

**1886**

**Warrant for Annual Town Meeting – March 1, 1886 – File 11 No. 10**

**Essex SS: -**

To John H. George, one of the Constables of the Town of  
Methuen,

**Greeting: -**

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

Article 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2<sup>nd</sup> To choose a Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, two School Committeemen to serve three years, in place of Charles E. Goss and Othniel W. Norris, one Trustee of Nevins Memorial Hall, for two years, in place of George E. Woodbury, Constables, Auditor of Accounts and Fence Viewers, all on one ballot. "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town, "the vote to be by separate ballot. Also to choose all other necessary Town Officers, in such a manner as the Town may determine. The polls to be kept open until half past twelve o'clock p.m.

Article 3<sup>rd</sup> To hear the Annual Report of the Selectmen and act thereon.

Article 4<sup>th</sup> To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges the ensuing year, and make appropriations for the same.

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

Article 6<sup>th</sup> To determine by what method the Town will appropriate their highway taxes and repair their highways the ensuing year.

Article 7<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.

Article 8<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will vote to approve and accept the list of Jurors prepared by the Selectmen for the ensuing year.

- Article 9<sup>th</sup> To hear the reports of Committees and act thereon.
- Article 10<sup>th</sup> To determine what compensation the Town will grant members of the Fire Department for their services the ensuing year.
- Article 11<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will vote to restrain neat cattle, horses and swine from going at large the ensuing year.
- Article 12<sup>th</sup> To determine the manner of appropriating the amount received from the dog taxes, in accordance with Chapter 102, Sec. 107, of the Public Statutes.
- Article 13<sup>th</sup> By request of Post 100, G.A.R. to see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars, for the purpose of decorating the graves of our soldiers and sailors, on Memorial Day, May 30, 1886. Said money to be expended under the direction of Col Wm. B. Greene Post 100, G.A.R.
- Article 14<sup>th</sup> By request of E. A. Archibald and others, to see if the Town will vote to erect and maintain a street light at the corner of Park and Charles Streets and appropriate money for the same.
- Article 15<sup>th</sup> By request of Moses G. Smith and others, to see if the Town will vote to accept a street, known as Carleton Street, as laid out by the Selectmen, and appropriate three hundred dollars to grade the same.
- Article 16<sup>th</sup> By request of Daniel T. Morrison and others, to see if the Town will vote to accept a street known as Phillips Street, as laid out by the Selectmen and appropriate five hundred dollars to grade the same.
- Article 17<sup>th</sup> By request of Charles Austin and others, to see if the Town will vote to extend Annis Street, from its present terminus to Tenney Street, as laid out by the Selectmen, and appropriate five hundred dollars for the same.
- Article 18<sup>th</sup> By request of Gaius H. Barnes, to see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars, to build a sewer at Grosvenor's Corner.
- Article 19<sup>th</sup> By request of Chas. H. Hall and others, to see if the Town will vote to erect and maintain a street light at the corner of Broadway and Spicket Streets, and appropriate money for the same.
- Article 20<sup>th</sup> By request of A. A. Farr and others, to see if the Town will instruct its Selectmen to oppose the laying out by the County Commissioners, of the proposed road from Marston's Corner to the Lawrence line.
- Article 21<sup>st</sup> By request of E. L. Whittier and others, to see if the Town will vote to build a road from the junction of Bare Meadow Street with Milk Street, to

Prospect Street, near the house of Moses Perkins, and appropriate two hundred dollars therefore.

- Article 22<sup>nd</sup> By request of Wm. M. Rogers and others, to see if the Town will vote to allow the abutters on Pleasant Street to enter the sewer by drains.
- Article 23<sup>rd</sup> To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to purchase a new road machine, and appropriate two hundred dollars therefor.
- Article 24<sup>th</sup> By request of John Q. Hill, to see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars to rebuild the abutment at Woolen Mill bridge.
- Article 25<sup>th</sup> By request of John Welch and others, to see if the Town will vote to build a fence around the schoolhouse in the Arlington District and appropriate two hundred and twenty five dollars for the same.
- Article 26<sup>th</sup> By request of James O. Parker and others, to see if the Town will vote to purchase about 1200 feet of land and reservoir, now owned by E. F. Chase, at the corner of Union and Railroad Streets, and appropriate one hundred dollars for the same.
- Article 27<sup>th</sup> By request of Elisha Prescott and others to see if the Town will vote to appropriate one hundred dollars to repair the sewer on Pelham Avenue, and extend the same to the river.
- Article 28<sup>th</sup> By request of John W. Hall and others, to see if the Town will vote to cut down and build the street running from High Street, past the house of J. P. Towne, and appropriate two hundred dollars for the same.
- Article 29<sup>th</sup> By request of James Ingalls and others, to see what action the Town will take as regards the introduction of water from the Lawrence Water Works, and the laying of pipes through the streets, and, if favorably considered, to authorize a water loan therefor.
- Article 30<sup>th</sup> By request of John Q. Hill and others, to see if the Town will vote to widen the bridge on Broadway, near the house of James Ingalls, and appropriate money for the same.
- Article 31<sup>st</sup> By request of Samuel J. Pedler and others to see if the Town will vote to build an eighteen inch sewer from Union Street, on Broadway, to the river at Ingalls Bridge, and appropriate eight hundred dollars for the same.
- Article 32<sup>nd</sup> By request of the seventy-six members of the Methuen W. C. T. H. to see if the Town will instruct the Selectmen to employ an agent, whose duty it shall be to see that the laws against the selling of liquors and intemperance, are enforced, and to appropriate five hundred dollars for the same.

Article 33<sup>rd</sup> By request of Arthur Young, to see if the Town will vote to place a steam boiler in the Town House, for the purpose of heating the same, and appropriate one thousand dollars therefor.

Article 34<sup>th</sup> By request of Joseph L. Clark, to see if the Town will grant permission for him to enter sewer on Lawrence Street by drain.

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, eight days at least before said meeting.

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

Given under our hands and the seal of the Town of Methuen **this twentieth day of February, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six.**

Darius Pierce        } Selectmen  
Addison P. Russell } of  
James T. Wall        } Methuen

**Methuen, Mass. Feb. 20, 1886**

By virtue of the within, I this day posted attested copies of this warrant on each of the meeting houses and also one on the Town House.

Methuen  
John H. George – Constable of

A true copy of warrant and return,  
Attest,                   Jos. S. Howe   Town Clerk.

### **Record of Annual Town Meeting held March 1<sup>st</sup> 1886.**

**Pursuant to Warrant No. 10 File 11 the Annual Town Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen, was held at the Town Hall in said Town, on Monday the first day of March A.D. 1886.** The meeting was called to order at ten o'clock by the Town Clerk who

read the warrant for the meeting.

Art. 1<sup>st</sup> The polls were opened for the choice of Moderator, and Granville E. Foss was chosen  
Moderator by a unanimous vote – the checklist being used – and was sworn.

Art. 2<sup>nd</sup> Balloting for Town Officers

The Moderator appointed as tellers to aid him in checking the names of votes, and assorting and counting votes, Addison P. Russell, John E. Sawyer, George W. Tenney, and James T. Wall and they were all sworn by the Town Clerk.

The ballot box was publicly opened and found to be empty, and was then locked and the key thereof given to John H. George, Constable in attendance. The figures on the Register indicated four ciphers. The polls were then opened for the choice of those officers to be chosen by ballot, and the ballot box was not removed from public view until the close of the meeting.

The poll was closed at half past twelve o'clock p.m. and the register indicated the figures 483. The number of ballots in the box, and the number of marks on the checklist were counted and found to agree with the number indicated on the register.

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

**For Town Clerk**

Joseph S. Howe had four hundred and eighty one 481  
And was declared elected and was sworn.

**For Town Treasurer**

Joseph S. Howe had four hundred and eighty one 481  
And was declared elected and was sworn.

**For Collector of Taxes**

Joseph S. Howe had four hundred and eighty one 481  
And was declared elected and was sworn.

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

John H. George had three hundred	300
Addison P. Russell had two hundred ninety four	294
John W. Frederick had two hundred eighty nine	289

George B. Bradley had two hundred and four	204
James O. Parker had one hundred ninety one	191
Darius Pierce had ninety two	92
Daniel C. Rollins had sixty nine	69

and John H. George, Addison P. Russell, and John W. Frederick were declared elected Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor and were sworn.

#### For **School Committee for three years**

Lewis E. Barnes had three hundred and twenty six	326
William O. Norris had three hundred and fifty eight	358
Lyman B. Gage had one hundred and forty six	146
Daniel W. Tenney had one hundred and fifteen	115
And Lewis E. Barnes and William O. Norris were declared Elected School Committee for three years	

#### For **Trustee for Nevins Memorial**

George E. Woodbury had four hundred eighty two	482
And was declared elected for two years	

#### For **Constables**

George A. Closson had four hundred and seventy four	474
John H. George had four hundred and seventy two	472
Amos G. Jones had three hundred and fifty one	351
William C. Sleeper had two hundred and sixty four	264
Calvin Taylor had two hundred and sixty one	261
John N. Webster had two hundred and sixteen	216
Michael Mahoney had one hundred and twenty four	124
Thomas Mahoney had one hundred and twenty four	124
John W. Silver had ninety four	94
Geo. B. Bradley had one	1

And George A. Closson, sworn; John H. George, sworn;  
Amos G. Jones, William C. Sleeper and Calvin Taylor, sworn;  
were declared elected Constables.

#### For **Fence Viewers**

Aaron Gilcreast had three hundred and fifty two	352
Everett Gilcreast had three hundred fifty two	352
Clarence Wardwell had four hundred and eighty	480

George Stevens had one hundred and twenty seven	127
Richard Trainer had one hundred and twenty seven	127

And Aaron Gilcreast, Everett Gilcreast (sworn) and  
Clarence Wardwell were declared elected Fence Viewers.

For **Road Surveyors**

John Q. Hill (Village Dis.) had four hundred and eighty	480
Millard F. Emerson (Marsh Dis.) had four hundred eighty	480
Charles J. Griffin (barker Dis.) four hundred eighty-one	481
Gaius H. Barnes (How Dis.) four hundred and eighty	480
John A. Shirley (Pleas. Val. Dis.) four hundred eighty-two	482

And John Q. Hill (sworn), Millard F. Emerson (sworn),  
Charles J. Griffin (sworn), Gaius H. Barnes (sworn), and  
John A. Shirley (sworn) were declared elected Road Surveyors

For **Auditor of Accounts**

John H. Morse had four hundred eighty one	481
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And John H. Morse was declared elected Auditor of Accounts

The whole number of ballots cast on the question  
“Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating  
liquors in this Town?” was four hundred and sixty four 464

The number of voters voting “Yes” was one hundred eighty three  
183

The number of voters voting “No” was two hundred eighty one  
281

The following named persons were appointed **Field Drivers**

Joseph Sharkey	Edmund Dowding, sworn
W. O. Norris	Patrick Dooley
Nathaniel M. Durrell	

It was voted that the **Sealer of Weights and Measures** be appointed  
by the Selectmen.

The following named persons were appointed **Pound Keepers**

Stephen W. Williams

Joseph E. Buswell

The following named persons were appointed **Surveyors of Lumber**

Ralph Clark, sworn

Jesse A. Towne

Millard F. Emerson, sworn

Moses E. Kimball

Charles H. Merrill, sworn

W. J. Nichols

Samuel Emerson, sworn

James O. Parker, sworn

Millett G. Copp, sworn

John W. Frederick, sworn

Thomas B. Currier

James Allen, sworn

Daniel Dowding, sworn

The following named persons were appointed **Surveyors of Plastering**

Lyman B. Gage

W. O. Norris

Millett G. Copp

George A. Page

Jesse A. Towne

Silas K. Nowell

Nahum P. Winn

The following named persons were appointed **Surveyors of Wood and Bark**

John C. Webster

Julius B. Holman, sworn

George O. Marsh

Charles Jackson

Silas L. Holman

Ralph Clark, sworn

John E. Sawyer

John A. Shirley, sworn

George W. Gage

Daniel Dowding, sworn

Rufus A. Griffin

James M. Moreland

Nelson M. Blodgett, sworn

Edmund P. Sargent

James E. Messer

Moses E. Kimball

Fred A. Russell, sworn

Millard F. Emerson, sworn

Eugene S. Chase

Stephen Currier

Art. 3<sup>rd</sup>

Selectmen's Report

Voted that the Annual Report of the Selectmen, so far as the past financial record is concerned, be accepted.

Art. 4<sup>th</sup>

General Appropriations

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

**For**



Support of schools, teachers, janitors, fuel and music  
\$9,000.00

Supplies for schools  
800.00

Repairs on schoolhouses  
800.00

Services of School Committee  
400.00

Opening roads  
1,500.00

Highways and bridges  
5,500.00

Street Lights  
1,100.00

Fire Department  
1,200.00

Contingencies  
1,500.00

Special Police  
500.00

Town Officers  
1,200.00

Collection of Taxes  
400.00

Pauper Department  
3,000.00

Interest on Town debt  
2,800.00

Military Aid  
300.00

Edgestones  
300.00

Total

30,300.00

When the appropriation for "Special Police" was reached, on motion of Hon. Jacob Emerson, it was voted to make the appropriation five hundred dollars instead of one hundred dollars, as recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Emerson then moved to lay Article 4 on the table and take up Article 32 of the Warrant, and the motion was carried.

Art. 32<sup>nd</sup>

Enforcement of Liquor Law

On motion of Mr. Emerson it was voted – That the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and that the Selectmen be instructed to enforce the law of the

Commonwealth, against the unlawful sale of intoxicating liquors during the present year.

Voted – To pass over the remainder of the article.

Article 4 was then taken from the table and the remaining appropriations made as above recorded.

Art. 5<sup>th</sup> Taxes

Voted – That on all taxes remaining unpaid after Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> interest shall be paid from that date to the time of settlement at the rate of six per cent per annum.

Art. 6<sup>th</sup> Repairs on Highways

Voted – That the method of appropriating highway taxes and repairing highways be the same as last year.

Art. 7<sup>th</sup> Vote to hire money

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

Art. 8<sup>th</sup> Jury List

The List of Jurors prepared by the Selectmen was approved and accepted.  
**The List of Jurors is as follows: -**

Ayer David M.	Kent Elbridge K.
Brown Kirk F.	Marsh George O.
Butters George A.	Martin Joseph
Buswell Joseph E.	Messer John L.
Bowen Gilbert	Messer Cummings
Beedle Charles T.	Messer James E.
Barker Stephen J.	Mitchell Charles L.
Blodgett N. M.	Morse James W.
Bradley George B.	Puffer A. C.
Clark George A.	Powell Eben W.
Cross George L.	Russell Addison P.
Coburn J. B. V.	Russell Fred. A.
Chase Elihu F.	Rollins D. C.
Cole Daniel E.	Sargent Edmund P.
Dinsmore W. H.	Saunders Franklin

Davis Stephen W.  
Dowding Edmund  
Douglas C. Walter  
Emerson Millard F.  
Foss Granville E.  
Foster Joel 1<sup>st</sup>  
Gale Amos L.  
Griffin Justin E.  
Hall Henry N.  
Harvey Samuel A.  
Kenison Asa  
Kimball Moses E.  
Kimball Sylvanus G.

Sawyer John E.  
Shirley John A.  
Smith Moses G.  
Stickney, W. H.  
Swan Leverett  
Trow Charles E.  
Taylor Elbridge B.  
Tranor Richard  
Williams Stephen W.  
Wardwell William H.  
Wall James T.  
Webster John C.  
Webster J. N.

Wagner Ernest

Art. 9<sup>th</sup>            Arlington Sewer

The Committee on Sewers in the Arlington District, appointed at the last Annual Meeting, made a written report and recommended the appointment of a new Committee whose duty it shall be to confer with the authorities of the City of Lawrence and ascertain the terms on which the Town of Methuen may enter the Lawrence Sewer, and also investigate and ascertain the kind and amount of sewer necessary to be built by the Town of Methuen in the Arlington District, with the probable cost of the same, and report at a future meeting. This report was accepted and adopted and the Selectmen with Jos. S. Howe were constituted that Committee.

Art. 10<sup>th</sup>           Fire Department

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

Art. 11<sup>th</sup>           Voted – To restrain neat cattle, horses and swine from going at large the ensuing year

Art. 12<sup>th</sup>           Dog taxes

Voted – That the money received from dog taxes be appropriated in the same way as last year.

Art. 13<sup>th</sup>           Memorial Day appropriation - \$100

Voted – That the sum of one hundred dollars be appropriated in accordance with Article 13 of the Warrant.

- Art. 14<sup>th</sup> Street Light - \$10
- Voted – That the request of E. A. Archibald and others be granted, and that ten dollars be appropriated to erect a street light at the corner of Park and Charles Streets.
- Art. 15<sup>th</sup> Carleton Street \$300
- Voted – To accept Carleton Street as laid out by the Selectmen and that three hundred dollars be appropriated for building the same.
- Voted – That the work be done under direction of the Selectmen.
- Art. 16<sup>th</sup> Phillips Street \$500
- Voted – To accept the street known as Phillips Street as laid out by the Selectmen, and that five hundred dollars be appropriated for building the same.
- Voted – That the work be done under direction of the Selectmen.
- Art. 17<sup>th</sup> Annis Street \$500
- Voted – To accept Annis Street as laid out by the Selectmen and that five hundred dollars be appropriated for the same.
- Art. 18<sup>th</sup> Grosvenor Corner Sewer \$100
- Voted – To appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars to build a sewer at Grosvenor's Corner as asked for in Article 18 of the Warrant.
- Art. 19<sup>th</sup> Street light \$10.00
- Voted – To erect and maintain a street light at the corner of Broadway and Spicket Streets and that ten dollars be appropriated to erect the same.
- Art. 20<sup>th</sup> New Road
- Voted – To instruct the Selectmen to oppose the laying out by the County Commissioners of the proposed road from Marston's Corner to the Lawrence line. Affirmative 118; Negative 26.
- Art. 21<sup>st</sup> New Street
- Voted – To pass over Article 21.
- Art. 22<sup>nd</sup> Entering sewers

Voted – That owners of real estate situated on streets containing sewers, may enter said sewers for surface drainage and taking sink water from dwelling houses, upon condition that each owner shall pay all damages occasioned by him in obstructing said sewers.

Art. 23<sup>rd</sup> Road machine \$200

Voted – To authorize the Selectmen to purchase a new road machine and that two hundred dollars be appropriated therefor.

Art. 24<sup>th</sup> Woolen Mill Bridge \$300

Voted – To appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars to rebuild the abutment at Woolen Mill bridge, and that the money be expended under direction of the Selectmen.

Art. 25<sup>th</sup> Arlington School Fence \$225

Voted – To build a fence around the schoolhouse in the Arlington District and to appropriate two hundred and twenty five dollars for the same and that the money be expended under the direction of the Selectmen.

Art. 26<sup>th</sup> Land on Union St. \$100

Voted – To purchase land as asked for in Article 26 and appropriate one hundred dollars therefor, and that the money be expended under direction of the Board of Engineers.

Art. 27<sup>th</sup> Sewer on Pel. Ave. \$100

Voted – To appropriate one hundred dollars for the purpose named in Article 27.

Art. 28<sup>th</sup> Stevens Street \$200

Voted – To cut down and build the street as asked for by John W. Hall and others and that two hundred dollars be appropriated therefor.

Voted – That the money be expended under the direction of the Selectmen.

Art. 29<sup>th</sup> Water Works

A written statement was presented by Darius Pierce setting forth more fully the objects of Article 29 and he moved “That a committee of five be appointed by the Moderator, to confer with the Lawrence Water Board, as regards supply and rates, also to ascertain the expense of purchasing and

laying the necessary pipes and hydrants and report at some future meeting; also to estimate and present to the Town the necessary amount to be raised by a water loan.”

An amendment was made to t his motion, that the Board of Selectmen with the Town Clerk, and one other person to be appointed by the Moderator, constitute the Committee.

A further amendment was made, that the Committee report at the next Annual Meeting.

The original motion as thus amended was then carried and the Chair appointed Darius Pierce the remaining member of the Committee.

Art. 30<sup>th</sup> Broadway Bridge \$7500

On motion of John Q. Hill, it was voted that the bridge on Broadway, near the house of James Ingalls be widened and that seventy five hundred dollars be appropriated therefor.

Art. 31<sup>st</sup> Broadway Sewer \$800

Voted – To build a sewer as asked for in Article 31 and that eight hundred dollars be appropriated therefor.

Art. 33<sup>rd</sup> Boiler in Town House

Voted – To pass over Article 33 of the Warrant.

Art. 34<sup>th</sup> J. L. Clark Sewer

Voted – To pass over Article 34 of the Warrant.

Vote of  
Thanks to  
W. C. T. N.  
of

The ladies of the W. C. T. N. having provided hot coffee and other refreshments, free, during the day,  
A motion was made that the thanks of this meeting be tendered to the ladies  
the W. C. T. N. for the bountiful collation they have this day provided for those in attendance on this Town meeting.  
And the motion was unanimously and enthusiastically carried.

