

# 1871

**Essex s.s.** To William H. Butrick one of the Constables of the Town of Methuen  
**Greeting**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Election and Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in Methuen on Monday the sixth day of March next at ten o'clock in the forenoon then and there to act on the following articles.

- Art. 1 To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting
- Art. 2 To choose a Town Clerk, Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Auditor, Constables, One School Committeeman to serve for three years in place of Rev. T. G. Grassie, whose term expires, and one School Committeeman to serve one year in place of Rev. N. M. Williams resigned, all upon one written or printed ballot. The Polls to be kept open until 12 and ½ o'clock P.M. also to choose other Town Officers by ballot or in such a manner as the Town may determine.
- Art. 3d To hear the Annual Report of the Selectmen and act thereon.
- Art. 4<sup>th</sup> To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations for the same.
- Art. 5<sup>th</sup> To determine the manner of collecting taxes the ensuing year and act thereon as the Town may think proper
- Art. 6<sup>th</sup> To determine by what method the Town will appropriate its Highway taxes and repair its Highways the ensuing year
- Art. 7<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will authorize the Collector of Taxes to collect all delinquent Highway taxes the same to be appropriated agreeably to the vote on Art. 6 of this Warrant
- Art. 8<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to hire in behalf of the Town a sufficient sum of money to pay any notes that may become due during the year, or that may be necessary to pay orders drawn by the Selectmen, and empower the Treasurer to sign such notes in behalf of the Town.
- Art. 9<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will approve and accept the list of Jurors submitted by the Selectmen as liable to serve as Jurors the year ensuing
- Art. 10<sup>th</sup> To hear reports of Committees and act thereon

Art. 11<sup>th</sup> To determine what compensation the Town will grant to members of the fire department for their services the ensuing year.

Art. 12<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will vote to restrain neat cattle, horses and swine from going at large the year ensuing

Art. 13<sup>th</sup> To determine the manner of appropriating the amount received from the dog tax agreeably to Chapter 250 of the acts of the Legislature of 1869

Art. 14<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will vote to build a school house in the so called Bartlett District and make an appropriation for the same, and also to make necessary repairs on the school house in the so called Morse District and make the necessary appropriation.

Art. 15<sup>th</sup> To see what action the Town will take as regards the proposed Bride over Gage's Ferry

Art. 16<sup>th</sup> To see what action the Town will take in relation to purchasing the modern improved seats and desks similar to those in the High School, and placing them in the several School Houses in Town and pass such votes thereon as the Town may deem proper.

Art. 17<sup>th</sup> To see what action the Town will take in regard to the claim of Mr. Washington Merrill to the School House in Marston District.

Art. 18<sup>th</sup> By request of J. O. parker to see if the Town will vote to raise a sum of money to pay Samuel McNeil of Salem N. H. for injuries received near the Town House in Methuen on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of October 1867, and if the Town should so vote, to determine the amount.

Art. 19<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will vote to do away with article 4 of the By Laws of the Town by request of German S. Phippen.

Art. 20<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Collector of Taxes to print a list of delinquent Tax Payers in the Town Report.

Art. 21<sup>st</sup> To see if the Town will vote to adopt Chapter 366 of the acts of 1869 Entitled an act concerning the

Impounding of Cattle, or take any action concerning the Pounds owned by the Town.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the  
Town

House, and at each of the Public Meeting Houses in said Town seven days at least before  
the  
time of holding said meeting.

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

Given under our hands **this Twenty Fifth Day of February A.D. 1871.**

Jos. S. Howe   } Selectmen  
D. Pierce   } of  
Eben Sawyer } Methuen

**Essex S.S.      Methuen      March 6, 1871.**

By virtue hereof I did as directed notify the inhabitants of Methuen  
qualified, as  
the Constitution directs to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the time and place above  
named and I  
have also served this warrant as directed by posting attested copies thereof at the Town  
House  
and at each of the public Meeting Houses in said Methuen eight days before time of said  
meeting.

W. H. Buttrick  
Constable of Methuen

A true Copy Attest  
Saml. G. Sargent Town Clerk

## **March 6, 1871 – Annual Town Meeting**

The Annual Town Meeting of the inhabitants of Methuen was held at the Town Hall in said  
Town on Monday the sixth day of March A.D. 1871 at ten o'clock A.M. agreeably to  
warrant  
No. 9 File 9.

Art. 1 Jacob Emerson Jr. was chosen **Moderator** – sworn

**Prayer** was offered by Rev. C. A. Bradley

Art. 2d Voted to adopt the method of voting for Town Officers recommended in the warrant  
Samuel G. Sargent was chosen **Town Clerk, Treasurer and Collector of Taxes** and  
sworn.

Darius Pierce, John C. Webster and Edmund P. Sargent were chosen **Selectmen,  
Assessors and Overseers of the Poor** and sworn.

### **Auditor**

E. B. Homer was chosen Auditor

### **Constables**

Charles E. Goss, William H. Butrick were chosen Constables and sworn.

### **School Committee**

3 years Thos. G. Grassie  
1 year Charles E. Goss

### **Fence Viewers**

Alfred Clark, George A. Butters, William Jackson, all sworn

### **Surveyors Highways & of Consolidated District – Passed over**

### **Field Drivers**

Enoch H. Griffin, S. O. Norris, James N. Dowding, John D. Harris, James Allen all sworn  
except John  
Searles who was also chosen.

### **Sealers of Weights and Measures – To be appointed by Selectmen**

E. B. Homer appointed March 11 1871

### **Pound Keepers**

Stephen W. Williams, Hezekiah Chadwick

### **Road Commissioner – Appointed by Selectmen**

### **Truant Officers**

William H. Butrick, Chas. E. Goss, William C. Sleeper – all sworn

**Fire Wardens – “abolished”**

C. E. Goss, William H. Butrick, H. C. Richardson, Gilbert Brown – all sworn

**Surveyors of Lumber**

Ralph Clark, sworn; E. P. Morse, sworn; Oliver Kimball, sworn; J. S. Howe, sworn; J. O. Parker, sworn; John Wilson, D. K. Patterson, Franklin Saunders, James Allen, sworn; Jesse A. Towne, Jerome Cross, sworn.

**Surveyors of Wood and Bark**

Daniel Merrill 2<sup>nd</sup>, E. P. Sargent, Geo H. Wilson, sworn; James Allen, sworn; Ralph Clark, sworn; Eben Sawyer, Leverett Swan, sworn; James Ingalls, Jos. S. Howe, sworn; Rufus A. Griffin, sworn; Walter T. Sawyer, Guy Carleton, Moses E. Kimball, S. H. Harris Jr., J. O. Sawyer, E. P. Morse, sworn; E. A. Archibald, sworn, Horace Carleton, sworn, Jonathan Cluff.

Art. 3 Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen.

Art. 4 Voted to raise the amount of money recommended by the Selectmen as necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year, also appropriated the same as recommended in the following report.

The Selectmen of Methuen submit the following estimate of the amount required to be raised by taxations to defray Town charges for the ensuing year.

For support of Schools six thousand dollars	\$6,000.00
Incidental repairs on School Houses & supplies	300.00
Repairs on Highways three thousand dollars	3,000.00
Roads and Bridges and opening roads seven hundred	700.00
New Road on Clover Hill three hundred dollars	300.00
Fire Department four hundred dollars	400.00
Pauper Department seventeen hundred	1,700.00
Town Officers eight hundred dollars	800.00
School Committee two hundred dollars	200.00
Contingencies five hundred dollars	500.00
Interest on Town debt forty five hundred dollars	4,500.00
Discount on Taxes two thousand dollars	2,000.00
Percentage for Collecting	<u>300.00</u>

Total	\$20,700.00
All of which is respectfully submitted.	

Jos. S. Howe   } Selectmen  
D. Pierce   } of  
Eben Sawyer } Methuen

### **Methuen   March 6 1871**

Voted in addition to the above to appropriate fifteen hundred dollars to build Bartlett School  
House & \$500 to repair Morse School House.

Art. 5      Voted to collect taxes in the same manner as last year

Art. 6      Voted to amend the report submitted by the committee appointed by the Selectmen to take into consideration the subject of highways, by substituting from in the place of where it reads for the west part and for the village, as amended the report will read from the west part and from the village.

Voted that the report as amended be adopted and the Selectmen as therein recommended appoint three commissioners, who shall have the general supervision of the repairs of highways and bridges.

### **Methuen   Jan. 21 1871**

#### **Report**

The Committee who were appointed by the Selectmen to take into consideration the subject matter of highways and the manner of raising and expending money for the repair of highways, - present the following Report they would recommend that the Selectmen be authorized to appoint a committee of three to act as road commissioners one from the east part of the Town, one for the west part and one for the village, who shall have the general supervision of the repairs of highways and bridges; and that all highway taxes be paid in money to the Town Treasurer and that the said committee be instructed to employ in such repairs, persons living in the immediate vicinity of such repairs, provided the services of such persons can be procured on terms equally as favourable as can be obtained elsewhere; and that all bills for labor be approved

by the said Committee before being paid by the Selectmen.

Art. 7 Voted that the Collector of taxes be authorized to collect all delinquent highway taxes, the same to be appropriated agreeably to the vote on Article 6 of this Warrant.

Art. 8 Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to hire in behalf of the Town a sufficient sum of money to pay any notes that may become due during the year, or that may be necessary to pay orders drawn by the Selectmen, and that the Treasurer be empowered to sign such notes in behalf of the Town.

Art. 9 Voted to approve and accept the list of Jurors submitted by the Selectmen, as liable to serve as Jurors the year ensuing.

The following is the list of names presented by the Selectmen to serve as Jurors.

John W. Bodwell, Charles Jackson, Amos Currier, William Jackson, John Cluff, Cummings Messer, H. N. Coburn, Hazen Messer, E. M. Clark, John Mitchell, S. D. Chase, Daniel T. Morrison, James S. Dodge, German S. Phippen, Lorenzo Dow, Charles Pelham, Gilbert Emerson, Moses G. Smith, Granville E. Foss, Franklin Saunders, Geo. W. Gage, Justin E. Griffin, J. O. Sawyer, Chas. J. Griffin, Albert Smith, Branch G. Gutterson, Daniel W. Tenney, Geo. A. Harris, George Tenney, Joseph Howe, Amos C. Rollins, R. B. Hawley, Benj. F. Woodbury, Benj. H. Woodbury, Benj. M. Hall, Charles Haseltine, Stephen W. Williams, E. B. Homer, Gorham P. Poor, Walter E. Stevens, Albert Smith

Joseph S. Howe      } Selectmen  
D. Pierce              } of  
Eben Sawyer           } Methuen

Methuen Feb. 18 1871.

Art. 10 Report of Selectmen on roads was read  
Voted to accept said report.  
The report referred to above will be found recorded in Records/Roads.

Art. 11 Voted that each member of the Fire Department receive fifty cents per month, also fifty cents per hour for actual labor at fires, and that the engineer and Steward each receive twenty five dollars in addition.

Art. 12 Voted to restrain neat cattle, horses, and swine from going at large the year ensuing.

Art. 13 Voted to appropriate in addition to what has already been appropriated for Schools, the amount the Town may receive on account of Dog tax.

Art. 14 Voted to build a school house in what is known as Bartlett District, and appropriated five hundred dollars to be laid out in repairs on Morse School House.

Art. 15 Voted to accept the following Resolutions offered by Joseph E. Buswell.  
Resolved – That the Town of Methuen in Town Meeting assembled think it unnecessary to build a bridge across the Merrimac River at Gage's Ferry.  
Resolved – That a committee consisting of three citizens of Methuen appointed by the Moderator express the above view to the Legislative Committee at their next hearing on the subject. The Committee appointed were, Joseph E. Buswell, Joseph S. Howe & John Russ.

Art. 16 Voted not to put new seats and desks in the school houses.

Art. 17 Voted that the whole subject be left with the Selectmen and that they act as they deem expedient in the case.  
  
On motion of Geo. W. Gage, voted that thirty four dollars and 50/100 of the claim against the Methodist Society, it being sent for the Town Hall for the purpose of Public workshop, he and is hereby abated.

Art. 18 Voted that the article be passed over

Art. 19 Voted not to do away with the fourth article of the by-laws of the Town.

Art. 20 Voted that the Collector of Taxes be authorized to print a list of delinquent tax payers in the Town Report.

Art. 21 Voted that the Collector of Taxes be authorized to print a list of delinquent tax payers in the Town Report.

Art. 22 Voted to adopt chapter 366 of the acts of 1869 entitled an act concerning the impounding of cattle.

Voted to have the matter of selling the Pound near Mr. Chadwick's with Selectmen.

Voted to adjourn.

Attest

Saml G. Sargent Town Clerk

**Samuel G. Sargent, Treasurer in Account with the Town of Methuen – DR.**

To cash in Treasury, February 1 <sup>st</sup> 1870	\$3,656.76
Taxes uncollected, resident and non-resident	552.26
Highway Taxes uncollected and worked	1,029.23
Tax List for 1870	30,368.66
Highway Tax List for 1870	3,149.05
Cash received from State for State Aid	1,687.80
Cash received from State for Corporation tax	631.92
Cash received from State for school fund	234.91
Cash received from State for State pauper tax	79.28
Cash received from County for dog tax	194.20
Cash received from City of Haverhill on account of Hugh Lee	70.00
Cash received from S. S. Hunt, rent of Hall	277.00
Cash received from Methuen National Bank, rent of	100.00
Cash received from John Low rent of store	140.00
Cash received from for interest on taxes	9.02
Cash received from H. G. Durgas & G. W. Merrill for oxen	240.00
Cash received from G. A. Butters interest on highway money	12.00
Cash received from City of Lawrence one half of boundary stone	2.68
Cash received from John Burnham	550.00
Cash received from L. S. Blodgett	400.00
Cash received from Lucy Bodwell	1,200.00
Cash received from Methuen National Bank	20,000.00
Cash received from Joel Richardson	500.00
Cash received from Mrs. S. A. Harvey	<u>2,400.00</u>
	67,486.71

**Samuel G. Sargent Treasurer, in account with the Town of Methuen – CR.**

By Cash paid Selectmen's orders	22,579.41
By Cash paid State tax	3,550.00
By Cash paid County tax	1,789.90
By Cash paid Sundry notes	19,389.00
By Cash paid interest on notes	5,387.10
Collecting taxes	335.17
Making and distributing tax bills	30.00
Remittances paid School Districts	7,007.74

Highway taxes worked out	1,635.56
Unpaid on 1869 \$38.88	
Unpaid on 1870 352.42	391.30
Taxes uncollected resident and non-resident	1,007.04
Cash in Treasurer Feb. 1 1871	<u>2,644.71</u>
	67,486.71

### **Methuen, March 24 1871**

I S. G. Sargent hereby certify that I made a written demand of J. C. Martin, Cambridge,  
for taxes  
due on land in Methuen, taxed to him Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> 1871.

Also on 29<sup>th</sup> Jan. 1871 made a written demand of Anthony Brackett, Cambridge, for tax  
due on  
land taxed to him; said land in Methuen.

Also on 20<sup>th</sup> Jan. 1871 made a written demand on William J. Swinburn, Boston, for tax  
due on  
land taxed to him said land in Methuen.

