson	Elijah Carlton
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<b>Hog Reaves</b>	William Farnum Junior Peter Marston Junior	Benjamin Griffen Michael Gage	Jonathan Currier Benjamin Carlton
<b>Field Drivers</b>	Samuel Griffen Stephen Gage John Merrill Junior	John Willson Joseph How James Ordway Junior	Washington Parker Joseph Hastings Joshua Buswell
<b>School Committee</b>	<b>Ward No. 1</b>  Samuel Richardson Aaron Sawyer John Parker	<b>Ward No. 2</b>  Jacob Tyuler John Searl Olivier Whittier	<b>Ward No. 3</b>  Amos Barker Joshua Davis Alpheus Bodwell
	<b>Ward No. 4</b>  Peter Marston John Russ John Gage	<b>Ward No. 5</b>  Nathaniel Whittier Alfred Ingalls Michael Gage	<b>Ward No. 6</b>  Nathaniel Merrill Dudley Bixby Thomas How
	<b>Ward No. 7</b>  John Harris John Pettingill Silas Barker	<b>Ward No. 8</b>  Daniel Frye Benjamin Osgood George D Herrick	<b>Ward No. 9</b>  Oliver Emerson Timothy Emerson Jesse Jones
<b>Fish Wardens</b>	Stephen Sargent Peter Marston	Moses Plumer Jun Samuel Huse	Amos Griffen
8ly	<b>Committee to reckon with the Treasurer</b>		
	Peter Marston	Nathaniel Whittier	Stephen Barker

The Collection of Taxes was set up at the lowest bidder and was struck off John Searl  
at two cents & three fourths on the Dollar and chose him Constable.

Votes for County Treasurer were (were) as follows

For Stephen Barker Esq. 62  
For Robert Farley 36

#### **Report of the committee to reckon with the Treasurer**

The Committee that was appointed to examine the accounts of Maj Benjamin

Osgood Treasurer for the Town of Methuen have Att (At)ended that service and report thereon as follows

That there was in his hands on Settlement of March 11<sup>th</sup> 1807

Of the Town's money the sum of	1220
85	
By last General Order on Lt Amos Barker	1099
00	
By Sundry Notes against Sundry Persons	49
95	
By Money Received of the State Treasurer	<u>60</u>
00	
Making in the whole two thousand four hundred & twenty five	
Dollars and eighty cents	2425
80	
That said Treasurer has paid since Said Reckoning for Assessors Orders	838
58	
the sum of Eight Hundred and thirty Eight and fifty Eight cents	
Which makes a balance in favour of the Town of the sum of fifty hundred	1500
22	
and Eighty Seven dollars 22 cents	
And we find there is due from Collectors and on Notes of hand against	
Sundry Persons as follows from Lt Amos Barker Constable for 1807	1099
00	
From ditto Constable for 1806 on Notes of hand	412
11	
Against Ebenezer Merrill	11
04	
Ditto Isaac Rogers	4
15	
Ditto Robert Ellingwood Junr	1
34	
Do Reuben Boles Junr	2
73	
Do Daniel Bodwell	00
67	
Do Amos Morse	
61	
Do Stephen Barker	3
25	
Do Stephen Richardson	1
16	
Do Jonathan G Davis	2
32	

Do Amos Barker	1
61	
Do John L Bodwell	7
00	
Do John Sargent	<u>3</u>
<u>03</u>	
	\$1552
23	
by Cash in the Treasurer	<u>34</u>
<u>99</u>	
Said Treasurer is to pay his outstanding orders	\$1587
99	

**Methuen March 18<sup>th</sup> 1808**

Peter Marston	
Nathaniel Whittier	} Committee
Stephen Barker	
Benajmin Osgood	Treasurer

The Committee further observe that from the best information we can obtain by Searching the Assessors book that there is now drawn and must be drawn orders to the amount of	253
44	
for payment of debts now against the Town and also a Note to Joshua Whittier payable at this Mother's death of	<u>100</u>
<u>00</u>	
	353 4
	4

Voted to adjourn to Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> of the present Instant at one o Clock P.M.

Meet on **Monday the 21<sup>st</sup>** of the present Instant according to adjournment and voted

Accept the Report of the Committee that reckoned with the Treasurer

3rdly      Voted to raise 500 dollars to defray Town charges

4thly      Voted to raise 450 for schooling and one third for a woman's school

5thly      Voted to raise 1200 to repair the highways and private ways in Said Town the ensuing year and wages to be as they ware (were) last year

6thly      Voted that swine shall not go at large the present year

7thly      Voted that neat cattle and horses be shut up from the 10<sup>th</sup> of April to the 10<sup>th</sup> of November

8thly Chose a committee to reckon with the Treasurer

9thly Voted that the Selectmen shall settle the Town debts

10thly Voted to pass over the tenth article

11thly Voted to have Spicket River opened as far as Spicket falls for a fish course

Voted to choose a committee three to see upon what terms they can open Said course

Chose Amos Barker William Whittier 2<sup>nd</sup> John Gage

Voted this committee make report the meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in April

12thly Voted to pass over the 12 article

13thly Voted that the Selectmen make inquiry into Mr Benjamin Webber's Estate and make report at a future meeting and Desolved the meeting

Attest – Benjamin Osgood Town  
Clerk

### March 21, 1808

**At a Legal Meeting held in Methuen on Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> day of March 1808  
agreeable to Warrant No 14 file 3 dated March 7<sup>th</sup> 1808**

1<sup>st</sup> Chose Captain Jonathan Merrill **Moderator** for Said Meeting

2ndly Voted to abate Mr John Tippets tax for 1806

3rdly Voted to take Mr Job Pingree from Ward No. 4 and annex him to Ward No. 6

4thly Voted that the Selectmen view the the road between the Mills and Peter Marston's Esq.  
and act respecting Said Road as they shall think proper

5thly Voted to abate Mr Bartlett's tax in case he repairs the Bridge between house and

Mr John Whittier's the ensuing summer  
6thly Voted to have the Selectmen go and view the Road between Peter Marston's Esq.  
and  
Alfred Inball's and see how they can agree with the owners of the land and make  
Report  
at some future Meeting  
Attest – Benjamin Osgood Town  
Clerk

### April 4, 1808

**At a Legal Town Meeting held on Monday the 4<sup>th</sup> day of April 1808 in  
Methuen for the choice of State officers agreeable to Warrant No 15 file 3  
dated March 21<sup>st</sup> 1808 when the votes for Governor ware (were) as follows**

For the Honorable Christopher Gore	114
For his Excellency James Sullivan	93

#### For Lieutenant Governor

Honorable David Cobb	105
Honorable Christopher Gore	2
His Honor Levy Lincoln	90

#### Senators

Enoch Titcum	103
John Heard	103
John Phillips Jr	103
Nathaniel Thurston	103
William Gray	102
Samuel Putnam	103
Daniel Killam	86
Thomas Kittredge	86
John Harthorne	85
William Person	86
Moses Little	86
John Prince	86

### May 5, 1808

**At a Legal Town Meeting held in Methuen on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of May 1808 for the**

**choice of Representative agreeable to Warrant No 16 file 3<sup>rd</sup> dated April 21<sup>st</sup>  
1808  
when the votes ware (were) as follows**

for Stephen Barker Esq. 85 For Benajmin Osgood 108

**May 5, 1808**

**At a Legal Town Meeting held in Methuen on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of May 1808  
agreeable to Warant No 17 file 3**

1<sup>st</sup> Opened the Meeting and chose Stephen Barker Esq. **Moderator** for Said Meeting

2ndly Voted to accept the Report of the Selectmen on the Road between Jonathan Currier & Alfred Ingalls and voted that the overseers of the Land have until the middle June to move their walls the above report is among the warnings No 18 file 3

3rdly Voted to accept the proposals of Benjamin Osgood and others to open Spicket River as a fish course and voted the Selectmen be authorized to apply to the General Court to obtain an act for opening Spicket River as a fish course with the right of taking and disposing of Said fish Said proposals are among the warmings No 19 file 3<sup>rd</sup>

4thly Voted to pass over the 4<sup>th</sup> articles

5thly Voted that Mr John Gage shall not liberty to work out his highway tax this year that he did not work out last year

6thly Voted that they will not abate Asa Griffen's rates and dissolved the Meeting

Attest: – Benjamin Osgood Town  
Clerk

**September 5, 1808**

**At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held on  
September 5<sup>th</sup> 1808 agreeable to Warrant No 20 File 3 dated August 27<sup>th</sup> 1808**

1<sup>st</sup> Opened the Meeting and chose Dr John Pettengill **Moderator** for Said Meeting

2ndly Voted to oppose the location of a road prayed for by Simon Coburn and others

Voted to chuse (choose) a committee of three for that purpose by hand vote

Voted to reconsider that vote and chose (choose) that committee by proxies (proxies)  
and chose

Captain John Richardson  
Mr Thomas Herrick      }    for    Said  
Committee  
H John Parker

3rdly Voted to raise two Hundred & fifty dollars to repair the old road under the direction of the Selectmen

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the last Monday in September at 3 o'clock afternoon

**September 26, 1808**

September 26th 1808 Met according to adjournment and Voted to chuse  
(choose)  
a committee to petition the Court to give their locating committee  
discretionary  
powers to widen the old road by trhe river or lay out the new road when it  
will be  
best convene the Town - Chose the Selectmen for that committee

Attest – Benjamin Osgood Town Clerk

**November 7, 1808**

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen holden on  
Monday  
The 7<sup>th</sup> day of November 1808 for the choice of Representative to Congress  
agreeable to Warrant No. 21 File 3

The votes were as follows for the Honorable Edward Livermore 88  
For Dr Thomas Kittredge Esq 78

Attest – Benjamin Osgood Town Clerk

## **November 7, 1808**

**At a Legal Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held on Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> day of November 1808 agreeable to Warrant No 22 file 3 dated**

**October 25 1808**

1<sup>st</sup> Chose Captain Jonathan Merril **Moderator** for said Meeting

2ndly Chose the Selectmen a committee to meet the Town of Dracut to settle the line between the Towns

3rdly Voted to abate Abel Kimball's rates in James Sargent's List and John Linfield's and  
David Davis rate in James Sargent's list

4thly Voted to abate Asa Griffen's rates in Amos Barker's list and voted to abate Daniel Barker's, Stephen Pingree's and Joshua Richardson and Stephen Webster's rates in Amos Barker's List for 1806  
Voted to abate Joseph Grant's, John Silver's, Daniel Barker's and Stephen Pingress' rates in Amos Barker list for 1807

Attest – Benjamin Osgood Town Clerk

## **December 29, 1808**

**At a Legal Town Meeting held in Methuen December 29<sup>th</sup> 1808 agreeable to Warrant  
No 23 file 3 dated December 14<sup>th</sup> 1808**

1<sup>st</sup> Chose Stephen Barker Esq. **Moderator** for Said Meeting

2ndly Voted to give the Soldiers that are detached for the Service of the United States ten dollars per Month with what the Government allows them and to have two dollars of what the Town allows them in advance in case they are called into Servis (Service)

3rdly Voted that the Selectmen shall draw an order in favour of Betsey Heseltine for one third part of the School Money in Ward No. 9

4thly Fourth article passed in the Negative

5thly Voted to abate John Crosses rates in Captain Barker's List for 1807

Voted to abate Noah Steven's State Town and County Rates for 1806 and his highway tax for 1805 and State Town and County taxes for 1807 and David Boynton's State Town & County taxes for 1807