Voted - To dissolve the meeting.

Attest,  
Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk.

## **Warrant for Special Town Meeting – April 26, 1886 – File 11 No. 11.**

**Essex SS: -**

To George A. Closson, one of the Constables of the Town of Methuen: -

**Greeting: -**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town House in said Town, on Monday the 26<sup>th</sup> day of April at 2 o'clock p.m. then and there to act on the following articles, named: -

Article 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2<sup>nd</sup> By request of William M. Rogers and others, to see if the Town will vote to reconsider the vote passed at the last Annual Town Meeting to widen the bridge on Broadway near the house of James Ingalls, and appropriate seventy five hundred dollars therefor, or to amend and change said vote.

Article 3<sup>rd</sup> To see if the Town will vote to repair the wall adjoining the bridge across the Spicket River on Broadway near the house of James Ingalls, and make an appropriation therefor.

Article 4<sup>th</sup> To hear the report of the Committee on the proposition to enter the sewer of the City of Lawrence by the Arlington District sewer, and act thereon

Article 5<sup>th</sup> To hear the report of the Committee appointed to ascertain the kind and amount of sewer necessary to be built in the Arlington District, with the probable cost of the same, and act thereon.

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

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

Given under our hands and the seal of the Town **this tenth day of April in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty six.**

**(Seal)**

John W. Frederick } Selectmen  
Addison P. Russell } of  
John H. George } Methuen

**Constable's Return**

**Methuen, Mass. April 17<sup>th</sup> 1886**

By virtue of the within warrant I this day posted attested copies of warrant, on each of the meeting houses and at the several school houses outside of the village and also at the Town House, eight days before the time of said meeting.

George A. Closson – Constable of Methuen.

(A true copy, attest, George A. Closson Constable)

A true copy of Warrant and Constable's Return of the same.

Attest

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk.

## **April 26, 1886 - Record of Special Town Meeting**

**A meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen was held in the Town House in said Town, on Monday the twenty sixth day of April A.D. 1886, at two o'clock p.m. in pursuance of Warrant No. 11 File 11.**

Art. 1 Moderator – A ballot was taken, and Charles Easton was chosen Moderator.

Art. 2 Mr. Rogers moved that the meeting take a recess before acting on Article 2 so that voters might inspect the bridge near the house of James Ingalls. Before the question was put, Mr. Frederick (Chairman of Selectmen) stated to the meeting the results of the investigations of the Selectmen, and gave an estimate of the cost of different methods of repairing the bridge. At half past two the meeting took a recess until half past three. Mr. Rogers then moved to reconsider the vote passed at the last Annual Town Meeting, whereby the Town voted to widen the bridge near the house of James Ingalls and appropriate seventy five hundred dollars therefor and the motion was carried 26 Ayes – 22 Noes.

Art. 3 Mr. D. W. Tenney moved that the retaining walls be built eight feet from the present lines on each side of the street, as it now runs, and abutments built as near the current of the river as possible and not interfere with the passage of the water, so that sidewalks can be laid across the river on both sides of the arch. (the arch now being thirty two feet in length).

Mr. Ayer moved to amend the amendment by substituting "five hundred" for "one thousand", which was accepted by Mr. Ayer. The question the came on the amendment and it was decided in the negative – Ayes 15 – Noes 27.

Mr. Parker moved an amendment – that the bridge be built according to the fourth proposition of the Selectmen, and that sixty two hundred dollars be



appropriated therefor, and that the cost thereof be assessed in the tax list for next year.

The fourth proposition was "To extend the arch on both sides to the line of the street, and build the walls to the height of the grade of the street, and complete all the stonework for \$5900, filling 259 = \$6,159.

The question on the amendment proposed by Mr. Parker being put, it was carried, Ayes 22 Noes 20.

Art. 4      The Committee appointed to confer with the authorities of the City of Lawrence in relation to sewerage in the Arlington District reported that they had attended to that duty and had received a proposal from the City of Lawrence as follows: -

**Lawrence April 15, 1886**

The Committee on the part of the City of Lawrence in reference to the construction of a sewer in Chalmers St., and private land to the Methuen Line, for the accommodation in part of Methuen, make the following proposition to said Town of Methuen: that the Town of Methuen pay \$7000 in cash towards the construction of said sewer, and \$100 per year for the use, care and maintenance of the main sewer to its mouth, the City of Lawrence to have the care, responsibility and control of all sewers in the City of Lawrence. This proposal applies only to the sewer about to be constructed in the Arlington section, but the City of Lawrence is in no event to be responsible for any damage in the Town of Methuen; and if accepted by the Town of Methuen, this Committee will recommend it to the City of Lawrence.

For the Committee.

Alex. B. Bruce, Mayor & Chairman

Voted to accept the Report of the Committee, and also,  
Voted – That the Town of Methuen accept the proposal made by the City of Lawrence; and pay Seven Thousand Dollars in cash to build the sewer extension to drain the Arlington District and one hundred dollars per annum for the rental of Lawrence main sewer hereafter, provided the City of Lawrence agree to permit the drainage from the territory in Methuen between Broadway the Spicket River, and Lawrence line, to flow through said main sewer.

Voted that the Selectmen, with Joseph S. Howe, be a committee to make a contract with the City of Lawrence, to carry out his vote, with full power to sign all necessary papers in behalf of the Town.

Voted that seven thousand dollars be appropriated to carry out t his proposition and that this sum be made a part of the Town debt.

The committee appointed to ascertain the kind and amount of sewer necessary to be built in the Arlington District, with the probable cost of the same, reported verbally, and recommended that the Town build sewers in Stafford St., French St., to Chase St. and Ingalls St. to Chase St. at a probable cost of twenty five hundred dollars.

Mr. E. F. Chase moved to amend by adding Chase St. from Ingalls St. to French St. and the amendment was carried. The report of the committee was amended was then adopted and it was

Voted – to appropriate three thousand dollars therefor and that this sum be made a part of the Town debt.

Voted – That the matter of sewer assessments be referred to the Selectmen with full power, to take such action as they think for the interest of the Town.

Voted to adjourn.

Attest Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

## **Warrant for Special Town Meeting – Aug. 11, 1886 – File 11, No. 12**

**Essex SS: -**

To George A. Closson one of the Constables of the Town of Methuen,

**Greeting: -**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town House in said Town, on Wednesday the eleventh day of August 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 at said meeting.

Art. 2<sup>nd</sup> To see if the Town will vote to reconsider the vote whereby they voted that owners of Real estate situated on streets containing sewers, might enter said sewers under Art. 22<sup>nd</sup> of the warrant of the last annual Town Meeting held March 1<sup>st</sup> 1886 and act thereon.

Art. 3<sup>rd</sup> To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to assess every person who enters his particular drain into such main drain or common

sewer, a proportional part of the charge of making and repairing the same, and act thereon.

- Art. 4<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow money to pay for the construction of sewers voted to be built the present year.
- Art. 5<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to exchange a small piece of land with James M. Richardson and act thereon.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies at each of the public meeting houses, also at each of the School houses, outside of the village, and at the Town House 8 days at least before the meeting.

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

Given under our hands and the seal of the Town, **this 31<sup>st</sup> day of July in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty six.**

John W. Frederick } Selectmen  
Addison P. Russell } of  
John H. George } Methuen

#### **Constable's Return**

**Methuen, August 4<sup>th</sup> 1886**

By virtue of this warrant I have served attested copies by posting them at the Town House, and at each of the public meeting houses, also at the several school houses, outside of the village district eight days before the time of said meeting.

George A. Closson } Constable of Methuen

A true copy of warrant and return

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk.

#### **August 11, 1886 - Record of Special Town Meeting**

**A meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen was held in the Town House in said Town, on Wednesday the eleventh day of August A.D. 1886, at two o'clock p.m. in pursuance of Warrant No. 12 File 11.**

The meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk and the warrant for the meeting was read.

- Art. 1 Moderator  
A ballot was taken and Samuel G. Sargent was chosen Moderator
- Art. 2 Entering Sewers  
On motion of J. W. Frederick it was voted to reconsider the vote whereby the Town voted at the last annual Meeting to allow owners of real estate situated on street containing sewers, to enter said sewers for surface drainage and taking sink water from dwelling houses, on certain conditions.
- Art. 3 Sewer Assessments  
Voted – that the Selectmen be authorized to assess every person who enters his particular drain into such main drain or common sewer a proportional part of the charge of making and repairing the same.
- Art. 4<sup>th</sup> Town Loan  
Voted – by a unanimous vote, that ten thousand dollars be appropriated for the purpose of building sewers and that the Town Treasurer be authorized with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow a sum not exceeding that amount, for that purpose, for a time not longer than ten years, and to give the note or notes of the Town therefor.
- Art. 5<sup>th</sup> Land of J. M. Richardson  
Voted – That the Selectmen be authorized to exchange a small piece of land on Railroad Street with James M. Richardson.
- Voted – To dissolve the meeting.

Attest,  
Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk.

### **Warrant for Town Meeting, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1886 – File 11 No. 13.**

**Essex SS: -**

To John H. George one of the Constables of the Town of Methuen in said County: -

**Greeting: -**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required forthwith to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen, qualified to vote as the law directs, to assemble at the Town Hall, Tuesday, the second day of November next, at 10 o'clock a.m. then and there to give in their ballots for a Governor of the Commonwealth, Lieutenant Governor, Councilor for District No. Six (6), Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General; Auditor of Accounts, Attorney General, one Senator for the Sixth Essex District, one County Commissioner, and two Special Commissioners, Clerk of the Courts, District Attorney, Commissioners of Insolvency,

Sheriff, Representative to Congress for the Eighth District, two Representatives to Congress  
for the Eighth District, two Representatives to represent the Third Essex District  
in the next Legislature, all to be voted for on one ballot.

The polls may be closed at 4 o'clock p.m.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at  
the  
Town House and at each of the public meeting 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 and the seal of the Town of Methuen, **this twenty third day of  
October, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eighty six.**

John W. Frederick     } Selectmen  
Addison P. Russell    } of  
John H. George         } Methuen

#### **Constable's Return**

**Methuen, Mass. Oct. 20, 1886**

By virtue of the within, I this day posted attested copies of the within  
warrant,  
on each of the public meeting houses and also at the Town House.

John H. George – Constable of  
Methuen.

#### **November 2, 1886 - Town Meeting - State Election**

**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 second day of November  
A.D. 1886 at ten o'clock in the forenoon, pursuant to Warrant No. 13, File 11, the  
warrant for the meeting was read by John W. Frederick, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen,  
the ballot box was publicly opened, and shown to be empty, after which the box was locked,  
and the figures on the Register indicated four ciphers. The polls were then opened and the  
ballot proceeded. At the casting of the 103<sup>rd</sup> ballot it was found that the figure "1" indicating  
the hundred, did not appear, and the box was opened and the figure "1" put in place. There  
was no trouble in the working of the ballot box afterwards. At two o'clock p.m. by the**

unanimous consent of the Selectmen and the Town Clerk, the ballot box was opened, and the ballots taken there from and counted audibly. The number was four hundred and thirty two (432) and agreed with the number indicated by the ballot box register. At four o'clock the polls were closed, the ballot box register indicating "542". The remaining ballots were taken from the box and counted audibly and the whole number of ballots cast was found to be five hundred and forty two. The marks on the checklist were counted and found to agree with the number of ballots. The votes given in were then sorted, counted, recorded and declaration thereof made as the law directs, and were as follows: -

The whole number of ballots cast for the several officers voted for was  
 five hundred and forty two 542

**For Governor**

Oliver Ames of Easton had three hundred and fifteen	315
John F. Andrew of Boston had two hundred and nine	209
Thomas J. Lathrop of Taunton had seventeen	17
Blank, one	1

**For Lieut. Governor**

John Q. A. Bracket of Boston had three hundred and five	305
Frank K. Foster of Haverhill had two hundred and seventeen	217
John Blackmer of Springfield had fifteen	15
Blank, five	5

**For Councilor Sixth District**

Francis Jewett of Lowell had three hundred thirty seven	337
Nathaniel P. H. Melvin of Lawrence one hundred ninety one	191
John W. Wheeler of Salem had six	6
Claudius B. Travis of Natick had six	6
Blank, two	2

**Secretary of State**

Henry B. Pierce of Abington three hundred and eleven	311
John R. Thayer of Worcester two hundred and twelve	212
George Kempton of Sharon seventeen	17
Blank, two	2

**Treasurer and Receiver General**

Alanson W. Beard of Boston three hundred and fourteen	314
Lewis Warner of Northampton two hundred and eleven	211
John L. Killon of Lee had seventeen	17

**Auditor**

Charles R. Ladd of Springfield three hundred and fourteen	314
William F. Cook of Springfield two hundred and eleven	211
William W. Sherman of Lowell, seventeen	17

**Attorney General**

Edgar J. Sherman of Lawrence three hundred and thirteen	313
John W. Corcoran of Clinton two hundred and eight	208
Samuel M. Fairfield of Malden seventeen	17
Blank, four	4

**Senator Sixth Essex District**

William L. Thompson of Lawrence three hundred twenty nine	329
Edward F. O'Sullivan of Lawrence one hundred and ninety	190
Varnum Lincoln of Andover sixteen	16
Samuel G. Sargent had two	2
Blank	5

**County Commissioner**

Daniel W. Low of Gloucester one hundred fifty four	154
David W. Low of Gloucester one hundred sixty two	162
George J. L. Colby of Newburyport two hundred and eleven	211
Daniel W. Friend of Manchester had fourteen	14
W. Low had one	1

**Special Commissioners**

Ivory Emmons of Swampscott three hundred and fourteen	314
Aaron Sawyer of Amesbury three hundred and fourteen	314
Daniel B. Lord of Salem two hundred and eleven	211
Mark Jewett of Rowley two hundred and eleven	211
Zechariah Cole of Wenham seventeen	17
James B. Gifford of Salem had seventeen	17

**Clerk of the Courts**

Dean Peabody of Lynn three hundred and fourteen	314
Leverett S. Tuckerman of Salem two hundred and eleven	211
Charles W. Mann of Methuen had seventeen	17

**District Attorney**

William H. Moody of Haverhill two hundred and fifty	250
Henry F. Kurlburt of Lynn two hundred and ninety	290
Blank, two	2

**Commissioners of Insolvency**

William L. Thompson of Lawrence three hundred thirteen	313
Horace J. Peters of Haverhill three hundred and fourteen	314
Sherman Nelson of Georgetown three hundred and fourteen	314
John J. Flaherty of Gloucester two hundred and eight	208
Charles A. Weare of Peabody two hundred and eleven	211
Frank E. Richardson of Essex two hundred and eleven	211
Edwin T. Waldron of Danvers eight	8
William Leonard of Salem seven	7
George M. Harrington of Lynn seventeen	17
Edward Walden of Danvers ten	10
Charles F. Bronson of Andover ten	10
Blank – four	4

**Sheriff**

Horatio G. Herrick of Lawrence three hundred eighty six	386
John Breen of Lawrence one hundred and forty four	144
William B. Morgan of Danvers six	6
Blank, six	6

**Representative to Congress, 8<sup>th</sup> District**

Charles H. Allen of Lowell had two hundred seventy one	271
John J. Donovan of Lowell had two hundred fifty seven	257
Oliver M. Cousins of Lowell had eight	8
Willard Spaulding of Peabody had one	1
Blanks, five	5

**Representatives 3<sup>rd</sup> Essex District**

Samuel G. Sargent of Methuen two hundred fifty six	256
Albert L. Dame of Methuen two hundred eighty five	285
Hazen M. Chase of Haverhill two hundred ninety seven	297
George H. Bartlett of Haverhill two hundred thirty two	232
Blank, fourteen	14



The returns of the votes cast for the several officers balloted for were made up, properly  
certified,  
sealed and delivered to the Town Clerk and the ballots cast for the several officers, were  
also  
sealed up in an envelope and delivered to the Town Clerk. The checklist was also sealed  
up  
and delivered to the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. The meeting then adjourned sine die.

### **Record of Recount of votes for Representative**

**Methuen, November 9<sup>th</sup> 1886**

We the undersigned Selectmen of the Town of Methuen hereby certify that the  
recount of the ballots this day resulted as follows: -

Albert L. Dame of Methuen two hundred and eighty six votes	286
George H. Bartlett of Haverhill two hundred and twenty seven votes	227
Samuel G. Sargent of Methuen two hundred and fifty two votes	252
Hazen M. Chase of Haverhill three hundred votes	300
A. L. Dame of Methuen one vote	1
Fourteen blanks	14

John W. Frederick	} Selectmen
Addison P. Russell	} of
John H. George	} Methuen

A true copy of Selectmen's certificate

Attest Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

### **Record of Meeting of City, Town & Ward Clerks – Nov. 12, 1886**

**City of Haverhill Mass. November 12, 1886**  
**City Clerk's Office**

At a meeting of the City Clerk of Haverhill, the Town Clerk of Methuen, the  
Town Clerk of Bradford, the Precinct Clerks of Precinct one in Ward Three, Precinct One  
in  
Ward Five, and Precinct Two in Ward Five in said City of Haverhill, said towns and  
Precincts forming the Third Essex Representative District held at noon this day in  
accordance  
with the provisions of Section 5, Chapter 262, Acts of 1886, upon comparing the transcripts  
of the returns, the following appears as the result of the balloting in said District at  
Meetings

held on Tuesday November 2<sup>nd</sup> 1886.

To wit: -

	Bradford	Methuen	Ward 3	H a v e r h i l l	
Total				Ward 3	Ward 5
				Pr. 1	Pr. 2
George H. Bartlett of Haverhill 922	163	227	256	154	122
Albert L. Dame of Methuen 933	158	286	250	126	113
Samuel G. Sargent of Methuen 961	205	252	187	167	150
Geo. H. Bartlett of Haverhill 89			28	29	32
A. L. Dame of Methuen 86		1	29	26	30
Hazen M. Chase of Haverhill 996	200	300	190	156	150
Albert L. Dame of Methuen for 2d Dist. 9					9
George H. Bartlett of Haverhill 2d Dist. 10	1				9
Hazen M. Chase of Haverhill 2d Dist. 1			1		
Alden P. Jacques of Haverhill 2d Dist. 2	2				
Calvin Damon of Haverhill 2d Dist. 3	3				

After examining the foregoing returns, it was voted – That the ballots returned

as having been cast at the election held on Tuesday, November second, 1886, for Representatives to the General Court from the Third Essex District, for Geo. H. Bartlett of Haverhill, should be counted for George H. Bartlett of Haverhill and that the ballots cast for A. L. Dame of Methuen, should be counted for Albert L. Dame of Methuen and that Certificates of Election be issued accordingly.

In accordance with the foregoing, certificates of election were duly issued to George H. Bartlett of Haverhill and Albert L. Dame of Methuen.

David B. Tenney – City Clerk of Haverhill  
 Jos. S. Howe, Town Clerk of Methuen  
 A. Thurston Dolloff, Town Clerk of Bradford  
 J. Warren Atkinson, Ward Clerk, Ward Three, Haverhill  
 Joseph Ridgeway, Clerk of Pr. 1 Ward 5

Daniel S. Chase, Clerk Precinct 2 Ward 5

## **Haverhill and Lawrence Railroad**

### **Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**Essex SS: -**

To the Selectmen of the Town of Methuen in said County of

Essex: -

Respectfully petition and represent the undersigned, the Directors of the association for the formation of the Haverhill and Lawrence Railroad Company, that in accordance with section thirty eight of chapter one hundred and twelve of the Public Statutes of said Commonwealth they have prepared a map of the proposed route of the railroad proposed to be built by said Haverhill and Lawrence Railroad Company from Haverhill to Lawrence in said

County, and have procured the report of a skillful engineer upon said proposed route and railroad in accordance with said section, which said map and report they hereby respectfully submit to your

Honorable Board; and they request your Honorable Board to agree with them, the said directors, as

to said proposed route, and as to the route of said proposed railroad in said Town of Methuen, and

to sign and give them a certificate setting forth such route in accordance with section forty of said

statute.

Dated at said Haverhill **this twenty first day of December A.D. 1886.**

John Pilling  
C. W. Morse  
C. E. Wiggin  
George A. Hall  
Jos. H. Carleton  
O. D. Cheney

S. H. Gale  
Daniel Goodrich  
Arthur D. Veasey  
Levi Taylor  
Harry H. Hale  
C. H. Tenney } by B. R. Jones  
William B. Thomas } their Attorney.