Also on 20<sup>th</sup> Jan. 1871 made a written demand on Jeremiah Tucker, Chelsea, for tax due  
on land  
taxed to him; said land in Methuen.

Also made on 20<sup>th</sup> Jan. 1871 a written demand on Robert Blake of Boston, Thomas D.  
Talton,  
Boston, William Merritt Boston, William Forbes, Newburyport, James S. Robinson,  
Portsmouth,  
N.H. for taxes due on land taxed to them; said land is situated in Methuen.

Samuel G. Sargent, Collector

### **Essex S.S. March 24<sup>th</sup> 1871**

Then personally appeared the above named Samuel G. Sargent and made oath that the  
above  
statement by him made is true, Before me

Jacob Emerson Jr.  
Justice of the Peace.

True copy Attest

S. G. Sargent Town Clerk

## Land Sold For Taxes

March 25 1871 a lot of land situated on Lawrence and Grove Streets in Methuen, was sold at the Collector's Office for taxes. The land was known as land of J. C. Martin Lots No. 204 & 226

Daniel T. Morrison was the purchaser. He being the highest bidder. The land was sold for one hundred and seventeen dollars, it being one hundred and seven dollars & 7/100 above the taxes and incidental charges.

Tax on land and interest	\$2.28
Other legal charges	<u>7.65</u>
	\$9.93
	117.00 - 993=107.07

There was also sold at the same time and place a lot of land known as the land of Anthony Brackett Lots No 139-141-143-145-147-149-151-153-155 situated on Tenney Street. Daniel T. Morrison was the purchaser, he being the highest bidder. The land was sold for eighty one dollars, it being sixty seven dollars 43/100 above the taxes and legal charges.

Tax on land and interest	\$5.92
Other legal charges	<u>7.65</u>
	13.57
	81.00-13.57=\$67.43

There was also sold at the same time and place a lot of land known as land of William J. Swinburn. Lots No. 170-171-172-173-174-175-176-177-178-179-180-181 situated on Tenney Street. D. H. Patterson was the purchaser, he being the highest bidder. The land was sold for three hundred dollars: it being two hundred and eighty four dollars & 95/100 above the taxes and legal charges.

Tax on land and interest	\$7.40
Other legal charges	<u>7.65</u>
	15.05
	300-15.05=284.95

There was also sold at the same time and place a lot of land known as land of Jeremiah Tucker Lot No. 160 situated on Phillips Street. Henry Swallow was the purchaser, he being the highest bidder. The land was sold for twenty dollars, it being nine dollars and 50/100 above the taxes and legal charges.

Tax on land and interest	\$3.35
Other legal charges	<u>7.65</u>
	11.0
	20.50-11.00=9.50

There was also sold at the same time and place two lots of land known as land of Robert Blake et all

Lot No. 43 situated on Pine and Lawrence Streets, Lot 238 situated on Maple Street, John R. Jones was the purchaser, he being the highest bidder. The land was sold for forty dollars: it being twenty eight dollars & 13/100 above the taxes and legal charges.

Tax and interest	3.22
Other legal charges	<u>8.65</u>
	11.87
	40.00-11.87=28.13

All of the above land, situated in Methuen, was sold for four hundred and ninety seven and 08/100 dollars above. The taxes and legal charges.

S. G. Sargent Town Clerk

The lots, bought by John R. Jones were found to be in Lawrence, therefore the land was sold for forty dollars less than four hundred and ninety seven and 68/100 dollars, which leaves a balance of four hundred and fifty seven and 08/100 dollars. \$457.00 08/100

Attest S. G. Sargent Town Clerk

**Essex S.S.** To William H. Butrick one of the Constables of the Town of Methuen.

**Greeting,**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Methuen, on Monday the twenty second day of May at two o'clock P.M. to act on the following Articles.

- Art. 1 To choose a Moderator to preside over said Meeting.
- Art. 2 To see if the Town will approve the rules and regulations established by the board of Engineers appointed by the Selectmen agreeable to Chapter 24 Sections 23 to 32 inclusive of the General Statutes and direct how the same shall be published.
- Art. 3 To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to establish and maintain street lamps in the village of Methuen and in the vicinity of said village, and make appropriations for the same.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Town House and at each of the Public Meeting houses in said Town seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

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

Given under our hand **this fifteenth day of May A.D. 1871.**

D. Pierce                   } Selectmen of  
John C. Webster           } Methuen

**Essex S.S.    Methuen    Mary 22, 1871**

By virtue hereof I have as directed notified the inhabitants of Methuen to meet at the time and place, and for the purpose above mentioned, and I have served this warrant as directed by posting attested copies thereof at the Town House and at each of the Public Meeting Houses in said Methuen seven days before the time of said meeting.

W. H. Butrick  
Constable of Methuen

A true copy   Attest           S. G. Sargent   Town Clerk

**May 22, 1871**

**A legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen was held at Town Hall in  
Said Town on Monday the twenty second day of May A.D. 1871 at 2 o'clock P.M.  
agreeably  
to Warrant No. 10 File No. 9.**

- Art. 1   Jacob Emerson Jr. was chosen **Moderator** & sworn
- Art. 2   Voted that the Town approve the rules and regulations established by the board of Engineers appointed by the Selectmen and that they be published under the direction of the Board of Engineers.
- Art. 3   Voted to appropriate one hundred and fifty dollars for Lighting the Street of the village, the same to be laid out under the direction of the Selectmen.

Voted to Adjourn.

Attest                   S. G. Sargent   Town Clerk

**Rules And Regulations of the Methuen Fire Department**  
**Adopted May 2, 1871 and approved by the Town May 22<sup>nd</sup> 1871**

Art. 1 The Engineers, as soon as practicable after their appointment, shall meet and organize themselves into a Board of Engineers, by the choice of a Chief Engineer, Assistant and a Clerk, who shall hold their respective offices for the year ensuing and until others are elected in their stead.

Art. 2<sup>nd</sup> The Chief Engineer may call meetings of the Board whenever he may deem it expedient, and by the request of two members of the Board.

Art. 3<sup>rd</sup> A majority of the Board shall be present at any of the meetings in order to constitute a quorum. The Chief shall preside at all meetings of the Board when he shall be present, also give the casting vote in case of a tie, and in his absence the Assistant Engineer present shall be the presiding officer.

Art. 4<sup>th</sup> The Engineers shall have general superintendence and control of all the Engine and other houses used for the purpose of the Fire Department, and of all the furniture and apparatus thereto belonging; and of the Engines, and all other apparatus belonging to the Town.

Art. 5<sup>th</sup> It shall be the duty of the Chief Engineer to visit or cause to be visited by one of his assistants, all the companies belonging to the Fire Department, at their regular monthly meetings, for the purpose of ascertaining the condition of the apparatus, and for furnishing all necessary supplies; also, to ascertain the number and standing of its numbers.

Art. 6<sup>th</sup> It shall be the duty of said Engineers whenever a fire shall break out in the Town, to repair forthwith to, or near the place where the fire may be, to take proper measures that the several Engines and other apparatus be arranged in the most advantageous situations, and duly worked for the extinguishment of the fire; and to require and compel assistance from all other persons, as well as members of the Fire Department, in extinguishing the fire or moving furniture, goods and other merchandise, from the

buildings on fire, or in danger thereof, and to appoint guards for the security of the same;  
also to require  
and compel assistance in pulling down and demolishing buildings if necessary, and in  
suppressing all  
tumults and disorders, that may occur at a fire.

Art. 7 The Chief Engineer shall have the sole command of fires over all other Engineers, all  
members of the  
Fire Department, and all other persons who may be present at fires, provided, however,  
that no building  
shall be pulled down or demolished without the concurrence of at least three Engineers.

Art. 8 In the absence of the Chief Engineer, the Assistant shall execute the duties of his office,  
with full  
powers.

Art. 9<sup>th</sup> It shall be the duty of the Chief Engineer, to keep or cause to be kept a record of all fires  
which may  
happen in the Town during the year, with the probable causes of the same, and a  
description of the  
buildings and property destroyed and injured, together with the names of the owners and  
occupants of  
such buildings; also, make an annual report of the same, together with the condition of  
the fire apparatus  
once a year, at the annual Town meeting.

Art. 10<sup>th</sup> If any Engine or fire apparatus be so damaged that immediate repairs are necessary, it  
may be taken  
forthwith to a suitable person to be repaired; but no repairs shall be made until  
information of such  
damage is given to the Chief Engineer, that he may order or superintend such repairs,  
provided, that in  
case such information cannot readily be given to the Chief Engineer, it may be given to  
any other  
Engineer. All bills of any kinds are to be presented to the Chief Engineer immediately  
after the work  
is delivered.

Art. 11<sup>th</sup> It shall be the duty of the Clerk to give notice of all meetings to each of the members, and  
to keep a true  
record of all business transacted at the meetings of the Board of Engineers; to notify  
persons of their  
appointment as members of the several companies; also, to send them a certificate of  
members signed  
by the Chief and Clerk of the Board of Engineers.

Art. 12<sup>th</sup> The members of the several fire companies are strictly forbidden to assemble at any of the Engine houses on Sunday, except, in case of fire, or without the permission of an Engineer, and no repairs or work of any kind will be allowed on that day, without the consent of the Chief Engineer.

Art. 13<sup>th</sup> It shall be the duty of the Foreman of the several companies, to demand of the company the discharge of any member who may be guilty of any disorderly or improper conduct, or use any disrespectful language to the Board of Engineers or officers of the company, and in case they refuse to discharge such members the Foreman shall at once report the same to the Board.

Art. 14<sup>th</sup> Any member who shall be absent from three consecutive fires or meetings, unless detained by sickness of himself or family, shall be liable to be discharged from the Department.

Art. 15<sup>th</sup> No person whose business is not within the limits of the Town of Methuen will be allowed to become or remain a member of the Fire Department.

## Section II

Art. 1<sup>st</sup> Each of the Fire Engine companies formed and appointed by the board of Engineers, shall have a Foreman, Assistant, Foreman and Clerk, who shall constitute the Officers of said Company, all of whom

shall be chosen annually, and in the month of May, by written votes of their respective companies, at a special meeting held for that purpose; also at such time as vacancies may occur, and report the same to the Board of Engineers.

Art. 2<sup>nd</sup> Each of the Steam Fire Engines shall have an Engineman, Assistant Engineman, Fireman and Steward, all of whom shall be appointed by the Board of Engineers, and shall hold their office until removed by the said Board.

Art. 3<sup>rd</sup> Each of the Hose and Hook and Ladder companies, formed and appointed by the Board of Engineers, shall have a Foreman, Assistant Foreman, Clerk and Steward, all of whom shall be chosen annually,

and in the month of May, by the written votes of their respective companies at a special meeting held for that purpose; also at such times as vacancies may occur, and report the same to the Board of Engineers.

Art. 4<sup>th</sup> It shall be the duty of the Foreman of each of the companies of the Fire Department respectively, to see that the buildings entrusted to his care are kept clean and in order; to preserve order and discipline at all times, and to require and enforce a strict compliance with the rules, regulations and orders of the Board of Engineers.

Art. 5<sup>th</sup> It shall be the duty of the Clerks of the respective companies, to notify members of all meetings; to keep an exact roll, specifying the time of admission and discharge of each member of their respective companies, and report the same within five days from the performance or said duty, to the Chief Engineer.

Art. 6<sup>th</sup> The Enginemen of the steamers shall have sole care of their respective Engines, under the direction of the Board of Engineers. They shall be held responsible for the care and good order of the same, and see that they are at all times in condition for immediate use. The Enginemen shall run the Engines at fires or at other times when required; in their absence the Assistant Enginemen shall perform said duty. The Enginemen may have the privilege of recommending their Assistant.

Art. 7<sup>th</sup> The Firemen shall be under the direction of the Enginemen while on duty. They shall prepare the fuel for the Engines, and have it at all times ready for use. In the absence of the Firemen the Foreman shall appoint a suitable person.

Art. 8<sup>th</sup> It shall be the duty of the Steward to keep clean the house, hose, or other apparatus which may belong to the company; to clean the mow from the sidewalks connected with the house in winter, and perform such other duties as are incumbent on him.

Art. 9<sup>th</sup> On the return of the Engines and other apparatus either from fires or drill, they shall be their Enginemen

and Stewards, respectively, be well washed, cleaned, oiled, and securely housed; once in every month,  
said companies shall meet for the purpose of examining the state of their respective engines and other apparatus, and see that the same is in good order and fit for use, and to transact any business that may come before them.

Art. 10<sup>th</sup> No company will be permitted to take their Engine or other apparatus out of Town without the permission of the Chief Engineer, or in his absence, the next in command.

Art. 11<sup>th</sup> The Enginemen of each Company shall have the control of the engine, under the direction of the Engineers and the apparatus is not to be handled, used in any manner, or meddled with by members of that, or any other company, unless by permission of the Enginemen or of the Board of Engineers.

Art. 12<sup>th</sup> If any member of either of the several companies shall willfully neglect or refuse to Discharge his duty, or shall be guilty of disorderly conduct, or disobedience to any officer, or to any Engineer, he shall, for such offence, be discharged from the Fire Department.

Art. 13<sup>th</sup> No person shall be permitted to engage to serve in the Fire Department for a shorter period than three months, and if he shall be dismissed from his company before the expiration of the same, except it be on account of sickness or some other circumstances beyond his control, he shall forfeit all compensation which may have become due to him.

Art. 14<sup>th</sup> The members of the several companies shall be furnished with a copy of the rules and regulations of the Fire Department. There shall also be a copy framed, and placed in the halls of the respective Engine houses.

### Section III

Article 1<sup>st</sup> It shall be the duty of the officers and members of the Fire Department, when an alarm of fire is sounded, to repair forthwith to the locality from which the alarm came, and if there proves to be a fire,

they will conform to the directions of the Chief, and other Engineers, and exert themselves in the most orderly manner possible, in running and managing the Engines, Hooks and Ladders, and other apparatus, and in performing any other duty they may be called upon to do by an Engineer; and upon permission of the Chief or other Engineer, they shall, in an orderly and quiet manner, return said Engine and other apparatus to their respective houses, provided that, in the absence of all the Engineers, such direction and permission shall be given by the Foreman of the respective companies.

Art. 2<sup>nd</sup> As a general rule it is recommended not to open the windows or doors of a building in which a fire may be, until a supply of water is obtained, and then carefully to abstain from injuring goods or furniture by its injudicious application.

Art. 3<sup>rd</sup> The first Engines, on arriving at a fire, are to be drawn to the nearest supply of water, and there set in such a manner as will be satisfactory to the Chief or one of the Assistant Engineers the other Engines on arriving, to be placed in the same manner.

Art. 4<sup>th</sup> Each Engine Company is to carry not less than four hundred feet of leading hose, the Hose Companies not less than six hundred feet.