Attest – Benjamin Osgood Town  
Clerk

## 1809

### February 8, 1809

**At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held on Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> of February 1809 agreeable to Warrant No 24 file 3 dated February 8 1809**

1<sup>st</sup> Chose Captain Jonathan Merril **Moderator** for Said Meeting

2ndly Voted not to reconsider their vote to open Spicket River as a fish course as far as Spicket falls 43 against 18 in favour

Attest – Benjamin Osgood Town  
Clerk

### March 6, 1809 - Annual Town Meeting

**At Annual Town Meeting held on Monday the 6 day of March 1809 agreeable to Warrant No 24 file 3<sup>rd</sup>**

1<sup>st</sup> Chose Peter Marston Esq. **Moderator** for Said Meeting

Chose Benjamin Osgood **Clerk & Treasurer**

Chose Alfred Ingalls, Jonathan Merrill, Joseph How **Selectmen**

The Collection of taxes was set up at the lowest bidder and was struck off to Nathaniel Whittier at 2 cents and one fourth on the dollar and chose him **Constable**

<b>Surveyors</b>	Jeremiah Frye	Isaac Bodwell	David McClary	Nathaniel Hastings
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<b>Of Highways</b>	John Richardson Peter Marston Junr	John Pettingill James Mallon	Daniel Emerson James Messer	James Parker Daniel Huse
<b>Fence Viewers</b>	John Willson Jonathan Currier 2 <sup>nd</sup> Barker	Isaac Bodwell Edward Richardson	Elijah Carlton John Huse	Enoch Poor Stephen
<b>Tythingmen</b>	Joseph How	Ebenezer Hibberd	Samuel Harris	
<b>Surveyors of Wood &amp; Bark</b>	Aaron Sawyer Joseph Griffen Junr Whittier Benjamin Willson	Silas Barker Oliver Whittier Abiel How	William Swan Joseph How	Amos Barker Nathaniel
<b>Surveyors of Lumber</b>	John Searl Stephen Gage Barker Oliver Emerson	George D Herrick Joseph Griffen Junr	Amos Barker Enoch Poor	Isaac Bodwell Stephen
<b>Hog Reaves</b>	John Searl Carlton Joseph Richardson	Moses Plumer Junr Elijah Jennings	James Decker Kimbal Mallon	Benjamin
<b>Sealer of Leather</b>	Zadok Bodwell			
<b>Sealer of Weights &amp; Measures</b>	Abiel How			
<b>Pound Keepers</b>	Elisha Richardson	Elijah Carlton		
<b>Field Drivers</b>	Samuel Griggen Richardson Joshua Davis James Sargent	Caleb Flint Washington Parker Peter Marston Junr	Ebenezer Emerson James Frye Junr Ebenezer Carlton Jr	Edward Daniel Frye Silas Barker

Voted to pass over all the articles to the ninth and chose Stephen Barker, Jonathan Merrill, John L. Bodwell a Committee to Reckon with the Treasurer and voted to Adjourn this Meeting to the 13<sup>th</sup> of this Instant March at one o'clock

Meet according to adjournment and chose

<b>School</b>	<b>No. 1</b>	<b>No. 2</b>	<b>No. 3</b>
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**Committee**

	Samuel Richardson Aaron Sawyer John Parker	James Mallon John Searl Oliver Whittier	Samuel Morse John Richardson Elijah Jennings
	<b>No. 4</b>	<b>No. 5</b>	<b>No. 6</b>
	Peter Marston William Swan Elijah Carlton	Stephen Runnals Jacob Messer Joseph Willson	Nathaniel Merrill Robinson How Joseph How
	<b>No. 7</b>	<b>No. 8</b>	<b>No. 9</b>
	David McClary Amos Morse John Pettengill	Daniel Frye Abial How Benjamin Osgood	Richard Currier Samuel Merrill Ebenezer Emerson
<b>Fish Wardens</b>	Jeremiah Frye Abraham Day	George D. Herrick	John Merrill
3rly	Voted to raise 700 dollars to defray Town charges		
4thly	Voted to raise 1200 dollars to repair the highways and private ways in said Town and wages to be the same as they ware (were) last year		
5thly	Voted to raise 450 dollars for schooling and one third to be kept in a woman's school		
	Voted that each ward shall draw the money for the nonresident land as they did when the wards were divided		
6thly	Passed over this article		
7thly	Voted that Swine shall not go at large this year		
8thly	Voted that neat cattle and horses shall not be suffered to go at large after the first of April till the last of November		
9thly	Voted to accept the report of the committee to reckon with the Treasurer which is as follows		

The Committee that was appointed to examine the accounts of Major Benjamin Osgood Treasurer for the Town of Methuen have Att (At)ended that service (service) and report thereon as follows that there was in his hands on settlement of March 18<sup>th</sup> 1808 of the Town's money the sum

	\$1587 22
By General Order on Mr John Searl	1269 70
By Cash received of the State Treasurer	0065 03
By Cash received of Kendal Mallon for horse he took up	7 42
By Interest on a note against Isaa Rogers	<u>0 21</u>
Making in the whole two thousand nine hundred ninety nine Dollars and fifty eight cents	\$2929 58
That said Treasurer has paid since said Reckoning for Assessors orders the sum of one Thousand sixty three dollars fifty one cents	<u>1063 51</u>
Which makes a balance in favour of the Town of the sum of One thousand eight hundred and sixty six dollars and seven cents	1866 07

And we find there is due to Said Treasurer from Collectors and on

Notes of hand against Sundry Persons as follows from

Captain Amos Barker Collector for 1807	607 98
from Mr John Searl Collector for 1808	1269 70

On Notes of hand

against Ebenezer Merrill	11 04
do against Robert Ellingwood Junr	1 34
do Ruben Boles Junr	2 73
do Ruben Boles	2 21
do Daniel Bodwell	0 67
do Amos Morse	0 61
do Stephen Barker	3 25
do Stephen Richardson	1 16
do Jonathan G. Davis	2 32
do Amos Barker	1 61
do John L. Bodwell	7 00
do John Sargent	<u>3 03</u>
	\$1914 65

and there is a balance due to Said Treasurer of forty eight Dollars

and fifty eight cents he paying his outstanding orders

Benjamin Osgood Treasurer  
**Methuen March 11<sup>th</sup> 1809**

Stephen Barker  
Jonathan Merrill      } Committee

The Committee further observe that from the best information we can obtain by searching the Assessors' book that there is now drawn and outstanding and must be drawn orders to the amount of 300 Dollars for paing of debts now against the

Town and also a Note to Joshua Whittier payable at his Mother's Death of 100 Dollars

10thly      Voted to allow Mr Enoch Poor's account Att (At)ending as Juror at Salem Towne  
3              25

Voted to allow Mr John Searl five shllings for a day's work of Mr Bartlett's plow to work at highways

Voted to leave Colonel Town's account to the Selectmen

Voted to allow Colonel Town's account for going as Grand Juror              4  
85

11thly      Voted to abate Mr Daniel Cross' State Town & County tax for 1807

12thly      Voted to give Mr Samuel Barker's Family thirty five Dollars to be under the direction of Benjamin Osgood to move his family down to the Eastward

The votes for **County Treasurer** ware (were) as follows

for Stephen Choat Esq.      63  
for Tobert Farley Esq.      31

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in April at 3 oclock afternoon

Meet according to adjournment and voted to adjourn to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in May 3 oclock afternoon

Met according to adjournment **May the 8<sup>th</sup>** and desolved the Meeting

Attest – Benjamin Osgood Town  
Clerk

**April 3, 1809**

**At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held on Monday the 3 day of April 1809 agreeable to Warrant No 26 file 3<sup>rd</sup> dated March 1809 for the choice of State officers**

The votes ware (were) as follows for **Chief Governor**

Honorable Christopher Gore had	112
Honorable Leroy Lincoln had	111

for <b>Lieut Governor</b> }	Honorable David Colb had 115
	Honorable Joseph B Varnum 107
	Thomas Kittridge 1
	Honorable Leroy Lincoln 1

**for Senators**

Israel Thornkick	112
Enoch Titcomb	112
John Heard	112
John Phillips Jr	109

Nathaniel Thuston	112
Samuel Putnum	112
Richard Fiske	1
Daniel Killam	104
John Harthorn	104
Thomas Kittridge	104
Moses Little	104
John Prince	104
William Person	104

Attest – Benjamin Osgood Town Clerk

**May 8, 1809**

**At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held on May the 8<sup>th</sup> 1809 for the choice of a Representative agreeable to Warrant No 27 file 3<sup>rd</sup> when the votes ware (were) as follows**

For Benjamin Osgood	102
For Stephen Barker Esq.	83
For Dr John L Bodwell	2

Attest – Benjamin Osgood Town

Clerk

**May 8, 1809**

**At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of May 1809 agreeable to Warrant No 28 file 3 dated April 26<sup>th</sup> 1809**

1<sup>st</sup> Opened the Meeting & chose Mr Alfred Ingalls **Moderator**

2<sup>nd</sup> Voted that when constables receive a venire (venire: an entire panel from which a jury is drawn) for drawing Jurors in future they shall notify the Selectmen & Town Clerk only

3<sup>rdly</sup> Voted to abate Richard S Messer's taxes in James Sargent's list \$2 33

4<sup>thly</sup> Voted that Mr William Farnum Jun taxes to the highways shall be abated if he works them out by the 1<sup>st</sup> of August under the direction of Dr Pettengill

5<sup>thly</sup> Voted to abate Mr John Harris' highway taxes for the years 1807 & 1808

6<sup>thly</sup> Voted that Mr Jonathan Merrill & Mr Jonathan Davis shall have liberty work out  $\frac{1}{2}$  of their highway taxes for taxes this year on the cause way between Mr Enoch Bodwell & Mr Samuel Barker's

7<sup>thly</sup> Voted to send a paper that Stephen Barker Esq read in Meeting respecting the line between Dracut and Methuen to the Town of Dracut

8<sup>thly</sup> Voted to accept the list of Jurors laid before the Town by the Selectmen  
 Voted to accept the list of Grand Jurors  
 Voted to accept the list of Petit Jurors

Attest – Benjamin Osgood Town Clerk

## October 2, 1809

**At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the the Town of Methuen held on the  
 2<sup>nd</sup> of October 1809 agreeable to Warrant No 29 file 3 dated October 1st 1809**

1<sup>st</sup> Opened the Meeting and chose Mr Alfred Ingalls **Moderator**

2<sup>ndly</sup> Voted to pass over this article for the present

Voted not to allow Captain Griffen an additional sum of 4/6 per Rod

Voted not to give Mr Jonathan Griffen an additional sum of 7/6 for one wall and 7 dollars for moving same

Voted not to allow Mr Samuel Richardson 119 in addition to what the Committee

allowed him

Voted not to allow Lieutenant Aaron the additon of 9/ per rod

3<sup>rdly</sup>

Voted to pass over this article

4<sup>thly</sup>

Voted to take the Money that was raised last fall to repair the old road to bild the new Bridges and new roads

5<sup>thly</sup>

Voted that the Selectmen be a committee to build the Bridges on Said Road as cheap as they can

Voted that the Selectmen be a committee to see what each man is awarded for damages sustained by the New Road and likewise what they suppose the damages are and made report at some future Meeting

Voted to adjourn this meeting to 3 weeks at 3 oclock

Met November 13<sup>th</sup> according to adjournment and adjourned to Monday the 27<sup>th</sup> of November at one oclock after noon