A true copy of Petition,

Attest, Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

## **Railroad Hearing**

### **Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

Whereas the Directors of the association for the formation of the Haverhill

and Lawrence Railroad Company have submitted to the Selectmen of the Town of Methuen, in our County of Essex, the map of the proposed route of the railroad proposed to be built by the said Haverhill and Lawrence Railroad Company, from Haverhill to Lawrence, in said County and the report of a skilful engineer, concerning said proposed route and railroad, in accordance with section thirty-nine of chapter one hundred and twelve of the Public Statutes of said Commonwealth and have petitioned the Selectmen of said Town to agree with said directors, as to said proposed route, and as to the route of said proposed railroad in said Town and to sign and give them a certificate setting forth such route it is hereby

Ordered; By the Selectmen of said Town, that Monday the tenth day of January A.D. 1887 at half past ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the Selectmen's Room in the Town House, in said Methuen, be appointed the time and place for a public hearing in the matter of said petition and proposed route, and in the matter of an agreement between said Selectmen and said directors, fixing said proposed route in said Town and the route of said proposed railroad in said Town, at which hearing all persons may be present and may be heard; And it is hereby further

Ordered: - That notice of said meeting shall be given by publishing this order in the Methuen Transcript on the twenty fourth and thirty first days of December A.D. 1886, and by posting copies of this order in two or more public places in said Methuen, on said twenty fourth day of December.

John W. Frederick } Selectmen  
Addison P. Russell } of  
John H. George } Methuen

### **Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**Essex SS: - Methuen, December 31<sup>st</sup> 1886**

I John W. Frederick, hereby certify that I caused the within order to be published in the Methuen Transcript on the twenty fourth and thirty first days of December A.D. 1886 and by posting copies of the within order in three public places in said Methuen, on the said twenty fourth day of December 1886.

John W. Frederick – Chairman of Selectmen

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

**1887**

**Haverhill and Lawrence Railroad – Continued**

**Town of Methuen,**

**In Board of Selectmen – Jan. 10, 1887**

Voted: - To agree with the directors of the association for the formation of the Haverhill  
and  
Lawrence Railroad Company upon the route of their proposed railroad in said Methuen,  
and  
to fix the same as follows, to wit: -

Beginning at a point in the Methuen line in the  
Merrimack River, nearly opposite the house of Addison P. Russell, thence running  
southwesterly over said river and over land of Charles Russell, crossing the “River Road”  
so  
called at a point a little southeasterly of the said house of Addison P. Russell, thence over  
other land of said Charles Russell, curving and passing in the rear of the Merrimack House,  
so called, over land of the late William Clark and over land of Levi G. Holland to the  
junction of the said River Road with the Pleasant Valley Road, thence passing under the  
junction of said roads to land of Walter Sargent, thence southerly over land of said Sargent  
and land of other parties to a private way leading from said River Road to Wingate’s  
garden,  
thence across said private way and over land of Nathaniel E. Baker, and land of George  
Bradley and lands of other parties to the bank of said Merrimack River on or near land of  
John L. Cook, thence on the bank of said river to the Lawrence line.

In accordance with the foregoing vote the following certificate was issued.

**Certificate**

We the undersigned the Selectmen of the Town of Methuen in the County of Essex and  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby certify that on the twenty third day of  
December A.D. 1886, the directors of the association for the formation of the Haverhill and  
Lawrence Railroad Company, to whom the Board of Railroad Commissioners of said  
Commonwealth have granted a certificate of public exigency, submitted to us a map of the  
proposed route of the proposed railroad of said company, and the report of a skilful  
engineer  
thereon, in accordance with section thirty nine of chapter one hundred and twelve of the  
Public Statutes of said Commonwealth; that thereupon the said Selectmen appointed  
Monday  
the tenth day of January A.D. 1887 at half past ten o’clock in the forenoon at the  
Selectmen’s  
Room in the Town House in said Methuen, the time and place for a public hearing upon  
said  
proposed route in said Methuen, and upon an agreement by us with said directors as to said  
route in said Methuen, and gave due notice of said hearing by publication and posting as

required by law: and that on said tenth day of January at the said Selectmen's Room in  
said

Methuen at the hearing appointed as aforesaid, we agreed with said directors as to the route  
of said proposed railroad in said Methuen, and fix the same as follows, to wit: -

Beginning at a point in the Methuen line, in the Merrimack River, nearly  
opposite the house of Addison P. Russell, thence running southwesterly over said river and  
over land of Charles Russell, crossing the River Road, so called, at a point a little southeasterly  
of the said house of Addison P. Russell, thence over other land of said Charles Russell, curving  
and passing in the rear of the Merrimack House, so called, over land of the late William Clark,  
and over land of Levi G. Holland, to the junction of the said River Road with the Pleasant Valley  
Road; thence passing under the junction of said roads to land of Walter Sargent, thence southerly  
over land of said Sargent and land of other parties to a private way leading from said River Road  
to Wingate's garden, thence across said private way and over land of Nathaniel E. Baker and  
land

of George Bradley and lands of other parties to the bank of said Merrimack River on or near land  
of John L. Cook; thence on the bank of said river to the Lawrence line.

Dated at said Methuen, **this tenth day of January A.D. 1887.**

John W. Frederick } Selectmen  
Addison P. Russell } of  
John H. George } Methuen

A true copy

Attest,  
Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk of

Methuen.

### **Warrant for Annual Town Meeting – March 7, 1887 – File 11 – No. 14.**

**Essex SS: -** To Amos G. Jones one of the Constables of the Town of Methuen,

**Greeting: -**

In the name of the Commonwealth of  
Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen,  
qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Methuen,  
on

Monday, the seventh day of March next at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act  
on the following articles, viz.: -

Article 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2<sup>nd</sup> To choose a Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Selectmen, Assessors,  
Overseers of the Poor, two School Committeemen, to serve three years in place  
of William M. Rogers and Hugh C. Smith, one Trustee of Nevins Memorial Hall  
for two years, in place of James Ingalls, Constables, Auditor of Accounts, and

Fence Viewers, all on one ballot. “Yes” or “No”, in answer to the question, “Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town?” the vote to be by separate ballot. Also to choose all other necessary Town officers, in such a manner as the Town may determine. The polls to be kept open until half past twelve o’clock p.m.

- Article 3<sup>rd</sup> To hear the Annual Report of the Selectmen and act thereon.
- Article 4<sup>th</sup> To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges the ensuing year, and make appropriations for the same.
- Article 5<sup>th</sup> To determine the manner of collecting taxes the ensuing year, and act thereon as the Town may think proper.
- Article 6<sup>th</sup> To determine by what method the Town will appropriate their highway taxes, and repair their highways the ensuing year.
- Article 7<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.
- Article 8<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will vote to approve and accept the list of Jurors prepared by the Selectmen for the ensuing year.
- Article 9<sup>th</sup> To hear the report of Committee and act thereon.
- Article 10<sup>th</sup> To determine what compensation the Town will grant the members of the Fire Department for their services the ensuing year.
- Article 11<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will vote to restrain neat cattle, horses and swine, from going at large the ensuing year.
- Article 12<sup>th</sup> To determine the manner of appropriating the amount received from the dog taxes in accordance with Chapter 102, Sec. 107, of the Public Statutes.
- Article 13<sup>th</sup> By request of Post 100 G. A. R. to see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars, for the purpose of decorating the graves of our soldiers and sailors, on Memorial Day, May 30, 1887. Said money to be expended under the direction of Col. Wm. B. Greene Post 100, G. A. R.
- Article 14<sup>th</sup> By request of Darius Pierce and others, to see if the Town will vote to place a drinking fountain at the corner of Osgood and Broadway Streets, and appropriate one hundred and fifty dollars for the same.

- Article 15<sup>th</sup> By request of Carleton & Smith, Joseph Martin and others, to see if the Town will vote to erect and maintain a street light on Pelham Avenue and appropriate ten dollars for the same.
- Article 16<sup>th</sup> By request of Gains H. Barnes, J. C. Powell and others, to see if the Town will vote to repair Brook Street, and appropriate three hundred dollars for the same.
- Article 17<sup>th</sup> By request of John H. George and others, to see if the Town will vote to repair Pleasant Street, from near the house of Charles Austin to the stone church, and Charles Street from its junction with Pleasant Street to the blacksmith shop of E. M. Woodman, and appropriate five hundred dollars for the same.
- Article 18<sup>th</sup> By request of the one hundred and sixteen (116) members of the W. C. T. U. of this Town, to see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to enforce the laws against the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors in saloons, road houses, and in all other places within the limits of the Town during the ensuing year.
- Article 19<sup>th</sup> By request of Marcus W. Keyes and others to see if the Town will vote to have the gutters on Highland Street from the top of the hill near the house of Willard Hardy to Pleasant Street and put in two cesspools and appropriate three hundred and fifty dollars for the same.
- Article 20<sup>th</sup> By request of S. G. Sargent to see if the Town will vote to repair Tremont Street, and appropriate one hundred dollars for the same.
- Article 21<sup>st</sup> By request of Thomas Hayden and others to see if the Town will vote to pay him one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for the land damage on Broadway caused by straightening the street.
- Article 22<sup>nd</sup> To see what action the Town will take, if any, to dispose of the Town Public Library and act thereon.
- Article 23<sup>rd</sup> By request of engineers and citizens in the Arlington District, to see if the Town will vote to build a reservoir on the School House lot in the Arlington district, and appropriate three hundred dollars for the same.
- Article 24<sup>th</sup> By request of the engineers and others to see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars (\$350.00) for the purchase of a hook and ladder carriage, and act thereon.
- Article 25<sup>th</sup> By request of J. Perkins Towne, to see if the Town will vote to reimburse him for land taken for Stevens Street, and appropriate forty dollars for the same.



Article 26<sup>th</sup> By request of Michael K. Byrnes, to see if the Town will vote to pay him seventy five dollars, in full for all damage caused by grading Phillips Street, and act thereon.

Article 27<sup>th</sup> By request of the Executive Committee of the Village Improvement Association, to see if the Town will appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars, to be expended under the direction of said Association, for the improvement of the Town, and to carry out the purposes set forth in their By-Laws.

Article 28<sup>th</sup> By request of Robert Redford, Superintendent of the Arlington Mills, and others, to see if the Town will vote to appropriate twenty four hundred dollars (\$2400.00) for the purpose of employing night watchmen for the village and Arlington District.

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, eight days at least before said meeting.

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

Given under our hands, and the seal of the Town of Methuen, **this twenty sixth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty seven.**

John W. Frederick } Selectmen  
Addison P. Russell } of  
John H. George } Methuen

#### **Constable's Return**

**Essex SS: - February 26 A.D. 1887.**

By virtue of this warrant I this day notified the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen, to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within named, by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting houses, and at the Town House in said Town, as within directed it being more than eight days before the time of said meeting.

Methuen

Amos G. Jones – Constable of

A true copy of warrant and return

Attest – Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

**March 7, 1887 - Record of Annual Town Meeting.**

**Pursuant to Warrant No. 14, File 11, the Annual Town Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen, was held at the Town Hall in said Town, on Monday the seventh day of March A.D. 1887.**

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

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

Art. 1 Granville E. Foss was chosen **Moderator** by unanimous vote, twelve ballots being cast and was sworn.

Prayer was offered by Rev. S. L. B. Chase

Art. 2<sup>nd</sup> **Balloting for Town Officers**

The Moderator appointed as tellers to aid him in checking the names of voters, and assorting and counting votes, John E. Sawyer, John S. Tapley, Lewis E. Barnes, and Addison P. Russell, and they were all sworn by the Town Clerk

The ballot box was publicly opened and found to be empty and was then locked and the keys thereof given to Amos G. Jones, Constable in attendance. The figures on the Register indicated four ciphers. The polls were then opened for the choice of those officers to be chosen by ballot, and the ballot box was not removed from public view until the close of the meeting. The "Yes" and "No" ballots were deposited in a separate box. At 12:15, on motion of John W. Frederick, it was voted to extend the time for closing the polls, to one o'clock. The polls were closed at one o'clock p.m. and the figure on the ballot box register indicated 650. The number of ballots in the box, and the number of marks on the checklist were counted and there were 652 names checked and 651 ballots cast in the ballot box. The votes given in were sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made, as the law directs, and were as follows.

**For Town Clerk**

Joseph S. Howe had six hundred and forty seven 647  
And was declared elected and was sworn.

**For Town Treasurer**

Joseph S. Howe had six hundred and forty seven 647  
And was declared elected, and was sworn.

### **For Collector of Taxes**

Joseph S. Howe had six hundred and forty seven	647
And was declared elected and was sworn.	

### **Town Officers**

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

John H. George had three hundred and fifty	350
John W. Frederick had three hundred and thirty	330
Addison P. Russell had three hundred and thirty	330
George O. Marsh had three hundred and thirty three	333
George B. Bradley had three hundred and three	303
James O. Parker had two hundred and ninety three	293
And John H. George and George O. Marsh were declared elected Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor, and were sworn into those offices respectively.	

A tie appearing in the votes cast for John W. Frederick and Addison P. Russell, the Moderator declared that there was no choice for a third Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor.

#### **For School Committee for three years**

James T. Wall had five hundred ninety seven	597
William M. Rogers had four hundred and eight	408
Walter L. S. Gilcreast two hundred and forty three	243
Gilcreast had one	1
Geo. B. Bradley had one	1
L. B. Gage had one	1
And James T. Wall and William M. Rogers were declared elected School Committee for three years.	

#### **For Trustee for Nevins Memorial**

James Ingalls had six hundred and fifty	650
D. W. Tenney had one	1
And James Ingalls was declared elected for two years.	

#### **For Constables**

Lawrence Lanagan three hundred and six	306
Albert B. Gordon three hundred and ten	310
John W. Silver three hundred and four	304
John N. Webster two hundred and eighty	380
Michael Tracy three hundred and three	303

George A. Closson six hundred thirty two	632
John H. George three hundred and eighty	380
Amos G. Jones three hundred and forty two	342
Charles W. Mann three hundred and thirty three	333
Calvin Taylor three hundred and forty five	345
Fred S. Pearson three hundred and forty seven	347
Aaron Gilcreast two votes	2
Wm. M. Rogers had one	1
And George A. Closson, sworn; John H. George, sworn; Amos G. Jones, sworn; Charles W. Mann, sworn; Calvin Taylor, sworn; and Fred. S. Pearson, sworn were declared elected Constables.	

#### For **Fence Viewers**

Aaron Gilcreast three hundred and thirty seven	337
Everett Gilcreast three hundred and forty eight	348
Clarence E. Wardwell had six hundred and forty	640
Eben W. Powell three hundred and fifty four	354
Horace Rounds three hundred	300
James M. Moreland two hundred and ninety seven	297
Wm. M. Rogers had one	1
And Everett Gilcreast, Clarence E. Wardwell (sworn), and Eben W. Powell (sworn) were declared elected Fence Viewers.	

#### For **Road Surveyors**

John Q. Hill (Village Dist.) six hundred forty six	646
John A. Shirley (Pleas. Dist.) six hundred forty five	645
Millard F. Emerson (Marsh Dist.) six hundred fifty one	651
Andrew J. Whittier (Bartlett Dist.) six hundred forty nine	649
Eben W. Powell (Howe Dist.) three hundred thirty five	335
Gaius H. Barnes (Howe Dist.) three hundred three	303
Wm. M. Rogers had one	1
E. L. Whittier had one	1
Barnes had one	1
G. B. Bradley had one	1

And John Q. Hill (sworn) was declared elected Road Surveyor for the Village District; John A. Shirley (sworn) for the Pleasant Valley District; Millard F. Emerson (sworn) for the Marsh District; Andrew J. Whittier (sworn) for the Bartlett District and Eben W. Powell (sworn) for the Howe District.

#### For **Auditor of Accounts**

John H. Morse six hundred fifty one	651
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And John H. Morse was declared elected Auditor.

The whole number of ballots cast on the question “**Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town**” was six hundred and twenty six.

The number of voters voting “Yes” was two hundred and thirty four 234

The number of voters voting “No” was three hundred and ninety two 292

The following named persons were appointed **Field Drivers**

Edmund Dowding (sworn) Patrick Dooley Nathaniel M. Durrell

It was voted that the **Sealer of Weights and Measures** be appointed by the Selectmen.

The following named persons were appointed **Pound Keepers**

Stephen W. William Joseph E. Buswell

The following named persons were appointed **Surveyors of Lumber**

Ralph Clark (sworn)	Millett G. Copp (sworn)
Millard F. Emerson (sworn)	James O. Parker (sworn)
Charles H. Merrill	John W. Frederick (sworn)
Samuel Emerson (sworn)	James Allen (sworn)
Edmund Dowding (sworn)	

The following named persons were appointed **Surveyors of Plastering**

Lyman B. Gage (sworn)	George A. Page
Millett G. Cop	Silas K. Nowell

Jesse A. Towne	Nahum P. Winn
W. O. Norris	

The following named persons were appointed **Surveyors of Wood and Bark**

Nelson M. Blodgett (sworn)	Edmund Dowding (sworn)
Fred. A. Russell (sworn)	Millard F. Emerson (sworn)
James Allen (sworn)	Silas C. Holman
Ralph Clark (sworn)	Darius Pierce
Jos. S. Howe	

Voted – That the Annual Report of the Selectmen, so far as the past financial record is concerned, be accepted.

Art. 4<sup>th</sup>

**General Appropriations**

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

**For**

Support of schools, teachers, janitors, fuel and music: the sum of

Nine thousand dollars

\$9,000.00

Supplies for schools, eight hundred dollars

800.00

Repairs on School Houses, eight hundred dollars

800.00

Services of School Committee, four hundred dollars

400.00

Opening Roads, fifteen hundred dollars

1,500.00

Highways and bridges, fifty eight hundred dollars

5,800.00

Street Lights, twelve hundred dollars

1,200.00

Fire Department, twelve hundred dollars

1,200.00

Contingencies, fifteen hundred dollars

1,500.00

Suppressing illegal sale of liquor, five hundred dollars

500.00

Special Police, one hundred dollars

100.00

Town Officers, twelve hundred dollars

1,200.00

Collection of taxes, four hundred dollars

400.00

Pauper Department, three thousand dollars

3,000.00

Interest on Town Debt, twenty nine hundred dollars

2,900.00

Military Aid, three hundred dollars

300.00

Edge stones, three hundred dollars

300.00

30,900.00

Total

It was voted to increase the appropriation for highways and bridges from \$5500.00 to \$45800.00, the additional \$300.00 to be appropriated for the Village District.

- Art. 5<sup>th</sup> Voted – that taxes be collected, same as last year, also
- Voted – that on all taxes remaining unpaid after October first, interest shall be paid from that date to the time of settlement, at the rate of six per cent per annum.
- Art. 6<sup>th</sup> Voted – that the method of appropriating highway taxes be the same as last year except the additional three hundred dollars appropriated for the Village District.
- Art. 7<sup>th</sup> Voted – By a unanimous vote that the Treasurer be authorized, with the approval of the Selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of taxes of the next ensuing year, or to hire money to renew, replace or pay any existing loan or loans. Or any part thereof, and to issue notes of the Town therefore.
- Art. 8<sup>th</sup> The List of Jurors prepared by the Selectmen was considered, and the names of the following persons were stricken from the list at their own request; J. Granville Frederick, J. Harrison Blodgett, Fred. S. Pearson and William H. Wardwell.

The following names were substituted: - John W. Hall for J. Granville Frederick; John W. Frederick for J. Harrison Blodgett; H. Newton Coburn for Fred S. Pearson; Samuel G. Sargent for William H. Wardwell. The amended Jury List is as follows –

#### **Jury List**

Ayer David M.  
Butters George A.  
Bowen Gilbert  
Beedle Charles T.  
Barker Stephen J.  
Blodgett Nelson M.  
Frederick John W.  
Bradley George B.  
Broadbury, George B.  
Cross George L.  
Coburn J. Varnum  
Chase Elihu F.

Marsh George O.  
Martin Joseph  
Messer John L.  
Messer Cummings  
Messer James E.  
Mitchell Charles L.  
Morse James W.  
Parker James O.  
Coburn H. Newton  
Puffer Alphonse C.  
Power Eben W.  
Russell Addison P.

Cole Daniel E.  
Davis Stephen W.  
Dodge Selwyn A.  
Emerson Millard F.  
Foss Granville E.  
Foster Joel 1<sup>st</sup>  
Hall John W.  
Frederick Edwin R.  
Gale Amos L.  
Griffin Justin E.

Russell Frederick A.  
Rollins Daniel C.  
Sargent Edmund P.  
Saunders Franklin  
Sawyer John E.  
Shirley John A.  
Smith Moses G.  
Stickney William H.  
Swan Leverett  
Taylor Elbridge B.

Gage Lyman B.  
Howe Joseph S.  
Hall Henry N.  
Harvey Samuel A.  
Kimball Moses E.  
Kimball Sylvanus G.  
Kent Elbridge K.

Williams Stephen W.  
Sargent Samuel G.  
Wall James T.  
Webster John C.  
Webster J. Newton  
Davis J. Liston

Art. 9<sup>th</sup>

**School Committee**

Voted – to accept report of School Committee.  
No other committee reported.

Art. 10<sup>th</sup>

**Fire Department**

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

Art. 11<sup>th</sup>

**Cattle etc.**

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

Art. 12<sup>th</sup>

**Dog taxes**

Voted – that the money received from dog taxes be appropriated to the use of the schools.

Art. 13<sup>th</sup>

**Memorial Day**

Voted – that the sum of one hundred dollars be appropriated in accordance with Article 13 of the Warrant.