Charles E. Goss, Chief Engineer

Henry C. Richardson  
William H. Butrick   } Assistants  
Gilbert Bowen

A true Copy Attest

S. G. Sargent Town Clerk

**Methuen May 22 1871**

**Essex S.S.** To Wm. H. Butrick 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 the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen  
qualified

to vote in Town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday the Seventh  
day of

November next at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to give in their ballots for a  
Governor

of the Commonwealth, Lieutenant Governor, Councillor for District No. (5) Five,  
Secretary, Treasurer

and Receiver General, Auditor of Accounts, Attorney General, One Senator for the Third Essex District,  
District Attorney, Clerk of the Courts, Sheriff, Three Commissioners of Insolvency, One County Commissioner and Two Special County Commissioners all to be balloted for on one ballot. Also three Representatives to represent Essex District No. (3) Three, in the next General Court of the Commonwealth, on a separate ballot.

The polls to be kept open until 4 o'clock P.M. and no longer. And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting Houses, and at the Town House in said Town Eight days at least before said Meeting.

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

Given under our hands at Methuen this **Twenty Eighth day of October in the year of our Lord one Thousand Eight hundred and Seventy one.**

D. Pierce	} Selectmen
John C. Webster	} of
E. P. Sargent	} Methuen

**Methuen Nov. 7 1871.**

**Essex s.s.** By virtue hereof I have as within directed notified the legal voters of Methuen to meet at the time place and for the purpose within mentioned, and as directed, I have served this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Town House and at each of the public Meeting Houses in said Methuen eight days before the time of said meeting.

William H. Butrick  
Constable of Methuen

A True Copy Attest      S. G. Sargent      Town Clerk

**November 7, 1871**

**At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of Methuen, qualified by law to  
vote in**

**Elections, held at the Town Hall in said Methuen on Tuesday the seventh day of  
November A.D. 1871 agreeable to Warrant No. 11 File No. 9.**

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

Whole number of votes for <b>Governor</b> was four hundred and fifty eight.	458
William B. Washburn of Greenfield had Two hundred and sixty six	266
John Quincy Adams of Quincy had one hundred and seventy three	173
Edward Chamberlin of Boston had eleven	11
Robert C. Pitman of New Bedford had seven	7
Benjamin F. Butler had one	1
Whole number of votes cast for Lieutenant <b>Governor</b> was Four hundred and fifty three	453
Joseph Tucker of Lenox had two hundred and sixty four	264
Samuel O. Lamb of Greenfield had one hundred and sixty nine	169
Allen Dean of Westfield had twelve	12
Eliphalet Trask of Springfield had eight	8
Whole number of votes for Secretary of State was four hundred and fifty four	454
Oliver Warner of Northampton had Two hundred and sixty five	265
Luther Stevenson Jr. of Hingham had one hundred and seventy	170
Henry B. Naglathlin of Duxbury had twelve	12
George S. Ball of Upton had seven	7
Whole number of votes cast for Treasurer and Receiver General was Four hundred and fifty four	454
Charles Adams Jr. of North Brookfield had Two hundred and sixty five	265
Levi Heywood of Gardner had one hundred and seventy.	170
Henry T. Delano of Charlestown had twelve	12
John I. Baker of Beverly had seven	7

Whole number of votes cast for Auditor of Accounts was		
Four hundred and fifty four		454
Charles Endicot of Canton had Two hundred and sixty five	265	
Phineas Allen of Pittsfield had one hundred and seventy	170	
George P. Sanderson of Lynn had Twelve	12	
Ezra S. Conant of Randolph had seven	7	
Whole number of votes cast for Attorney General was Two hundred and fifty four	454	
Charles R. Train of Boston had Two hundred and sixty two	262	
William W. Warren of Brighton had one hundred and seventy	170	
George L. Ruffin of Boston had twelve	12	
Samuel T. Field of Shelburn had seven	7	
Whole number of votes cast for Councillor from the Fifth District		
was four hundred and fifty four	454	
John F. Harris of Marblehead had Two hundred and sixty five	265	
John W. Russell of Salem had one hundred and seventy	170	
I. A. Andrews of Danvers had twelve	12	
Byrus Storz Jr. of Gloucester had seven	7	
Whole number of votes for Sheriff was four hundred and fifty two	452	
Horatio G. Herrick of Lawrence had two hundred and eighty seven	287	
William C. Binney of Amesbury had one hundred and fifty nine	159	
Jonathan Osgood of Amesbury had six	6	
Whole number of votes cast for Senator in the 3 <sup>rd</sup> District was		
Four hundred and sixty three	463	
Nathan S. Kimball of Haverhill had Two hundred and seventy nine	279	
John K. Tarbox of Lawrence had one hundred and seventy nine	179	
James H. Kidder of Lawrence had five	5	
Whole number of votes cast for District Attorney was four hundred fifty three	453	
Edgar J. Sherman of Lawrence had Two hundred and seventy six	276	
Henry N. Merrill of Haverhill had one hundred and seventy	170	
John W. Berry of Lynn had seven	7	
Whole number of votes cast for Clerk of Courts was four hundred and fifty four	454	
Alfred A. Abbott of Peabody has two hundred and eighty	280	

Jeremiah P. Jones of Georgetown had one hundred and sixty seven	167
Albin M. Dudley of Peabody had seven	7
Whole number of votes cast for County Commissioners was	
Four hundred and fifty four	454
Charles P. Preston of Danvers had two hundred and sixty six	266
Benjamin A. Ward of Lynn had one hundred and eighty one	181
Nathaniel Ambrose of Lawrence had seven	7
Whole number of votes cast for Special Commissioners was	
four hundred and thirteen	413
Aaron Sawyer of Amesbury and Nehemiah Burnham of Essex	
Had each two hundred and twenty four	224
Robert W. Burnham of Essex and H. E. Monroe of Lynn	
Had each one hundred and eighty two	182
John W. Crossman of Swampscott and Jesse Simmonds of Haverhill	
Had each seven	7
Whole number of votes cast for Commissioners of Insolvency was	
Four hundred and one	401
William L. Thompson of Lawrence and Dean Peabody of Lynn and	
N. J. Holden of Salem had each two hundred and twenty four	224
John R. Baker of Ipswich and J. C. Sanborn of Lawrence and	
C. O. Morse of Newburyport had each one hundred and seventy	170
H. K. Phillips of Lawrence and George E. Lewis of Peabody and	
Charles Moulton of Beverly had each seven	7
Whole number of votes cast for Representatives at General Court was as follows viz. (District No. 3)	
George E. Davis of Lawrence had two hundred and ninety	290
Robert Bower of Lawrence had two hundred and seventeen	217
David H. Patterson of Methuen had two hundred and eighty one	281
Joseph S. Howe of Methuen had two hundred and two	202
Patrick Murphy of Lawrence had one hundred and fifty seven	157
Horace C. Bacon of Lawrence had one hundred and sixty one	161
George S. Weaver of Lawrence had six	6

S. W. Knight of Lawrence had one	1
Daniel Hardy of Lawrence had sixteen	16
Chas. R. Ayer of Methuen had seven	7

The following are the persons balloted for in Lawrence for Representatives, viz.

Joseph S. Howe of Methuen had Thirteen hundred and thirty nine votes	1339
Patrick Murphy of Lawrence had thirteen hundred and forty six votes	1346
Horace C. Bacon of Lawrence had thirteen and eighty votes	1380
George E. Davis of Lawrence had twelve hundred and five votes	1205
Robert Bower of Lawrence had ten hundred and twenty eight votes	1028
David H. Patterson of Methuen had eleven hundred and seventy two votes	1172
Geo. S. Wever of Lawrence had one hundred and thirty two votes	132
L. W. Knight of Lawrence had one hundred and twelve votes	1112
Daniel Hardy of Lawrence had one hundred and sixteen votes	116
James Jones had three votes	3
W. W. Wood Hiram, F. Mills, John Harris and C. R. Davis had one vote each	1
Whole number of votes	2724

S. B. W. Davis	} Mayor
James Payne	} and
A. A. Currier	} Aldermen
H. Plummer	} of
James A. Treat	} the
George Smaley	} City of Methuen
Wm. F. Cutter	} Lawrence

Attest            George R. Rowe            City Clerk

A True Copy, Attest S. G. Sargent    Town Clerk

Voted to adjourn  
Attest S. G. Sargent

### **The front matter of this book contains the following:**

Pages have been inserted to the front of this book. On those pages are pasted a printed Town Warrant, printed copy of the "Committee on Celebration" with the Town Clerk's name and the Town Seal. Decided at a meeting on July 3<sup>rd</sup> 1876, this celebration was to commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the incorporation of Methuen as a Town as well as the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the "Nation's existence". The Methuen Transcript Job Print had printed this.

A "Prohibitory Ticket" which was a ticket listing those individuals running for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, etc. is pasted on the next page as is the "Regular Republican Ticket" these with a year of 1877 written on them. This is a list of who was running for office.

Following these pages are the Town Meeting Minutes from March 1872 through November 17, 1893.

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## 1872

**Essex S.S.**  
Methuen,

To William H. Butrick one of the Constables of the Town of  
**Greeting.**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen, qualified to vote in Elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in Methuen on Monday the fourth day of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon then and there to act on the following articles.

- Article 1      To chose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.
- Art. 2           To choose a Town Clerk, Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Auditor, Constables, one School Committee man to serve three years in place of Rev. C. A. Bradley whose term expires, and on School Committee man to serve one year in place of Chas. E. Goss, whose term expires, all upon written or printed ballot: the polls to be kept open until 12 o'clock P.M. also to choose all other necessary officers by ballot or in such manner as the Town may determine.
- Art. 3           To hear the Annual Report of the Selectmen and act thereon.
- Art. 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.
- Art. 5           To determine the manner of collecting taxes the ensuing year, and act thereon as the Town may think proper.
- Art. 6           To see if the Town will adopt Chap. 158 of the Acts of 1871, entitled and act to provide for the elections of Road Commissioners
- Art. 7           To determine by what method the Town will appropriate its highway taxes and repair its highways the ensuing year

Art. 8 To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to hire in behalf of the Town, a sufficient sum of money to pay any notes that may become due during the year, or that may be necessary to pay orders drawn by the Selectmen, and empower the Treasurer to sign such notes in behalf of the Town

Art. 9 To see if the Town will approve and accept the list of jurors submitted by the selectmen, as liable to serve as jurors the year ensuing

Art. 10 To hear the reports of Committees and act thereon

Art. 11 To determine what compensation the Town will grant to members of the Fire Department for their services the ensuing year

Art. 12 To see if the Town will vote to restrain neat cattle, horses and swine, from going at large the ensuing year

Art. 13 To determine the manner of appropriating the amount received from Dog Tax, agreeable to Chap. 250, acts of 1869.

Art. 14 To see if the Town will vote to build a School House in the so called Pleasant Valley District and make an appropriation for the same.

Art. 15 To see if the Town will authorize the selectmen to enlarge and put in new cells to the lock up and make other necessary repairs thereto and make appropriations for the same.

Art. 16 To see if the Town will vote to lay out and build a new road from the road near the house of S. C. Crosby, by the new house of Samuel F. Dearborn to the road near the house of J. C. Powell and if so to make appropriation for the same

Art. 17 To see what action the Town will take as regards the building of one or more Reservoirs the ensuing year and if so to make appropriations for the same.

Art. 18 To see if the Town will authorize the Collector of taxes to print a list of Delinquent Tax Payers in the Town Report.

Art. 19 To see if the Town will take any action as regards the erecting of Lamp Posts and lighting the streets, and if so to make appropriation for the same.

Art. 20 To see if the Town will take any action towards procuring a safe for the Records and Papers of the Town and if so to make appropriation for the same.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Town House and at each of the public Meeting Houses in said Town seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

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

Given under our hands this Twenty Fourth Day of February A.D. 1872.

D. Pierce           } Selectmen  
John C. Webster } of  
E. P. Sargent   } Methuen

A true Copy    Attest    S. G. Sargent    Town Clerk

Essex S.S.

**Methuen, March 2 1872**

By virtue hereof I have as within directed, notified the legal voters of the Town of Methuen to meet in the Town Hall in said Methuen at the time and for the purpose within named, and I did as within directed serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Town House and at each of the Public Meeting Houses in said Town eight days before the time of said meeting.

W. H. Butrick  
Constable of Methuen

A true Copy    Attest    S. G. Sargent    Town Clerk

### **March 4, 1872 - Annual Town Meeting**

**The Annual Town Meeting of the inhabitants of Methuen was held at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the fourth day of March A.D. 1872 at ten o'clock A.M. agreeably to Warrant No. 12, File No. 9.**

Art. 1            Jacob Emerson Jr. was chosen Moderator and sworn

Art. 6            Voted not to adopt the Chapter referred to in this Article.

Art. 2            S. G. Sargent was chosen **Town Clerk, Treasurer and Collector of Taxes** and took the oath of office.

### **Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor**

Darius Pierce, D. H. Patterson and Edmund P. Sargent – all sworn

**Auditor**

E. P. Morse was chosen Auditor - sworn

**Constables**

C. E. Goss, W. H. Butrick were chosen Constables – sworn

**School Committee**

Charles E. Goss was chosen School Committee for three years.  
Jos. S. Howe was chosen School Committee for one year.

**Fence Viewers**

Alfred Clark, G. A. Butters and Wm Jackson were chosen Fence Viewers – sworn

**Field Drivers**

James Allen, sworn; George Carleton; Chas. A. Fulton, sworn; John Q. Hill, sworn; John H. Morse; Horace Carleton; Milton Austin, sworn; S. C. Crosby; John B. Austin, sworn; Moses G. Smith, sworn; and J. T. Emerson, sworn; were chosen Field Drivers.

**Sealers of Weights and Measures**

Voted that Sealers of Weights and Measures be appointed by the Selectmen.

**Pound Keepers**

Hezekiah Chadwick and Stephen W. Williams were chosen Pound Keepers.

**Truant Officers**

Wm. H. Butrick, C. E. Goss, W. C. Sleeper were chosen Truant Officers and sworn.

**Surveyors of Lumber**

Ralph Clark, sworn; E. P. Morse, sworn; Oliver Kimball, sworn; J. S. Howe; J. O. Parker, sworn; D. H. Patterson, sworn; Jerome Cross, sworn;

S. A. Harvey, sworn; James Allen, sworn; Jesse A. Towne; Aaron Gilcreast;

Frank Ingalls, sworn; Eben Saunders, sworn; Charles Hardey, sworn; Wm. T. Haskell, sworn; Norman Fuller, sworn and Edwin S. Clark, sworn; were chosen Surveyors of Lumber.

### **Surveyors of Wood and Bark**

D. Pierce, sworn; G. W. Gage, sworn; T. E. Gammon, sworn; James Allen, sworn; Ralph Clark, sworn; Eben Sawyer; Leverett Swan, sworn; James Ingalls, sworn; E. P. Sargent, sworn; Rufus A. Griffin; Walter F. Sawyer, sworn; D. H. Rowell, sworn; Moses E. Kimball, sworn; G. E. Foss; James O. Parker, sworn; Jerome Cross, sworn; E. A. Archibald; Willard L. Carleton, sworn; Edwin S. Clark, sworn; Horace Carleton, sworn; Daniel Merrill, sworn; C. E. Goss, sworn.