Met November 27<sup>th</sup> according to adjournment and acted on the 2<sup>nd</sup> article which was passed over and dissolved the Meeting

Attest – Benjamin Osgood Town Clerk

## November 27, 1809

**At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held on Monday the 27<sup>th</sup> day of November agreeable to Warrant No 30 file 3 dated November 16 1809**

1<sup>st</sup>

Opened the Meeting and chose Mr Alfred Ingalls **Moderator**

2<sup>ndly</sup>

Voted to raise two hundred & fifty dollars to pay for the new Road laid out by the court's committee

3<sup>rdly</sup>

Voted to pass over this article

4<sup>thly</sup>

Voted that the Selectmen shall patch the rough (roof) of the Town House and collar



by Note against Samuel Harris	2
63	
by note against John Whittier	1
78	
by Interest received on notes	
47	
by a note against Jonathan How	1
01	
<u>Making in the whole three Thousand four hundred and Eighty two</u>	<u>\$3482</u>
72	
Dollars & twenty two cents	
That said Treasurer has paid on Assessors orders since Said Reckoning	966
<u>40</u>	
Which leaves a balance in favour of the Town of Two Thousand five	\$2516
32	
Hundred & sixteen dollars & thirty two cents	
and we find there is due to the Said Treasurer as follows	
from Nathaniel Whittier Constable for the year 1809	1478
36	
from John Searl Constable for the year 1808	835
73	
by a note of hand against Captain Amos Barker	240
89	
by do against Ebenezer Merrill	11
04	
by do against Jonathan How	1
01	
by a Note against John Whittier	1
78	
by do against Stephen Richardson	1
16	
by do against Amos Morse	0
61	
by do against John Sargent	3
03	
by do against Stephen Barker	3
25	
by do against Ruben Boles	2
<u>21</u>	
Amounting in the whole to two thousand five hundred and seventy nine	\$2579
07	
Dollars and seven cents	
Which makes a balance in favour of Said Treasurer of Sixty two dollars	62
75	
and 75 cents he paying his own out of standing orders	

The committee further state that from the best information they can obtain by searching the Assessors book that there is orders now drawn which are outstanding and orders which must be drawn for the payment of debts now due from the Town to the amount of five hundred and seventeen dollars exclusive of the damages done to the owners of land through which the road was laid out between Lt Sawyer's and Capt Griffen's also thee is a Note of hand against the Town in favour of Joshua Whittier of one hundred payable at this Mother's death

**Methuen March 7<sup>th</sup> 1810** John L Bodwell }  
Commmitttee

Stephen Barker  
Benjamin Osgood Treasurer

**Monday March the 19<sup>th</sup> Meet according to adjournment** and voted to accept the report of the committee that reckoned with the Treasurer

Voted to set up the collection of taxes to the lowest bidder and that the lowest bidder shall be constable and it was struck off to Mr Nathaniel Whittier at one cent and four Mills on the dollar and chose him constable

<b>Surveyors</b>	William Swan Jennings	Silas Barker	Daniel How	Elijah
<b>of Highways</b>	James Merrill Daniel Frye Richardson Jr	Joseph Willson Zadok Bodwell	John Merrill Isaiah Silver	James Messer Francis
<b>Tything Men</b>	Daniel Frye	William Bodwell		
<b>Fence Viewers</b>	John Pettengill Jonathan Currier	Joseph Bodwell Joshua Davis	Elijah Carlton John Huse	Peter Carlton Stehen Barker
<b>Surveyors of Wood &amp; Bark</b>	Aaron Sawyer Whittier Joseph Griffen Jr	John Pettengill Joseph How	Amos Barker Joseph Willson	Olivier Abial How
<b>Surveyors of Lumber</b>	John Searl Benjamin Willson Barker Daniel Emerson	George D Herrick Joseph Griffen Jr John Gage	Amos Barker Enoch Poor	Isaa Bodwell Stephen
<b>Hogreaves</b>	Enoch Whittier Carlton	John Peabody	Phillip How	Benjamin

	George Plumer Sargent John Searl Richardson Jr	Joseph Frye Jeremiah Frye	John Farnum Jonathan Griffen	Nathaniel Francis
<b>Sealer of Leather</b>	Hezekiah Plumer			
<b>Sealer of Weights &amp; Measures</b>	Abial How			
<b>Pound Keepers</b>	Hezekiah Plumer	John Merrill		
<b>Field Drivers</b>	Enoch Bodwell Bodwell Washington Parker James Pecker 2 <sup>nd</sup> Silas Barker	Jonathan Griffen Jonathan Cluff Peter Carlton	Kindal Mallon Benjamin Osgood Ebenezer Emerson	Alpheus John Gage John Merril
<b>School Committee</b>	<b>Ward No. 1</b> Jonathan Griffen John Parker Joseph Griffen Jr	<b>No. 2</b> James Messer Samuel Harris Oliver Whittier	<b>No. 3</b> Samuel Morse John Richardson Alpheus Bodwell	
	<b>No. 4</b> Enoch Poor Isaac Bodwell Joshua Buswell	<b>No. 5</b> Stephen Runnals James Frye Jun Stephen Gage	<b>No. 6</b> Nathaniel Merrill Joseph How Benjamin Carlton	
<b>Fish Wardens</b>	<b>No. 7</b> Ruben Boles William Bodwell Samuel Clark	<b>No. 8</b> Jonathan G Davis John L Bodwell Jacob Sargent	<b>No. 9</b> Richard Currier Ralph Harris Day Emerson	
	Samuel Huse Jun	Job Pingree	Jonathan How	Abner Stevens

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to next Monday at one o'clock

**Meet (met) according to adjournment Monday March 26<sup>th</sup> 1810**

3<sup>rdly</sup> Voted to raise 700 to defray Town charges the year insuing

4<sup>thly</sup> Voted to raise 450 dollars for Schooling the year ensuing and voted that one third part be laid out for a woman's school

5<sup>thly</sup> Voted to raise 1200 dollars to repair the highways & private ways in Said Town the ensuing year

6<sup>thly</sup> Voted that the Money be divided as it was last year for the Schools

7<sup>thly</sup> Voted not to allow Mr James Sargent his money which he lost by Abial Heath

8<sup>thly</sup> Voted that if Mr Plumer shall work out his and his son for the three last years Assessors highway taxes on Mr Peabodee's (Peabody) land to the acceptance of the Selectmen they shall be abated

9<sup>thly</sup> Voted that Mr Day shall not have liberty to work out his highway taxes in the district near Gage's ferry

10<sup>th</sup> Voted to pass over this article to the adjournment

11<sup>th</sup> Voted neat cattle and horses shall be shut up from the first of April to the first of December

12<sup>th</sup> Voted that swine shall not go at large the year ensuing

13<sup>th</sup> Voted to pass over this article to the adjournment

14<sup>th</sup> Voted to set off those persons who requested from the fourth district and annex them to the 6<sup>th</sup>

15<sup>th</sup> Voted to pass over this article to the adjournment

16<sup>th</sup> Voted to pass over this article

Voted to adjourn this meeting to next Monday one o'clock after noon

**Meet on Monday April three according to adjournment** and voted on the 10<sup>th</sup> article not to accept of said Road prayed for

Voted not to accept of said road prayed for by the 15<sup>th</sup> article

Voted on the 3<sup>rd</sup> article that Mr JohnSearl have liberty to turn that money which he took for rates which is now uncurrent being 41 dollars & 25 cents into the Treasury and be allowed for it the **votes for County Treasurer** as follows

For Stephen Choat Esq.	87
For Jabez Farley Esq.	109

Voted to adjourn this meeting two hours

Meet according to adjournment and dissolved the Meeting

Attest – Benjamin Osgood Town  
Clerk

**April 2, 1810**

**At a Legal Meeting held in Methuen on Monday the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April 1810 for the choice of State officers agreeable to Warrant No 32 File 3 dated March 19 1810**

The votes ware (were) as follows for **Governor**

His Excellency Christopher Gore had	91
Honorable Elbridge Gerry had	117

for **Lieutenant Governor**

William Gray had	115
David Cobb had	84
Christopher Gore had	1
Elbridge Gerry had	1

Voted for **Senators** were as follows

John Heard	89
Israel Thorndike	89
Dudley L Pickman	89
Daniel A White	89
Larson Nash	89
James Duncan	3

Thomas Kittridge	113
Daniel Killam	113
William Person	113
Moses Little	blank
Joseph Barker	113
Benjamin Crowningshield	113

Attest – Benjamin Osgood Town Clerk

## May 10, 1810

**A Legal Town Meeting held on Thursday the 10<sup>th</sup> day of May agreeable to Warrant No 33 file 3 dated April 25<sup>th</sup> 1810**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Opened the Meeting and chose Jonathan Merrill **Moderator**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Voted to pass over the Second Article
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Voted to express their opinion on removing the court from Ipswich to Newburyport
  - Voted that it is their opinion it is best to have the courts abide as they are
- 4<sup>th</sup> Voted to pass over this article
- 5<sup>th</sup> Voted not to give Mr Mallone liberty to work out his highway rates
- 6<sup>th</sup> Voted to choose a committee of three to consult the ownears of land to see how they can have the road and likewise to consult the Petitioners to see how long they will wait before it is opened voted that the Selectmen be the committee and make such alterations as they shall think proper

Attest – Benjamin Osgood Town Clerk

## May 10, 1810

**At a Legal Town Meeting held in Methuen on Thursday the 10<sup>th</sup> day of May 1810 agreeable to Warrant No 34 file 3 dated April 25<sup>th</sup> 1810 for the choice of Representative when the votes were as follows**

Stephen Barker Esq. had 103

Benjamin Osgood had 105  
Clerk

Attest: — Benjamin Osgood Town

**September 13, 1810**

**At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held on Thursday the 13<sup>th</sup> of September 1810 agreeable to Warrant No 35 file 3 dated August 29<sup>th</sup> 1810**

1<sup>st</sup> Chose Capt Jonathan Merrill **Moderator**

2<sup>nd</sup> Voted not to oppose the petition of Samuel Richardson and others

3<sup>rd</sup> Voted to chuse (choose)a committee to appear before the Jury in behalf of the Town

Chuse (choose) Jonathan Merrill  
Alfred Ingalls      } Committee  
Nathaniel Whittier

4<sup>th</sup> Voted to abate Isack Hibberds Pool (Poll) Tax for 18006 in Amos Barker's List and James Davids highway tax for 1805

Vote to abate Eben Merrill's highway tax for 1805 77 cents

Voted to leave James Gutterson's tax to the Selectmen

Voted to abate Samuel Tenney for 1806

Voted to abate Jonathan Edgerly one dollar in part

Voted to abate Jonathan Merrill 2<sup>nd</sup> tax State Town Country 2-75

Voted to leave Eben Merrill tax for the 1807 to the Select men

Voted to leave Nathaniel Griffen's tax for 1807 to the Select men

Voted to abaste John Kint's tax for 1807

Voted to leave Moses Kimball in Capt Barker's list to the Select men for the year 1807