Art. 14<sup>th</sup>

**Drinking Fountain**

Voted – to lay Article 14 upon the table.

Art. 28<sup>th</sup>

**Night Watch**

Voted – to take up Article 28 of the Warrant.  
After some discussion it was voted to lay Article 28 upon the table.



- Art. 15<sup>th</sup>      **Street Lights**  
Voted – to erect and maintain a street light on Pelham Avenue and appropriate ten dollars for the erection of the same.
- Art. 16<sup>th</sup>      **Brook Street**  
Voted – to repair Brook Street and appropriate three hundred dollars therefore and that this sum be expended under direction of the Selectmen.
- Art. 17<sup>th</sup>      **Pleasant & Charles Streets**  
Voted – to repair Pleasant Street from near the house of Charles Austin to the Stone Church, and Charles Street from its junction with Pleasant Street to the blacksmith shop of E. M. Woodman, and appropriate five hundred dollars therefore said repairs to be made under direction of the Selectmen.
- Art. 18<sup>th</sup>      **Illegal sale of Liquor**  
Voted – to instruct the Selectmen to enforce the laws against the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors in saloons, roadhouses, and in all other places within the limits of the Town, during the ensuing year.
- Art. 19<sup>th</sup>      **Highland Street**  
Voted – to have the gutters on Highland Street from the top of the mill near the house of Willard Hardy to Pleasant Street, and put in two cesspools, and appropriate three hundred and fifty dollars therefor.  
Voted – that the work be done under direction of the Selectmen.
- Art. 20<sup>th</sup>      **Tremont St. Repairs**  
Voted – to repair Tremont Street and appropriate one hundred dollars therefor, and that the appropriation be laid out under direction of the Selectmen.
- Art. 14<sup>th</sup>      **Drinking Fountain**  
Article 14 was taken from the table. A detailed statement of the probable cost of a drinking fountain was presented by John Q. Hill as follows: - Iron work \$75.00. Excavating \$50.00. Pipe and labor \$25.00. It was voted to place a drinking fountain at the corner of Osgood and Broadway Streets, and appropriate one hundred and fifty dollars for the same, and that the work be done under direction of the Selectmen.
- Art. 21<sup>st</sup>      **T. Hayden**  
Voted – to pay Thomas Hayden one hundred dollars for land damage on Broadway, caused by straightening the street.
- Art. 25<sup>th</sup>      **J. P. Towne damage**  
Voted – to take up Article 25.  
Voted – to reimburse J. Perkins Towne for land taken for Stevens Street and appropriate forty dollars therefor.

- Art. 26<sup>th</sup>      **M. K. Byrnes**  
Voted – to pay Michael K. Byrnes seventy five dollars in full for all damage caused by grading Phillips Street and appropriate seventy five dollars therefor.
- Art. 28<sup>th</sup>      **Night Watch**  
Article 28 was taken from the table. Mr. Robert Redford of the Arlington Mill made a statement showing the necessity of night watchmen in his district  
Voted – to appropriate twenty four hundred dollars for the purpose of employ-ing night watchmen for the village and Arlington Districts.
- Art. 22<sup>nd</sup>      **Public Library**  
Voted – that the Committee on Public Library be authorized to dispose of the Public Library as they see fit, that the money received for books sold be paid into the Town Treasury, and that books donated by individuals be returned;  
  
also that in disposing of said Library the committee take into consideration the needs of the outside school districts.
- Art. 23<sup>rd</sup>      **Reservoir Arlington District**  
Voted – to build a reservoir on the school house lot in the Arlington District, and appropriate three hundred dollars therefor; also, voted that this appropriation be laid out under the direction of the Selectmen.
- Art. 24<sup>th</sup>      **Hook and Ladder Carriage**  
Voted – that the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars be appropriated for the purchase of a hook and ladder carriage, and that the purchase be made under the direction of the Board of Engineers.
- Art. 28      **Reconsideration**  
Mr. Rogers moved to reconsider the vote whereby action was taken on Article 28, and twenty four hundred dollars appropriated for night watchmen.  
The vote was taken by show of hands, 103 affirmative & 86 negative and the motion was declared lost, two thirds not having voted therefor.
- Art. 27      **Village Improvement Society**  
Voted – that a sum of money not exceeding three hundred dollars be appropriated by the Town, equal to the amount raised by the Village Improvement Association, to be expended under the direction of said Association, for the improvement of the Town, and to carry out the purposes set forth in their By-Laws.

Mr. Phippen moved "That on and after the year of our Lord 1900, the women of this Town have the same voice in public affairs that the men have so far as they constitutionally can." And supported his motion in an eloquent speech.

The motion was declared out of order by the Moderator.

Voted – that the thanks of this meeting be returned to the ladies of the W. C. T. U. for the refreshments furnished and for their assistance at the polls.

Voted – that the thanks of the Town be extended to Mr. Henry C. Nevins and Mr. Charles H. Tenney for keeping their grounds open to the public.

Upon declaration of the vote for Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of Poor, it appearing that a tie existed between the votes cast for John W. Frederick and Addison P. Russell, and that there was no choice, it was voted that when this meeting adjourn, it adjourn until Monday March 21 at 12 o'clock Noon to complete the election of Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor.

Voted to adjourn.

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

### **Adjourned Annual Town Meeting – March 21, 1887**

**The adjourned Annual Town Meeting, of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen was opened in the Town Hall in said Town, on Monday the twenty first day of March A.D. 1887 at twelve o'clock, noon. The Moderator, Granville E. Foss in the Chair.**

Voted – that the reading of the Records of last meeting be dispensed with. The Moderator announced that the business of the meeting was to choose a Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer

of Poor, and Messrs Addison P. Russell, John E. Sawyer and Lewis E. Barnes, of the tellers appointed at the meeting held March seventh, to assist the Moderator in checking and counting the votes, were present to assist. The ballot box was publicly opened and found to be empty, and

was then locked. The figures on the register indicated four ciphers. The polls were then opened

for the choice of one Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of Poor. It was voted that the polls be kept open until half past two o'clock p.m. and the ballot proceeded.

The ballot was closed at half past two o'clock and the figures on the ballot box indicated 522.

The number of ballots in the box, and the number of marks on the checklist were counted, and there were 522 ballots in the box and 522 names checked upon the list.

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

**For Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor,**

John W. Frederick had three hundred and eight	308
George B. Bradley had two hundred and thirteen	213
Woodburn J. Nichols had one	1

And John W. Frederick was declared elected Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor, and was sworn into those offices respectively.

At ten minutes before three it was voted that the Annual Meeting be dissolved.

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

**Special Town Meeting March 21, 1887 – Warrant File 11 No. 15**

**Essex SS: -**

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

**Greeting: -**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Methuen on Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> day of March inst. At 3 o'clock p.m. then and there to act on the following articles, viz.: -

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

Art. 2<sup>nd</sup> By request of William M. Rogers and others to see if the Town will rescind the vote passed at its Annual Meeting held March 7<sup>th</sup> 1887 to employ four night watchmen and appropriate (\$2400.00) twenty four hundred dollars for paying said watchmen their services, and also rescind any and all other action taken under Art. 28<sup>th</sup> of the warrant of said Annual Meeting.

Art. 3<sup>rd</sup> To see if the Town will employ two night watchmen and appropriate (\$1200.00) twelve hundred dollars for their services.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Town House, at each of the public meeting houses, and upon the several school houses outside the limits of Methuen Village, eight days at least before said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands and the seal of the Town of Methuen this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March A.D. one thousand eight hundred and eighty seven.

John H. George } Selectmen  
Geo. O. Marsh } of Methuen

**Essex SS: - March 12, 1887**

By virtue of this warrant I this day notified the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen, to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within named, by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting houses, and upon the several school houses outside the limits of Methuen Village as within directed, it being more than eight days before the time of said meeting.

Amos G. Jones – Constable of  
Methuen

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

**Special Town Meeting – March 21<sup>st</sup> 1887.**

**A meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen was held in the Town House in Said Town, on Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> day of March A.D. 1887 at three o'clock p.m. in pursuance of Warrant No. 15 File 11.**

The meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk, and the warrant for the meeting was read.

- Art. 1<sup>st</sup>      **Moderator**  
A ballot was taken and Granville E. Foss was chosen Moderator and was sworn.
- Art. 2<sup>nd</sup>      **Motion to rescind.**  
It was moved by Mr. Rogers that any and all action taken under Art. 28<sup>th</sup> of the Warrant for the last Annual Meeting be rescinded. After considerable discussion, the vote was taken by show of hands, and decided in the affirmative. Yeas 64. Nays 59.  
And the motion was declared carried.
- Art. 3<sup>rd</sup>      **Night Watchmen**  
A motion was made that the Town employ two night watchmen and appropriate twelve hundred dollars for their services.  
The vote was taken by show of hands and decided in the negative.  
Yeas 53. Nays 71.

And the motion was declared lost.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

**Warrant for Town Meeting, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> 1887 – File 11 No. 16**

**Essex SS: -**

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

**Greeting: -**

In the name of the Commonwealth of  
Massachusetts,  
you are hereby required forthwith to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen  
qualified  
to vote as the law directs, to assemble at the Town Hall, Tuesday, the eighth day of  
November  
next at 10 o'clock a.m. then and there to give in their ballots for Governor of the  
Commonwealth,  
Lieutenant Governor, Councilor for District No. 6 (6), Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver  
General,  
Auditor of Accounts, Attorney General, one Senator for the Sixth Essex District, one County  
Commissioner and two Representatives to represent the third Essex District in the next  
Legislature,  
all to be voted for on one ballot. The polls may be closed at 4 o'clock p.m.

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

Given under our hands and the seal of the Town of Methuen **this twenty  
eight  
day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty seven.**

John W. Frederick } Selectmen  
John H. George } of Methuen

**Essex SS: - Methuen, October 29<sup>th</sup> 1887**

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 in said Town eight days before  
said  
meeting as within directed.

Amos G. Jones

Constable of Methuen

A true copy

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

## **November 8, 1887 - Town Meeting – State Election**

**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 eighth day of November A.D. 1887 at ten o'clock in the forenoon, pursuant to Warrant No. 16 File 11,** the Warrant for the meeting was read by John W. Frederick, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, the ballot box was publicly opened, and show to be empty, after which the box was locked, and the figures on the Register indicated four ciphers. The polls were then opened and the ballot proceeded. At three o'clock p.m., by unanimous consent of the Selectmen and Town Clerk, the ballot box was opened and the ballots taken therefrom and counted audibly. The number was five hundred and one, and agreed with the number on  
the  
ballot box register (501).

At four o'clock the polls were closed, the ballot box register indicating 563. The remaining ballots were taken from the box and counted audibly and the whole number of ballots cast was found to be five hundred and sixty three.

The marks on the checklist were counted, and found to agree with the number of ballots. The votes given in were then sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made as the law directs, and were as follows: -

The whole number of ballots cast for the several officers voted for, was  
five hundred and sixty three.

563

### **For Governor**

Oliver Ames of Easton had three hundred and forty three	343
Henry B. Lovering of Lynn had one hundred and eighty six	186
William H. Earle of Worcester had twenty nine	29
Blank, five	5

### **For Lieutenant Governor**

John Q. a. Brackett of Arlington had three hundred and fifty	350
Walter Cutting of Pittsfield had one hundred and eighty three	183

John Blackmen of Springfield had twenty eight	28
Blank – two	2

**For Secretary of the Commonwealth**

Henry B. Peirce of Abington had three hundred and forty six	346
John F. Murphy of Lowell had one hundred and eighty six	186
Amos E. Hall of Chelsea had twenty eight	28
William T. McAlpine of Lawrence had one	1
Blank – two	2

**For Treasurer and Receiver General**

Alanson W. Beard of Boston had three hundred and forty six	346
Henry C. Thacher of Yarmouth had one hundred and eighty five	185
John L. Kilbon of Lee had twenty eight	28
Blank – four	4

**For Auditor of Accounts**

Charles R. Ladd of Springfield had three hundred and forty six	346
William F. Cook of Springfield had one hundred and eighty seven	187
Edmund M. Stowe of Hudson had twenty eight	28
Blank – two	2

**For Attorney General**

Andrew J. Waterman of Pittsfield had three hundred and forty six	346
John W. Corcoran of Clinton had one hundred and eighty eight	188
Allen Coffin of Nantucket had twenty eight	28
Blank – one	1

**For Councilor Sixth District**

Francis Jewett of Lowell had three hundred and forty six	346
Lewis P. True of Everett had one hundred and eighty six	186
Claudius B. Travis of Natick had twenty eight	28
Blank – three	3

**For Senator Sixty Essex District**

William T. McAlpine of Lawrence had three hundred fifty two	352
Edward T. O'Sullivan of Lawrence had one hundred and eighty	180
Varnum Lincoln of Andover had twenty seven	27
Blank – four	4



For **County Commissioner**

John W. Raymond of Beverly had three hundred and forty four	344
George H. Blinn of Salem had one hundred and ninety	190
Daniel Worthen of Amesbury had twenty five	25
William T. McAlpine of Lawrence had one	1
Blank – three	3

For **Representatives – Third Essex District**

William H. Poore of Bradford had four hundred and four	404
Hazen M. Chase of Haverhill had two hundred and seventy three	273
Albert L. Dame of Methuen had two hundred and ninety two	292
George H. Bartlett of Haverhill had one hundred and nineteen	119
Blank – thirty eight	38

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

The meeting then adjourned.

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk.

Pursuant to a petition from ten legal voters of the Town of Methuen alleging that they had reason to believe that the returns of the election officers of said Town, of the votes cast at the

State Election, November 8<sup>th</sup> 1887 are erroneous with reference to the votes cast for Senator

for the Sixth Essex District, and asking **for a recount of the same, the Selectmen met at the**

**Selectmen's Room on Tuesday Nov. 15 at 7:30p.m.** and opened the box of ballots cast at said election, recounted the votes cast for Senator and reported the result of the recount as follows: -

**Methuen, November 15, 1887**

We the undersigned a majority of the Selectmen of the Town of Methuen, hereby certify that

the recount of the votes this day for **Senator, for the Sixth Essex District** were as follows:

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William T. McAlpine of Lawrence had three hundred and fifty two votes	352
Edward F. Sullivan of Lawrence had one hundred and eighty votes	180
Varnum Lincoln of Andover had twenty six votes	26

And there were five blanks. The ballots were resealed.

John W. Frederick } Selectmen  
 Geo. O Marsh } of Methuen  
 Attest. Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

## Record of Meeting of City, Town and Ward Clerks, Nov. 18, 1887

**City of Haverhill, Massachusetts  
 November 18, 1887, City Clerk's Office**

At a meeting of the City Clerk of Haverhill, the Town Clerk of Methuen, the Town Clerk of Bradford, the Precinct Clerks of Precinct one in Ward Three, Precinct One in Ward Five, and Precinct Two in Ward Five, in said City of Haverhill, said Towns and Precincts forming the Third Essex Representative District, held at noon this day in accordance with the provisions of Section 5 Chapter 262 Acts of 1886, upon comparing the transcripts of the returns, the following appears as the result of the balloting for Representatives to the General Court for said District, at meetings held on Tuesday November 8, 1887.

To wit: -						
	Bradford	Methuen	Ward 3	Ward 5	Ward 5	
Total						
				Prec. 1	Prec. 2	
William H. Poore of Bradford 1422	262	404	360	193	203	
Hazen M. Chase of Haverhill 929	152	273	167	183	154	
George H. Bartlett of Haverhill	99	119	132	186	117	653
Albert L. Dame of Methuen 1122	157	292	324	182	167	
William K. Farrar of Bradford 71	25		18	13	15	
George L. Williams of Haverhill 51	9		16	13	13	
J. Otis Wardwell of Haverhill 1			1			
John H. Nolan of Haverhill 1			1			

Calvin Damon of Haverhill		2	
2			
Levi A. Drury of Bradford	1		
1			
Albert L. Dame	1		
William H. Poore of Bradford for			
Dist. 3 <sup>rd</sup>		2	
2			
Albert L. Dame of Methuen for			
3 <sup>rd</sup> Dist.	2		
2			
Blank		38	20
58			

### **Haverhill Mass. November 18, 1887**

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

To wit: - William H. Poore of Bradford  
and        Albert L. Dame of Methuen

Attest, David B. Tenney – City Clerk of Haverhill  
Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk of Methuen.  
Joseph Ridgway – Clerk of Prec. One Ward Five  
J. Warren Akerman – Clerk Ward Three  
A. Thirsten Dolloff – Town Clerk of Bradford  
Henry A. Hussey – Ward Five Precinct Two

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

## **1888**

### **Warrant for Annual Town Meeting – March 5, 1888**

**Essex SS:** - To Amos G. Jones, one of the Constables of the Town of Methuen,

#### **Greeting: -**

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

- Article 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- Article 2<sup>nd</sup> To choose a Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, two School Committeemen to serve three years in place of Charles L. Mitchell, and George B. Bradley, one Trustee of Nevins memorial Hall, for two years, in place of Dr. George E. Woodbury, Constables, Auditor of Accounts, and Fence Viewers, all on one ballot. “Yes” or “No” in answer to the question, “Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town,” the vote to be by separate ballot. Also to choose all other necessary Town officers in such a manner as the Town may determine, the polls to be kept open until half past twelve o’clock, p.m.
- Article 3<sup>rd</sup> To hear the annual report of the Selectmen, and act thereon.
- Article 4<sup>th</sup> To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges the ensuing year and make appropriations for the same.
- Article 5<sup>th</sup> To determine the manner of collecting taxes the ensuing year, and act thereon as the Town may think proper.
- Article 6<sup>th</sup> To determine by what method the Town will appropriate their highway taxes, and repair their highways the ensuing year.
- Article 7<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of taxes of the next ensuing year, or to hire money to renew, replace or pay any existing loan or loans, or any part thereof, and to issue notes of the Town therefor.
- Article 8<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will vote to approve and accept the list of Jurors prepared by the Selectmen for the ensuing year.
- Article 9<sup>th</sup> To hear reports of Committees, and act thereon.
- Article 10<sup>th</sup> To determine what compensation the Town will grant the members of the Fire Department for their services the ensuing year.
- Article 11<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will vote to restrain neat cattle, horses and swine, from going at large the ensuing year.
- Article 12<sup>th</sup> To determine the manner of appropriating the amount received from the dog taxes, in accordance with Chap. 102, Sec. 107., of the Public Statutes.
- Article 13<sup>th</sup> By request of Post 100 G.A.R., to see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars for the purpose of decorating the graves of

our soldiers and sailors on Memorial Day, May 30, 1888, said money to be expended under the direction of Col. Wm. B. Greene Post, 100 G.A.R.

- Article 14<sup>th</sup> By request of Col. Wm. Greene Post 100 G.A.R. to see if the Town will appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars, to be expended under the direction of said Post, in dedicating the Soldiers Monument to be presented to the Town by Charles H. Tenney.
- Article 15<sup>th</sup> By request of La France H. Mitchell, to see if the Town will vote to reimburse him for money paid by him in the suit of Commonwealth vs. Mitchell, while he was an officer of the Town, and appropriate three hundred and eighty six dollars and forty six cents for that purpose.
- Article 16<sup>th</sup> By request of the engineers and others to see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars for the purpose of putting in an electric fire alarm system with five boxes and one striker.
- Article 17<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will vote to accept a system of sewerage for a part of said Town according as the sewers are now laid on the following streets, viz.: Broadway Street, Chase Street, French Street, Ingalls Street, Stafford Street, Pleasant Street, and Lawrence Street and provide that assessments, under Section 4 of Chap. 50 of the Public Statutes, may be made upon owners of estates within such territory.
- Article 18<sup>th</sup> By request of Nahum P. Winn and others, to see if the Town will vote to build a sewer from the sewer now laid on Broadway, up Union Street to the corner near the house of John Slader, and appropriate one hundred and fifty dollars for the same.
- Article 19<sup>th</sup> By request of James E. Thurlow, to see if the Town will vote to allow him to work out his real estate tax, on the road leading from Lowell Street past his house to Woodland Street, under the direction of the highway surveyor.
- Article 20<sup>th</sup> By request of Charles H. Tenney and others, to see if the Town will vote to set edge stones on the easterly side of Highland Street, from Pleasant Street to the top of the hill near the entrance of C. H. Tenney's estate, and appropriate three hundred dollars for that purpose. Also from the house of Mrs. Nathaniel Gage to the corner of Park Street and appropriate one hundred and twenty five dollars for the same.
- Article 21<sup>st</sup> To see if the Town will vote to extend the bank wall put in by Charles H. Tenney on Park Street, down to the line of M. H. Fletcher, one hundred and forty six feet and appropriate three hundred dollars for the same.
- Article 22<sup>nd</sup> By request of John Q. Hill and others, to see if the Town will vote to cut down the hill on Lawrence Street opposite the house of Richard Temple, and appropriate five hundred dollars for that purpose.