Art. 3<sup>rd</sup> Voted to accept the Report of the Selectmen

Art. 4<sup>th</sup> Voted to raise and appropriate for Schools

Six thousand and one hundred dollars	\$6,100.00
For School Apparatus one hundred dollars	100.00
For School Repairs and Incidental Expenses	300.00
For Repairs on highways	3,000.00
For Roads and Bridges and Opening Roads	700.00
For Fire Department five hundred dollars	500.00
For Pauper Department seventeen hundred dollars	1,700.00
For Town Officers eight hundred dollars	800.00
For School Committee two hundred dollars	200.00
For Contingencies five hundred dollars	500.00
For Interest in Town Debt, forty five hundred dollars	4,500.00
For Discount on Taxes twenty two	2,200.00
For Collecting Taxes three hundred dollars	<u>300.00</u>
	20,900.00

Art. 5<sup>th</sup> Voted to collect taxes as last year

Art. 7<sup>th</sup> Voted that the Highway Taxes be appropriated as last year and that three Road Commissioners be appointed by the Selectmen.

Art. 8<sup>th</sup> Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to hire, in behalf of the Town, a sufficient sum of money to pay any notes that may become due during the year, or that may be necessary to pay orders drawn by the Selectmen, and that the Treasurer be empowered to sign the same in behalf of the Town.

Art. 9      Voted to accept and approve the list of jurors submitted by the Selectmen as liable to serve as jurors the year ensuing, which list is as follows viz.

E. A. Archibald, John W. Bodwell, Chas. F. Beadle, H. N. Coburn, John Cluff, E. M. Clark, Alfred Clark, S. D. Chase, Amos Currier, Varnum Corliss, James S. Dodge, Gilbert Emerson, George Everett, Dexter B. Fogg, B. G. Gutterson, Geo. W. Gage, Mark S. Gorrill, Benj. N. Hall, George A. Harris, E. B. Homer, Chas. Haseltine, Charles Howe, Chas. N. Hardy, A. A. Howley, S. S. Hickok, Joshua B. Holman, Joseph T. Ingalls, Jackson William, Charles Jackson, Isaac H. Laney, John Mitchell, Cummings Messer, Hazen Messer, Charles Pelham, German S. Phippen, Amos C. Rollins, Albert Smith, Walter E. Stevens, Franklin Saunders, Moses G. Smith, B. T. Woodbury, Stephen Williams.

D. Pierce      }  
John C. Webster } of  
E. P. Sargent    } Methuen

**Methuen Feb. 24 1872**

A true Copy    Attest    S. G. Sargent    Town Clerk

Art. 10      Voted to pass over Article 10

Art. 11      Voted that the Steward and the Engineer each receive fifty dollars for their services and the other members of the Company each receive the same as last year.

Art. 12      Voted to restrain neat cattle, horses and swine from going at large the year ensuing.

Art. 13      Voted that the amount of money received from the Dog Tax be appropriated to the use of the Public Schools.

Art. 14      Voted to build a new School House in the so called Pleasant Valley District, and appropriated two thousand dollars for the same      \$2,000.00

Also voted that the said School House be built under the direction of the Selectmen.

Art. 15      Voted to authorize the Selectmen to enlarge and put in new cells into the lockup and make the necessary repairs thereto, and appropriated six hundred dollars for the same.

Art. 16      Voted to pass over the Article

Art. 17      Voted to pass over the Article

Art. 18      Voted that the Collector of Taxes be authorized to print a list of the Delinquent Tax Payers in the Town Region.

Art. 19      Voted to pass over the Article

Art. 20      Voted that the subject in reference to procuring a safe for the Records and Papers of the Town be referred to a Committee of three appointed by the Chair. The Committee appointed was G. W. Gage, Joseph E. Buswell and Joseph S. Howe.

Voted that when we adjourn it be for four weeks, to meet at this place at 2 o'clock P.M.

Voted to adjourn for four weeks (viz. to April 1<sup>st</sup> 1872)

A True Copy    Attest    S. G. Sargent - Town Clerk

**DR    S. G. Sargent, Treasurer in Account with Town of Methuen**

To cash in Treasury, February 1 <sup>st</sup> 1871	2,644.71
To Taxes uncollected, resident and non-resident	1,007.04
To Highway Taxes uncollected	391.30
To Tax List for 1871	29,352.46
To Cash received Corporation Tax	326.45
To Cash received for School Fund	205.95
To Cash received for Dog Tax	258.93
To Cash from County on new road	300.00
To Cash from S. G. Sargent money found	30.00
To Cash from S. S. Hunt on account of Hall	21.00
To Cash from T. Shear on account of Hall	224.00
To Cash from John Low rent	140.00
To Cash from Methuen National Bank	100.00
To Cash from Interest on taxes	31.22
To Cash from State on bank tax	1,078.16
To Cash from Joshua Kent Lumber	4.00
To Cash from John Burnham, superintendent	4.12
To Cash from S. B. Crombie	461.33
To Cash for land sold for taxes	592.33
To Cash J. S. Howe, apples	5.00
To Cash City of Lawrence, Thomas Flynn	42.71
To Cash E. S. Chase, licenses	10.00
To Cash City of Lowell (Mrs Rogers)	10.00
To Cash S. D. Chase	45.75
To Cash D. Pierce, old School house	25.00
To Cash Methuen National Bank	20,000.00
To Cash K. S. Hall	572.00
To Cash Emeline S. Taylor	1,000.00

To Cash Charlotte A. Duston	1,300.00
To Cash Mrs. Samuel Harvey	<u>3,400.00</u>
	70,182.96

**CR S. G. Sargent, Treasurer in Account with Town of Methuen**

By cash paid selectmen's orders, as follows:

School department	6,451.98
School repairs	810.45
New school house	2,011.80
Highways	3,382.21
Roads and Bridges	508.50
Fire department	513.52
State Aid	1,606.00
Sundry departments, as per report	<u>4,074.50</u>
	Total Amt of Orders
	19,418.96
Amount paid State tax	3,550.00
Amount paid County tax	1,789.00
Amount paid Sundry notes	32,432.80
Amount paid Interest	5,055.58
Amount paid on bank tax	454.73
Discount on taxes	2,023.66
Collecting taxes	293.52
Making and distributing tax bills	30.00
Remittance on school tax	153.67
Highway taxes worked previous to February First 1871	192.03
Taxes unpaid February 1 1872	74.36
Taxes uncollected Feb. 1 1872	601.55
Cash in Treasurer's hands February 1 1872	<u>4,113.10</u>
	70,182.96

Account as audited by E. B. Homer

Attest S. G. Sargent Treasurer

**Town Meeting met according to adjournment. Meeting called to order by Moderator.**

Art. 20 Article 20 was taken up. The committee whose duty it was to report in regard to procuring a safe place for the records of the Town submitted the following Report.

**To the Town of Methuen,**  
**Greeting, -**

The undersigned to whom you have referred the subject matter of Article 20 of your Warrant dated Feb. 24 1872 which is the "procuring a safe for the records and papers of the Town and to make appropriations for the same," – having duly considered the matter as also your immediate

and future necessity and having in mind the subject of economy, recommend the construction and completion of a building which will be a Fire Proof Room, to be located at the west end of your hall adjoining and to be entered from your Selectmen's Room, foundation to be constructed of granite, corresponding with basement of said Hall, the building to be of brick vaulted walls eleven feet high, well secured with Iron Rods, dimensions of the interior which is to be lathed and plastered, 9 x 10 1/2 feet and also an appropriation of \$900.00 for the same.

G. W. Gage  
Jos. S. Howe } Committee  
Jos. E. Buswell

**Methuen, April 1 1872**

Voted to adopt the above Report, with this amendment, that the dimensions of the room be left for the consideration of the building committee.

Voted that the Selectmen be the building committee.

Voted to adjourn.

A true Copy Attest S. G. Sargent Town Clerk

**Warrant for Special Meeting April 1<sup>st</sup> 1872**

**Essex SS:**

To William H. Butrick one of the Constables of the Town of Methuen,  
**Greeting, -**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Elections, and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in Methuen on Monday the first day of April next at two o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act in the following articles

- Art. 1 To choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting
- Art. 2 To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to put a Fire escape on the new school house, in the village, and if so to make appropriations for the same.
- Art. 3 Agreeable to the request of G. E. Foss and others to see if the Town will appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars for the purpose of Decorating the Soldiers Graves at the coming anniversary of Decoration Day.
- Art. 4 To see if the Town will take any action towards funding its debt in whole or in part, and if so to appoint a committee to carry it into effect.

Art. 5 To see if the Town will take any action towards adopting and procuring a Seal for the Town.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Town House, and each of the Public Meeting Houses in said Town seven days at last before the time of holding said Meeting.

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

Given under our hand this twenty third day of March A.D. 1872.

D. Pierce      } Selectmen of  
D. H. Patterson } Methuen

A true copy    Attest S. G. Sargent Town Clerk

### **Methuen, March 26<sup>th</sup> 1872**

#### **Essex SS.**

By virtue hereof I have as within directed notified the inhabitants of Methuen to meet at the place, time and for the purposes within named, and as within directed. I have served this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Town House and at each of the Public Meeting Houses in said Town eight days before the time of holding said meeting.

W. H. Butrick  
Constable of Methuen

Attest S. G. Sargent Town Clerk.

### **Methuen April 1 1872 Warrant No. 12 File 9**

#### **Special**

Art. 1      Meeting called to order by Clerk and warrant read.

Jacob Emerson Jr. was chosen Moderator and sworn.

Art. 2      Voted that a Fire Escape be put on the new School House in the village, and appropriated four hundred dollars for the same.

Voted that the Selectmen be a committee to construct the Fire Escape on said School House.

Art. 3      Voted not to appropriate one hundred dollars for decorating the Soldier's graves.

Art. 4      Voted that a committee of three be appointed by the Selectmen to report in regard to funding the Town debt at the next Annual Meeting.

Art. 5      Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to procure a Town seal.

Voted that eleven dollars and fifty cents be appropriated for the purpose of said seal.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

A true copy    Attest    S. G. Sargent    Town Clerk

## **Methuen Nov. 5 1872 Warrant for Town Meeting**

**Essex ss.**

To Chas. E. Goss, 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 the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified as the Constitution directs to vote in Town affairs to meet in the Town Hall in aid Town on Tuesday the fifth day of November next at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to give in their ballots for a Governor of the Commonwealth, Lieutenant Governor, Councillor for District No. (5) five. Secretary, Treasurer, and Receiver General, Auditor of Accounts, Attorney General, one Senator for the Third Essex Senatorial District. One County Commissioner, also one Representative to represent the Seventh Congressional District of the Commonwealth in the next Congress of the United States. Also thirteen Electors of President and Vice President of the United States. All to be balloted for on one ballot.

Also three Representatives to represent Essex District No. Three in the next General Court of the Commonwealth on a separate ballot.

The Polls to be kept open until 4 o'clock P.M.

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

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

Given under our hands at Methuen this Twenty Sixth day of October in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy Two.

D. Pierce      } Selectmen  
D. H. Patterson } of  
E. P. Sargent   } Methuen

A true copy Attest S. G. Sargent Town Clerk

**Essex S.S.      Town of Methuen, October 28<sup>th</sup> 1872**

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen herein described to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned, by posting up attested copies of warrant at the Town House and at each of the public meeting houses in said Town eight days before the time set for said meeting.

Chas E. Goss, Constable of Methuen

A True Copy   Attest   S. G. Sargent   Town Clerk

**November 5, 1872**

**At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in elections held at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, the fifth day of November A.D. 1872 at Ten O'Clock A.M. agreeably to Warrant No. 14 File 9.**

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

The whole number of votes for Governor was five hundred and sixty one      561

William B. Washburn of Greenfield had Three hundred and sixty two      362  
Francis W. Bird of Walpole had one hundred and ninety nine      199

The whole number of votes for Lieutenant Governor was  
Five hundred and sixty three      563

Thomas Talbot of Billerica had Three hundred and sixty three      363  
William L. Smith of Springfield had two hundred      200

For Secretary of State      562

Oliver Warner of Northampton had Three hundred and sixty three      363  
George H. Monroe of Boston had one hundred and ninety nine      199

Attorney General	562
Charles R. Train of Boston had Three hundred and sixty three	363
Waldo Colburn of Dedham had one hundred and ninety nine	199
Whole number of votes for Auditor was five hundred and sixty two	562
Charles Endicott of Canton had Three hundred and sixty three	363
Patrick A. Collins of Boston had one hundred and ninety nine	199
Whole number of votes for Treasurer and Receiver General was	
Five hundred and sixty two	562
Charles Adams Jr. of North Brookfield had Three hundred and sixty three	363
Levi Heywood of Gardner had one hundred and ninety nine	199
Whole number of votes for Senator in Essex District No. 3 was	
Five hundred and sixty	560
Nathan W. Harmon of Lawrence had Three hundred and sixty one	361
Frank Davis of Lawrence had one hundred and ninety nine	199
Whole number of votes for Representative to Congress in District No. 7 was	
Five Hundred and forty seven	547
Ebenezer R. Hoar of Concord had Three hundred fifty three	353
John K. Tarbox of Lawrence had one hundred and ninety four	194
Whole number of votes for County Commissioner was	
Five hundred and sixty one	561
James Kimball of Salem had Three hundred and sixty	362
Benjamin A. Ward of Lynn had one hundred and ninety nine	199
Whole number of votes for Councillor in District No. 4 was	
Five hundred and sixty one	561
Daniel H. Stickney of Groveland had Three hundred and sixty two	362
John N. Poor of Haverhill had One hundred and ninety nine	197
Whole number of votes for Presidential Electors at Large was	
Five hundred and fifty three	553
Ebenezer R. Hoar of Concord had Three hundred and sixty two	362

John N. Forbes of Milton had Three hundred and sixty two	362
Chester W. Chapin of Springfield had one hundred and ninety one	191
Josiah G. Abbott of Duston had one hundred and ninety one	191
Whole number of votes for electors in District No. was	
five hundred and fifty three	553
William T. Davis of Plymouth had Three hundred and sixty two	362
Geo. Delano of New Bedford had one hundred and ninety one	191
District No. 2 whole number	553
Harrison Tweeds of Taunton had three hundred and sixty two	362
J. E. Carpenter of Foxboro had one hundred and ninety one	191
District No. 3 whole number [not posted]	
C. A. B. Shepard of Boston had one hundred and ninety one	191
Alban Simmonds of Boston had three hundred and sixty two	362
District No. 4 whole number of votes	553
Jos. Everdean of Chelsea had one hundred and ninety one	191
Edward H. Dunn of Boston had Three hundred and sixty two	362
District No. 5 whole number	553
R. Frothingham of Charlestown had one hundred and ninety one	191
Amos F. Breed of Lynn had three hundred and sixty two	362
District No. 6 whole number	553
John A. Bassett of Salem had one hundred and ninety one	191
Luther Day of Haverhill had three hundred and sixty two	362
District No. 7 whole number	553
W. H. Clemence of Lower had one hundred and ninety one	191
John C. Bradley (?) of Lawrence had three hundred and sixty two	362
District No. 8 whole number	553
H. W. Muzzey of Cambridge had one hundred and ninety one	191
Aaron C. Mayhew of Milford had three hundred and sixty two	362

District No. 9 whole number	553
Isaac Davis of Worcester had one hundred and ninety one	191
Stephen Salisbury of Worcester had Three hundred and sixty two	362
District No. 10 whole number	553
C. H. B. Snow of Fitchburg had one hundred and ninety one	191
Levi Stockbridge of Amherst had three hundred and sixty two	362
District No. 11 whole number	553
Charles W. Knox of Chelsea had one hundred and ninety one	191
Henry Alexander Jr. of Springfield had three hundred and sixty two	362
Representatives to General Court whole number of votes in District No. 3	
Geo. E. Davis of Lawrence had three hundred and thirty nine	339
Granville E. Foss of Methuen had three hundred and thirty	330
Alfred J. French of Lawrence had three hundred and twenty one	321
Joseph S. Howe of Methuen had two hundred and seventy two	272
Patrick Murphy of Lawrence had two hundred and seven	207
Horace C. Bacon of Lawrence had two hundred and twenty three	223
S. G. Sargent of Methuen had three	3

A true copy attest  
 S. G. Sargent Town Clerk

In compliance with the provisions of Law, we Geo. R. Rowe City Clerk of Lawrence and S. G. Sargent Town Clerk of Methuen met this sixth day of November 1872 at twelve O'clock noon in the City Clerk's Office Lawrence for the purpose of examining the returns of votes thrown on Tuesday the 5<sup>th</sup> day of November A.D. 1872, for Representatives to the next General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts from Essex Representative District No 3 and not having received the official Returns of votes in Lawrence we adjourned at 12 ¾ o'clock P.M. to meet again at the same place on Friday next Nov 8 at twelve o'clock noon for the purpose of completing our official duties in reference to examining the Returns of votes thrown for Representatives in said district  
 No. 3 and declaring the result.