Voted to abate Samuel Tenney in Capt Barker's list for 1807

And desolved the meeting

Attest: – Benjamin Osgood Town

Clerk

## November 5, 1810

**At a Legal Meeting held in Methuen November 5<sup>th</sup> 1810 agreeable to Warrant  
No 36 file 3 dated October 24<sup>th</sup> 1810 for the choice of Representative  
to Congress when the votes were as follows**

for Thomas Kittridge Esq. 66  
for Leonard White Esq. 62

Attest: – Benjamin Osgood Town

Clerk

## 1811

### March 4, 1811 - Annual Town Meeting

**At a Legal Annual Town Meeting held on Monday the 4<sup>th</sup> of March 1811  
agreeable  
to Warrant 37 file 3 dated February the 20<sup>th</sup> 1811**

1<sup>st</sup> Opened the Meeting and chose Stephen Barker Esq. **Moderator**

2<sup>nd</sup> Chose Benjamin Osgood Clerk & Treasurer chose

### Selectmen & they were sworn March 5th

	Doct John L Bodwell	Stephen Barker Esq.	Benjamin Osgood
<b>Surveyors of Highways</b>	John Richardson Robinson How Elijah Carlton Zsadock Bodwell	Enoch Poor Stephen Currier Jr Aaron Sawyer Elisha Richardson	William Bodwell James Frye Jr Benjamin Osgood John Willson
<b>Fence Viewers</b>	Joseph Bodwell Stephen Runnals Stephen Barker	Jonathan Currier Alpheus Bodwell Eben Emerson	Peter Carlton John Searl
<b>Surveyors of Wood</b>	Ebenezer Hibberd Jr Joseph Griffen Jun	Amos Barker Joseph How	Aaron Sawyer Joseph Willson

<b>&amp; Bark</b>	Abial How	John Russ	
<b>Hogreaves</b>	David Clark Jesse Heath Samuel Griffen Jonathan Griffen	Thomas How Ebenezer Whittier Jonathan Jennings Silas Barker	Stephen Hastings Jonathan Jennings Samuel Griffen
<b>Surveyors of Lumber</b>	John Searl Joseph Bodwell Joseph Willson Stephen Barker	Amos Barker Joseph William Joseph Griffen Jr Daniel Emerson	Isac Bodwell Joseph Griffen Jun Enoch Poor John Gage
<b>School Committees</b>	<b>Ward No. 1</b>  Caleb Flint John Parker Joseph Griffen	<b>No. 2</b>  Samuel Harris Oliver Whittier John Searl	<b>No. 3</b>  Stephen Barker Amos Barker Joshua Davis
	<b>No. 4</b>  Farnum Hall Zadok Bodwell William Swan	<b>No. 5</b>  Stephen Messer Francis Frye Benjamin Willson	<b>No. 6</b>  Nathaniel Merrill Joseph How Job Pingree
	<b>No. 7</b>  John Pettengill Ebenezer Hibberd Jr Silas Barker	<b>No. 8</b>  Benjamin Osgood John L Bodwell Jacob Sargent	<b>No. 9</b>  Samuel Easton Nathaniel Hastings Ebenezer Emerson
<b>Sealer of Weights &amp; Measures</b>	Abiel How		
<b>Pound Keepers</b>	David McClary	Elijah Carlton	
	Voted to adjourn to Tuesday the 19 of the present Month at one o'clock afternoon		
	<b>Met according to adjournment and proceeded to the choice of</b>		
<b>Field Drivers</b>	Caleb Flint Caleb Swan James Merrill Asa Currier Jun	Enoch Bodwell John Gage Ebenezer Hibberd Jr Benjamin Willson	Washington Parker James Sargent John Willson John Searl

<b>Tythingmen</b>	John Searl	Joseph How				
<b>Fish Wardens</b>	Amos Griffen James Marston	Jonathan How	Jeremiah Frye			
Voted to set up the collections of taxes to the lowest bidder & that the lowest bidder be						
chose Constable and procure a bondsman and it was struck off to Amos Barker at two cents and Seven Mills on the dollar and chose him Constable						
Voted accept of Jonathan Merrill in his room ("in his room" meant in place of) and chose him Constable						
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Voted to raise 700 dollars to defray Town charges					
4 <sup>th</sup>	Voted to raise 450 dollars for schooling and one third to be appropriated for a woman's school					
5 <sup>th</sup>	Voted to raise 1200 dollars to repair the highways & private ways in Said Town					
6 <sup>th</sup>	Chose a committee to settle with the Town Treasurer and chose the last year Selectmen for the committee					
Voted to accept the Report of the Committee which is as follows (viz.)						
The committee that was appointed to examine the accounts Major Benjamin Osgood Treasurer for the Town of Methuen have Att (At)ended that servis (service) and report thereon as						
follows that on Settlement with Said Treasurer March 17 1810 there was in his hands						
of the Town's Money						
Two Thousand five Hundred and Sixteen dollars & thirty two cents			\$2516			
32						
that there has been put into his hands since as follows						
by General Order on Nathaniel Whittier Constable for 1810			\$1210			
52						
by Money Received of the State Treasurer						
36						
by Note of Hand against Nathaniel Whittier dated February 28 <sup>th</sup> 1810			9			
48						

by do dated March th 1811	5
71	
by cash Received of Daniel Huse, Jojseph Willson and Nathaniel Messer	
for Exemption from Training	6
00	
by a note of Hand against Nathaniel Whittier	1
49	
by cash Received of the Select Men	2
00	
by note of Hand against Joseph Gardnear dated March 31 <sup>st</sup> 1810	<u>2</u>
54	
Making in the whole three Thousand Eight Hundred and twenty nine	
dollars and forty two cents	\$3829
42	
that Said Treasurer has paid on Assessors Orders and in part to the	
ownears of the land through which the Road was laid above	
Lt Sawyer's and awarded by the Jury since last Reckoning	<u>1628</u>
94	
Which leaves a balance in favour of the Town Treasurer	2200
48	
Which Sum is due to Said Treasurer from Constables and	
Sundry other persons as follows	
from Nathaniel Whittier Constable for 1810	\$1210
52	
from Nathaniel Whittier Constable for 1809	520
38	
from John Searl Constable for 1808	344
62	
On Notes of hand from Amos Barker dated January 27 <sup>th</sup> 1810	66
58	
- Joseph Gardnear dated March 31 <sup>st</sup> 1810	2
54	
- Nathaniel Whittier dated February 28 1810	9
48	
- ditto March 6 <sup>th</sup> 1811	5
71	
- Stephen Barker April 9 <sup>th</sup> 1808	3
25	
- John Sargent dated December 11 <sup>th</sup> 1800	3
03	
- Amos Morse dated April 9 <sup>th</sup> 1802	0
61	
- Stephen Richardson May 4 1807	1
10	
- John Whittier January 1 <sup>st</sup> 1810	1
78	

- Jonathan How December 7 <sup>th</sup> 1809	1
01	
- Ebenezer Merrill October 23 1807	11
04	
- Ruben Boles May 4 <sup>th</sup> 1807	2
21	
uncurrent Bank Bills in the Treasury Received of John Searl by note of the Town	<u>41</u>
50	
	2225 4
	2
Which makes a balance in favour of Said Treasurer of twenty four Dollars and 94 cents he paying all his outstanding orders	24
74	

**Methuen March 15<sup>th</sup> 1811**

Jonathan Merrill	
John L Bodwell	} Committee
Stephen Barker	

Benjamin Osgood Treasurer

7<sup>th</sup> Voted Swine shall not go at large the present year

8<sup>th</sup> Voted that neat cattle and horses shall not go at large from the first of April to the first of November

9<sup>th</sup> Voted to chuse (choose) a committee of three to view the South and the Middle rout (route) and see which will be cheapest and best -  
Chose Alfred Ingalls, John Gage, Joseph How Committee and that they make their report at the adjournment

10<sup>th</sup> Voted to postpone this article to the adjournment for the ownears of land to bring in  
their proposals at the adjournment how they will let the road go through their land

11<sup>th</sup> Voted that the Surveyors of highways of such districts through which the Turnpike goes  
shall cause a proportionable part of the taxes in their districts shall be laid out on such  
part of the Turnpike as the Selectmen shall in their warrant designate and under the  
direction of the director of the Essex Turnpike for the year ensuing

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the 1<sup>st</sup> day of April at one o'clock P.M.

**April 1<sup>st</sup> Met according to adjournment** and voted not to accept of the middle rout (route) agreeable to the report of the committee

Voted not to accept of the South rout (route)

Voted note to accept of the road prayed for by James Messer & others and desolved the Meeting

Attest: – B Osgood Town Clerk

## **March 19, 1811**

**At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held in Said Town**

**on the 19<sup>th</sup> of March 1811 agreeable to Warrant No 38 file 3 dated Methuen March 6 1811 agreeable to warrant No 38 file 3 dated Methuen March 6<sup>th</sup> 1811**

1<sup>st</sup> Met opened the Meeting and chose Dr John L Bodwell Moderator for Said Meeting

2<sup>nd</sup> This article passed in the Negative

3<sup>rd</sup> Voted that the Selectmen settle with those men which the road was laid out through their lands by the Jury and give them Interest after they have opened and finished the road

And voted that the delinquent Constables for 1808 and 1809 shall have Executions if they do not pay the Money by the Time or take off from those men as much as they owe

4<sup>th</sup> Voted to pass over James Moran's tax till the adjournment

Voted to abate John W. Aber's taxes in Mr Searl's list

1

87

Voted to pass Dr Saltenstones tax over to the next meeting

Voted to abate Ebenezer Merrill's tax in Mr Searl's list

0

95

Voted to abate Wm Farnum Junior's tax in Mr Searl's list	6
80	

Voted to abate Benjamin Town Junior's taxes in Mr Searl's list	2
76	

Voted to abate Joseph Williams of Newbury Port	
21	

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the 1<sup>st</sup> day of April next at two o'clock

**Met according to adjournment and adjourned to the May Meeting**

<b>Met according to adjournment May 10<sup>th</sup></b> and voted to abate Dr. Saltonstone's	
Taxes in Mr Searl's list	0
29	

Voted to abate James Moran's taxes in Mr Searl's list	6
41	

Desolved the Meeting

Attest: — Benjamin Osgood Town  
Clerk

**April 1, 1811**

**At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held on  
Monday the first day of April agreeable to Warrant No 39 file 3 dated  
Methuen  
March 19<sup>th</sup> 1811 when the votes were as follows for Governor**

His Excellency Elbridge Gerry had	90
Honorable Christopher Gore had	100

**Lieutenant Governor**

Honorable William Gray had	90
William Phillips Esq.	100

**For Senators**

Joseph Strong Esq.	89
Thomas Kittridge	89
Captain Moses Little	89
Benjamin W Crowningshield	89
Captain Joseph Barker	89

John Saunders Esq.	89
Honorable John Heard	100
Honorable Daniel A White	100
Honorable Israel Bartlett	99
Thomas Stephens Esq. of Beverly	100
Nehemiah Charland Esq.	100
Benjamin Pierce of Salem	100
James Duncan Esq.	1

Attest: – Benjamin Osgood Town

Clerk

**April 1, 1811**

**At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of April 1811 agreeable to Warrant No 40 file 3**

1<sup>st</sup> Chose Stephen Barker Esq. **Moderator**

2<sup>nd</sup> Voted not to Except (accept) of a Road laid out by the Select Men from the House of Thomas Barker to the River

3<sup>rd</sup> Voted not to abate Mr James Ordway's tax to the h ighways committed to Mr Searl

4<sup>th</sup> Voted not to abate Mr John Harrises highway tax for the year 1809 committed to Mr Searl

The votes for **Country Treasurer** were as follows

for Stephen Choat Esq.	59
for Jabey Farley Esq.	28

Voted for **County Register** were as follows

for Amos Choat	47
for John Punchard	23

Attest: – Benjamin Osgood Town Clerk

**May 9, 1811**

**At a Legal Town Meeting held in Methuen on the Ninth of May 1811 agreeable to Warrant No 41 file 3 dated April 26 1811**

1<sup>st</sup> Opened the Meeting and chose Dr John L Bodwell **Moderator**

2<sup>nd</sup> Voted that the Select men shall go round to every man's Farm to take the valuation

3<sup>rd</sup> Voted to pass over this article

4<sup>th</sup> Voted to choos (choose) a committee of three to view the Road complained of  
Chose Stephen Barker, Benjamin Osgood, Dr John L Bodwell

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the 24 of the present Instant at 3 oclock P.M.