- Article 23<sup>rd</sup> By request of Edwin Richardson, to see if the Town will vote to cut down and grade Wheeler Hill, so called, and appropriate two hundred dollars for the same.
- Article 24<sup>th</sup> By request of George E. Healey and others to see if the Town will vote to repair Arnold Street, and appropriate one hundred dollars for that purpose.
- Article 25<sup>th</sup> By request of Theodor Keissling and others, to see if the Town will vote to accept and allow as a Town way, a street laid out by the Selectmen, now known as King Street, running easterly from Prospect Street past the house of said Keissling to the house of Benjamin Craven.
- Article 26<sup>th</sup> By request of Joseph E. Buswell and others, to see if the Town will vote to accept and allow as a Town way a street laid by the Selectmen, near the house of Moses Perkins, running easterly from Prospect Street to Milk Street, now known as Jackson Street, and appropriate three hundred dollars to construct the same.
- Article 27<sup>th</sup> By request of the school committee, to see if the Town will vote to dig and stone a new well near the Pleasant Valley School House, and provide a pump and trough and appropriate one hundred and twenty five dollars for the same.
- Article 28<sup>th</sup> By request, to see if the Town will vote to erect and maintain street lights at the following places, viz.: - at the corner of Arnold and Railroad Streets; between the bridge and depot on Railroad Streets at the corner of Camden and Centre Streets, and on Union Street near the house of Mary Bond, and appropriate forty dollars for that purpose.
- Article 29<sup>th</sup> By request of John W. Hall to see if the Town will vote to reimburse him for land taken for Stevens Street, and appropriate sixty dollars for the same.
- Article 30<sup>th</sup> By request of Luther A. Smith, to see if the Town will vote to reimburse him for expenses paid for bank wall, steps, and grading in front of his premises on Carleton Street, damage caused by building Carleton Street in 1886, and appropriate seventy dollars for that purpose.
- Article 31<sup>st</sup> By request of Mrs. S. G. Webster, to see if the Town will vote to reimburse her for land taken for Stevens Street and appropriate one hundred dollars for that purpose.
- Article 32<sup>nd</sup> By request of H. N. Coburn and others, to see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of six hundred dollars to repair Howe Street, from the house of Charles L. Tozier to the house of Charles L. Mitchell, said money to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen.

- Article 33<sup>rd</sup> By request of John McDonald to see if the Town will vote to reimburse him for land taken in cutting down the bank near the house of Thomas Hayden, and appropriate one hundred dollars for that purpose.
- Article 34<sup>th</sup> By request of M. W. Keyes and others, to see if the Town will appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars to build a reservoir on the land of Isaac Laney on Vine Street, the money to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen.
- Article 35<sup>th</sup> By request of John H. George and others to see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars to concrete the walk and pave the gutter around the monument grounds.
- Article 36<sup>th</sup> By request of Silas K. Nowell and others to see if what action the Town will take in relation to constructing a sewer east of Broadway, from near the house of John Welch to Whitman Street, Lawrence, and act thereon.
- Article 37<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 14 of the By-Laws of said Town of Methuen, so as to read as follows: -
- Every child in the Town of Methuen, in the county of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, between the ages of seven and fifteen years, who shall be guilty of being an habitual truant, or of wandering about in the streets or public places of said Town having no lawful occupation or business, not attending school and growing up in ignorance, shall upon conviction thereof, be committed to the Industrial School in the City of Lawrence, in said county of Essex, or some other institution of instruction or suitable institution provided for the purpose, for such time, not exceeding two years, as the justice or court having jurisdiction thereof may determine.
- Article 38<sup>th</sup> By request of Edwin J. Castle and others to see if the Town will vote to give E. F. Searles the right to fix up at his own expense, the roads and sidewalks opposite his estate; also the cemetery, and to put in a drinking fountain on the square opposite his residence and any other alterations that he may see fit for the improvement of that part of the Town.
- Article 39<sup>th</sup> By request of Joseph Sladden, to see if the Town will vote to build a bank wall on Brown Street, on the line of his land.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the  
Town House and at each of the public meeting houses in said Town eight days at least  
before  
said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings  
thereon

to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands and the seal of the Town of Methuen this twenty fourth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty eight.

John W. Frederick	} Selectmen
John H. George	} of
Geo. O. Marsh	} Methuen

**Essex SS: - February 25, 1888.**

By virtue of this warrant I this day notified  
the  
inhabitants of the Town of Methuen to meet at the time and place and for the purpose  
within  
named, by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting houses, and at  
the  
Town House in said Town, as within directed, it being more than eight days before the time  
of said meeting.

Amos G. Jones

Constable of Methuen

A true copy of warrant and return,

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

### **Record of Annual Town Meeting held March 5, 1888 – File 11 No. 17**

**Pursuant to Warrant No. 17 File 11 the Annual Town Meeting of the inhabitants of  
the  
Town of Methuen, was held at the Town Hall in said Town, on Monday the fifth day  
of  
March A.D. 1888.**

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

**Art. 1 Moderator**

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

Prayer was offered by Rev. Charles H. Oliphant.



Art. 2.           **Balloting for Town Officers**

The Moderator appointed as tellers to assist him in checking the names of voters, and assorting and counting votes, John E. Sawyer, John S. Tapley, and Elbridge B. Taylor and to assist in the management of the ballot boxes, George O. Marsh and Edwin R. Frederick, and they were all sworn by the Town Clerk.

The ballot boxes were publicly opened and found to be empty, and were then locked, and the keys thereof given to Amos G. Jones Constable in attendance. The figures on the registers indicated four ciphers. The polls were then opened for the choice of those officers to be chosen by ballot, and for deposit of the “Yes” and “No” ballots, and the ballot boxes were not removed from public view until the close of the meeting.

The ballot box in which the “Yes” and “No” ballots were deposited ceased working at Register No. 36, but the ballots were all cast into the ballot box. At 12:30 p.m. the polls were closed, and the figures on the ballot box in which the ballots for Town

officers were cast indicated 640. The number of ballots in the box, and the number of marks on the checklist were counted and there were 641 one names checked and 640 ballots cast in the ballot box. The votes given in were sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made, as the law directs, and were as follows: -

**For Town Clerk**

Joseph S. Howe had six hundred and twenty five	625
George Clark had one	1
John W. Frederick one	1
Alexander McGregor one	1

And Joseph S. Howe was declared elected, and was sworn.

**For Town Treasurer**

Joseph S. Howe, had six hundred and twenty six	626
George Clark had one	1
John W. Frederick had one	1

And Joseph S. Howe was declared elected and was sworn.

**For Collector of Taxes**

Joseph S. Howe had six hundred and twenty six	626
George Clark had one	1
John W. Frederick had one	1
Alexander McGregor had one	1
George O. Marsh had one	1

And Joseph S. Howe was declared elected and was sworn.

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

John H. George had three hundred and fifty eight	358
George W. Sawyer had three hundred and forty five	345
John W. Frederick had three hundred and forty five	345
George O. Marsh had three hundred and thirty	330
Fred S. Pearson had two hundred and eighty five	285
John C. Webster had two hundred and thirty eight	238

And John H. George, George W. Sawyer and John W. Frederick were declared elected, Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor and were sworn into those offices, respectively.

**For School Committee for Three Years**

Mrs. Josephine D. Emerson had three hundred fifty two	352
Mrs. Sarah E. Sargent had three hundred forty six	346
Edwin J. Castle had two hundred and eighty two	282
Aaron H. Clark had two hundred and seventy five	275
Alexander F. Walch had one	1
William R. Rowell had one	1

And Mrs. Joseph D. Emerson and Mrs. Sarah E. Sargent were declared elected School Committee for three years.

**For Trustee for Nevins Memorial**

George E. Woodbury had six hundred and thirty six	636
Daniel W. Tenney had two	2

And George E. Woodbury was declared elected Trustee of Nevins Memorial for two years.

**For Constables**

John H. George had three hundred and seventy	370
Amos G. Jones had three hundred and eighty nine	389
Fred S. Pearson had three hundred and fifty four	354
J. Calvin Taylor had three hundred and sixty two	362
Albert B. Gordon had six hundred and twenty two	622
Joseph Martin had five hundred and forty	540
George A. Closson had two hundred and eighty eight	288
Frank McDermott had two hundred and thirty six	236
George O. Marsh had two	2
Edwin J. Ross had one	1
Charles H. Foss had one	1

And John H. George (sworn); Amos G. Jones (sworn); Fred S. Pearson (sworn); J. Calvin (sworn); Albert B. Gordon (sworn); and Joseph Martin (sworn) were declared elected

Constables.

**For Fence Viewers**

Daniel T. Morrison had three hundred and seventy eight	378
Leverett Swan had three hundred and eighty nine	389
Addison P. Russell had three hundred and seventy eight	378
John McGuire had two hundred and fifty one	251
Jeremiah O'Leary had two hundred and fifty eight	258
George F. Stevens had two hundred and sixty six	266
George Clark had one	

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

**For Road Surveyors**

John Q. Hill (Village Dist.) four hundred and one	401
Ebenezer P. Edmonds (Village Dist.) two hundred and six	206
John A. Shirley (Pleas. Valley) five hundred and ninety	590
Gaius H. Barnes (Howe Dist.) three hundred and twenty two	322
Eben W. Powell (Howe Dist.) two hundred and ninety nine	299
Andrew J. Whittier (Bartlett Dist.) five hundred and ninety one	591
George Clark (Marsh. Dist.) three hundred and thirty six	336
Millard F. Emerson (Marsh Dist.) two hundred and sixty eight	268

And John Q. Hill (sworn) was declared elected Road Surveyor for the Village District; John A. Shirley (sworn) for the Pleasant Valley Dist.; Gaius H. Barnes (sworn) for the Howe District; Andrew J. Whittier (sworn) for the Bartlett Dist., and George Clark (sworn) for the Marsh Dist.

**For Auditor**

John H. Morse had six hundred thirty four	634
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And John H. Morse was declared elected Auditor.

The whole number of ballots cast on the question "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town?" was five hundred seventy four	574
The number of voters voting "Yes" was one hundred twenty four	124
The number of voters voting "No" was four hundred and fifty	450

The following named persons were appointed **Field Drivers**

Edmund Dowding (sworn)	Patrick Dooley
Rufus A. Griffin	George C. Snell

It was voted that the **Sealer of Weights and Measures** be appointed by the Selectmen.

The following named persons were appointed **Pound Keepers**

Stephen W. Williams                      Joseph E. Buswell

The following named persons were appointed **Surveyors of Lumber.**

John O. Clark	James O. Parker
Millard F. Emerson	John W. Frederick (sworn)
Samuel Emerson (sworn)	James Allen (sworn)
Millett G. Copp	Edmund Dowding (sworn)

The following named persons were appointed **Surveyors of Plastering.**

Lyman B. Gage	Geo. A. Page
Millett G. Copp	Silas K. Nowell
Jesse A. Towne	Nahum P. Winn
W. O. Norris	

The following named persons were appointed **Surveyors of Wood and Bark.**

Nelson M. Blodgett (sworn)	Millard F. Emerson
Fred A. Russell	Charles Jackson
James Allen (sworn)	Silas L. Holman (sworn)
Edmund Dowding (sworn)	John A. Shirley
Eben W. Powell (sworn)	Darius Pierce

Art. 3<sup>rd</sup>                      **Annual Report**

Voted – to accept the Annual Report of the Selectmen.  
Voted – on motion of Mr. Buswell – that hereafter the Engineers  
present an itemized account of services to the Town.

Art. 4<sup>th</sup>                      **General Appropriation**

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

**For**  
Support of schools, teachers, janitors, fuel and music the sum of  
                                 Nine thousand dollars  
                                 \$9,000.00  
Supplies for Schools, eight hundred dollars  
800.00

Repairs on School houses, two thousand dollars  
2,000.00  
Services of School Committee, four hundred dollars  
400.00  
Opening Roads, fifteen hundred dollars  
1,500.00  
Highways and bridges, fifty eight hundred dollars  
5,800.00  
Street lights, twelve hundred dollars  
1,200.00  
Contingencies, fifteen hundred dollars  
1,500.00  
Pauper Department, three thousand dollars  
3,000.00  
Fire Department, eighteen hundred dollars  
1,800.00  
Town Officers, fourteen hundred dollars  
1,400.00  
Interest on Town Debt, twenty eight hundred dollars  
2,800.00  
Collection of taxes, four hundred and fifty dollars  
450.00  
Special Police, five hundred dollars  
500.00  
Suppressing illegal sale of liquor, three hundred dollars  
300.00  
Sewer Department, two hundred and fifty dollars  
250.00  
Edge stone and flagging, three hundred dollars  
300.00  
Military aid three hundred dollars  
300.00

Total

33,300.00

Art. 5<sup>th</sup>

**Collection of Taxes**

Voted – that taxes be collected same as last year. Also  
Voted – that on all taxes remaining unpaid after October first, interest shall  
be paid from that date to the time of settlement, at the rate of six per cent per  
annum.

Art. 6<sup>th</sup>

**Highway taxes**

Voted – that the method of appropriating highway taxes be the same as last  
year and that the road of Russ Place to Lawrence line be placed on Howe St.  
Dist.

Art. 7<sup>th</sup>

### **Town Loan**

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

Art. 8<sup>th</sup>

### **Jury List**

The List of Jurors prepared by the Selectmen was considered and accepted, and is as follows: -

Ayer David M.	George John H.
Butters George A.	Howe Joseph S.
Bowen Gilbert	Hall Henry N.
Beedle Charles T.	Holman Julius B.
Barker Stephen J.	Kent Elbridge K.
Blodgett Nelson M.	Marsh George O.
Baker Walter A.	Messer James E.
Bradley George B.	Mitchell Charles L.
Bradbury George B.	Morse James W.
Cross George L.	Nichols Woodburn J.
Chase Elihu F.	Parker James O.
Cole Daniel E.	Powell Andrew J.
Coburn H. Newton	Russell Addison P.
Copp George W.	Russell Frederick A.
Crosby John S.	Rollins Daniel C.
Davis Stephen W.	Saunders Franklin
Dodge Selwyn a.	Sawyer George W.
Dow Homer	Sawyer John E.
Douglas Clarence W.	Silver Edgar L.
Emerson Millard F.	Shirley John A.
Edwards Joseph H.	Smith Moses G.
Frederick John W.	Stickney William H.
Frederick Edwin R.	Swan Leverett
Goss Granville E.	Sargent Samuel G.
Foster Joel 1 <sup>st</sup>	Taylor Elbridge B.
Gale Amos L.	Trainer Richard
Gordon Albert B.	Williams Stephen W.
Griffin Justin E.	Webster John C.
Gage Lyman B.	Wall James T.

Art. 9<sup>th</sup>

### **Report of Committees**

No committee reported, and no action was taken under this article.

- Art. 10<sup>th</sup>      **Fire Department**  
Voted – that the compensation of members of the Fire Department be the same as last year.
- Art. 11<sup>th</sup>      **Cattle, etc.**  
Voted – to restrain neat cattle, horses, and swine from going at large the ensuing year.
- Art. 12<sup>th</sup>      **Dog Taxes**  
Voted – that the money received from dog taxes be appropriated to the use of the schools.
- Art. 13<sup>th</sup>      **Memorial Day**  
Voted that the sum of one hundred dollars be appropriated in accordance with Article 13 of the Warrant.
- Art. 14<sup>th</sup>      **Dedication Soldiers' Monument**  
Voted – to appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars to be expended under the direction of Col. Wm. B. Greene Post, 100 G.A.R., in dedicating the Soldiers Monument to be presented to the Town by Charles H. Tenney.
- Art. 15<sup>th</sup>      **La France H. Mitchell**  
It was moved by Joseph Martin that Article 15 be passed over and the motion was lost Ayes 82, Noes 153. It was then  
  
Voted – to reimburse La France H. Mitchell for money paid by him in the suit of Commonwealth vs. Mitchell, while he was an officer of the Town, and to appropriate the sum of three hundred and eighty six dollars and forty six cents, for that purpose. Ayes 171, Noes 73.
- Art. 16<sup>th</sup>      **Fire Alarm**  
Voted – to appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars for the purpose of putting in an electric fire alarm system with five boxes and one striker, and that the money be expended under the direction of the Board of Engineers.
- Art. 17<sup>th</sup>      **System of Sewerage**  
Voted – to accept a system of sewerage for a part of the Town, according as the sewers are now laid on the following streets, viz.: - Broadway Street, Chase Street, French Street, Ingalls Street, Stafford Street, Pleasant Street, and Lawrence Street, and also that assessments may be made upon owners of estates within such territory, under Section 4 of Chap. 50 of the Public Statutes.

- Art. 18<sup>th</sup>      **Sewer on Union St.**  
Voted – to build a sewer from the sewer now laid on Broadway Street, up Union Street to the corner near the house of John Slader, and appropriate one hundred and fifty dollars for the same.
- Art. 19<sup>th</sup>      **James E. Thurlow**  
Voted – that James E. Thurlow be allowed to work out his Real Estate Tax on the private way leading to his house, provided it can be done without making the Town liable for damages occurring on said private way.
- Art. 20<sup>th</sup>      **Edge stones Highland & Park Streets**  
Voted – to set edge stones on the easterly side of Highland Street, from Pleasant Street to the top of the hill near the entrance of C. H. Tenney's estate and to appropriate three hundred dollars for that purpose. Also from the house of Mrs. Nathaniel Gage to the corner of Park Street, and appropriate one hundred and twenty five dollars for the same.
- Art. 21<sup>st</sup>      **Bank Wall Park St.**  
Voted – to extend the bank wall built by Charles H. Tenney on Park Street, down to the line of M. H. Fletcher, one hundred and forty six feet, and appropriate three hundred dollars for the same.
- Art. 22<sup>nd</sup>      **Lawrence St.**  
Voted – to pass over the article.
- Art. 23<sup>rd</sup>      **Wheeler Hill**  
Voted – to cut down and grade Wheeler Hill, so called, and to appropriate two hundred dollars for that purpose; and that the money be expended under the direction of the Selectmen.
- Art. 24<sup>th</sup>      **Arnold St.**  
Voted – to repair Arnold Street and to appropriate one hundred dollars for that purpose.
- Art. 25<sup>th</sup>      **King St.**  
Voted – to accept King Street as laid out by the Selectmen.
- Art. 26<sup>th</sup>      **Jackson St.**  
Voted – to accept Jackson Street as laid out by the Selectmen, and to appropriate three hundred dollars to construct the same.
- Art. 27<sup>th</sup>      **Well - Pleasant Valley**  
Voted – to dig and stone a new well near the Pleasant Valley School House, and provide a pump and trough, and appropriate one hundred and twenty five dollars for that purpose.



- Art. 28<sup>th</sup>      **Street Lights**  
Voted – to erect and maintain street lights at the following places, viz.: - at the corner of Arnold and Railroad Streets; between the bridge and depot on Railroad Street; at the corner of Camden and Centre Streets; on Union Street near the house of Mary A. Bond, and at the corner of Lowell and Cemetery Streets, and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars therefor.
- Art. 29<sup>th</sup>      **J. W. Hall**  
Voted – to pass over the Article.
- Art. 30<sup>th</sup>      **L. A. Smith**  
Voted – to pass over the Article.
- Art. 31<sup>st</sup>      **S. G. Webster**  
Voted – to pass over the Article.
- Art. 32<sup>nd</sup>      **Howe St.**  
Voted – to appropriate the sum of six hundred dollars to repair Howe Street, from the house of Charles L. Tozier to the house of Charles L. Mitchell, said money to be expended under the direction of a special committee, consisting of H. Newton Coburn, Joel Foster, and Charles W. Mann, which Committee shall serve without pay for their services.
- Art. 34<sup>th</sup>      **Vine St. Reservoir**  
Voted – to concrete the sidewalk and pave the gutter around the monument grounds and to appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars for that purpose.
- Art. 35<sup>th</sup>      **Monument Grounds**  
Voted – to concrete the sidewalk and pave the gutter around the monument grounds, and to appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars for that purpose.
- Art. 33<sup>rd</sup>      **J. McDonald**  
Voted – to pass over the Article.
- Art. 36<sup>th</sup>      **Sewer**  
Voted – to refer the subject matter of Article 36 to the Selectmen, and that they investigate and report thereon to the Town, at the next Annual Meeting, or at some previous special meeting.
- Art. 37<sup>th</sup>      **By-Laws**  
Voted – to amend Section 14 of the By-Laws of the Town of Methuen so as to read as follows: -

Every child in the Town of Methuen, in the County of Essex, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, between the ages of seven and fifteen years, who shall be guilty of being an habitual truant, or of wandering about in the streets or public places of said Town having no lawful occupation or business, not attending school and growing up in ignorance shall, upon conviction thereof, be committed to the Industrial School in the City of Lawrence in said County of Essex, or some other institution of instruction or suitable institution provided for the purpose, for such time, not exceeding two years, as the justice or court having jurisdiction thereof may determine.