**November 8, 1872**

**Friday November 8<sup>th</sup> 1872 meet according to adjournment at twelve o'clock noon and proceeded to the examination of the returns of votes thrown in Lawrence and Methuen on Tuesday the 5<sup>th</sup> day of Nov. A.D. 1872 for Representatives to the next**

**General Court of the Commonwealth from Essex Representative District number  
three with the following result we find that**

Geo. E. Davis of Lawrence had twenty one hundred eighty six votes	2186
Granville E. Foss of Methuen had twenty two hundred twenty one votes	2226
Alfred J. French of Lawrence had twenty one hundred sixty three	2163
J. Sidney Howe of Methuen had twenty one hundred fifty-five	2155
Patrick Murphy of Lawrence had twenty one hundred thirty-nine	2139
Horace C. Bacon of Lawrence had twenty-one hundred seventy-seven	2177
S. G. Sargent of Methuen had three votes	3

And it appearing by the returns made to us that Geo. E. Davis, Granville E. Foss, and Horace C. Bacon have the highest number of votes thrown, And therefore we declare said David Foss and Bacon elected.

Attest – Geo. R. Rowe City-Clerk  
of Lawrence  
Saml. G. Sargent Town Clerk of Methuen

**Lawrence Nov 8<sup>th</sup> 1872**

**1873**

**Warrant**

**Essex, S.S.**

To Wm H. Butrick one of the constables of the Town of Methuen,

**Greeting:**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen, qualified to vote in Elections, and in Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall, in said Methuen on Monday the Third day of March next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, viz.: Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.

Article 2. To choose a Town Clerk, Treasurer, and Collector of Taxes, Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor, One School Committee-man to serve three years, (in place of Jos. S. Howe whose term expires), Constables, and Auditor, all upon written or printed ballot, the Polls to be kept opened until 12-12 o'clock P.M. also to choose all other necessary Town officers by ballot or in such a manner as the Town may determine.

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 determine by what method the Town will appropriate its highway taxes and repair its highways the ensuing year.

Article 7. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to hire in behalf of the Town, a sufficient sum of money to pay any notes that may become due during the year, or that may be necessary to pay orders drawn by the Selectmen, and empower the Treasurer to sign such notes in behalf of the Town.

Article 8. To see if the Town will approve and accept the list of jurors submitted by the Selectmen as liable to serve as jurors the ensuing year.

Article 9. To hear the reports of committees and act thereon.

Article 10. To determine what compensation the Town will grant to members of the Fire Department for their services the ensuing year.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to restrain neat cattle, horses and swine from going at large the ensuing year.

Article 12. To determine the manner of appropriating the amount received from dog tax, agreeable to Chapter 250 Acts of 1869.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to build a School House in the so called "Merrill District" -, and make an appropriation for the same.

Article 14. To see if the Town will authorize the collector of Taxes to print a list of delinquent taxpayers in the Town report.

Article 15. To see what action (if any) the Town will take in regard to the straightening of Union Street over the sand hill, so called, and if so, to appropriate a sufficient sum of money therefore.

Article 16. To see if the Town will instruct the School Committee to appoint a Superintendent of Public Schools.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote "to let out the making out and distributing of the Tax bills and collecting of the same, to the lowest bidder, either by proposals to the Selectmen or by Public Auction in open Town Meeting."

Article 18. To see what action the Town will take as regards the insurance of its School and other property.

Article 19. To see if the Town will authorize its Selectmen to take charge and lease the Town House and other property for a term of years, for the best interest of the Town.

Attest S. G. Sargent Town Clerk

Article 20. to see if the Town will vote to repair the Town House at an expense not exceeding (\$600.00) six hundred dollars, and make appropriation for the same, also a committee to take charge of said repairs.

Article 21. To see if the Town will authorize the Engineers to purchase 1000 feet of nero hose, and if so, to make appropriation for the same.

Article 22. To see if the Town will sanction the purchase of a Pest House made by the Selectmen ("as Board of Health") and order the same to be kept for that purpose, or take any action they may see fit thereon.

Article 23. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to straighten the line between the School House and the land of Frank Webster, and to sell what land may be necessary for that purpose.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to widen the Bridge near the woolen mill, and if so to make appropriation for the same.

Article 25. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to straighten the line between the land of M. G. Cop and where the Hearse House stands, and to remove said House to the rear of said Copp's buildings.

Article 26. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to have throughout the village, the names of the streets placed on the corners thereof.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to pay John W. Y. Copper, and E. G. Knights, Police Officers of Methuen, for loss of time in consequence of wounds received while arresting Dearborn, Kimball and Eams, on the night of October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1872.

Article 28. To see if the Town will authorize the Engineers to sell the old Hand Engines, and what other old property belonging to the department that they may see fit.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting six attested copies thereof at the Town House, and at each of the public meeting houses of said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

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

Given under our hands **this Twenty-second day of February A.D. 1873.**

D. Pierce      } Selectmen  
D. H. Patterson } of  
E. P. Sargent    } Methuen

True Copy Attest S. G. Sargent Town Clerk

By virtue hereof I have as within directed notified the inhabitants of Methuen qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the time, place, and for the purposes within named, and I have served this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Town House and at each of the Public Meeting Houses in said Methuen eight days before the time of said Meeting.

W. H. Butrick of Methuen

A true Copy Attest S. G. Sargent Town Clerk

## **March 3, 1873 - Annual Town Meeting**

**The Annual Town Meeting of the inhabitants of Methuen was held at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the third day of March A.D. 1873 at ten o'clock A.M. agreeably to Warrant No. 15 File 9.**

Art. 1            Jack Emerson was chosen Moderator and sworn.

Art. 2. Saml G. Sargent was chosen **Town Clerk, Treasurer and Collector of Taxes** and sworn.

## **Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor**

Saml. G. Sargent, J. O. Parker and Franklin Saunders were chosen Selectmen, Assessors of Taxes and Overseers of the Poor and sworn.

## School Committee

S. G. Sargent was chosen School Committee for three years.

## Constables

Frank Ingalls, Daniel Currier, and J. N. Doe were chosen Constables.  
Took the oath of office March 4<sup>th</sup> 1873.

## Auditor

Amos L. Gale was chosen Auditor and sworn

## Fence Viewers

Alfred Clark, William Jackson, George A. Butters were chosen Fence Viewers (by ballot) and sworn.

### **Field Drivers**

George Page; George W. Tenney; Albert Spear, sworn; Charles H. Hall, sworn; Eben Emerson; Joseph W. Carlton, sworn; Albert J. Kelly, sworn; Thomas G. Grassie, sworn; D. H. Patterson; Charles Dole, sworn; E. L. Saunders, sworn; J. R. Emerson; Frank Ingalls, sworn; and Charles R. Ayer were chosen Field Drivers.

### **Sealer of Weights and Measures**

Voted that he be appointed by the Selectmen  
March 4 E. B. Homer was appointed and sworn.

### **Pound Keepers**

Hezekiah Chadwick and Stephen Williams were chosen Pound Keepers.

### **Truant Officers**

Frank Ingalls; J. O. Parker, sworn; W. C. Sleeper, sworn; and Walter E. Stevens were chosen Truant Officers.

### **Surveyors of Lumber**

Ralph Clark, sworn; D. T. Morrison; Oliver Kimball, sworn; J. S. How; J. O. Parker, sworn; D. H. Patterson, sworn; Jerome Cross; Franklin Saunders, sworn; S. A. Harvey sworn; James Allen, sworn; Aaron Gilcreast; Frank Ingalls; H. C. Richardson, sworn; Jesse A. Towne; Charles M. Hardy; D. Pierce; Eben L. Saunders; J. R. Emerson were chosen Surveyors of Lumber.

### **Surveyors of Wood and Bark**

D. Pierce, sworn; Walter E. Stevens; G. W. Gage, sworn; James Allen, sworn; Ralph Clark, sworn; Leverett Bradley, sworn; George O. Messer; Moses G. Smith; Alonzo Searles, sworn; Geo. E. Woodbury; Rufus A. Griffin, sworn; Geo. N. Carleton, sworn; William H. Butrick, sworn; S. G. Sargent; J. O. Parker, sworn; Jerome Cross; Horace Carleton, sworn; J. F. Emery; Moses E. Kimball, sworn; James Clark, sworn; Daniel Merrill; E. P. Sargent, sworn; D. H. Powell; Oliver Kimball, sworn; H. C. Richardson, sworn; Geo. A. Butters, sworn were chosen Surveyors of Wood and Bark.

## Surveyors of Plastering and Painting

Jesse A. Towne and M. W. Keyes, sworn were chosen Surveyors of Plastering and Painting.

Art. 3. Voted to accept the report with the exception of two part of sections; the first on page 28 of the printed report commencing with "The Commissioners out of the village have neither of them expended the amount appropriated them consequently we judge that they have expended all that they in their judgment, deemed necessary". Also the following from page 31 "With these few remarks we close our assumed duties with the Town, trusting that what we have done will prove acceptable to the Town at large, although we are aware that there are individuals (sore-heads) who will not be satisfied with anybody or anything".

Art. 4.	Voted to appropriate for schools	\$ 6,520.00
	Voted Repairs and supplies for schools	250.00
	Voted Repairs for Furnaces	340.00
	Voted highways and repairs of roads	4,000.00
	Voted Roads and Bridges and opening roads	1,000.00
	Voted Fire Department	500.00
	Voted Pauper Department	1,500.00
	Voted Contingencies	500.00
	Voted Town Officers	700.00
	Voted School Committee	200.00
	Voted Interest on Town Debt	4,800.00
	Voted Discount on Taxes	2,100.00
	Voted Collecting Taxes	300.00
	Voted For Vault	300.00

Art. 5. Voted to collect taxes the same as last year.

Art. 6 voted to pursue the same course as last year in repairing the Highways.

Art. 7. Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to hire in behalf of the Town, a sufficient sum of money to pay any notes that may become due during the year, or that may be necessary to pay orders drawn by the Selectmen, and that the Treasurer be empowered to sign such notes in behalf of the Town.

Art. 8. Voted to approve and accept the list of **Jurors** submitted by the Selectmen, as liable to serve as Jurors the ensuing year.  
Voted to excuse E. M. Woodman from serving and accepted Fred A. Spear in his place. R. L. Page was excused from serving and Joshua P. Hill was accepted in his place. Leverett Swan was excused and Justin E. Griffin was accepted in his place.

The list as amended and accepted is as follows.

E. A. Archibald, Chas. Austin, Charles F. Beadle, John W. Bodwell, George W. Butters, E. N. Clark, Saml D. Chase, Varnum Corliss, Jeremiah M. Dow, J. S. Dodge, George Everett, Amos Currier, Gilbert Emerson, John W. Frederick, Joseph W. Fulton, B. G. Gutterson, Geo. W. Gage, Mark Gorrell, Geo. A. Harris, Josiah B. Holman, E. B. Homer, A. A. Hawley, Chas. Howe, Benj. M. Hall, Hazen Messer, Cummings Messer, Daniel Merrill 2<sup>nd</sup>, James W. Morse, Chas. Pelham, James O. Parker, Amos C. Rollins, Charles Russell, Franklin Saunders, Albert Smith, Moses G. Smith, Saml. G. Sargent, William C. Sleeper, Jesse A. Towne, Henry Townsend, Charles L. Tozier, John C. Webster, Stephen W. Williams, Benj. F. Woodbury, F. A. Spear, J. E. Griffin, Joshua P. Hill, Charles Haseltine.

Art. 9. No Action.

Art. 10. **Fire Department**

Voted that the pay be the same as last year, and twenty five dollars (25) addition to be paid to an Assistant Engineer.

Art. 11. Voted to restrain neat cattle, horses and swine from going at large the ensuing year.

Art. 12. Voted to appropriate the money received from dog tax for Town Library.

Voted that a Committee of three be appointed to take charge of the money and expend the same.

Voted that the Committee be appointed by the Selectmen.

Art. 13. Voted to build a School-house in the, so called, Merrill District.

Voted that twenty two hundred dollars (2200) be appropriated for the same.

Voted that the Selectmen with the assistance of two persons residing in the vicinity of the place where the School-house is to be built, be the Committee to locate and build said house. Joseph F. Ingalls and Joseph E. Buswell were the persons appointed by the Town to act with the Selectmen.

Art. 14. Voted that the Collector of Taxes be authorized to print a list of delinquent tax payers in the Town report.

Art. 15. Voted to pass over the Article.

Art. 16. Voted to pass over the Article.

Art. 17. Voted to pass over the Article.

Art. 18. Voted that the Town do not insure its property.

Art. 19. Voted that the Selectmen be not authorized to lease the Town house and other property for a term of years exceeding five years.  
Voted that they be authorized to lease the Town house and other property belonging to the Town for a term of from one year to five years.

Art. 20. Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to make repairs on the Town House at an expense not exceeding six hundred dollars \$600 and appropriated for that purpose \$600.00

Art. 21. Voted that the sum of fourteen hundred dollars be appropriated for the purchase of hose, to be laid out under the direction of the Engineers. \$1400.00

Art. 22. Voted to approve the action of the Selectmen in purchase of the Pest-house and that it be kept for that purpose.

Art. 23. Voted to refer the matter of straightening the line between the Schoolhouse and land of Frank Webster to the Selectmen with full power.

Art. 24. Voted not to widen the bridge near the Woolen Mill.  
Voted to refer the subject to the Selectmen to report at a future meeting.

Art. 25. Voted to refer the matter of straightening the line between the land of M. J. Copp and where the Hearse house stands to the Selectmen with full power to act.

Art. 26. Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to have throughout the village, the names of the streets placed on the corners thereof and that the names of the streets be printed in the next Annual Report.