**Met according to adjournment** and voted that the Select Men shall cause the Road to be opened two rods wide as it was laid where the Select men shall judge it necessary for repairing

Voted to lay out one hundred dollars on the Said Road complained of under the direction of some suitable person

Chose Captain Jonathan Merrill as an agent

Voted to lay out the hundred dollars between the pound and the cornear of Captain McClary's field where it is most needed

Attest: – Benjamin Osgood Town  
Clerk

### **May 9, 1811**

**Att (At) a Legal Town Meeting held in Methuen on the Ninth of May agreeable to Warrant No 42 file 3 dated Methuen April 26 1811 for the choice of Representatives when the votes were as follows**

for Stephen Barker Esq.	90
for Benjamin Osgood	99

Attest: – B Osgood Town Clerk

### **September 5, 1811**

**At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held September 5<sup>th</sup> 1811 agreeable to Warrant No 43 file 3 dated August 23 1811**

1<sup>st</sup> Opened the Meeting and chose Stephen Barker Esq. **Moderator**

2<sup>nd</sup> Voted to raise 200 dollars in addition to the sum Raised last Spring for defraying Town charges

3<sup>rd</sup> Voted to oppose the Road prayed for by Mr Frye and others

Voted to choose a Committee of three to Superintend the business

Chose Stephen Barker Esq., Benjamin Osgood, Alfred Ingalls the committee

Voted tha the committee measure the Road from Spicket falls and from the Meeting House to Stephen Gage's

Attest: – Benjamin Osgood Town

Clerk

## 1812

### March 2, 1812 - Annual Town Meeting

**At a Legal Annual Town Meeting held in Methuen on Monday the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March 1812 agreeable to Warrant No 44 file 3 dated February 20<sup>th</sup> 1812**

First                   Opened the meeting and chose Stephen Barker Esq. **Moderator**

2<sup>nd</sup>                   Chose Benjamin Osgood **Clerk & Treasurer**

#### Selectmen

	Jonathan Merrill	Benjamin Osgood	Stephen Barker
<b>Surveyors of Highways</b>	Joshua Davis Asa Currier William Whittier 2 <sup>nd</sup> Samuel Griffen	John Russ Jacob Messer Benjamin Osgood Isaiah Silver	Silas Barker Nathaniel Merrill Trueworthy White Moses Morse
<b>Surveyors of Lumber</b>	Stephen Gage Joseph Willson Amos Barker Abial How	Grace Bodwell Joseph Griffen Jur John Gage	Josesph Bodwell Enoch Poor Daniel Emerson
<b>Fence Viewers</b>	Isaac Bodwell Stephen Runnals Stephen Barker	Jonathan Currier Aaron Sawyer Ebenezer Emerson	William Swan Alpheus Bodwell
<b>Surveyors of Wood &amp; Bark</b>	Ebenezer Hibberd Jr Oliver Whjittier Abial How	Amos Barker Thomas How John Gage	Aaron Sawyer Joseph Willson Isaac Bodwell
<b>Hogreaves</b>	John Pettingill Jr	Kindal Mallon	Isaiah How

	David Clark Jonathan Griffen	Jonathan G Davis Thomas Plumer	Simon Hibberd
<b>Field Drivers</b>	Jonathan Griffen John Willson James Sargent Simon Hibberd John Gage	Asa Palmer Winthrop Parker Kindal Mallong Samuel Cross Edward Richardson	Thomas Herrick Jonathan Currier John Searl Micah Gage John Bixby
<b>Sealer of Weights &amp; Measures</b>	Abial How		
<b>Pound Keepers</b>	David McClary	John Merrill	
<b>Tything men</b>	Stephen Barker	Enoch Poor	

Passed over all the articles to the 8<sup>th</sup> and chose Samuel Griffen, Stephen Barker, Jonathan Currier 2<sup>nd</sup>, a Committee to reckon with the Town Treasurer and Voted to adjourn this meeting to Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> day of April at two o'clock P.M.

Met on Monday the Sixth day of April according to adjournment and voted to accept the report of the committee that was chosen to reckon with the Treasurer

We the Committee that was chosen to examine the accounts of Major Benjamin Osgood Treasurer for the Town of Methuen have Att (At)ended that servis (service) and report thereon as follows –

that on Settlement with Said Treasurer March 15<sup>th</sup> 1811 there was in his hands of the Town's Money two thousand two hundred dollars and forty eight cents

\$2200 48

that there has been put into his hands since said Reckoning as follows

by General Order on Capt Jonathan Merrill Constable 1433

92

by Money received of the State Treasurer 85

00

by money Received of Daniel Huse, Nathaniel Messer, Joseph Willson

Ezekiel Willson, Jonathan Griffen two dollars each 10

00

for exemption from Training

by Note of hand against Nathan Whittier dated March 14 1819 Sum 1

00

by money received by sale of old Timber	2
00	
making in the whole three Thousand Seven hundred and thirty two dollars	
and forty cents	3732
40	
That Said Treasurer has paid since Said Reckoning on Assessors orders	
And to the ownears of the land through which the road was laid above	
Lt Sawyer's as awaraded by the Jury one Thousand nine hundred and	
Seventy five dollars and forty five cents	1975
45	
Which leaves a balance n favour of the Town of Seventeen hundred and	
Fifty six and Ninety five cents	1756
95	
And we find them due to the Said Treasurer from Constables and Sundry	
Persons as follows from Nathaniel Whittier constable for the year 1810	417
59	
From Capt Jonathan Merrill constable for 1811	1366
71	
Uncurrent Money in the Treasurer's hand	41
50	
Notes of hand against Nathaniel Whittier March 14 <sup>th</sup> 1811	1
49	
Ditto March 6 <sup>th</sup> 1811	5
71	
From Joseph Gardnear March 31 1810	2
54	
Stephen Richardson May 4 1807	1
16	
Amos Barker January 27 1810 principle	36
52	
Ebenezer Merrill October 23 1807	11
04	
Ruben Boles May 4 <sup>th</sup> 1807	2
21	
Amos Morse April 9 <sup>th</sup> 1802	0
61	
Stephen Barker April 9 <sup>th</sup> 1808	3
28	
John Sargent December 11 <sup>th</sup> 1800	3
03	
Jonathan How December 7 <sup>th</sup> 1809	1
01	
John Whittier January 1 1810	1
78	

Making the whole one Thousand Eight hundred and Ninety Six dollars 1896  
15

And Ninety Six dollars fifteen cents  
Which makes a balance in favour of Said Treasurer of one hundred and thirty nine  
dollars and twenty cents he paying his own outstanding orders  
139 20

**Methuen 31<sup>st</sup> 1812**

Stephen Barker  
Samuel Griffen }  
Jonathan Currier  
Benjamin Osgood Treasurer

Committee

The Committee further states that thee is due to Sundry Persons holding Assessors  
orders and to other persons for wh ich no orders have been drawn as yet

\$ 226 00

To Joshua Whittier a note payable at his Mother's death of 100  
00

**Fish Wardens** Stephen Runnals John Merrill John Richardson  
Stephen Barker Samuel Harris

**School Committees** **Ward No. 1** **No. 2** **No. 3**

John Parker Amos Griffen Stephen Barker  
Washington Parker Oliver Whittier Joshua Davis  
Joseph Griffen Jun John Searl Amos Barker

**No. 4** **No. 5** **No. 6**

Enoch Poor James Frye Jun Joseph How  
Joseph Bodwell Joseph Willson Robinson How  
John Russ Jacob Messer Benjamin Carlton

**No. 7** **No. 8** **No. 9**

John Palmer Abial How James Merrill  
Jonathan Morse John L Bodwell Stephen Hastings  
Isaiah Silver Jonathan Cluff Oliver Emerson

3<sup>rd</sup> Voted to raise Six hundred dollars to defray Town charges

4<sup>th</sup> Voted to raise 450 dollars for Schooling to be laid out one third for a woman's  
school and

Voted to set up the collection of taxes at the lowest bidder he providing a sufficient bondsman and struck off to Jonathan Merrill at 3  $\frac{3}{4}$  on the dollar and chose him Constable

5<sup>th</sup> Voted to raise 1200 dollars to repair the highways and private ways the present year

6<sup>th</sup> Voted that Swine shall not go at large the present year

7<sup>th</sup> Voted that neat cattle and horses shall not be suffered to go at large from the Sixth of April to the first of December

The votes for **Country Treasurer** were as follows

for Baley Bartlett Esq.	94
for Jabez Farley Esq.	48

(no 8<sup>th</sup> article listed)

9<sup>th</sup> Voted that districts through which the turnpike passes shall cause a proportion of their Money to be worked out on the Turnpike under the direction of the directors

10<sup>th</sup> Voted to abate Mr John Harris highway taxes that are back

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Thursday in May at two oclock afternoon

**Meet Thursday the Seventh day of May according to adjournment and voted**

11<sup>th</sup> to furnish each highway district with an or shove and the Surveyor to be accountable for the same

12<sup>th</sup> This article passed in the Negative

13<sup>th</sup> Voted that Peter Harris shall not have liberty to hang a gate across the Road by Richardson's Ferry

14<sup>th</sup> This article passed in the Negative and Desolved the Meeting

Attest: – Benjamin Osgood Town Clerk

**April 1812**

**At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen agreeable to Warrant**

**No 45 dated March 26 1812 for the choice of State officers being the first Monday**

**in April when the votes were as follows**

**Governor**

For his Excellency Caleb Strong Esq.	111
for his Excellency Elbridge Gerry	89

**Lieutenant Governor**

For William Phillips	110
For William King Lt Governor	89

**Senators**

Thomas Kittredge	90
Benjamin W Crowninshield	90
Joseph Fuller 2 <sup>nd</sup>	87
Baley Bartlett	110
Benjamin Pickman Jun	107
Benjamin Pickman	3
Nathaniel Hooper	110

Attest: – Benjamin Osgood Town

Clerk

**May 7, 1812**

**At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of May 1812 agreeable to Warrant No 40 file 3 dated April 23<sup>rd</sup> 1812**

1<sup>st</sup> Opened the meeting and chose Stephen Barker Esq. **Moderator**

2<sup>nd</sup> Voted that the Selectmen shall git (get) that bridg (bridge) by Mr Samuel Richardson's bilt (built) as well as they can and Desolved the meeting

Attest: – Benjamin Osgood Town  
Clerk

### **May 7, 1812**

**At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held on the  
Seventh day of May for the choice of a Representative as set forth in  
Warrant No 47 file 3 dated April 23 1812**