Art. 38<sup>th</sup>

**E. F. Searles**

Voted – to give Mr. E. F. Searles the right to improve at his own expense, the roads and sidewalks opposite his estate, to put in a drinking fountain on the square opposite his residence, to improve the cemetery and lands adjoining, belonging to the Town, to a line parallel to the east side of the Carpenter's Shop of Millett G. Copp, and ten feet distant therefrom; and such other alterations as he may see fit for the improvement of that part of the Town.

Art. 39<sup>th</sup>

**Wall, J. Sladden**

Voted – to build a wall on Brown Street, on the line of land of Joseph Sladden, and appropriate one hundred and twenty dollars for the same; also that this sum be expended under the direction of the Selectmen.

The business for which the meeting was called having all been transacted, it was,

Voted – to dissolve the meeting.

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

**1888 ~ Special Town Meeting, July 2, 1888**

**Warrant – File 11, No. 18**

**Essex SS: -**

To Fred S. Pearsons one of the Constables of the Town of Methuen in said County,

**Greeting: -**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required forthwith to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Methuen on Monday the second day of July next, at 2 o'clock p.m. then and there to act on the following articles, viz.: -

Art. 1

To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art. 2 By request of James S. Blodgett and others, to see if the Town will vote to build a new school house in the Marsh District (so called) instead of repairing the present building as per vote of the Town at its last annual meeting, and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars in addition to the sum voted at that time, making the amount one thousand eight hundred dollars.

Art. 3. To see if the Town will vote to sell the present school house and buildings.

Art. 4 To hear the report of the Selectmen as a Committee on Broadway sewer and act thereon.

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

Given under our hands and the seal of the Town of Methuen this 19<sup>th</sup> day of June A.D. one thousand eight hundred and eighty eight.

John W. Frederick } Selectmen  
John H. George } of  
George W. Sawyer } Methuen

### **Warrant Continued – Constable’s Return**

**Essex SS: - June 23<sup>rd</sup> 1888**

By virtue of this warrant, I this day notified the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen to meet at the time and place, and for the purpose within named by posting up attested copies thereof at the Town House, and at each of the public meeting houses, and at each school house outside of the village in said Town, it being more than eight days before the time of said meeting.

Fred S. Pearson  
Constable of Methuen

### **Record of Special Town Meeting – July 2, 1888.**

**A meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen was held in the Town House in said Town, on Monday July second A.D. 1888, at two o’clock p.m. in pursuance of Warrant No. 18 File 11.**

The meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk and the warrant for the meeting was read.

Art. 1        **Moderator**

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

Art. 2        **Marsh School House**

On motion of Mr. Pearson, it was

Voted – that the Town build a new school house in the Marsh District, instead of repairing the old house, as contemplated at the Annual Meeting and that twelve hundred dollars be appropriated therefor in addition to the sum appropriated for that purpose at the Annual Meeting.

Art. 3        **School House**

Voted – to sell the present school house and buildings.

Art. 4        **Sewer**

Mr. Frederick reported verbally in behalf of the Board of Selectmen in relation to the sewers that the Selectmen had consulted the authorities of the City of Lawrence and permission could be obtained to enter the Lawrence Sewer upon payment to the City of Lawrence of the sum of nineteen hundred and forty three dollars, the estimate of the City Engineer being as follows: -

“Estimate of the amount the Town of Methuen should pay the City of Lawrence for the privilege of draining the section of the Town bounded southerly by the Town line, easterly by a line one hundred feet west of and parallel with Tenney Street; northerly by a line one hundred feet north of and parallel with Centre Street, and westerly by the center line of Broadway. The drainage to be allowed to discharge into the Wyman Street sewer.

Area of this portion of Methuen about $10^{93/100}$ acres.	
Total area draining through Wyman St. sewer $14^{58/100}$ acres.	
Cost of Wyman St. sewer	\$1052.43
Methuen's part $10.93/14.58$ of 1052.43	\$789.00

Total area draining through Arlington St. sewer}	
From Wyman St. to Broadway } $38^{74/100}$ acres.	
Cost of this section of sewer	\$2786.40
Methuen's part $10.93/38.74$	\$787.00

Total area draining through Broadway sewer	}	
From Arlington St. to Spicket River	} $82^{25/100}$ acres.	
Cost of this sewer	\$3003.00	

Methuen's part 10.93/89.25 of \$3003.	\$367.00
Total estimate	1943.00

Arthur Marble – City Engineer.”

Mr. Frederick also reported that all owners of land through which the sewer would pass, had given written consent to have it pass free of charge, except the heirs of James A. Treat and that the probable cost of the sewer would be about two thousand dollars.

Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen and also that the Town build the sewer according to the report of the Selectmen.

Voted to appropriate four thousand dollars for that purpose. No other business appearing, it was,

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe, Town Clerk

### **Warrant for Town Meeting, Nov. 4, 1888 – File 11 No. 19.**

**Essex SS: -** To Amos G. Jones one of the Constables of the Town of Methuen;

**Greeting: -**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,

you

are required forthwith to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote as the law directs, to assemble at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday the 6<sup>th</sup> day of November next at 10 o'clock in the forenoon then and there to give in their ballots for Governor of the Commonwealth, Lieut. Governor, Councilor for the 6<sup>th</sup> District, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor of Accounts, Attorney General, one Senator for the

Sixth Essex District, one County, Commissioner, two Representatives to the Third Essex District in the next Legislature, one Representative to Congress for the Eighth District, fourteen electors for President and Vice President of the United States, Register of Probate and Insolvency, Country Treasurer, Register of Deeds for the Northern Essex District, all to be voted for on one ballot; the polls may be closed at 4 o'clock p.m.

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

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

Given under our hands and the seal of the Town at Methuen **this twenty seventh day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty eight.**

John W. Frederick     } Selectmen  
John H. George         } of  
George W. Sawyer     } Methuen

**Essex SS: -**

**Methuen, Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> 1888**

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 in said Town eight days before said meeting as within directed.

Amos G. Jones – Constable of Methuen.

### **Record of State and National Election, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> 1888.**

**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 sixth day of November, A.D. 1888, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, pursuant to Warrant No. 19 File 11.**

The warrant for the meeting was read by John W. Frederick Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, the ballot box was publicly opened and found to be empty, after which the ballot box was locked, and the figures on the Register indicated four ciphers.

The polls were then opened and the ballot proceeded. There was no interruption in voting until two o'clock and fifty minutes p.m. when by the unanimous consent of the Selectmen and Town Clerk, the ballot box was opened, and the ballots taken therefrom and counted audibly. The number was six hundred and fifty eight (658) and agreed with number on the ballot box register. At four o'clock the polls were closed, the ballot box register indicating "726". The remaining ballots were taken from the ballot box and counted audibly, and the whole number of ballots cast was found to be seven hundred and twenty six. The marks on the checklist were counted audibly by Selectman George, and found to agree with the number of ballots. The votes given in were then sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made,  
as the law directs, and were as follows: -

#### **For Electors at Large**

Republican	George D. Robinson of Chicopee four hundred sixty four	464
	William F. Draper of Hopedale four hundred sixty four	464

Democrat	John Boyle O'Reilly of Boston two hundred and thirty seven	237
	George M. Stearns of Chicopee two hundred and thirty seven	237
Pro.	James H. Roberts of Cambridge twenty three	23
	John Blackmen of Springfield twenty three	23
	Blank, two	2

**For Elector for District Number One**

John H. Reed of Barnstable four hundred and sixty three	463
Thomas C. Day of Barnstable two hundred and thirty seven	237
John D. Flint of Fall River twenty three	23
Blank, two	2

**For Elector for District Number Two**

George E. Freeman of Brockton four hundred and sixty three	463
Bushrod Morse of Sharon two hundred and thirty seven	237
William J. Smith of Taunton twenty three	23
Blank, three	3

**For Elector for District Number Three**

Halsey J. Boardman of Boston four hundred and sixty three	463
Nathan Matthews, Jr. of Boston two hundred and thirty seven	237
James M. Gray of Boston twenty three	23
Blank, three	3

**For Elector for District Number Four**

Elijah Mertain Hatch of Boston four hundred and sixty three	463
Matthew Keaney of Boston two hundred and thirty seven	237
Israel S. Trafton of Boston twenty three	23
Blank, three	3

**For Elector for District Number Five**

Henry J. Wells of Cambridge four hundred and sixty three	463
Charles H. Taylor of Boston two hundred and thirty seven	237
Andrew Howes of Boston twenty three	23
Blank. Three	3

**For Elector for District Number Seven**

Francis Norwood of Beverly four hundred and sixty three	463
James T. Dean of Salem two hundred and thirty seven	237

Daniel W. Friend of Manchester twenty three	23
Blank, three	3

**For Elector for District Number Eight**

Charles N. Bell of Lawrence four hundred and sixty three	463
John C. Sanborn of Lawrence two hundred and thirty seven	237
Orson E. Mallory of Lowell twenty three	23
Blank, three	3

**For Elector for District Number Nine**

Charles Q. Tirrell of Natick four hundred and sixty three	463
William Aspinwall of Brookline two hundred and thirty seven	237
Charles M. Bowers of Clinton twenty three	23
Blank, three	3

**For Elector for District Number Ten**

Frank P. Goulding of Worcester four hundred and sixty three	463
Edward W. Lincoln of Worcester two hundred and thirty seven	237
Edward D. Conant of Worcester twenty three	23
Blank, three	3

**For Elector for District Number Eleven**

Chester C. Conant of Greenfield four hundred and sixty three	463
Frederic S. Coolidge of Ashburnham two hundred thirty seven	237
Julius H. Seelye of Amherst twenty three	23
Blank, three	3

**For Elector for District Number Twelve**

Elisha Morgan of Springfield four hundred and sixty three	463
Walter Cutting of Pittsfield two hundred and thirty seven	237
Howard A. Gibbs of Lee twenty three	23
Blank, three	3

**For Governor**

Oliver Ames of Easton four hundred and fifty six	456
William E. Russell of Cambridge two hundred and forty four	244
William H. Earle of Worcester twenty four	24
Blank, two	2

**For Lieut. Governor**

John Q. A. Brackett of Arlington four hundred and sixty three	463
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John W. Corcoran of Clinton two hundred and thirty nine	239
John Bascom of Williamstown twenty four	24

**For Secretary of State**

Henry B. Peirce of Abington four hundred and sixty seven	467
William N. Osgood of Boston two hundred and thirty six	236
Henry C. Smith of Williamsburg twenty three	23

**For Treasurer and Receiver General**

George A. Marden of Lowell four hundred and sixty seven	467
Henry C. Thacher of Yarmouth two hundred and thirty six	236
John M. Fisher of Attleborough twenty two	22
Blank, one	1

**For Auditor**

Charles R. Ladd of Springfield four hundred and sixty seven	467
William A. Williams of Worcester two hundred and thirty six	236
Edmund M. Stowe of Hudson twenty three	23

**For Attorney General**

Andrew J. Waterman of Pittsfield four hundred and sixty seven	467
Samuel O. Lamb of Greenfield two hundred and thirty five	235
Allen Coffin of Nantucket twenty four	24

**For Register of Deeds, Northern Essex District**

John R. Poor of Lawrence seven hundred and four	704
Cyrus R. Lawrence of Lawrence twenty one	21
Blank, one	1

**For Register of Probate and Insolvency**

Jeremiah T. Mahoney of Salem six hundred and ninety nine	699
Daniel W. French of Amesbury twenty three	23
Blank, four	4

**For County Treasurer**

E. Kendall Jenkins of Andover four hundred and sixty seven	467
James F. Gwinn of Hamilton two hundred and thirty five	235

Jacob F. Spaulding of Salisbury twenty three	23
Blank. One	1

**For County Commissioner**

Edward B. Bishop of Haverhill four hundred and sixty six	466
Charles A. Maxwell of Haverhill two hundred and thirty five	235
William B. Morgan of Wenham twenty three	23
Blank, two	2

**For Representative to Congress Eighth District**

Frederic T. Greenhalge of Lowell four hundred and seventy two	472
John J. Donovan of Lowell two hundred and twenty nine	229
Nathaniel A. Glidden of Chelmsford twenty one	21
William R. Rowell of Methuen one	1
Charles W. Mann of Methuen one	1
Blank, two	2

**For Councilor Sixth District**

Francis Jewett of Lowell four hundred sixty seven	467
Charles J. Williams of Acton two hundred and thirty four	234
James K. Fellows of Lowell twenty three	23
Blank, two	2

**For Senator Sixty Essex District**

William T. McAlpine of Lawrence four hundred and fifty seven	457
Edward F. O'Sullivan of Lawrence two hundred and twenty five	225
Charles W. Mann of Methuen thirty	30
Blank, fourteen	14

**For Representatives to the General Court Third Essex District**

William R. Rowell of Methuen five hundred and sixty	560
Martin L. Stove of Haverhill four hundred and sixty two	462
Justin E. Bradstreet of Bradford two hundred and fifteen	215
John M. Phillips of Haverhill one hundred and eighty one	181
Herman S. Morse of Bradford twenty one	21
Blank, thirteen	13

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

were also sealed up in an envelope, and delivered to the Town Clerk. The checklist was  
also  
sealed up and delivered to the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen.  
The meeting was adjourned at eight o'clock and twenty minutes p.m.

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

Pursuant to a petition from ten legal voters of the Town of Methuen, alleging that they had  
reason to believe that the returns of the election officers of said Town, of the votes cast at  
the  
State Election November 6<sup>th</sup> 1888 are erroneous with reference to the votes cast for Senator  
for the Sixth Essex District and asking for a recount of the same, the Selectmen met at the  
Town Hall on Wednesday Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> at ten o'clock a.m. and opened the box of ballots cast  
at  
said election, recounted the votes cast for Senator and reported the result of the ballots as  
follows: -

**Methuen, November 14, 1888**

We the undersigned Selectmen of the Town of Methuen, hereby certify that  
the recount of the votes this day, for Senator for the Sixth Essex District were as follows: -

William T. McAlpine of Lawrence four hundred and fifty six	456
Edward F. O'Sullivan of Lawrence two hundred and twenty four	224
Charles W. Mann of Methuen thirty two	32
Blank, fourteen	14

The ballots were then placed in the box and resealed.

John W. Frederick	} Selectmen
John H. George	} of
George W. Sawyer	} Methuen

A true copy

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

**Record of Meeting of City, Town and Precinct Clerks, Nov. 16, 1888**

**City of Haverhill, Massachusetts**  
**November 16<sup>th</sup> 1888 – City Clerk's Office**

At a meeting of the City Clerk of Haverhill, the Town Clerk of Methuen, the Town Clerk  
of  
Bradford, the Precinct Clerks of Precinct One in Ward Three, Precinct One in Ward Five,  
and  
Precinct Two in Ward Five in said City of Haverhill, said Towns and Precincts forming the

Third Essex Representative District, held at noon this day in accordance with the provisions of Section 5 Chapter 262 Acts of 1886, upon comparing the transcripts of balloting for Representatives to the General Court for Said District, at meetings held on Tuesday, November Sixth A.D. 1888.

To wit: -

Total	Bradford	Methuen	Prec. 1 Ward 3	Prec. 1 Ward 5	Prec. 2 Ward 5	
Martin L. Stover of Haverhill 1513	274	462	253	261	263	
William R. Rowell of Methuen 1759	340	560	240	334	285	
Justin E. Bradstreet of Bradford 1333	265	215	331	276	246	
John M. Phillips of Haverhill 1202	210	181	353	236	222	
Herman T. Morse of Bradford	6		7	12	6	31
William Rowell of Methuen 31	6		7	12	6	
J. Otis Wardwell 1					1	
Henry H.. Johnson 1					1	
Herman S. Morse of Bradford 21		21				
Blank 50		13	19	17	1	

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

To wit: -

Martin L. Stover of Haverhill

And

William R. Rowell of Methuen

David B. Tenney – City Clerk of Haverhill

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk of Methuen

A. T. Dolloff – Town Clerk of Bradford

J. Warren Ackerman – Clerk of Precinct 1 in Ward 3

Joseph Ridgway – Clerk of Precinct 1 in Ward 5

Henry A. Hussey – Clerk of Precinct 2 in Ward 5

A true copy

Attest, Joseph S. Howe – Town Clerk

**By-Law passed at Annual Meeting – March 1888.**

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**Essex SS: -**

At the Superior Court begun at Lawrence, within and for the County of  
Essex,  
on the **first Monday of March, being the fifth day of said Month, in the year of our  
Lord  
one thousand eight hundred and eighty eight.**

**4966 – By-Laws of Town of Methuen.**

**At a meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen, in the County of Essex and  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, held on the fifth day of March A.D. 1888, in pursuance  
of Warrant No. 17 File 11 the following vote, being in substance Article 37 of Said  
Warrant  
as unanimously adopted.**

“Voted: - To amend Section 14 of the By-Laws of the Town of Methuen, so as to read as  
follows:- Every child in the Town of Methuen in the County of Essex and the Commonwealth  
of Massachusetts, between the ages of seven and fifteen years, who shall be guilty of being an  
habitual truant, or if wandering about in the streets or public places of said Town, having no  
lawful occupation or business, not attending school and growing up in ignorance, shall upon  
conviction thereof be committed to the Industrial School in the City of Lawrence in said  
County of Essex, or some other institution of instruction, or suitable institution provided for  
the purpose for such time, not exceeding two years, as the justice or court having jurisdiction  
thereof may determine.” Section 14 of the By-Laws of the Town of Methuen reads as  
follows:

- “Every child in the Town of Methuen, between the ages of five and sixteen years, who shall  
be an habitual truant, every child who shall not attend school, or being without any regular or  
lawful occupation, or growing up in ignorance, according to Chapter 42 Section 4 of the  
General Laws of the Commonwealth shall be punished by a fine not exceeding twenty dollars  
for any one breach.”

The foregoing is a true copy of the record,

Attest,  
Methuen

Jos. S. H owe – Town Clerk of

Approved by the Court,

Dean Peabody – Clerk

**April 23, 1888**

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**Essex: -** I Dean Peabody, Clerk of the Superior Court do certify that the foregoing is a true copy of record.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix the seal of said Court, on this **twenty fourth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty eight.**

A true copy – Attest,  
Methuen

Dean Peabody, Clerk.  
Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk of

**Location of Haverhill and Lawrence Railway  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**Essex SS:**

To the Selectmen of the Town of Methuen in said County of Essex: -

Respectfully petition and represent the undersigned, the directors of the association for the formation of the Haverhill and Lawrence Railroad Company, that on the tenth day of January 1887, the Board of Selectmen of said Methuen, after a hearing legally notified and held, agreed with your petitioners as to the route of their proposed railroad in said Methuen, that the route of said railroad in the City of Lawrence, duly fixed by the Mayor and Aldermen of said City since said January tenth, will necessitate a change in the route from that heretofore fixed in said Methuen, in order to connect with the Lawrence portion of the said railroad. That in accordance with section thirty eight of chapter on hundred and twelve of the Public Statutes of said Commonwealth, your petitioners have prepared a map of the proposed route of the railroad proposed to be built by said Haverhill and Lawrence Railroad Company from Haverhill to Lawrence in said County and have procured the report of a skilful engineer upon said proposed route, and railroad, in accordance with said section, which said map and report they hereby respectfully submit to your honorable board; and they request your honorable board to reconsider the said vote passed on the tenth day of January 1887 and to agree with them, the said directors, as to said proposed railroad in said Town of Methuen, to connect with the route as established in said Lawrence, and to sign and give them a certificate setting forth such route in accordance with section forty of said statute dated at Haverhill aforesaid, **this nineteenth day of June A.D., 888.**

W. B. Thorn

Levi Taylor

Jos. H. Carleton	John Pilling
Chas. E. Wiggin	Daniel Goodrich
George A. Hall	Charles W. Morse
Arthur D. Veasey	Harry W. Hale
Stephen H. Gale	

**Location of Haverhill and Lawrence Railroad  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Railroad Hearing**

Whereas, The Directors of the association for the formation of the Haverhill and Lawrence Railroad Company have submitted to the Selectmen of the Town of Methuen in our County of Essex, the map of the proposed route of the railroad proposed to be built by the said Haverhill and Lawrence Railroad Company from Haverhill to Lawrence in said County,

and

the report of a skilful engineer concerning said proposed route and railroad, in accordance with section thirty nine of chapter one hundred and twelve of the Public Statutes of said Commonwealth, and have petitioned the Selectmen of said Town to reconsider the vote

passed by them January tenth 1887, establishing the route of said railroad in said Methuen, and to agree with said directors as to said route now proposed and as to the route of said proposed railroad in said Town so as to connect with the route of said railroad as now established in the City of Lawrence, and to sign and give them a certificate setting forth

such

route, it is hereby,

**Ordered,** By the Selectmen of said Town, that Tuesday the tenth day of July A.D. 1888 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon in the Selectmen's Room in the Town House in said Methuen be appointed the time and place for a public hearing in the matter of said petition, and

proposed

route, and in the matter of an agreement between said Selectmen and said directors; fixing said proposed route in said Town, and the route of said proposed railroad in said Town, at which hearing all persons may be present, and may be heard, and it is here by further

**Ordered,** That notice of said meeting shall be given by publishing this order in the Methuen Transcript, on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> days of June A.D. 1888, and by posting copies of this order in two or more public places in said Methuen on said 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June 1888.