Art. 27. Voted to appropriate one hundred and fifty dollars to pay John W. F. Cooper and E. G. Knights, Police Officers of Methuen, for lost time in consequence of wounds received while arresting Dearborn, Kimball and Eames on the night of October 2<sup>nd</sup> 1872.

Art. 28. Voted that the Engineers be authorized to sell the old Hand Engines, and what other old property belonging to the department that they may see fit.

Voted to adjourn

DR.                    A true Copy                    Attest S. G. Sargent                    Town Clerk  
**Saml G. Sargent Treasurer in account with the Town of Methuen**

To cash in treasury, Feb. 1, 1872	4,113.10
Taxes uncollected	601.55
Highway taxes uncollected	74.36
Tax list for 1872	31,217.07
Cash received for State aid	2,384.24
Cash received for Corporation tax	349.38
Cash received for School fund	206.46
Cash received for Methuen National Bank	20,000.00
Cash received for Andover savings bank	15,000.00
Cash received for G. E. Foss	2,500.00
Cash received for Martha Welch	300.00
Cash received for S. B. Crombie	471.36
Cash received for J. Emerson rent	100.00
Cash received for J. Low rent	140.00
Cash received for Y. Spear rent	300.00
Cash received for S. D. Chase	207.98
Cash received for D. McCartney	4.50
Cash received for L. O. Norris	11.69
Cash received for W. H. Butrick	10.00
Cash received for Eastman & Wardwell	15.00
Cash received for Town of Stoughton	62.39
Cash received for N. Currier	75.00
Cash received for J. B. Cross	25.57
Cash received for D. Pierce bal. On Bartlett school house	5.00
Cash received for T. Denney	4.70
Cash received for Interest on taxes	21.71
Cash received for Dog tax	<u>307.71</u>
	78,508.77

**CR. Saml G. Sargent Treasurer in account with the Town of Methuen**

**By cash paid Selectmen's orders as follows:**

School Department	6,651.06
School repairs	637.89
New School house	2,062.91
Highways	3,084.50
Roads and bridges	516.02
Fire Department	515.73
State Aid	1,265.00
Sundry departments as per report	5,908.22

Amount paid State Tax	3,000.00
Amount paid County Tax	2,060.85
Sundry notes	41,272.00
Interest	4,944.86
Discount on Taxes	2,077.40
Collecting Taxes	212.17
Making and distributing tax bills	30.00
Highway taxes due Feb. 1 1873	118.30
Taxes uncollected Feb. 1 1873	1,086.02
Cash in Treasury Feb. 1 1873	<u>2,965.84</u>
	78,508.77

The subscriber has examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Town Treasurer for the year ending February 1 1873 and found them correct in all their parts.

E. P. Morse Auditor

**Methuen, Feb. 10 1873**

Attest S. G. Sargent Town Clerk

### Warrant

**Essex SS.** To Daniel Currier one of the Constables of the Town of Methuen, -

#### Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen, qualified to vote in Elections, and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Methuen on Saturday the third day of May next, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles, viz.:.

Article 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a moderator to preside in said Meeting.

Art. 2<sup>nd</sup> To see what action, if any, the Town will take in relation to a proposed road, commencing near the northerly terminus of Jackson Street in Lawrence; thence running in a northerly direction, crossing East Street and Brook Street in Methuen, to a point at or near the Red School house near the residence of Samuel C. Crosby in Methuen aforesaid.

Art. 3<sup>rd</sup> To hear the report of the Selectmen in relation to the Bridge near the Methuen Woolen Mills, and act thereon.

Art. 4<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will vote to widen and repair the Bridge near the Methuen Woolen Mills, and act thereon.

Art. 5<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will vote to widen and repair the Bridge near the house of Charles Ingalls, by extending a side walk on the westerly side; if so make appropriations for the same.

Art. 6<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will take an action in regard to the Pound on How St.

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

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Selectmen, at the time and place of Meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this nineteenth day of April A.D. 1873.

Saml G. Sargent	}	Selectmen
James O. Parker	}	of
Franklin Saunders	}	Methuen

A true copy Attest S. G. Sargent Town Clerk

### **Essex SS.      May 3 1873**

I have served the within warrant by posting up an attested copy of the same, at the Town House and at each of the public meeting houses, seven days before the said 3d day of May 1873 as within

directed.

Daniel Currier  
Constable of Methuen

A true copy attest  
S. G. Sargent Town Clerk

### **May 3, 1873 - Special Meeting**

**A special Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen was held at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the third day of May A. D. 1873 at 2 o'clock P.M. agreeably to Warrant No. 16 File 9.**

Art. 1.      Jacob Emerson was chosen Moderator and sworn.

Art. 2.      Voted that a Committee be appointed to oppose the road.

Voted that the Selectmen be the Committee.

Voted that the Committee be authorized to employ counsel when they appear before the County Commissioners, if they think it necessary.

Art. 3. The Report of the Selectmen was read and accepted and adopted as far as relates to building the sidewalks.

Art. 4<sup>th</sup>\* Voted to build a sidewalk six feet in width on each side of the bridge near the Woolen Mill.

Art. 5<sup>th</sup> Voted to build a sidewalk six feet in width on the westerly side of the Bridge near the house of Charles Ingalls.

Art. 6<sup>th</sup> Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to use the Pound for School house or otherwise, as they deem best.

Voted that the estimated cost of building sidewalks on the bridge near the Woolen Mill and the bridge near the house of Charles Ingalls be appropriated and that the same be laid out under the direction of the Selectmen. Also repair right bank Bridge near Woolen Mill.

Said cost being estimated at eleven hundred dollars. \$1100.00

Voted to adjourn,

Attest S. G. Sargent Town Clerk

**Report of Selectmen concerning the Bridges near Woolen Mill & Chas. Ingalls  
Methuen May 3<sup>rd</sup> 1873**

The undersigned Selectmen of Methuen have made the following estimate of the expense of widening the bridge near the Woolen Mill, and also for the addition of a side walk to the bridge near the house of Charles Ingalls and would report as follows.

Cost of stone work on the bridge near the Woolen Mill provided it is built the whole width of the Road \$650.

For new planking and other woodwork including labor \$550. Total \$1200.

We estimated the expense of building a sidewalk six feet wide on each side with railing at \$300	
Expense of planking bridge 6300 feet of plank	200
Labor and other materials	<u>100</u>
Difference between the cost of a permanent bridge	\$600.
the entire width of the road and the addition	
of sidewalk on each side.	\$600.

The estimated expense of building a sidewalk six feet in width on the westerly side of the bridge near the house of Charles Ingalls is as follows.

For stone work	\$125
For Lumber	175
For Iron work	20
For Labor	150
For Contingencies	<u>30</u>
Total	\$500

All of which is respectfully submitted

S. G. Sargent            } Selectmen  
J. O. Parker            } of  
J. O. Parker            } Methuen  
Franklin Saunders      }

A true copy Attest    S. G. Sargent Town Clerk.

## **Warrant**

**Essex SS.**

To Daniel Currier one of the Constables of the Town of Methuen, -  
**Greeting, -**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Methuen on Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> day of June next at 2 o'clock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following Articles viz.:.

Art. 1            To choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting

Art. 2<sup>nd</sup>           On the petition of Charles E. Goss and others to see if the Town will vote to lay an iron pipe from the column of water in the basement of the Methuen Company's Woolen Mill, to the front of the dye house on Osgood Street or further on in said street and erect a hydrant or hydrants thereon for the use of the Fire Department, and make the necessary appropriation therefor:

Art. 3            To hear the report of the Selectmen in relation to widening and straightening the roads in the westerly part of the Town as ordered by the County Commissioners, and to see if the Town will make the necessary appropriation for the same.

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

Your doings thereon to the Selectmen at the time and place of holding said Meeting.

Given under our hands **this thirty first day of May A.D. 1873.**

Saml. G. Sargent	} Selectmen
James O. Parker	} of
Franklin Saunders	} Methuen

A true Copy Attest S. G. Sargent  
Town Clerk

**Essex SS.** I have served the within warrant by posting up an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall, and at the four different Meeting Houses; seven days before the said 9<sup>th</sup> day of June 1873 as within directed.

Daniel Currier  
Constable of Methuen

## June 9, 1873

**A special Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen was held at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> of June A.D. 1873 at 2 o'clock P.M. agreeably to Warrant No. 17 File 9.**

Art. 1 C. E. Trow was chosen Moderator

Art. 2 Daniel Currier made the following motion.

Moved that Town empower the board of Engineers to lay the pipe in accordance with the plan of said Engineers. The following amendment offered by J. O. Parker was adopted; that before laying the pipe the Engineers be directed to obtain from David Nevins a written obligation that the Town shall have the free use of the water forever for fire purposes only, and shall have the privilege of making repairs on the pipes.

The motion as amended was unanimously adopted.

Voted that one thousand dollars (\$1000) be appropriated for the laying of the pipes and that the same be laid out under the direction of the Board of Engineers.

Art. 3 Voted that the sum of six hundred dollars be appropriated for building the roads ordered by the County Commissioners, to be built in the westerly part of the Town. \$600

The sums recommended for the Selectmen was adopted viz.

Four hundred dollars be expended on the road near Miss Rebecca Griffin's and two hundred dollars on the hill near Dracut line.

Voted to adjourn

Attest S. G. Sargent Town Clerk

**Report of C. G. Goss relating to Art. 2 of Warrant No. 17 File 9**

**Town of Methuen June 9 1873**

The following is submitted as an estimate of the expense of laying the pipe and furnishing the fixtures thereof so as to complete the same for use. Prayed for in the second article of the Warrant for the Meeting today.

6-inch iron pipe 5/8 thick 32 lbs to the foot in length at 44 1/4 cents per lb.	1.36
Costs making joints per ft	.20
Grading per ft	.15
Hydrant & gate per ft	<u>.34</u>
Total per ft.	\$2.05

The distance from the column of water in the mill, to the front of the Dye house is 224 ft  
224x205 \$459.20

which is the total estimate to complete it to that point. The distance from the proposed hydrant in front of the Dye house to the large Elm tree on the corner of Main and Osgood Streets is 240 ft which can be laid and completed for \$1.00 per foot, 240x200 \$480.00  
Total for the whole line proposed \$939.20

The above estimate is made after consulting with Engineers of the Fire Department of Boston and Lawrence and from figures given by responsible dealers.

The above appropriation is asked for to protect property from being destroyed by fire.

A true copy Attest  
S. G. Sargent Town Clerk.

**Warrant**

**At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen, qualified to vote in elections, held at the Town Hall on Tuesday the fourth day of November A.D. 1873 at ten o'clock A.M. agreeably to Warrant No. 18 File 9.**

**Essex SS.**

To Daniel Currier 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 the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen, qualified as the Constitution directs to vote in Town affairs to meet in the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday the fourth day of November next at ten o'clock in the forenoon then and there to give in their ballots for a Governor of the Commonwealth, Lieutenant Governor, Councilor, for District No. five 5, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor of Accounts, Attorney General, One Senator for the Third Essex Senatorial District, One Register of Probate and Insolvency for the County of Essex, One County Commissioner, one County Treasurer, One Register of Deeds for the Northern District of Essex. All to be balloted for on one ballot. Also three Representatives to represent Essex District No. Three in the next General Court of the Commonwealth on a separate ballot.

The Polls to be kept open until four o'clock P.M. And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting houses and at the Town House in said Town eight days at least before said Meeting.

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

Given under our hands at Methuen, this twenty fifty day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy three.

Saml. G. Sargent	} Selectmen
James O. Parker	} of
Franklin Saunders	} Methuen

A true Copy Attest S. G. Sargent  
Town Clerk

**Essex SS.      Methuen November 4<sup>th</sup> 1873**

I have served the within warrant by posting up an attested copy of the same at the Town House, and at the four different Meeting Houses, eight days before the said 4<sup>th</sup> day of November 1873 as within directed.

Daniel Currier  
Constable of Methuen

Attest S. G. Sargent   Town Clerk

**November 4, 1873**

**At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen, qualified to vote in elections, held at the Town Hall on Tuesday the fourth day of November A.D. 1873 at ten o'clock A.M. agreeably to Warrant No. 18 File 9.**

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

The whole number of votes for <b>Governor</b> was four hundred and thirty four	434
William B. Washburn of Greenfield had two hundred and twelve	212
William Gaston of Boston had two hundred and twenty two	222
The whole number of votes for <b>Lieutenant Governor</b> was four hundred and thirty eight	438
Thomas Talbot of Billerica had two hundred and thirty two	232
William L. Smith of Springfield had two hundred and six	206
Whole number of votes for <b>Secretary of State</b> was four hundred and forty	440
Oliver Warner of Northampton had two hundred and thirty six	236
Benjamin F. Mills of Williamstown had two hundred and four	204
Whole number of votes for <b>Treasurer and Receiver General</b> was four hundred and thirty nine	439
Charles Adams Jr. of North Brookfield had two hundred and thirty five	235
Nathan Clark of Lynn had two hundred and four	204
Whole number of votes for <b>Auditor of Accounts</b> was four hundred and thirty nine	439
Charles Endicott of Canton had two hundred and thirty five	235
E. Osgood Morse of Newburyport had two hundred and four	204
Whole number of votes for <b>Attorney General</b> was four hundred and thirty five	435
Charles R. Train of Boston had two hundred and thirty one	231
Waldo Colburn of Dedham had two hundred and four	204
Whole number of votes for <b>Senator Essex 3<sup>rd</sup> District</b> was four hundred and thirty six	436
Nathan W. Harmon of Lawrence had one hundred and eighty one	181
Horace C. Bacon of Lawrence had two hundred and fifty five	255
Whole number of votes for <b>Councilor of Fifth Essex District</b> was Four hundred and forty	440
Daniel H. Stickney of Groveland had two hundred and thirty six	236

John S. Glover of Ipswich had two hundred and four	204
Whole number of votes for <b>County Commissioner</b> was four hundred and fifty two	452
Zechariah Graves of Lynn had two hundred and twenty six	226
Joseph S. Howe of Methuen had two hundred and twenty six	226
Whole number of votes for <b>Register of Deeds for Northern Essex District</b> was	
Four hundred and thirty eight	438
Joseph L. Partridge of Lawrence had two hundred and two	202
Abial Morrison of Lawrence had two hundred and thirty six	236
Whole number of votes for <b>County Treasurer</b> was four hundred and forty	440
Allen W. Dodge of Hamilton had two hundred and thirty seven	237
Daniel B. Lord of Salem had two hundred and three	203
Whole number of votes for <b>Register of Probate of Insolvency</b> was two hundred and seven	207
Abner C. Goodell Jr. of Salem had two hundred and seven	207
Whole number of votes for <b>Representatives to General Court for Essex District No. 3</b> was	
As follows	
William Knox of Lawrence had two hundred and fifty one	251
Byron Truel of Lawrence had two hundred and eight	208
Granville E. Foss of Methuen had one hundred and seventy four	174
Henry J. Couch of Lawrence had one hundred and eighty nine	189
Daniel Hayes of Lawrence had one hundred and seventy three	173
James O. Parker of Methuen had two hundred and eighty four	284
J. B. Holman of Methuen had one	1
Robert Bower of Lawrence had one	1

Attest S. G. Sargent Town Clerk

In compliance with the provisions of Law, We Geo. R. Rowe City Clerk of Lawrence and S. G. Sargent Town Clerk of Methuen, met this fifth day of November 1873 at twelve o'clock noon in the city clerk's office, Lawrence for the purpose of examining the Returns of votes thrown on Tuesday the fourth day of November A.D. 1873 for Representatives to the next General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts from Essex Representative District No. 3.