When the votes were as follows

for Stephen Barker Esq.	78
for Benjamin Osgood	107

Attest: – Benjamin Osgood Town  
Clerk

### **June 15, 1812**

**At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held on the 15<sup>th</sup>  
day  
of June as set forth in Warrant No 48 file 3 dated June 6<sup>th</sup> 1812**

1<sup>st</sup> Opened the Meeting and chose Stephen Barker Esq **Moderator** for Said Meeting  
2<sup>nd</sup> Voted to give the detached Soldier a sum that shall make them up twelve dollars  
per month while in actual service with what government gives them

Then dissolved the meeting

Jonathan Merrill, Clerk Proterm  
Attest: – Benjamin Osgood, Town Clerk

### **July 20, 1812**

**At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held on the 20<sup>th</sup>  
day  
of July 1812 agreeable to Warrant No 49 file 3 dated July 11<sup>th</sup> 1812**

1<sup>st</sup> Opened the meeting and chose Dr John L Bodwell **Moderator**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Article passed in the Negative and dissolved the Meeting  
Attest: – Benjamin Osgood Town Clerk

### **September 14, 1812**

**At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of September as set forth in Warrant No 50 file 3 dated September 5<sup>th</sup> 1812**

1<sup>st</sup> Opened the Meeting and chose Capt Jonathan Merrill **Moderator**

2<sup>nd</sup> Voted that if there is a Jury petitioned for the Selectmen Shall Petition for a Jury on that part of the Road that goes through Capt Russ' land

Voted to chuse (choose) a committee to leave the mAtt (At)er between Mr Cross and the Town respecting the price of his land where the road is laid out

Chose Stephen Barker Esq., Capt Isaac How and Mr Enoch Bradley the committee and that the Town enter into bond to abide their judgment

Attest: – Benjamin Osgood Town Clerk

**November 2, 1812**

**Att (At) a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen for a Representative to Congress as forth in Warrant No 51 file 3 held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November 1812**

The votes given in were as follows

for the Honorable William Reed	107
for the Honorable Benjamin W. Crowningshield	78

Attest: – Benjamin Osgood Town Clerk

**November 12, 1812**

**Proceedings of a legal Meeting held in Methuen on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of November 1812 for the choice of Electors of President and Vice President as set forth in Warrant No 52 file 3 the votes given in were as follows**

For the Honorable H. G. Otis	104
Nathan Dane	104
Jeremiah Nelson	104
John Walker	104
Abraham Bigelow	104
Honorable William Gray	65
Honorable Samuel Brown	65

Moses Townsend Esq.	65
William Pierce	65
Samuel Hoar Esq.	65

Attest: – Benjamin Osgood Town Clerk

## 1813

### March 1813 – Annual Meeting

#### Proceedings of an Annual Meeting held in Methuen on the first Monday of March 1813 agreeable to Warrant No 53 file 3 dated February 22<sup>nd</sup> 1813

First      Opened the meeting and chose Alfred Ingalls Esq. **Moderator**

2<sup>nd</sup>      Chose Benjamin Osgood **Clerk & Treasurer** and Sworn

#### Selectmen & Sworn

Alfred Ingalls Esq.	Captain Jonathan Merrill	Captain Joseph How
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Attest: – Benjamin Osgood Town Clerk

<b>Surveyors of Highways</b>	Alpheus Bodwell Stephen Messer Zadok Bodwell Jesse Jones	Enoch Poor Ezekiel Willson Samuel Griffen Ebenezer Hibbert Jr	Ebenezer Mitchel Jonathan Cliff John Peabody Aaron Sawyer
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<b>Surveyors of Lumber</b>	Stephen Gage Joseph Griffen Jr John Gage	Isaac Bodwell Enoch Poor Daniel Emerson	Joseph Bodwell Amos Barker Jacob Sargent
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<b>Surveyors of Wood &amp; Bark</b>	Amos Morse Thomas How John Gage	Aaron Sawyer Joseph Willson Isaac Bodwell	Oliver Whittier Abiel How
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<b>Fence Viewers</b>	Winthrop Parker Silas Barker Benjamin Osgood	Job Pingree Elijah Carlton Ebenezer Emerson	James Sargent Isaac Bodwell
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<b>Hog reaves</b>	John C Richardson Benjamin Kimball Jonathan Griffen Asa Palmer	Isaac Bodwell 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thomas How Abair Stevens	Peter Harris David Sawyer Asa Griffen
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<b>Field Drivers</b>	Jonathan Griffen	Asa Palmer	John Gage
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	Jackson How Micah (?) Gage Silas Barker James Pecker	Isaiah Silver Thomas Plumer John Searl	Samuel Parker James Currier John Huse
<b>Sealer of Weights &amp; Measures</b>	Abial How		
<b>Pound Keepers</b>	John Dole	Elijah Carlton	
<b>Tythingmen</b>	Stephen Barker	Joseph How	
<b>Fish Wardens</b>	Joseph How Job Pingree	Stephen Barker	Elijah Carlton
<b>School Committee</b>	<b>Ward No. 1</b>  Winthrop Parker Caleb Flint Washington Parker	<b>No. 2</b>  Amos Griffen John Searl Samuel Griffen	<b>No. 3</b>  Stephen Barker Alpheus Bodwell Amos Barker
	<b>No. 4</b>  Enoch Poor Joseph Bodwell Joshua Buswell	<b>No. 5</b>  Alfred Ingalls Francis Frye Benjamin Willson	<b>No. 6</b>  Joseph How John Merrill Jr Thomas How
	<b>No. 7</b>  Silas Barker Ebenezer Hibbert Jr John Willson	<b>No. 8</b>  Baley Davis Daniel Huse Nehemiah Herrick	<b>No. 9</b>  Daniel Emerson Samuel Eaton Moss Morse
	Voted to set up the collection of taxes at the lowest bidder and was struck off to Isaiah Silver at two cents on the Dollar and choose him Constable		
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Voted to raise twelve hundred dollars to defray Town charges		
4 <sup>th</sup>	Voted to raise 450 dollars for Schooling and one third part to be taken for a woman's school		
5 <sup>th</sup>	Voted to raise 1200 dollars to repair the highways and private ways in Said Town		

6<sup>th</sup> Chose a committee to reckon with the Town Treasurer which were Stephen Barker Esq., Captain Jonathan Merrill and Captain Jonathan Currier

7<sup>th</sup> Voted that Swine shall not go at large the present year

8<sup>th</sup> Voted that neat cattle and Horses shall not go at large from the first of April to the first of November

9<sup>th</sup> Voted that the Surveyors whose districts lay upon the turnpike shall work out their rates in the same proportion as on the other roads

10<sup>th</sup> Voted that the Select men shall search the records to see where the road was laid out from Jacob Sargent's to Joseph Marston's and if there is no record to stake it out where they think it ought to go and see what the Expence will be and make report to the next meeting

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in April at one October in the after noon

### April 5, 1813

April the 5 1813 met according to adjournment and voted to accept the report of the Committee that reckoned with the Treasurer which is as follows

The committee that was chosen to Examine the accounts of Benjamin Osgood Esq. Treasurer for the Town of Methuen have Att (At)ended that Servis (service) and report thereon as follows

That on Settlement with Said Treasurer on March 31<sup>st</sup> 1812 there was in his hands of the Town's Money \$1756

95

That there has been put into his hands since Said Reckoning as follows

by General Order on Captain Merrill Constable for 1812 1107

49

by vote of hand against Said Merrill dated March 17 1812 6

72

by cash Received of the State Treasurer 92

20

by cash Received of Jesse Jones, Jonathan Griffen, Silas Brown, Ezekiel Willson & Joseph Willson for exemption from training 10

00

by cash Received of Captain Jonathan Merrill for wha?(word not finished) 6

Peter Hastings's property sold for

81

by Interest Received on Captain Amos Barker's note 19

62

by cash Received of the Select men which they recovered of the Town of Andover on account of David Pace	<u>34</u>
73	
Making in the whole three Thousand and thirty four dollars and fifty Two cents	3034
52	
And that Said Treasurer has paid since Said Reckoning on Assessors Orders one Thousand four hundred and Sixty two dollars & Eighty Eight cetns	1462
88	
Which leaves a balance in favour of Said Town of fifteen hundred and Seventy one dollars and Sixty four cents	1571
64	
And we find there is due to Said Treasurer from collection and other Persons as follows	
from Captain Jonathan Merrill for 1811 accountable	266
12	
from Said Merrill Constable for 1812	1107
49	
On notes of hand	
from Captain Amos Barker dated November 4 <sup>th</sup> 1812	
no interest cast	23
62	
- Joseph Gardnear dated March 31 <sup>st</sup> 1810 no interest cast	2
54	
- Ruben Boles dated May the 4 <sup>th</sup> 1807 no interest cast	2
21	
- John Whittier January 1 <sup>st</sup> 1810 do	1
78	
- Jonathan How dated December 6 <sup>th</sup> 1809 do	1
01	
- John Sargent dated December 11 <sup>th</sup> 1800 no on interest	3
03	
- Stephen Barker dated April 9 <sup>th</sup> 1808 no interest cast	3
25	
- Ebenezer Merrill dated October 23 1807 not cast	11
04	
- Stephen Richardson dated May 4 <sup>th</sup> 1807 no interest cast	1
16	
by uncurrent money on hand	41
50	
by current Money on hand	<u>106</u>
28	
Which makes an even balance said Treasurer paying all his own 64	1571
outstanding orders	

**Methuen April 2 1813**

Stephen Barker      }  
Jonathan Currier 2<sup>nd</sup> } Committee  
Jonathan Merrill      }  
Benjamin Osgood Town Treasurer

11<sup>th</sup>

This article passed in the negative

Voted for **County Treasurer** were as follows

for Nathaniel Wade	120
for Jabez Farley	2
for William Caleb Bodwell	3
for William Bodwell Jr	1

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Thursday in May at one o'clock p.m.