John W. Frederick	} Selectmen
John H. George	} of
Geo. W. Sawyer	} Methuen

A true copy

Attest

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

## **Location of Haverhill and Lawrence Railroad**

**Town of Methuen,**

**In Board of Selectmen, July 10<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1888**

Voted: - To agree with the Directors of the association for the formation of the Haverhill and Lawrence Railroad Company, upon the route of their proposed railroad in said Methuen, and to fix the same as follows: - To wit.:

Beginning at a point in the Methuen line in the Merrimack River, nearly opposite the house of Addison P. Russell thence running southwesterly over said river, and over land of Charles Russell, crossing the "River Road" so called at a point a little southeasterly of the house of said Addison P. Russell, thence over other land of said Charles Russell, curving and passing over land of the late William Clark, and over land of Levi G. Holland to the junction of the said River Road, with the Pleasant Valley Road, thence passing under the junction of said roads to land of Walter Sargent, thence southerly over land of said Sargent, and land of others to a private way leading from said River Road to Wingate's Garden, thence across said private way and over land of Nathaniel E. Baker, and land of George Bradley, and land of others, to the bank of said Merrimack River on or near land of John L. Cook; thence on the bank of said river to the boundary line between Methuen and Lawrence. The remaining portion of said route in the Town of Methuen begins at a point in the line between Lawrence and Methuen, a little northwesterly from East Haverhill Street, on land of George Pearson, thence running over land of said Pearson and others, thence curving to the left and running over land of J. Merrill Currier, John G. McAllister, and others, and passing under the highway known as Howe or Prospect Street, near Boston Street to the line between Methuen and Lawrence a short distance west of said highway.

John W. Frederick     }  
John H. George        } Selectmen  
                                  } of Methuen

A true copy

Attest

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk



1889

**Warrant for Annual Town Meeting – March 4, 1889 – File 11, No. 20.**

**Essex SS: -**

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

**Greeting:**

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

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|-----------|--|
| Article 1 | To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.  |
| Article 2 | To choose a Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, two School Committeemen to serve three years in place of Lewis E. Barnes and W. O. Norris, one Trustee of Nevins Memorial for two years in place of James Ingalls, Constables, Auditor of Accounts, and Fence Viewers, all on one ballot.<br><br>“Yes” or “No” in answer to the question, “Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town” the vote to be by separate ballot. Also to choose all other necessary Town officers in such manner as the Town may determine, the polls to be kept open until half past twelve of the clock p.m. |
| Article 3 | To hear the annual report of the Selectmen and act thereon.  |
| Article 4 | To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges the ensuing year, and make appropriations for the same.   |
| Article 5 | To determine the manner of collecting taxes the ensuing year and act thereon as the Town may think proper.   |
| Article 6 | To determine by what method the Town will appropriate their highway taxes, and repair their highways the ensuing year.   |
| Article 7 | To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of taxes of the ensuing year, or to hire money to renew – replace or pay any existing loan or loans, or any part thereof, and to issue notes of the Town therefore.  |

- Article 8 To see if the Town will vote to approve and accept the list of Jurors prepared by the Selectmen for the ensuing year.
- Article 9 To hear the reports of committees and act thereon.
- Article 10 To determine what compensation the Town will grant the 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 Taxes, in accordance with Chapter 102, Section 107, of the Public Statutes.
- Article 13 By request of Col. William B. Green Post 100, G.A.R., to see if the Town will vote to appropriate one hundred dollars for the purpose of decorating the graves of our soldiers and sailors on Memorial Day, May 30<sup>th</sup> 1889.
- Article 14 By request of William H. Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup>, and others, to see if the Town will adopt Chapter 331, Acts and Resolves of 1888.
- Article 15 To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell and deed a certain tract of land situated part in Dracut and part in Pelham, near Mud Pond; also a small lot of land owned by the Town situated on the corner of Prospect and Pleasant Streets.
- Article 16 To see if the Town will vote to accept and adopt a system of sewerage for a part of said Town, according as the sewers are now laid, on the following streets, viz.: - Union Streets and a sewer through private and public lands running parallel with Broadway from the end of Wyman Street, in the City of Lawrence, to near Brown Street, and Brown at East Broadway sewer, together with its proposed branches, as shown on a plan on file with the Town Clerk, and provide that assessments, under Section 4 of Chapter 50 of the Public Statutes, may be made upon owners of estates within such territory.
- Article 17 By request of Silas K. Nowell and others to see if the Town will vote to build a sewer on Annis Street, running westerly from the sewer now built across said Annis Street to a point near Broadway, (about 175 feet) and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars for the same.
- Article 18 By request of the Fire Engineers to see if the Town will vote to build a reservoir near the corner of Lowell and Barker Streets and appropriate three hundred dollars for that purpose.

- Article 19 By request of the Fire Engineers to see what action the Town will take in regard to buying fire apparatus as provided for in Chapter 310 of Acts and Resolves of 1888.
- Article 20 By request of M. G. Copp to see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to exchange a small piece of land near his house for a piece of his land adjoining.
- Article 21 By request of A. S. Leland and others, to see if the Town will vote to put capping stone on the wall on Broadway from the lot of Samuel J. Pedler past the land of John Eagan, John McDonald, Thomas Hayden, to the end of wall as now built, and appropriate one hundred dollars for the same.
- Article 22 By request of Hazen Messer and others to see if the Town will vote to dig a well and furnish it with a pump and trough, at the corner of Broadway and Brown Streets, and appropriate one hundred and fifty dollars for that purpose.
- Article 23 To see what action the Town will take in regard to repairing the Alms House.
- Article 24 By request of Thomas O'Leary, to see if the Town will vote to pay him one hundred dollars for injuries received by him while in the employ of the Town and appropriate one hundred dollars for that purpose.
- Article 25 To see if the Town will vote that the assessment made and charged against the persons who have not entered the Broadway sewer (so called) may stand charged until such time as they may enter said sewer for the purpose of drainage.
- Article 26 To see if the Town will vote to put in a new pump in the well in Washington Square and appropriate fifty dollars for the same.
- Article 27 To see if the Town will vote to reimburse Mrs. S. G. Webster for land taken for Stevens Street, and appropriate one hundred dollars therefore.
- Article 28 By request of Charles M. Sawyer and others to see if the Town will vote to extend the Electric Fire Alarm to the Rufus Griffin place on the River Road to Lowell, and appropriate one hundred dollars for that purpose.
- Article 29 To see if the Town will vote to build a sidewalk on the west side of Railroad Street from Union to Lowell Street, and appropriate seventy five dollars for the same.

- Article 30 By request of George Rice to see if the Town will vote to build a cesspool and sewer at the corner of Hampshire and Lowell Streets and appropriate seventy five dollars for the same.
- Article 31 By request of Daniel T. Morrison and others, to see if the Town will vote to extend the water pipes from the corner of Lawrence and Park Streets, down Park Street, to near the corner of Morrison Street, and appropriate two hundred dollars for that purpose.
- Article 32 By request of Stephen W. Davis and others, to see if the Town will vote to take up the culvert situated between the houses of Elliott F. Dorr and Oliver Lee, on the road leading from Grosvenor; corner to Ayer's Village, and lower the bed of the brook, and appropriate one hundred dollars for that purpose.
- Article 33 To see if the Town will vote to erect and maintain street lights at the following points, viz.: - By request of Michael Dooley, at the corner of Lawrence and Camden Streets; by request of Dr. James Peirce at the junction of Lawrence and Osgood Streets, by request of Rev. A. F. Walch, on Woolen Mill Bridge; by request of A. V. Fisher on Gage Street, near the house of John W. Bodwell and appropriate forty dollars for the same.
- Article 34 To see if the Town will vote to heat the Town House with steam, and appropriate fifteen hundred dollars for that purpose.
- Article 35 By request of Ashton Lee, to see if the Town will vote to reimburse him wholly, or in part, for money paid by him to the City of Lawrence for entering their sewer.
- Article 36 By request of Joseph Mahoney to see if the Town will vote to cut down the street commencing at a point near his house and extending towards Lawrence about 300 feet, and appropriate two hundred dollars for the same.
- Article 37 By request of James C. Taylor and others, to see if the Town will vote to accept and allow as a Town way a street laid out by the Selectmen from Railroad Street, at the junction of the old road (so called) over the bridge crossing the Manchester and Lawrence Railroad, to the termination of the street running westerly from Union Street past the house of Patrick Wright, and appropriate five hundred dollars for its construction.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Town House, and at each of the public meeting houses in said Town, eight days at least, before said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

John W. Frederick } Selectmen  
John H. George } of  
Geo. W. Sawyer } Methuen

The Moderator appointed as tellers to assist him in checking the names of voters, assorting and counting votes and operating the ballot boxes, Darius Pierce, Daniel W. Tenney, W. L. S. Gilcreast, George W. Sawyer and

Willard F. Cogswell, and they were all sworn. The ballot boxes were both publicly opened and found to be empty, and were then locked and the keys thereof given to Amos G. Jones, Constable in attendance. The figures on the Registers indicated four ciphers. The polls were then opened for the choice of those officers to be chosen by ballot, and for deposit of the “Yes” and “No” ballots, and the ballot boxes were not removed from public view until the close of the meeting.

It was voted that the polls be kept open until one o’clock. At one o’clock the polls were closed, and the figures on the ballot box in which the ballots for Town Officers were cast indicated 628. The figures on the ballot box in which the “Yes” and “No” ballots were cast indicated 508.

The number of ballots cast for Town Officers agreed with the number indicated by the Register. The number of “Yes” and “No” ballots was five hundred and nine. The votes given in were sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made, as the law directs and were as follows.

**For Town Treasurer**

Joseph S. Howe had six hundred and twenty three	623
Joel Foster had one	1
J. O. Parker had one	1
And Joseph S. Howe was declared elected Treasurer & sworn	

**For Town Clerk**

Joseph S. Howe had six hundred and twenty one	621
E. P. Edmunds one	1
Geo. A. Closson one	1
J. N. Webster one	1
Joel Foster one	1
And Joseph S. Howe was declared elected Town Clerk and sworn	

**For Collector of Taxes**

Joseph S. Howe six hundred and twenty two	622
Lewis E. Barnes two	2
A. B. Gordon one	1
And Joseph S. Howe was declared elected Collector of Taxes and was sworn	

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

George O. Marsh four hundred and thirty	413
Addison P. Russell three hundred and sixty nine	369
John W. Frederick three hundred and thirty one	331

Franklin Saunders two hundred and twenty five	225
Fred. S. Pearson two hundred and eighteen	218
J. N. Webster two hundred and thirty four	234
George B. Bradley seventy seven	77
John H. George one	1
H. Rounds one	1
F. McDermott one	1
And George O. Marsh, Addison P. Russell, and John W. Frederick were declared elected Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of Poor, and were sworn into those offices respectively.	

#### **For School Committee for Three Years**

Aaron H. Clark three hundred and ninety four	394
Lewis E. Barnes three hundred and forty four	344
Joseph W. Fulton three hundred and one	301
James O. Parker two hundred and two	202
Samuel G. Sargent one	1
Jacob Emerson one	1
George B. Bradley one	1
George Clark one	1
J. Q. Hill one	1
And Aaron H. Clark and Lewis E. Barnes were declared elected School Committee for three years.	

#### **For Trustee for Nevins Memorial for Two Years**

James Ingalls six hundred and twenty seven	627
And James Ingalls was declared elected Trustee for Nevins Memorial.	

#### **For Constables**

Amos G. Jones three hundred and eighty six	386
Fred S. Pearson three hundred and twenty five	325
James C. Taylor three hundred and eighty eight	388
John H. George three hundred and fifty seven	357
Joseph Martin three hundred and sixty one	361
Frank McDermott two hundred and sixty four	264
Albert B. Gordon three hundred and sixty five	365
J. N. Webster two hundred and thirty five	235
William H. Silver two hundred and eleven	211

Cyrus B. Gage two hundred and twenty four	224
George A. Closson two hundred and fifty one	251
Horace Rounds two hundred and seventy two	272
E. P. Sargent one	1
L. E. Barnes one	1
Geo. B. Bradley two	2
J. H. Morse one	1
James Ingalls one	1
E. P. Edmonds one	1
Jos. W. Fulton one	1
And Amos G. Jones (sworn), Fred S. Pearson (sworn), James C. Taylor (sworn), John H. George (sworn), Albert B. Gordon (sworn), and Joseph Martin were declared elected Constables.	

#### For **Street Commissioners (Highway Surveyors)**

John Q. Hill (Village District) four hundred and five	405
Ebenezer P. Edmonds (Village District) two hundred and twenty	220
George Clark (Marsh District) three hundred and fifty two	352
Edward E. Pinney (Marsh District) two hundred and seventy two	272
Charles E. Allen (Barker District) three hundred and fifty six	356
Wm. H. Livingston (Barker District) two hundred and sixty eight	268
Gaius H. Barnes (Howe District) three hundred and twenty two	322
Eben W. Powell (Howe District) three hundred and two	302
Edmund P. Sargent (Pleas. Valley) three hundred and twenty nine	329
Joel Foster 1 <sup>st</sup> (Pleas. Valley) two hundred and ninety five	295
E. W. Powell – Marsh District one	1
E. E. Pinney – Village District one	1
E. W. Powell – Pleas. Valley two	2
Geo. Clark – Barker one	1
And John Q. Hill (sworn) was declared elected Highway Surveyor for the Village District; George Clark (sworn) for the Marsh District; Charles E. Allen (sworn) for the Bartlett District; Gaius H. Barnes (sworn) for the Howe District; and Edmund P. Sargent (sworn) for the Pleasant Valley District.	

#### For **Fence Viewers**

Daniel T. Morrison four hundred and seven	407
Leverett Swan four hundred and seven	407
Addison P. Russell four hundred and eight	408
James M. Moreland two hundred and nine	209
John Welch two hundred and fifteen	215
Edmund Dowding two hundred and twenty	220
And Daniel T. Morrison (sworn; Leverett Swan (sworn); and Addison P. Russell (Sworn) were declared elected Fence Viewers.	



For **Auditor**

John H. Morse six hundred and twenty two 622  
And John H. Morse was declared elected Auditor

The whole number of ballots cast on the question “Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town?” was five hundred and nine 509  
The number of voters voting “Yes”, one hundred and eighty one 181  
The number of voters voting “No” three hundred and twenty eight 328

The following named persons were appointed **Field Drivers**

Edmund Dowding (sworn) George C. Snell  
Rufus A. Griffin (sworn) Patrick Dooley

It was voted that the **Sealer of Weights and Measures** be appointed by the Selectmen.

The following named persons were appointed **Pound Keepers**

Stephen W. Williams Joseph E. Buswell  
The following named persons were appointed **Surveyors of Lumber**

John O. Clark Millard T. Emerson  
Samuel Emerson Millett G. Copp  
James O. Parker (sworn) John W. Frederick (sworn)  
James Allen (sworn) Edmund Dowding (sworn)  
Samuel J. Pedler (sworn) John W. Shirley

The following named persons were appointed **Surveyors of Plastering**

Lyman B. Gage Millett G. Copp  
Jesse A. Towne George A. Page  
Silas K. Nowell Nahum P. Winn  
w. O. Norris

The following named persons were appointed **Surveyors of Wood and Bark**

Nelson M. Blodgett (sworn) Fred A. Russell  
James Allen (sworn) John O. Clark  
Edmund Dowding (sworn) Eben W. Powell (sworn)  
Millard F. Emerson Charles Jackson (sworn)  
Silas L. Holman Jos. S. Howe  
John A. Shirley Darius Pierce  
John H. George (sworn) John Q. Hill

Art. 3      **Report of Selectmen**

Voted – To accept the Annual Report of the Selectmen.  
Also voted that the Selectmen omit from the next statement of the  
“Financial condition of the Town” the item “Charles S. Whittier \$7235.44”  
and all other accounts they may consider worthless.

Art. 4      **General Appropriations**

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

<b>For</b>	
Support of schools, teachers, janitors, fuel and music	\$9,000.00
Supplies for Schools	1,000.00
Repairs on School Houses	1,000.00
Services of School Committee	400.00
Opening Roads	1,500.00
Highways and Bridges	5,800.00
Street Lights	1,200.00
Contingencies	1,500.00
Pauper Department	3,000.00
Fire Department	2,000.00
Town Officers	1,400.00
Interest on Town Debt	2,800.00
Collection of Taxes	500.00
Special Police	500.00
Suppression of Illegal sale of liquor	300.00
Sewer Department	300.00
Edge stone and flagging	300.00
Military Aid	300.00
Lawrence Bridge (assessment)	400.00
	<u>33,200.00</u>

On motion of Hon. J. O. Parker it was voted – that all Town Officers entrusted  
with the disbursement of Town money be instructed not to exceed  
appropriations except in cases of absolute necessity.

Art. 5      **Collection of Taxes**

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

Art. 6            **Highway Repairs**

Voted – that the method of appropriating highways taxes be the same as last year and the apportionment of money to the highway districts the same.

Voted – that eighty five per cent of the money, appropriated for repairs of highways in the districts outside of the Village District be expended in April, May and June.

Voted – that real estate taxpayers in Districts outside the Village District shall have the preference in working out the highway money.

Voted – that the Selectmen be instructed to see that surveyors work out the highway money in accordance with the above votes.

Art. 7            **Town Notes**

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

Art. 8            **Jury List**

The List of Jurors prepared by the Selectmen was next considered. It was voted to excuse Edgar L. Silver from serving as Juror and to substitute the name of James O. Emerson therefor; also voted to excuse Edwin R. Frederick from serving as Juror. Also, voted to excuse Stephen J. Barker from serving as Juror and to substitute the name of Amos E. Rollins therefor. Voted to excuse George B. Bradbury from serving as Juror. The Jury List as amended was then approved and is as follows: ~

Ayer David M.	Howe Isaiah
Butters George A.	Kent Elbridge K.
Beedle Charles T.	Kimball Sylvanus G.
Rollins Amos E.	Marsh George O.
Blodgett Nelson M.	Martin Joseph
Blodgett J. Sylvester	Messer James E.
Baker Walter A.	Mitchell Charles L.
Bradley George B.	Morse James W.
Cross George L.	Nichols Woodburn J.
Chase Elihu F.	Powell Andrew J.
Cole Daniel E.	Russell Addison P.
Coburn H. Newton	Russell Frederick A.
Copp George W.	Rollins Daniel C.

Davis Stephen W.  
Dodge Selwyn A.  
Dow Homer  
Douglas Clarence W.  
Emerson Millard F.  
Edwards Joseph H.  
Frederick John W.  
Foss Granville E.  
Foster Joel 1<sup>st</sup>  
Gale Amos L.  
Gordon Albert B.  
Griffin Justin E.  
Gage Lyman B.  
George John H.  
Harvey Samuel A.  
Hall Henry N.

Saunders Franklin  
Sawyer George W.  
Salls James E.  
Emerson James O.  
Shirley John A.  
Smith Moses G.  
Smith Nathan A.  
Stickney William H.  
Swan Leverett  
Sargent Samuel G.  
Taylor Elbridge B.  
Tenney Daniel W.  
Traynor Richard  
Williams Stephen W.  
Webster John C.  
Wall James T.

Art. 9      **Reports of Committees**

The Report of School Committee was accepted. No other committee reported.

Art. 10      **Fire Dept. Pay**

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

Art. 22      **Cattle, etc.**

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

Art. 12      **Dog Taxes**

Voted – that the money received from Dog Licenses be appropriated to the use of the schools.

Art. 13      **Memorial Day**

Voted – to appropriate one hundred dollars for the purpose of decorating the graves of our soldiers and sailors on Memorial Day, May 30<sup>th</sup> 1889. Said money to be expended under the direction of Col. William B. Greene Post 100 G.A.R.

Art. 14      **Statute Concerning Pickerel**

Voted – to adopt Chapter 331, Acts and Resolves of 1888 which is as follows – “Whoever takes or catches any pickerel in any river, stream or pond in any other manner than by artificially or naturally baited hook and hand line shall forfeit one dollar for every pickerel so taken; but this act shall not extend to any Town unless adopted thereby.

**Art. 15            Sale of Certain Land**

Voted – that the Selectmen be authorized to sell a certain tract of land situated part in Dracut and part in Pelham, near Mud Pond; also a small lot of land situated in the corner of Prospect and Pleasant Streets, and that the Town Treasurer be authorized to sign deeds thereof in behalf of the Town.

**Art. 16            Sewers**

Voted – to accept and adopt a system of sewerage for a part of the Town of Methuen, according as the sewers are now laid, on the following streets, viz.: - Union street, and a sewer through private and public lands running parallel with Broadway from the end of Wyman Street, in the city of Lawrence, to near Brown Street, and known as East Broadway sewer, together with its proposed branches, as shown on a plan on file with the Town Clerk, and also that assessments be made upon owners of estates within such territory under Section 4 of Chapter 50 of the Public Statutes.