And having the Official Returns of votes thrown for Representatives in Lawrence and Methuen before us, we find that

James O. Parker of Methuen had seventeen hundred ninety four votes	1794
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Henry J.. Couch of Lawrence had seventeen hundred fifty one votes	1751
William S. Knox of Lawrence had seventeen hundred twenty nine votes	1729
Daniel Hayes of Lawrence had sixteen hundred thirty two votes	1632
Byron Truell of Lawrence had fifteen hundred fifty two votes	1552
Granville E. Foss of Methuen had fifteen hundred forty eight votes	1548
James Woods, Daniel Donovan, Mason A. Wilcox, Saml. G. Sargent, Frank Davis, George C. Bacon, A. V. Bugbee, J. B. Holman and Robert Bower had one vote each	9

And it appearing by said Returns made to us that James O. Parker, Henry J. Couch, and William S. Knox had the highest number of votes thrown – We therefore declare said Parker, Couch and Knox elected.

Attest – Geo R. Rowe City Clerk of Lawrence  
Attest – S. G. Sargent Town Clerk of Methuen

**Lawrence Nov. 5 1873.**

**To the Honorable the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Methuen.** The subscribers respectfully petition for permission to build and operate a Box Factory, to use steam as a motive power and burn wood for fuel.

Said factory to be located on land of Bowen Johnson & Co.

H. McFarland & Co.

A true copy Attest S. G. Sargent Town Clerk per E. J.  
**Methuen Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> 1873.**

**Methuen Dec. 5 1873**

John H. McFarland

Dear Sir: -

Having duly considered your petition of the 18<sup>th</sup> of Nov. 1873, referring to the building and operating a Box Factory, have unanimously decided that said request cannot be granted.

S. G. Sargent	}	Selectmen
J. O. Parker	}	of
Franklin Saunders	}	Methuen

**To the Honorable the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Methuen.**

The Subscriber respectfully petitions for permission to build and operate a Box Factory and Planning Mill to use steam as a motive power and burn wood for fuel. Said Factory to be located on my land where the mill stood that was destroyed by fire Aug. 1873.

Charles V. Jackman

**Methuen Dec. 11 1873**

A true copy Attest S. G. Sargent Town Clerk

The hearing in regard to the above petition was held **Dec. 29 1873.**

S. G. Sargent Town Clerk

**1874**

**Jan 3 1874** - The Selectmen agreed to give C. V. Jackman a license to build under such restrictions as they shall hereafter make known to said Jackman.

S. G. Sargent Town Clerk

**Essex S.S.**

To Daniel Currier, one of the Constables of the Town of Methuen.

**Greeting:**

For the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Elections, and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Methuen, on Monday the second day of March next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following, articles, viz.:

- Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.
- Art. 2. To choose a Town Clerk, Treasurer, and Collector of Taxes, Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor, one School Committee man to serve three years (in place of Joseph S. Howe whose term expires), Constables and Auditor, all upon one ballot, the Polls to be kept open until 12 ½ o'clock P.M. also to choose all other necessary Town officers by ballot, or in such a manner as the Town may determine.
- Art. 3. To hear the annual report of the Selectmen, and act thereon.
- Art. 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.
- Art. 5. To determine the manner of collecting taxes the ensuing year, and act thereon, as the Town may think proper.

Art. 6. To determine by what method the Town will appropriate its highway taxes and repair its highways, the ensuing year.

Art. 7. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to hire in behalf of the Town a sufficient sum of money to pay any notes that may become due during the year, or that may be necessary to pay orders drawn by the selectmen, and empower the Treasurer to sign such notes in behalf of the Town.

Art. 8. To see if the Town will approve and accept the list of Jurors submitted by the Selectmen as liable to serve as jurors the ensuing year.

Art. 9. To hear the reports of committees and act thereon.

Art. 10. To determine what compensation the Town will grant to members of the Fire Department for their services the ensuing year.

Art. 11. To see if the Town will vote to restrain neat cattle, horses and swine, from going at large the ensuing year.

Art. 12. To determine the manner of appropriating the amount received from dog tax, agreeable to Chapter 250, Acts of 1869.

Art. 13. To see if the Town will authorize the collector of taxes to print a list of delinquent taxpayers in the Town report.

Art. 14. To see if the Town will instruct the School Committee to appoint a Superintendent of Public Schools.

Art. 15. To see what action the Town will take as regards the insurance of its school and other property.

Art. 16. To see if the Town will accept Chap. 242. of the Acts of 1867, concerning shade and ornamental trees standing in highways and streets. And also, to see what action, if any, the Town will take in relation to the encouragement of the growth of shade and ornamental trees in the public streets, in said Town, and act thereon, as the Town may think proper.

Art. 17. To see if the Town will vote to change the name of Main Street to that of Broadway.

Art. 18. To see if the Town will vote to erect eight lamps at different points in the streets of Methuen, viz.:

One near Bowen and Johnson's Hat Shop  
One on Rail-Road Square  
One near the Hay Scales, on Main Street  
One in front of Town House

One in front of Stone Church  
One on the corner, near High School House  
One on the corner of Lowell and Hampshire Streets  
One on the corner of Lowell Street and Pine Avenue  
and make appropriation for the same.

Art. 19. By request D. T. Morrison and others,  
To see if the Town will vote to build a sewer, extending from the corner of land of Joseph S. Morse, on Main Street, to the Spicket River, near Woolen Mill and make appropriations for the same.

Art. 20. By request of Varnum Corliss and others,  
To see if the Town will vote to pay Frank Ingalls, a Constable of Methuen, for loss of time and expenses, occasioned by a felonious assault and battery, upon him, by one Richard Slewey while he the said Ingalls, was in the proper discharge of his duties as Constable.

Art. 21. By request of E. F. Johnson and others,  
To see if the Town will vote to let the collection of the Taxes for the ensuing year to the lowest responsible bidder.

Art. 22. To see what action the Town will take in regard to the sale of the land on the corner of East and Lawrence streets.

Art. 23. By request of George O. Marsh,  
To see what action, if any, the Town will take in regard to widening and straightening the road from the Barker School-house, so called, to the house of Stephen W. Williams.

Art. 24. To see what action the Town will take, relative to building a new School House, in the village.

Art. 25. To see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 158. of the Acts of 1871 if so, choose three Road Commissioners in accordance the provisions of said Act.

Art. 26. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate one thousand dollars to be laid out in repairing the road leading from Lawrence line past the house of Washington Merrill.

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

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

Given under our hands this **Twenty first day of February A.D. 1874.**

Samuel G. Sargent	}	Selectmen
James O. Parker	}	of
Franklin Saunders	}	Methuen

A True Copy: Attest: Charles Pelham, Town Clerk

**Essex S.S.      Methuen, March 2<sup>nd</sup> 1874.**

I have served the within warrant by posting up an attested copy of the same, at the Town Hall, and at each of the four different Meeting Houses, seven days before the said 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 1874, as within directed.

Daniel Currier,  
Constable of Methuen

A True Copy. Attest: Charles Pelham, Town Clerk.

### **March 2, 1874 - Annual Town Meeting**

**The Annual Town Meeting of the inhabitants of Methuen was held at the Town Hall, in said Town, on Monday the second day of March A.D. 1874, at ten o'clock A.M. agreeably to Warrant No. 1. File. 10.**

Art. 1.      Granville E. Foss was chosen **Moderator** and sworn.

Prayer was offered by Rev. W. W. Hayward.

Art. 25. was called up. Voted to pass over the article.

**Voted to elect three Constables.**

Art. 2.      Charles Pelham was chosen **Town Clerk** – sworn

Samuel G. Sargent was chosen **Treasurer & Collector of Taxes** – sworn

J. Sidney Howe, Franklin Saunders J. H. Gordon were chosen **Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor** – sworn

Charles E. Hibbard, was chosen **School Committee for three years.**

Frank Ingalls, Daniel Currier, J. M. Doe were chosen **Constables.**

George W. Tenney was chosen **Auditor**.

**Fence Viewers:**

Alfred Clark, Wm. Jackson, Geo. A. Butters chosen & sworn.

**Field Drivers:**

George Page, Chas. S. Whittier, Fred Spear, Henry Hall, sworn; Saml Loverain, sworn; Fred Pearson, Chas. B. Holmes, sworn; G. E. Foss, S. G. Sargent, C. E. Trow, G. S. Phippen were chosen.

**Sealers of Weights and Measures:**

Voted that the Selectmen appoint.

**Pound Keepers**

Stephen W. Williams, sworn; H. Chadwick – were chosen.

**Surveyors of Lumber**

Ralph Clark, sworn; D. T. Morrison, Oliver Kimball, sworn; J. S. Howe, J. O. Parker, sworn; D. H. Paterson, Moses E. Kimball, sworn; Frank Saunders, sworn; Joseph R. Emerson, sworn; S. A. Harvey, sworn; Aaron Gilcreast, J. Q. Hill sworn; D. Pierce, John McFarland, sworn; were chosen.

**Surveyors of Wood and Bark**

D. Pierce, sworn; W. E. Stevens, sworn; G. W. Gage, sworn; James Allen, sworn; Ralph Clark, sworn; G. S. Phippen, sworn; Geo. O. Messer, Moses G. Smith, sworn; Alonzo Searles, Rufus A. Griffin, sworn; Chas. Jackson, W. H. Buttrick, S. G. Sargent, J. O. Parker, sworn; Eben L. Whittier, sworn; Horace Carleton, sworn; J. S. Emery, Moses E. Kimball, sworn; Nelson Blodgett, sworn; Danl. Merrill, 2<sup>nd</sup>, sworn; E. P. Sargent, D. H. Rowell, James A. Clark, sworn; Oliver Kimball, sworn; S. H. Shattuck, sworn; Danl. Dowding, sworn; were chosen.

**Surveyors of Plastering and Painting**

Jesse A. Towne, M. W. Keyes, L. B. Gage, sworn – all where chosen.

Art. 3. Voted to accept the report.

Art. 4.	Voted to appropriate For Schools	7000.00
	Voted to appropriate For Repairs on School Houses	300.00
	Voted to appropriate For Supplies for Schools.	200.00

Voted to appropriate	For Highways and repairs on roads	3000.00
Voted to appropriate	For Roads and Bridges & opening roads	1000.00
Voted to appropriate	For Fire Department	500.00
Voted to appropriate	For Pauper Department	1500.00
Voted to appropriate	For Contingencies	600.00
Voted to appropriate	For Town Officers	800.00
Voted to appropriate	For School Committee	200.00
Voted to appropriate	For Interest on Town Notes	4800.00
Voted to appropriate	For Discount on Taxes	2400.00
Voted to appropriate	For Collecting Taxes	350.00
Voted to lay Art. 5. on the table, and take up Art. 21.		
Voted to pass over Art. 21.		
Art. 5.	Voted that Taxes be collected same as last year.	
Art. 6.	Voted that the money be appropriated same as last year.	
Art. 7.	Voted that the Selectmen be so authorized.	
Art. 8.	Voted that the Town approve and accept the list of Jurors submitted by the Selectmen.	
	Voted that Saml. Webster and Saml. E. Foss be excused and the name of Geo. W. Sawyer, substituted.	
Art. 9.	Voted to pass over the Article.	
Art. 10.	Voted to grant the same compensation as last year.	
Art. 11.	Voted that they be so restrained.	
Art. 12.	Voted that the same be appropriated for Public Library same as last year.	
Art. 13.	Voted that he be so authorized.	

Art. 14. Voted, that they be instructed to appoint a Superintendent.

Art. 15. Voted, that the subject be left with the Selectmen.

Art. 16. Voted, to accept the Article, also,  
Voted that any six or more persons may form themselves in an association or associations.

Art. 17. Voted, to so change the name of the Street, (Main St. to Broadway).

Art. 18. Voted to erect the Lamp posts and lamps, as per Art, except one near Stone Church, that to be erected at the corner of Park & Main Streets, and maintain the same, at an estimated expense of \$200.  
Voted that one be located near Stone Church, at an expense not exceeding \$20.00.  
Voted that three lamps be erected, one at the junction of the roads near the house of John Russ, one at the corner, near where the red School House formerly stood, one at the junction of the roads, opposite Charles Toziers, at an expense not exceeding \$40.00.

Art. 19. Voted that Three hundred dollars be appropriated and laid out in building the sewer.

Art. 20. Voted to pay Frank Ingalls \$150.00 for loss of time & expense occasioned by an assault upon him by one Slewey.

Art. 22. (Art. 21 passed over as per above.) Voted to refer the matter to the Selectmen.

Art. 23. Voted to refer the matter to the Selectmen, in regard to widening and straightening the road from the Barker School House, so called, to the House of Stephen of Stephen W. Williams, with authority to purchase land, and power to carry out the intentions of the Article.

Art. 24. Voted to refer the matter to the Selectmen, in regard to a new School House, in the village, to report at the next Annual Meeting.

Art. 26. (No Article 25 included in record.) Voted to appropriate one thousand dollars, to be laid out in repairing the road, leading from Lawrence line, past the House of Washington Merrill.  
Voted that said one thousand dollars be laid out by a commissioner appointed by the Selectmen.  
Voted to dissolve the meeting.

S. G. Sargent, Town Clerk.

A true record. Attest:

Charles Pelham,  
Town Clerk.

**DR.        Samuel G. Sargent, Treasurer, in account with the Town of Methuen**

To Cash in treasury Feb. 1, 1873	\$ 2,965.84
To Taxes uncollected	1,204.32
To Tax list for 1873	36,661.49
Cash received for State Aid	1,262.00
Cash received for Methuen National Bank	25,000.00
Cash received for Allen W. Dodge, County Treasurer	
Dog tax	333.69
Cash received for City of Boston, Small Pox case	145.48
Cash received for Low & Harris, rent of store	300.00
Cash received for Z. Spear, rent of Hall	181.50
Cash received for on account of bricks	10.00
Cash received for Good Templers, Rent of Basement of Town House	75.00
Cash received for Chas. Adams Jr. State Treasurer, Corporation tax	426.09
Cash received for Chas. Adams Jr. National Bank tax	519.26
Cash received for Chas Adams Jr. School fund	206.07
Cash received for Wm. H. Wardwell, licence	15.00
Cash received for Mr. Dwyer, School House	80.00
Cash received for Geo. Clark, Out Buildings	4.62
Cash received for Darius Taylor, Stone around School house	5.00
Cash received for National Bank of Methuen, Rent	100.00
Cash received for S. D. Chase, Stone & Lumber	47.31
Cash received for Hezekiah Chadwick, Pound	25.00
Cash received for Mary E. Emerson	1000.00
Cash received for Andrew P. Silloway	2000.00
Cash received for H. M. & J. E. Richardson	600.00
Cash received for Henry Knight	1300.00
Cash received for S. D. Chase	1000.00
Cash received for S. H. Harris	300.00
Cash received for E. F. Chase	2400.00
Cash received for Allen C. Taylor	500.00
Cash received for Frank Ingalls, Rent of Hall	131.55
Cash received for S. B. Crombie	139.02
 Cash received for Interest on taxes	24.14
Cash received for Jacob Emerson, Cashier of Methuen National Bank	
Bank Tax	1737.26
	\$80,699.63

**CR.        Samuel G. Sargent, Treasurer, in account with the Town of Methuen**

By Cash paid Selectmen's orders, as follows:

School Department	7,537.92
School repairs	494.08
New School House	2,345.49
Highways	4,131.25
Roads and Bridges	2,086.42
Fire Department	724.92
State Aid	1,030.00
Sundry departments (see report)	<u>10,540.48</u>
 Total Orders. 384.	28,890.56
William Swinburn, for land, sold for taxes	285.77
Amount paid State tax	3,375.00
Amount paid County tax	2,060.85
J. O. Parker insurance on School House	43.50
Sundry Notes	32,100.00
Interest	4,642.81
Eben L. & Geo. W. Whittier, land for School House	125.00
Discount on taxes	2,483.11
Collecting taxes	354.50
Making and distributing tax bills	30.00
Taxes uncollected, Feb. 1, 1874	1,143.99
Paid State Tax Commissioner, Bank tax	1,225.29
Cash in Treasury, Feb. 1, 1874	<u>3,739.25</u>
	\$80,699.63

The subscriber has examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Town Treasurer for the year ending February 1, 1874 and found them correct in all their parts.