**Met the 6<sup>th</sup> – Met according to adjournment** and voted to accept the report of the committee for viewing the road and leave it to the Selectmen to appraise the damages for the Road and desolved the meeting

Attest: – Benjamin Osgood Town

Clerk

**April 1813**

**At a Legal Town Meeting held in Methuen on the first Monday of April 1813 agreeable to Warrant No 54 dated March 24 1813 for the choice of State officers the votes were as follows**

**for Governor**

His Excellency Caleb Strong had	143
Honorable Joseph B Varnum had	95

**for Lieutenant Governor**

William Phillips Esq.	143
William King Esq. had	95

**for Senators**

Samuel Putnum Esq. had	143
Nathaniel Hooper Esq. had	143
John Varnum Esq. had	143
Thomas Kittridge Esq.	95

Benjamin W Crowningshield	95
Nathan B Martin	94

Clerk

Attest: – Benjamin Osgood Town

### May 6, 1813

**At a legal meeting held in Methuen May 6<sup>th</sup> 1813 agreeable to Warrant No 55  
file 3 dated April 20 1813**

1<sup>st</sup> Opened the meeting and chose Alfred Ingalls Esq. **Moderator**

2<sup>nd</sup> Voted not to relinquish any part of the fine recovered by the Town of Methuen against Aaron Noyce for bringing David Pace into the Town of Methuen

3<sup>rd</sup> Voted to accept the list of Jurors laid before the Town by the Selectmen

4<sup>th</sup> Voted to raise two hundred dollars to pay for the by Mr Frye's – (does not say what is being paid for by Mr. Frye's)

Attest: – Benjamin Osgood Town  
Clerk

### May 6, 1813

**At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of May 1813 for the choice of a representative agreeable to Warrant No 56  
file 3 when the votes were as follows**

for Captain Baley Davis	69
for Benjamin Osgood	105

Attest: – Benjamin Osgood Town  
Clerk

### September 5, 1813

**At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of September 1813 agreeable to Warrant No 57 file 3 dated August 26 1813**

1<sup>st</sup> Opened the meeting and chose Alfred Ingalls Esq. **Moderator** for Said Meeting

2<sup>nd</sup> Passed over this article respecting making the Road

3<sup>rd</sup> Voted not to raise any more money to pay for the road by Mr Frye's

4<sup>th</sup> Voted to take Edward Richardson out of jail and dissolved the meeting

Attest: – Benjamin Osgood Town  
Clerk

## 1814

**March 7, 1814**

**At a Legal Annual Town Meeting held March 7<sup>th</sup> 1814 agreeable to Warrant  
No 58 file 3**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Opened the Meeting and chose Alfred Ingalls Esq. – <b>Moderator</b>		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Selectmen &amp; Sworn</b>	Alfred Ingalls	Stephen Barker
	Jonathan Merrill		
<b>Surveyors of Highways</b>	Silas Brown	James Sargent	Robinson How
	Benjamin Kimball	Jonathan Currier Jr	Caleb Swan
	Amos Barker	John Dole Jr	Samuel Clark
	Samuel Eaton	David McClary	John C Richardson
<b>Fence Viewers</b>	Winthrop Parker	Stephen Runnals	Peter Carlton
	Silas Barker	John Merrill	Amos Barker
	James Merrill		
<b>Fish Wardens</b>	Stephen Barker	Samuel Harris	John Russ
	Job Pingree		
<b>Surveyors of Lumber</b>	Stephen Gage	Isaac Bodwell	Amos Barker
	Joseph Griffen Jr	John Gage	Daniel Emerson
	John Bradley		
<b>Surveyors of Wood &amp; Bark</b>	Joseph Griffen Jr	Aaron Sawyer	Thomas How
	John Gage	Amos Barker	Benjamin Willson
<b>Sealer of Weights &amp; Measures</b>	Abial How		

<b>Pound Keepers</b>	John Dole	Elijah Carleton	
<b>Tythingmen</b> <b>(not sworn)</b>	Stephen Barker	Alfred Ingalls	
<b>Hog Reaves</b>	Simon Hibberd Michael Barker	Stephen Messer Richard Emerson	
<b>Field Drivers</b>	Asa Griffen Baley Davis Robinson Frye John Gage	Silas Barker Samuel Parker Stephen Runnalls James Merrill	
<b>School Committees</b>	<b>Ward No. 1</b>  Winthrop Parker Jonathan Griffen Washington Parker	<b>No. 2</b>  Joseph Griffen Junior John Searl Samuel Griffen	<b>No. 3</b>  Nathaniel Sargent Silas Brown Jonathan Merrill
	<b>No. 4</b>  John Russ William Remmek Elijah Carleton	<b>No. 5</b>  Stephen Gage Micah Gage James Frye Junior	<b>No. 6</b>  Robinson How John Merrill Junior Joseph How
	<b>No. 7</b>  Silas Barker Abnear Stevens John Willson Junior	<b>No. 8</b>  Benjamin Osgood Daniel Frye Baley Davis	<b>No. 9</b>  Ebenezer Emerson James Merrill Stephen Currier
	Voted to pass over the choice of Constables till the adjournment		
	Voted to pass over the 3d article till the adjournment		
4thly	Voted to raise 450 Dollars for schooling and lay out one third prt for a woman's school		
5thly	Voted to raise 1200 dollars to repair the highways and private ways in said Town		
6thly	Chose Phinehas Messer, Stephen Barker, Alfred Ingalls a committee to reckon with the Treasurer		

7thly Voted that swine shall not go at large the year ensuing

8thly That neat cattle and horses shall not be suffered to go at large from the first of April to the last of December

9thly Voted that the surveyors of districts through which the turnpike passes shall work out their lists on the turnpike in the same proportion as on the other roads in their districts

10thly Voted to allow Capt John Russ interest for the road laid out through his land after the first of next September

11thly Voted that the persons who were delinquent in Mr Ezekiel Willson's list shall have liberty to work their rates out under the surveyor of 1814

12thly voted to allow Mr Abejiah Cross interest for what was awarded him for the road going through his land

13thly Voted to pass over this article till the adjournments

14thly Voted that the Selectmen shall (have) liberty to alter the surveyors districts as they shall think proper

15thly Voted that it be recommended to the inhabitants of this Town not to give any spirit at Funearals (funerals)

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in April at one o'clock P.M.

**Met April the 4<sup>th</sup>** according to adjournment and voted on the 2<sup>nd</sup> article to set up the Constableship and collection of taxes at the lowest bidder and struck off to Isaiah Silver at two cents 7 mills and one half on the dollar and chose him Constable

Voted on article 3d to raise a thousand dollars to defray Town charges the year ensuing and voted that the Selectmen be a committee to let out the bridges on the new road prayed for by Mr Frye & others at the lowest bidder and voted to raise 200 dollars in addition to the 1000

16thly Voted to abate James Mallon 2 dollars 94 cents in Mr Nathaniel Whittier's list and Dudley Davis 1-49 and for the year 1809 voted to abate Nathaniel Morse's taxes

in Mr Nathaniel Whittier's list

17thly Voted to abate John Swan Junior in Captain Merril's list for 1811 and also  
Samuel Morse's for 1811 3.70 and Robert Richardson's and John Swan Junior for  
1812 and John Smith  
for 1812 and Ruben Underhill and Jonathan Wiley and Thomas Flanders and  
Jonathan Merrill 2<sup>nd</sup> and Edmund Silver and Joseph Morse

**The votes for County Treasurer**

For Nathaniel Wade Esq. 110  
For Jabez Farley Esq. 67

Voted to accept the report of the committee that reckoned with the Treasurer and  
desolved the meeting the report of the committee is as follows.

**The committee that was chosen to examine the accounts of Benjamin  
Osgood Esq. Treasurer for the Town of Methuen have Att (At)ended that  
service  
and report thereon as follows:**

That on a settlement with said Treasurer on April 2 1813 there was in his hands of the Town's money	1571
64	
that there has been put into his hands since said settle as follows:	
By money received of the State Treasurer	85
36	
By General Order on Isaiah Silver, Constable for 1813	1892
20	
By note of hand against the Overseers of the poor for the Town of Andover	77
23	
By note of hand against Isaiah Silver	6
00	
By cash received of Jonathan Griffen, Jesse Jones, John Huse, Joseph Wilson & Ezekiel Wilson	10
00	
Two dollars for Exemption from training by an order in favour of Aaron Noyes	15
63	
By cash received of Capt Merrill which Wm Morse paid	1
50	
By interest on Ruben Boleses note	
92	
By interest on Jonathan How's note	
24	

By a note of hand of Capt Jonathan Merrill	10
<u>56</u>	
Making the whole three thousand six hundred and seventy one dollars	
And twenty eight cents	3671
28	
And we find said Treasurer has paid since said reckoning on	
assessors orders Eleven hundred and ten dollard and thirty two cents	1110
32	
which leaves a balance in favour of the Town of two thousand	
five hundred and sixty dollars & ninety six cents	2560
96	
<b>Which sum we find due from sundry Constables and on notes of hand and in money on hand as follows:</b>	
from Capt Jonathan Merril constable for 1812	402
45	
from Isaiah Silver constable for 1813	1853
25	
on a note of hand against the Oversears of the poor for the Town of Andover	77
23	
by a note of hand against Amos Barker dated November 4 <sup>th</sup> 1812	23
62	
by ditto against Joseph Gardnear dated March 31 1810	2
54	
by ditto against John Whittier dated January 1th 1810	1
78	
by ditto against John Sargent dated December 11 <sup>th</sup> 1800	3
03	
by ditto against Stephen Barker dated April 11 1808	3
25	
by ditto against Amos Morse dated April 9 <sup>th</sup> 1802	0
61	
by ditto against Eben Merrill dated October 23 1807	11
04	
by ditto against Stephen Richardson dated May 4 1807	1
16	
by ditto against Isaiah Silver dated March 7 <sup>th</sup> 1814 not on interest	6
00	
by ditto against Ezekiel Willsoon dated May 4 <sup>th</sup> 1812	2
00	
by ditto against ditto dated May 13 <sup>th</sup> 1813	2
00	
no interested cast on the above notes	
by current money on hand	129
50	

by uncurrent money on hand	41
<u>50</u>	
Making in the whole two thousand five hundred and sixty dollars	\$2560
96	
and ninety six cents	
Making an even balance between said Town and Said Treasurer he paying his own	
outstanding orders.	

**Methuen April 2 1814**

Phinehas Messer	
Alfred Ingalls	} Committee
Stephen Barker	
Benjamin Osgood	} Treasurer

N.B. The committee further observe that there is due to sundry persons holding assessors orders: and to other for what there has been no orders drawn according to the best of their calculation amounting to about

300 00

To Joshua Whittier a note payable at his Mother's death	100
00	

And also to the owners of land through which the road was laid prayed for	
by James Frye and others	

1093 00

1493 00

Attest: :Benjamin Osgood, Town Clerk

**April 4, 1814**

**At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held on Monday the fourth day of April 1814 for the choice of State Officers agreeable to Warrant No 59 File 3d the votes being collected counted sorted were as follows:**

**Governor**

His Excellency Caleb Strong Esq	130 votes
Samuel Dexter Esq	89

**Lieutenant Governor**

His Honor William Phillips Esq	130 votes
His Honor Wm Gray Esq	89

**For Senators**

Samuel Putnam Esq	130
Nathaniel Hooper Esq	130
John Varnum Esq	130
Thomas Stevens Esq	130
Daniel A. White Esq	130
Thomas Kittridge	89
Benjamin W. Crowninshield	89
Daniel Kilham Esq	89
Moss Little Esq	89
Nathan B Marlor Esq	89

Attest: : Benjamin Osgood, Town Clerk

**May 5, 1814**

**At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen agreeable to Warrant No. 60 file 3<sup>rd</sup> for the choice of representative held in Methuen on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of May 1814 when the votes were as follows**

For Benjamin Osgood	97
For Captain Baley Davis	47

Attest: : B. Osgood, Town Clerk

**November 4, 1814**

**At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen for the choice of representative to Congress agreeable to Warrant No. 61 File 3<sup>rd</sup> held on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of November 1814 the votes given in were as follows**

The Honorable Daniel H. White	101
The Honorable Thomas Kittredge	55

Attest: Benjamin Osgood, Town Clerk

**November 4, 1814**

**At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held on the  
4<sup>th</sup> day of November 1814 agreeable to Warrant No 62 file 3<sup>rd</sup>**

1<sup>st</sup> Opened the meeting & chose Stephen Barker Esq Moderator

2ndly Voted that Mr Dole have liberty to make the alteration in the road as set forth in the warrant

3rdly Voted to allow the soldiers that have been or shall be detatched from the Militia 15 dollars per month with their pay from Government and adjourned the meeting

Attest: Benjamin Osgood, Town Clerk

## **1815**

### **March 6, 1815**

**At a legal Annual Town Meeting held in Methuen on Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> day of March 1815 agreeable to Warrant No 63 file 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

1<sup>st</sup> Opened the Meeting and chose Capt Jonathan Merrill Moderator

2ndly Chose Benjamin Osgood Clerk and Treasurer

Chose John Russ, Jonathan Merrill, Stephen Runnalls Selectmen and sworn.