Amos L. Gale, Auditor

**Methuen, Feb. 15, 1874.**

Attest: Charles Pelham, Town Clerk.

The following is the **list of Jurors** approved and accepted by the Town, at the Annual Meeting, **March 2, 1874.**

E. A. Archibald	Charles Austin 2 <sup>nd</sup>	John W. Bodwell
George W. Butters	George A. Butters	Stephen J. Barker
Nelson M Blodgett	E. M. Clark	Saml. D. Chase
 Geo. N. Carleton	Daniel Currier	H. M. Coburn
J. M. Doe	J. Sumner Emery	John W. Frederick
Joseph W. Fulton	B. G. Gutterson	J. Haskell Gordon
George W. Gage	Saml. H. Harris Jr.	Chas. H. Harvey

Henry N. Hall	Frank Ingalls	John G. Ingalls
Silvanus G. Kimball	Hazen Messer	Cummings Messer
James E. Messer	George O. Marsh	Danl. Merrill 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Amos C. Rollins	Daniel C. Rollins	Franklin Saunders
S. G. Sargent	E. P. Sargent	Wm. C. Sleeper
Albert Smith	Moses G. Smith	Leverett Swan
Geo. W. Sawyer	Charles E. Trow	Chas. L. Tozier
John C. Webster	S. W. Williams	B. F. Woodbury
Has. S. Whittier	James Walton	

S. G. Sargent                   } Selectmen  
Franklin Saunders           } of Methuen

A true Copy, Attest:

Charles Pelham, Town Clerk.

Joseph R. Emerson, appointed by Selectmen, **Surveyor of Wood & Bark** – sworn  
**March 16, 1874**              Attest: C. Pelham, Town Clerk

**Essex S.S.**

To Daniel Currier, one of the Constables of the Town of Methuen,  
**Greeting:**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified as the Constitution requires, to vote in Town affairs to meet in the Town Hall, in said Town, on Monday, the sixth day of April next at two o'clock in the afternoon, to act on the following articles: viz.:

Art. 1<sup>st</sup>              To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art. 2<sup>nd</sup>              By request of S. G. Sargent and others,  
To see what action the Town will take, with reference to petitions now before the Massachusetts Legislature asking to have the Town of Methuen or a part thereof, annexed to the City of Lawrence.  
And you are directed, to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at the Town House, and at each of the public meeting houses in said Town seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

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

Given under our hands **this Twenty eighth day of March A.D. 1874.**

Jos. S. Howe      } Selectmen  
Franklin Saunders      } of  
J. Haskell Gordon      } Methuen

**Essex: s.s.      Methuen, April 6, 1874.**

I have served the within warrant by posting up an attested copy of the same, at the Town House, and at each of the four different Meeting Houses, seven days before the said 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1874, as within directed.

Daniel Currier  
Constable of Methuen

A true Copy. Attest: Charles Pelham, Town Clerk.

## April 6, 1874 - Special Town Meeting

**At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held at the Town Hall, in said Town, April 6, 1874, agreeable to Warrant No. 2, File 10.**

Art. 1. Jacob Emerson was chosen Moderator – sworn

Art. 2. The following resolution was presented.

Resolved: That we, the legal voters of the Town of Methuen in Town meeting assembled are in favor of the annexation of the Town of Methuen to the City of Lawrence.

Decided in the negative, (18 to 199)

Voted that no portion of the Town of Methuen be annexed to Lawrence (208 to 11)

Voted that the Chair appoint a committee of three to oppose the annexation of the Town of any part thereof, before the Committee of the Legislature.

The Chair appointed: E. Sawyer, J. F. Ingalls, W. M. Rogers, said Committee.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Attest:

Charles Pelham  
Town Clerk.

**Essex. S.S.**

To Daniel Currier one of the Constables in the Town of Methuen in said County,  
**Greeting:**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen, qualified as the Constitution directs, to vote in Town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall, in said Town on Tuesday, the Third day of November next at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to give in their ballots for a Governor of the Commonwealth, Lieutenant Governor, Councilor for District number Five, Secretary of State, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor of accounts, Attorney General, District Attorney, Sheriff, Senator for the Third Essex District, One County Commissioner, Two Special County Commissioners, Three Commissioners of Insolvency, and One Representative to represent the Seventh Congressional District of the Commonwealth in the next Congress of the United States, all on one ballot.

Also, to give in their ballots for three Representatives, to represent Essex District number three, in the next General Court, of the Commonwealth, on a separate ballot.

The Polls to be opened at ten o'clock A.M. and kept open until four o'clock P.M. and no longer.

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

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

Given under our hands at Methuen this **twenty fourth day of October, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and twenty four.**

Jos. S. Howe	} Selectmen
Franklin Saunders	} of
J. Haskell Gordon	} Methuen

A true copy . Attest: Charles Pelham, Town Clerk

**Essex S.S.** I have served the within warrant by posting up an attested copy of the same, at the Town House, and at the four different meeting houses, eight days before the said third day of November, 1876, as within directed

**Methuen, November 3<sup>rd</sup> 1874.**  
Daniel Currier, Constable of Methuen

A true copy, Attest: Charles Pelham, Town Clerk.

## **November 3, 1874 - State Election**

**At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified by law to vote in Elections held at the Town Hall, in said Town, on Tuesday the third day of November A. D. 1874, at ten o'clock A.M. agreeably to Warrant No. 3, File 10.**

### **For Governor**

Whole number, Five hundred and twenty nine	529
Thomas Talbot of Billerica had Three hundred	300
William Gaston of Boston had Two hundred and twenty nine	229

### **For Lieut. Governor**

Whole number, Five hundred and thirty four	534
Horatio G. Knight of Easthampton had Three hundred and fifteen	315
William L. Smith of Springfield had Two hundred and nineteen	219

### **For Councillor, District No. 5**

Whole number Five hundred and twenty six	526
Robert Couch of Newburyport had Three hundred and ten	310
J. S. Glover of Ipswich had Two hundred and sixteen	216

### **For Secretary of State**

Whole number, Five hundred and thirty four	534
Oliver Warner of Northampton had Three hundred and seventeen	317
Benj. F. Mills of Williamstown had Two hundred and seventeen	217

### **For Treasurer and Receiver General**

Whole number, Five hundred and thirty four	534
Charles Adams Jr. of North Brookfield had Three hundred and seventeen	317
Nathan Clark of Lynn had two hundred and seventeen	217

### **For Auditor**

Whole number, Five hundred and thirty four 534

Charles Endicott of Canton had three hundred and seventeen 317

C. Osgood Morse of Newbury port had two hundred and seventeen 217

**For Attorney General**

Whole number, Five hundred and thirty four 534

Charles R. Train of Boston had three hundred and seventeen 317

Waldo Colburn of Dedham had two hundred and seventeen 217

**For District Attorney**

Whole number, Five hundred and thirty one 531

Edgar J. Sherman of Lawrence had Three hundred and thirty eight 338

J. P. Jones of Georgetown had One hundred and ninety three 193

**For Sheriff**

Whole number, Five hundred and thirty five 535

Horatio G. Herrick of Lawrence had Three hundred and fifty nine 359

Jonathan Nayson of Amesbury had One hundred and seventy six 176

**For Senator (3d Essex District)**

Whole number, Five hundred and thirty two 532

George L. Davis of North Andover had three hundred and ten 310

Horace C. Bacon of Lawrence had two hundred and twenty two 222

**For County Commissioner**

Whole number, Five hundred and thirty four 534

James O. Proctor of Gloucester had two hundred and thirteen 213

Joseph S. Howe of Methuen had Three hundred and twenty one 321

**For Special County Commissioners**

Aaron Sawyer of Amesbury had Three hundred and nineteen 319

Nehemiah Burnham of Essex had Three hundred and nineteen 319

Nathaniel Greeley of Newburyport had Two hundred and fourteen 214

R. W. Burnham of Essex had Two hundred and fourteen 214

### **For Commissioners of Insolvency**

William L. Thompson of Lawrence had Three hundred and eighteen	318
Dean Peabody of Lynn had Three hundred and nineteen	319
N. J. Holden of Salem had Three hundred and nineteen	319
B. F. Brickett of Haverhill had Two hundred and nine	209
Wm. Nutting Jr. of Marblehead had Two hundred and nine	209
H. B. Lovering of Lynn had Two hundred and nine	209

### **For Representative in Congress District No. 7**

Whole number, five hundred and nineteen	519
James C. Ayer of Lowell had Two hundred and ninety nine	299
John K. Tarbox of Lawrence had Two hundred and seventeen	217
George Washington had Three	3

### **For Representatives to General Court Essex District No. 3**

William S. Knox of Lawrence had Three hundred and thirty seven	337
Byron Truell of Lawrence had Two hundred and five	305
Henry J. Couch of Lawrence had One hundred and eighty nine	189
John H. Brown of Lawrence had One hundred and fifty eight	158
James O. Parker of Methuen had Two hundred and twenty four	224
L. D. Barrows of Lawrence had Twenty	20
W. W. Hayward of Methuen had Sixteen	16
Richard Hinchcliffe of Lawrence had One	1
Joseph Wadsworth of Lawrence had One	1

Voted to adjourn.

Attest: Charles Pelham  
Town Clerk

In compliance with the provisions of Law, we Geo. R. Rowe, City Clerk of Lawrence and Charles Pelham, Town Clerk of Methuen met **this fourth day of November 1874** at twelve o'clock noon, in the City Clerk's Office, Lawrence, for the purpose of examining the returns of votes thrown on Tuesday, the third day of November A.D. 1874 for Representatives to the next General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts from Essex Representative District No. 3. The certificate of returns of votes thrown in Lawrence not having been signed by the Mayor and Aldermen, a partial examination only was made and we adjourned to meet again at the same place on Thursday (tomorrow) November 5<sup>th</sup> at ten o'clock A.M. for the purpose of completing our official duties in reference to examining the returns of votes thrown for Representatives in said District No. 3 and declaring the result.

Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 1874.

Met according to adjournment at ten o'clock A.M. and proceeded to the examination of the returns of votes thrown in Lawrence and Methuen on Tuesday the third day of November 1874 for Representatives to the next General Court of the Commonwealth from Essex Representative District, number three, with the following result. We find that

Wm. S. Knox of Lawrence had twenty six hundred votes	2600
Byron Truell of Lawrence had Twenty hundred twenty seven votes	2027
Ebenezer Sawyer of Methuen had nineteen hundred ninety four	1994
Henry J. Couch of Lawrence had Fourteen hundred sixty two votes	1462
John H. Brown of Lawrence had Sixteen hundred ninety eight votes	1698
James O. Parker of Methuen had Eighteen hundred seven	1807
L. D. Barrows of Lawrence had One hundred fifty one	151
W.W. Hayward of Methuen had One hundred twenty three	123
Richard Hinchliffe of Lawrence had Thirty one	31
William Wood had Twenty three	23
J. H. Brown of Lawrence had Nine	9
J. O. Parker of Methuen had Ten	10
Edward McCoy of Lawrence had Twenty	20
Joseph Walworth of Lawrence had Four	4
W. S. Knox of Lawrence had Eight	8
Wm. S. Kno of Lawrence had Two	2
W. Knox of Lawrence had One	1
W. H. Heywood of Methuen had Fifteen	15
J. C. Bowker, Jesse Heaven, Daniel Nason of Lawrence had one vote each	1
J. Sidney Howe of Methuen had one vote	1
Joseph Wadsworth had one vote	1

And it appearing by said returns made to us that William S. Knox, Byron Truell, and Ebenezer Sawyer have the highest number of votes thrown, and therefore we declare said Knox, Truell & Sawyer elected.

Attest: Geo. R. Rowe, City Clerk of Lawrence  
Attest: Chas. Pelham, Town Clerk of Methuen

Lawrence, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>, 1874.

A true copy. Attest: Chas. Pelham, Town Clerk.

### Perambulation of Town line (Methuen & Lawrence)

We the undersigned, the Selectmen of the Town of Methuen, the Mayor and a delegation of the Aldermen of the City of Lawrence have this **sixteenth day of December, Eighteen hundred seventy four**, perambulated the line between the Town of Methuen and the City of Lawrence as required by law and we hereby certify that we found the stone monuments marking said division line in their places and properly marked.

Jos. S. Howe	} Selectmen
Franklin Saunders	} of
J. Haskell Gordon	} Methuen
John K. Tarbox	} Mayor
D. B. Webster	} Aldermen of
Moses Perkins	} City of Lawrence

A true copy. Attest: Chas. Pelham } Town Clerk.  
**(Methuen & Dracut)**

Agreeably to notice given to the Selectmen of Methuen by the Selectmen of Dracut to meet at the River Bound between said towns, on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of December 1874 for the purpose of perambulating and running the lines and renewing the marks and bounds between said towns. We the subscribers, Selectmen of said towns have met at the time and place, and for the purpose aforesaid, and do make the following return of our doings – namely. Beginning at a stone marked D.M. situated near the Merrimack River, a little west of a small brook, emptying into said river on or near land of Andrew Lovejoy, thence running 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 of John Whittier, thence north 2 degrees 40 degrees west 729.5 rods to a stone monument in the wall on the west side of the road, in land now, or formerly owned by Jonathan G. Clough, then north 3 degrees west 134.8 rods to a stone monument in land now, or formerly owned by Robinson H. Bodwell thence north 2 degrees 210 rods to a stone monument on the “State” line marked “M. S.”

In witness whereof we have mutually set our hands this 30<sup>th</sup> day of December 1874.

Chas. H. Stickney} Selectmen	Jos. S. Howe } Selectmen
Darius B. Jones } of Dracut	Franklin Saunders } of
	J. Haskell Gordon } Methuen

A true Copy. Attest: Chas. Pelham, Town Clerk