#### **Surveyors of highways**

Elijah Jennings	John Russ	Asa Currier, Jun.
Jacob Messer	Isaac Morse	Nehemiah Herrick
Ebenezer Emerson	Amos Morse 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Samuel Parker
Benjamin Town	Stephen Barker 2 <sup>nd</sup>	

#### **Fence Viewers**

Winthrop Parker	Robinson How	Peter Carleton
Peter Marston	Amos Barker	

#### **Sealer of Weights & Measures**

Abial How

#### **Pound Keepers**

John Dole  
Levy Shearman

### **Surveyors of Lumber**

Benjamin Willson	Isaac Bodwell	Amos Barker
Joseph Griffen , Jun.	John Gage	Daniel Emerson
Abial How	Samuel Richardson, Jun.	

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

Aaron Sawyer	Thomas How	John Gage
Amos Barker	Joseph Willson	Moses Merrill
James Gutterson	Peter Harris	

### **Fish Wardens**

Jonathan Merrill	Joseph How	William Farnum
Alfred Ingalls	Stephen Runnalls	Ebenezer How
Jeremiah Frye	Samuel Huse	Amos Griffen
Peter Marston	Greanleaf Boles	John Messer
Stephen Gage	Daniel How	Francis Frye
Johnson Morse		

### **Tything Men**

Daniel Emerson

### **Hogreaves**

John Dole Jun.  
Amos Morese 4<sup>th</sup>

### **Field Drivers**

Asa Griffen	Silas Barker	Jonathan Currier 2 <sup>nd</sup>
John Bradley	Peter Harris	John Pettingill
Robinson Frye	Stephen Runnals	Stephen Barker
Daniel Emerson		

### **School Committees**

<b>No. 1</b>	<b>No. 2</b>	<b>No. 3</b>
Winthrop Parker	Joseph Griffin, Jun.	Alpheus Bodwell

Jonathan Griffen  
Washington Parker

Ebenezer How  
Samuel Griffen

John Richardson  
Jonathan Merrill

**No. 4**

William Swan  
John Gage  
John Russ

**No. 5**

Alfred Ingalls  
Stephen Runalls  
Stephen Messer

**No. 6**

Joseph How  
Robinson How  
John Merrill, Jun.

**No. 7**

John Town  
John M. Farnum  
Benjamin Griffen

**No. 8**

Benjamin Osgood  
Jeremiah Frye  
Abial How

**No. 9**

Ebenezer Emerson  
James Merrill  
Stephen Currier, Jun.

Voted to set up the collection of taxes at the lowest bidder and the lowest bidder to be constable and struck off to Isaiah Silver at 3 three cents on the dollar and chose him constable.

3rdly                    Voted to raise 1000 dollars to defray Town charges the year ensuing.

4thly                    Voted to raise 450 dollars for schooling and to take one third for a woman's school.

5thly                    Voted to raise 1200 dollars to repair the highways and private ways the years ensuing.

6thly                    Voted to choose a committee to reckon with the Treasurer which were Alfred Ingalls, Stephen Barker, Jonathan Merrill

7thly                    Voted that swine shall not go at large the year ensuing

8thly                    Voted that neat cattle and horses shall not be suffered to go at large from the first of April to the first of December

9thly                    Voted that the districts through which the turnpike passes shall have liberty to work a proportion of the money on the turnpike road equal with the other roads

10thly                  Voted to pass over this article

11thly      Voted to set off Lt Daniel Currier's Farm from Ward No. 5 and annex it to Ward No. 6

12thly      Voted to pass over article

13thly      Voted that the Selectmen in future shall be a committee to reckon with the Town Treasurer

14thly      Voted that the Town Treasurer shall send his execution in future to all constables that do not settle up in one years from the time they receive their list

15thly      Voted to pass over this article to the adjournment and voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in April at one o'clock P.M.

Met on Monday April 3<sup>rd</sup> according to adjournment and chose 16 fish wardens which are recorded in Article 2<sup>nd</sup>

**The votes for a County Treasurer were as follows:**

Nathaniel Wade Esq.	86
George Wood	12
Benjamin Tyler	1

Voted to accept the report of the committee that was chose to reckon with the Treasurer which is as follows (viz.)

**The committee that was chosen to examine the accounts of Benjamin Osgood Esq. Treasurer for the Town of Methuen have Att (At)ended that service and report thereon as follows that on settlement with Said Treasurer on April 2 1814 there was in his hands of the Town's money**

**2560 96**

That there has been put into his hands since Said settlement as follows:

By cash received of Jonathan Merrill on account of a mistake in the return of his list for the year 1812	254
64	
By interest on John Whittier's note	
27	
By interest on Ezeliel Willson's note	
18	

By a note of hand against Ezeliel Willson	6
34	
Received of Ezeliel Willson, Simon Hibberd, Joseph Willson, John Huse, & Ebenezer Hibbers Sr two dollars ach for exemption from training	10
00	
Received of Alfred Ingalls Esq. in part of the sale of Elenor Whittier Personal Estate	7
22	
By cash received at Boston as per account	67
67	
By interest on a note against the overseers of Andover	5
83	
By general order on Isaiah Silver for 1814	1747
48	
For General Order on Isaiah Silver for highway tax not worked out for 1813	21
41	
By cash received at Boston for a Military account	11
47	
By a note of hand against Isaiah Silver	1
19	
By cash of Farnum Hall for Huldak	
52	
By cash of Jonathan Merrill for what the bridge sold for near Jonathan Griffen's on the old road	1
51	
By cash received of the second parish for the Town paid the Goal Keeper For Edward Richardson parish taxes in Jonathan Merrill's lists for 1811 & 1812	4
00	
Making in the whole four thousand seven hundred and three dollars And forty four cents	4703
44	
And we find Said Treasurer has paid since said reckoning on assessors orders and John Russes receipt two thousand three hundred and eighteen dollars and thirty two cents	2318
32	
Which leaves a balance in favour of said Town of two thousand three hundred and eighty five dollars and twelve cents	2385
12	

Which sum we find due from sundry constables and on notes of hand as follows:

from Isaiah Silver constable for 1813	636
14	
from Isaiah Silver constable for 1814	1768
89	
a note of hand against Amos Barker dated Nov 24 1812	4
28	
a note of hand against Joseph Gardnear dated March 31 <sup>st</sup> 1810	2
54	
a note of hand ditto John Sargent dated December 11 <sup>th</sup> 1800	3
03	
ditto ditto Stephen Barker dated April 9 <sup>th</sup> 1808	3
25	
ditto ditto Amos Morse ditto April 9 <sup>th</sup> 1802	
61	
ditto ditto ditto Ebenezer Merrill dated October 23 1807	11
04	
do – do - do Stephen Richardson do May 4 1807	1
16	
Do – do – do John L. Bodwell dated April 19 <sup>th</sup> 1814	2
73	
no interest cast on the above notes	
By uncurrent money on hand	<u>41</u>
<u>50</u>	
Making in the whole two thousand four hundred and eighty dollars	2480
12	
and twelve cents	
Which leaves a balance in favour of said Treasurer of ninety five dollars	
and twelve cents he paying all his own outstanding orders	95
12	

**Methuen March 30<sup>th</sup> 1815**

Alfred Ingalls  
 Jonathan Merrill     } Committee  
 Benjamin Osgood     Treasurer

15thly     Voted to chuse (choose) a committee to view Mr John Gages road  
 Chose Alfred Ingalls Esq., Stephen Minot, Esq. and Capt. Eben Carleton

              Voted to accept the report of the committee which was to allow him sixteen dollars

16thly     Voted to adjourn according to adjournment and voted to abate Samuel Morses highway tax for 1810 in Capt Jonathan Merrills list and Elisha Richardson and Moses Plumer & Geroge Plumer, Joseph Days Heirs & Samuel Hezeltinge for 1811 James Mallon, Elisha Richardson & Noah Stephens for 1812 Enock F. Messer, Solomon Jennings  
 Poll tax James Mallon, Samuel Morse, Noah Stevens, John Morar

Voted to abate Joseph Haynses heirs tax in Amos Barker's list for 18007.  
Voted to abate in John Searls for 1808 John Swan Jr 1.64  
and Susannah Hibberd 0 48  
Joseph Morses 3.64  
Samuel Morse 1. 90  
Nathaniel Morse 2.93  
Abnear Greanleaf Heirs 0 34  
and dissolved the meeting

Attest: : Benjamin Osgood, Town Clerk

## April 3, 1815

**At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held in said Town on Monday the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April 1815 agreeable to Warrant No. 64 file 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**The votes were as follows:**

His Excellency Caleb Strong	112
Honorable Samuel Dexter, Esq.	106

### **For Lieutenant Governor**

His Honour William Phillips	111
His Honour William Gray, Esq.	108

### **For Senators**

Honorable Thomas Stephens	113
Nathaniel Hooper	113
Nehemiah ??? page 341	113
John Pickering	113
Stephen Hooper	113
Thomas Kittredge	94
David Cummings Esq.	94
Daniel Kilham	94
Moses Little	94
Nathan B. Martin	94

Attest: : Benjamin Osgood, Town Clerk

## May 4, 1815

**At a legal Town Meeting held in Methuen on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of May 1815 for the choice**

**of representatives agreeable to warrant No. 65 file 3d the votes being given in counted and sorted.**

Attest: Benjamin Osgood, Town Clerk

**July 7, 1815**

**At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held on 7<sup>th</sup> of July 1815 for the choice of Representatives to Congress for the Essex north district agreeable to Warrant No. 66 file 4d when the votes were as follows for**

Jeremiah Nelson Esq.	58
Thomas Kittridge Esq.	20

Attest: Benjamin Osgood, Town Clerk

**July 17, 1815**

**At a legal Meeting of the of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of July 1815 agreeable to Warrant No. 67 file 3d**

First Chose Capt Jonathan Merrill Moderator

2ndly Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen widening the road between Benajmin Townses and Isaiah Silvers which was as follows. The Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Methuen have at the request of Benjamin Town and others widened the road between said Townses House and Isaiah Silvers as follows beginning at the westerly end of Baley Days tunnel (tunnel) by said road at a point running ten rods easterly to a stake one rod south of said road thence further easterly sixteen rods to a white oak tree marked one rod south of said road thence twelve rods to a point by said road thence further easterly nineteen rods to a stake one half rod south of said road opposite the westerly part of Samuel Days land thence further easterly twenty two rods to a point opposite the westerly part of Capt Joseph Hows land thence further easterly thirty eight rods to a stake one rod south of said road thence further easterly on land of Capt Joseph How seventeen rods and one half to a point by said road then widened on the north side as follows beginning at a point thence running easterly on Mary Days land twelve rods to a stake one rod north of said road thence further easterly nineteen rods to a stake one half rod north of said road thence easterly on Samuel Days land twenty two rods to a stake one rod north of said road thence thirty rods on Capt Joseph Hows land to a point the north side of said road.

Baley Days land 56 1/2 rods ten dollars per acre	3 - 50
Molly Day do 20 1/2	1 - 39
Samuel Day 16 1/2	1 - 04

Capt Joseph How 24

1 - 50

**Methuen June 26 1815**

John Russ                      Selectmen  
Jonathan Merrill }              of  
Stephen Runnalls              Methuen

Attest:                      Benjamin Osgood, Town

Clerk