**Art. 17            Sewer Annis St.**

Voted – to build a sewer on Annis Street, running westerly from the sewer now built across said Annis Street to a point near Broadway (about 175 feet), and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars for that purpose.

**Art. 18            Reservoir**

Voted – to build a reservoir near the corner of Lowell and Barker Streets, and appropriate three hundred dollars therefor.

Voted that it be built under direction of the Board of Engineers.

**Art. 19            Fire Apparatus**

Voted – to pass over Article nineteen of the Warrant.

**Art. 20            Exchange of Land**

Voted – that the Selectmen be authorized to exchange land with M. G. Copp if in their judgment it is advisable and that they have full power in the matter.

Art. 21      **Capping Stone**

Voted – to put capping stone on the wall on Broadway, from the lot of Samuel J. Pedler past the land of John Eagan, John McDonald, Thomas Hayden, to the end of wall as now built, and to appropriate one hundred dollars for the same and that the Selectmen be authorized to expend the appropriation.

Art. 22      **Well**

Voted – to pass over Article 22 of the Warrant.

Art. 23      **Alms House Repairs**

Voted – that the Selectmen be authorized to cut lumber from the Town Farm wood lots, and have it manufactured to make repairs on the Alms House.

Art. 24      **Thomas O’Leary**

Voted – to pay Thomas O’Leary one hundred dollars for injuries received by him while in the employ of the Town, and appropriate one hundred dollars for that purpose.

Art. 25      **Sewer Assessments**

Voted – that the sewer assessments made and charged against the persons who have not entered the Broadway sewer, may stand charged until such time as they may enter said sewer for the purpose of drainage.

Art. 26      **New Pump**

Voted – to put a new pump in the well in Washington Square – and appropriate fifty dollars for that purpose.

Art. 27      **Land Damage – Stevens Street**

Voted – to reimburse Mrs. S. G. Webster for land taken for Stevens Street, and appropriate one hundred dollars therefor.

Art. 28      **Fire Alarm**

Voted – not to extend the Electric Fire Alarm to the Rufus Griffin place on Lowell Street.

Art. 29      **Sidewalk**

Voted – that a sidewalk be built on the west side of Railroad Street from Union to Lowell Street, and that it be built by the Street Commissioner – and paid for from the regular appropriation for the Village Highway District.

Art. 30      **Cesspool & Sewer**

Voted – to build a cesspool and sewer at the corner of Hampshire and Lowell Street, and appropriate seventy five dollars for the same. Also, voted that this sum be expended under the direction of the Selectmen.

Art. 31      **Water Pipe**

Voted – to pass over Article Thirty One of the Warrant.

Art. 32      **Culvert**

Voted – to pass over Article Thirty Two of the Warrant.

Art. 33      **Street Lights**

Voted – to erect and maintain street lights at the following points, viz.: - at the corner of Lawrence and Camden Streets, at the junction of Lawrence and Osgood Streets, on Woolen Mill Bridge, and on Gage Street near the house of John W. Bodwell, and appropriate forty dollars for that purpose.

Art. 34      **Steam Heat**

Voted – not to heat the Town House by steam.

Art. 35      **Ashton Lee**

Voted – to pass over Article Thirty Five of the Warrant – Yeas 47 – Noes 23

Art. 36      **J. S. Mahoney**

Voted – to pass over Article Thirty Six of the Warrant.

Art. 37      **New Road**

Voted to pass over Article Thirty Seven of the Warrant.

Voted to dissolve the meeting, the business for which the meeting was called having all been transacted.

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk.

**Warrant for Special Town Meeting April 22<sup>nd</sup> 1889 – File 11, No. 21**

**Essex SS: -**

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

**Greeting: -**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required forthwith to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote as the law directs, to assemble at the Town Hall, in said Town, on Monday the twenty second day of April instant, (1889) at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to give in their ballots, "Yes" or "No" upon a Resolve concerning an amendment to the Constitution. "The manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors to be used as a beverage are prohibited. The General Court shall enact suitable legislation to enforce the provisions of this article." Approved by the Governor March 21<sup>st</sup> 1889. 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 the Town House, at each of the public meeting houses, and upon the several school houses outside the limits of Methuen Village, eight days at least before said meeting.

Given under our hands and the seal of the Town of Methuen, **this tenth day of April, A.D. one thousand eight hundred and eighty nine.**

John W. Frederick     } Selectmen  
Geo. O. Marsh         } of  
Addison P. Russell    } Methuen

**Essex SS: ~**

**Methuen, April 13<sup>th</sup> 1889.**

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, also at each of the school houses outside of the village district eight days before said meeting as within directed.

Amos G. Jones  
Constable of Methuen  
The foregoing is a true copy of Warrant and Return

Attest,



Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk.

**Record of Special Town Meeting – April 22, 1889  
Constitutional Amendment**

**Pursuant to Warrant No. 21 File 11, a Special Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town  
of  
Methuen was held at the Town Hall in said Town, on Monday April 22<sup>nd</sup> A.D. 1889.**

The meeting was called to order at ten o'clock a.m. by John W. Frederick, Esq., Chairman  
of  
Selectmen, who read the warrant under which the meeting was held.

The Selectmen appointed as tellers to assist in receiving, sorting, and counting ballots,  
Messrs. Frank T. Frederick for the Amendment, and George A. Marsh opposed to the  
Amendment, and they were sworn.

The Town Clerk appointed as vote distributors – John S. Tapley for the Amendment and  
Cummings Messer opposed to the Amendment.

The ballot box was publicly opened and found to be empty, and was then closed and locked  
and the key thereof given to Amos G. Jones, Constable of the Town of Methuen in  
attendance at the polls. The figures on the Register indicated four ciphers. The polls were  
then opened for ballots on the Amendment to the Constitution and the ballot box was not  
removed from public view until the close of the meeting. The polls were kept open until  
four  
o'clock p.m. when they were closed. The figures on the ballot box register indicated 505.  
The ballot box was opened and the ballots removed and counted audibly and the whole  
number was found to be five hundred and six (506). The number of names checked upon  
the  
voting list was found to be five hundred and six.

The ballots given in were sorted, counted, recorded and declaration thereof made as the  
Law directs and were as follows: -

The number of voters voting "Yes", was two hundred and one	201
The number of voters voting "No" was three hundred and five	305

The return of the vote cast was made up, properly certified, sealed and delivered to the  
Town  
Clerk, and the ballots cast, were sealed up in an envelope, and the checklist used was also  
sealed up and all were delivered to the Town Clerk.

The meeting was then dissolved.

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

## **Warrant for Special Town Meeting – August 30, 1889 – File 11, No. 22**

**Essex SS: -**

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

### **Greeting: -**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Friday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, at two o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles: -

Art. 1<sup>st</sup>            To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2<sup>nd</sup>            To see what action the Town will take as regards instructing the Selectmen in reference to the hearing before the County Commissioners, Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> on the proposed new road as petitioned for by Joel Foster and others.

Art. 3<sup>rd</sup>            To see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 382 of the Statutes of the year 1871.

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

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of said meeting.  
Given under our hands and the seal of the Town this twenty first day of August in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty nine.

John W. Frederick	} Selectmen
Geo. O. Marsh	} of (seal)
Addison P. Russell	} Methuen

**Essex SS: -    Methuen, Aug. 21<sup>st</sup> 1889**

I hereby certify that I have this day served the within precept by posting up attested copies of the same at each of the public meeting houses, also at each of the school houses outside the village, and at the Town House, eight days before said meeting.

Amos G. Jones – Constable of  
Methuen

A true copy of warrant and return,  
Attest,

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

### **Record of Special Town Meeting, Aug. 30, 1889**

**Pursuant to Warrant No. 22 File 11, a Special Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen was held at the Town Hall in said Town, on Friday, August thirtieth A.D. 1889.**

The meeting was called to order at two o'clock p.m. by the Town Clerk – Jos. S. Howe, who read the warrant under which the meeting was held.

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

Art. 2        A motion was made by Joel Foster that the Selectmen be instructed not to oppose the proposed road at the hearing before the County Commissioners, Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Grimes moved as an amendment that the Selectmen be instructed to oppose the proposed road at said hearing. After considerable discussion a vote was taken on the amendment which was carried by a hand vote – Yeas 36, Noes 31.

The vote was then taken on the motion as amended and it was voted to instruct the Selectmen to oppose the proposed road, at the hearing to be had Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>. The vote was taken by show of hands as follows: Yeas 35, Noes 32.

Art. 3        It was voted by a unanimous vote to accept Chapter 382 of the Statutes of the year 1871.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Attest

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

### **Warrant for Town Meeting Nov. 5, 1889 – File 11, No. 23**

**Essex SS:** - To Amos G. Jones, one of the Constables of the Town of Methuen; -

**Greeting:** -

In the name of the Commonwealth of  
Massachusetts, you are hereby required forthwith to notify the inhabitants of the Town of

Methuen qualified to vote as the law directs to assemble at the Town Hall on Tuesday the fifth day of November, at eight o'clock in the forenoon then and there to give in their ballots

for Governor of the Commonwealth, Lieutenant Governor, Councillor for District No. six (6), Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor of Accounts, Attorney General, one Senator

for the Sixth Essex District, one County Commissioner and two Special Commissioners, District Attorney, three Commissioners of Insolvency, Sheriff, two Representatives to represent the Third Essex District in the next Legislature, all to be voted for on one ballot. The polls may be closed at 4 o'clock p.m.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at the

Town House and at each of the public meeting houses in said Town, eight days at least before said meeting.

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

Given under our hands, and the seal of the Town of Methuen, **this twenty fourth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty nine.**

John W. Frederick	Selectmen
Geo. O. Marsh	of
Addison P. Russell	Methuen

**Essex SS: - Methuen, Oct. 26, 1889.**

I hereby certify that I have served the within precept by posting up attested copies of the same at each of the public meeting houses, and at the Town House, eight days before said meeting.

Amos G. Jones – Constable of

Methuen

The foregoing is a true copy of Warrant and return.

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

**Ballots received**

### **Record of State Election - November 5<sup>th</sup> 1889 – File 11, No. 23**

**A legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in elections was held at the Town House in said Town on Tuesday the fifth day of November A.D. 1889 at eight o'clock in the forenoon pursuant to Warrant No. 23 File 11.**

The meeting was the first held under the “Australian” system of voting. Twelve compartments had been prepared for voters to retire and mark their ballots. The two sets of ballots sent by the Secretary of State had been received by the Town Clerk on Monday Nov. 4.

The meeting was called to order at eight o’clock by John W. Frederick Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, and the warrant was read by him. The ballots provided for the meeting were delivered to the presiding officer by the Town Clerk and the package publicly broken.

The sample ballots and instructions to voters were posted according to law and the ballots were delivered to the ballot clerks Daniel W. Tenney and Edward F. Johnson. The ballot box was publicly opened and found to be empty, after which the ballot box was locked and the key given to Amos G. Jones, Constable in attendance.

The figures on the Register indicated four ciphers. The polls were opened and the ballot proceeded. At ten minutes past four o’clock the polls were declared closed, the ballot box register indicating 624. The ballot box was opened and the ballots taken therefrom and counted audibly, and the whole number of ballots cast was found to be six hundred and twenty four. The marks on each checklist were counted audibly and found to agree with the number of ballots. The votes given in were counted, recorded and declaration thereof made as the law directs, and were as follows: -

The whole number of ballots cast for the several officers voted for was	
Six hundred and twenty four	624

**For Governor**

John Blackmen (possibly Blackmer) of Springfield	forty	40
John Q. A. Brackett of Arlington	three hundred and fifty one	351
William E. Russell of Cambridge	two hundred and twenty two	222
Blanks,	eleven	11

**For Lieutenant Governor**

John W. Corcoran of Clinton	one hundred and ninety five	195
William H. Haile of Springfield	three hundred and sixty three	363
Benjamin F. Sturtevant of Boston	thirty eight	38
Blanks,	twenty eight	28

**For Secretary of State**

George D. Crittenden of Buckland	thirty six	36
William N. Osgood of Boston	one hundred and eighty five	185
Henry B. Peirce of Abington	three hundred and sixty	360
Blanks,	forty three	43

**For Treasurer and Receiver General**

George A. Marden of Lowell three hundred and sixty six	366
Edwin L. Nunn of Holyoke one hundred and seventy nine	179
Frederick L. wing of Ashburnham thirty three	33
Blanks, forty six	46

**For Auditor**

William H. Gleason of Boston forty one	41
Charles R. Ladd of Springfield three hundred sixty one	361
William D. T. Trefry of Marblehead one hundred seventy seven	177
Blanks, forty five	45

**For Attorney General**

Allen Coffin of Nantucket thirty eight	38
Elisha B. Maynard of Springfield one hundred and seventy four	174
Andrew of Waterman of Pittsfield three hundred and fifty seven	357
Blanks, fifty five	55

**For Councillor Sixth District**

Amos E. Hall of Everett thirty nine	39
Byron Truell of Lawrence three hundred and sixty one	361
Charles J. Williams of Acton one hundred and seventy seven	177
Blanks forty seven	47

**For District Attorney**

Jacob T. Choate of Amesbury thirty two	32
Henry F. Hurlburt of Lynn two hundred and one	201
William H. Moody of Haverhill three hundred and fifty	350
Blanks forty one	41

**For Sheriff**

Horatio G. Herrick of Lawrence three hundred and thirty eight	338
William B. Morgan of Wenham twenty three	23
James O. Parker of Methuen two hundred and forty seven	247
Blanks, sixteen	16

**For County Commissioner**

Horace F. Longfellow of Newbury one hundred eighty nine	189
David W. Low of Gloucester three hundred and thirty eight	338
Samuel Trask of Peabody thirty one	31

Blanks, sixty six 66

**For Special Commissioners**

John M. Danforth of Lynnfield three hundred and forty seven	347
Wellington Donaldson of Topsfield thirty two	32
Henry Hobbs of Wenham one hundred and sixty	160
Daniel B. Lord of Salem one hundred and seventy two	172
Jonathan H. Orn of Marblehead twenty eight	28
Aaron Sawyer of Amesbury three hundred and thirty eight	338
Blanks, one hundred seventy one	171

**For Commissioners of Insolvency**

Israel W. Andrews of Danvers fifty one	51
Barnard Brickett of Haverhill forty eight	48
Nathan M. Hawkes of Lynn three hundred thirty four	334
Cyrus R. Lawrence of Lawrence fifty five	55
Benjamin K. Phillips of Lynn one hundred and sixty five	165
Horace M. Sargent of Haverhill three hundred and forty five	345
Charles A. Sayward of Ipswich three hundred and eleven	311
George L. Weil of North Andover one hundred eighty three	183
Blanks, three hundred and eighty	380

**For Senator Sixth Essex District**

Samuel H. Boutwell of Andover three hundred and fifty five	355
Joseph M. Bradley of Andover two hundred and five	205
Robert A. McAyeal twenty eight	28
Blanks, thirty six	36

**For Representatives in General Court Third Essex District**

John M. Phillips of Haverhill one hundred and sixty	160
William R. Rowell of Methuen four hundred and fifty three	453
Martin L. Stover of Haverhill three hundred and forty two	342
William S. Wardman of Bradford one hundred and forty seven	147
Blanks, one hundred and forty six	146

The returns of the votes cast for the several officers balloted for were made up, properly certified, sealed and delivered to the Town Clerk, and the ballots cast for the several officers were also sealed up in an envelope and delivered to the Town Clerk. Both check lists were also sealed up and delivered to the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. The meeting was adjourned at eleven o'clock p.m.

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

Pursuant to a petition from ten legal voters of the Town of Methuen, alleging that they had reason to believe that the returns of the election officers of said Town, of the votes cast at the State Election, November 5<sup>th</sup> 1889 are erroneous with reference to the votes cast for County Commissioner, and asking for a recount of the same, the Selectmen met at the Selectmen's Room in the Town House on Wednesday November 13<sup>th</sup> at ten o'clock a.m. and opened the box containing the ballots cast at said election, recounted the votes cast for County Commissioner, and reported the result of the ballots as follows: -

**Methuen, Nov. 13, 1889**

We the undersigned, Selectmen of the Town of Methuen hereby certify that the recount of the votes this day for County Commissioner were as follows: -

David W. Low of Gloucester	338
Horace T. Longfellow of Newbury	189
Samuel Trask of Peabody	31
Blanks	66

The ballots were then placed in the box and resealed.

David W. Low had 2 ballots not marked in appropriate place.  
Samuel Trask had 1 ballot not marked in appropriate place.

John W. Frederick	Selectmen
Geo. O. Marsh	of
Addison P. Russell	Methuen

A true copy

Attest

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk of Methuen.

**Record of Meeting of City, Town and Precinct Clerks Nov. 15, 1889**

**City of Haverhill, Massachusetts  
November 15, 1889, City Clerk's Office**

At a meeting of the City Clerk of Haverhill, the Town Clerk of Methuen, the Town Clerk of Bradford, the Precinct Clerks of Precinct one in Ward Five, and Precinct Two in Ward Five in said City of Haverhill, said Towns and Precincts forming the Third Essex Representative District; held at noon this day in accordance with the provisions of Section Five, Chapter 262 Acts of 1886, upon comparing the transcripts of the returns, the following appears as the result of the balloting for Representatives to the General Court for said District at meeting held on Tuesday November 5<sup>th</sup> 1889.



			Ward 3 Bradford	Ward 5 Methuen	Ward 5 Prec. 1	Ward 5 Prec. 2
Total						
John M. Phillips of Haverhill had	174	160	236	152	147	869
William R. Rowell of Methuen had	245	453	156	175	180	1209
Martin L. Stover of Haverhill had	204	342	198	170	158	1072
William S. Wardman of Bradford had	261	147	216	176	157	957
Blanks	118	146	135	135		534

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

To wit.:  
William R. Rowell of Methuen  
And  
Martin L. Stover of Haverhill

Attest

David B. Tenney – City Clerk of Haverhill  
Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk of Methuen  
A. T. Doloff – Town Clerk of Bradford  
J. Warren Akerman – Clerk of Precinct One in Ward Three  
Ned. C. Tozier – Clerk of Precinct One in Ward Five  
Frank H. Gerrish – Clerk of Precinct Two in Ward Five

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

### **Perambulation of Town Line – (Methuen and Lawrence)**

We the subscribers, Selectmen of the Town of Methuen and a deputation appointed by the Mayor & Aldermen of the City of Lawrence have this day perambulated the line between Methuen and the City of Lawrence, and find it to be as follows, viz.: -

Beginning on the westerly line of the City of Lawrence, where the line of the towns of Methuen and Andover intersect on Merrimac River, thence northerly in a straight line passing through a stone monument on the bank of said river, marked “L. M.” and through a stone monument marked “L. M.” on Orchard Street, known in Lawrence as Haverhill Street, to a stone monument near Woodland (Barker) Street marked “L. M.”; Thence northeasterly passing through a stone monument marked “L. M.” on Woodland (Barker) Street to a stone monument marked “L. M.” on Broadway; Thence running, north sixty one degrees east, passing through a stone monument marked “L. M.” on Lawrence Street, to a stone monument marked “L. M.” set in the ground in the field between said Lawrence

Street and South (Arlington) Street; Thence running south seventy nine degrees east in a straight line, passing through a stone monument marked "L. M." on Tarbox (Berkeley) Street; also through a stone monument marked "L. M." on Prospect Street, and a stone monument marked "L. M." on Merrimac (East Haverhill) Street, to a stone monument marked "L. M." on the bank of the Merrimac River; thence to the line of the Town of North Andover, in said river.

All of which has been agreed upon by the said parties as the Boundary line between the said Town of Methuen and the City of Lawrence.

**Nov. 7, 1889**

A. E. Mack	Mayor
Thos. Clegg	&
Chas. T. Main	Aldermen
Chas. H. Davis	of
George O. Halrole	Lawrence
John Hartley	

John W. Frederick	Selectmen
George O. Marsh	of
Addison P. Russell	Methuen

A true copy

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

### **Perambulation of Town Line – Methuen and Salem N.H.**

The subscribers, Selectmen of the towns of Salem N.H. and Methuen Mass. met on Thursday Nov. 14, 1889 and perambulated the line between said towns, and found the bounds substantially set, and the courses from one bound to the other as follows, viz.: -

Commencing at the northeasterly corner of Methuen at Haverhill line at a stone monument set in the ground, thence running south 49 degrees 56 feet west, 93 rods to a stone monument set in the ground, a few rods south of the house of the late Aaron G. Wilson thence south 10 degrees 20 feet west, 1159 rods to a stone monument set in the ground in Strongwater meadow, a few rods northerly from the house of Richard Irvin on Summer Street, Methuen; thence south 62 degrees – 18 feet west, 69 ½ rods crossing the Turnpike, so called, to a stone monument set in the ground, east of the house of Geo. W. Noyes; thence, north 87 degrees – 53 feet west 226 rods crossing the road in front of said Noyes' house, to a stone monument set in the ground; thence south 79 degrees – 19 feet west, 137 rods to a stone monument set in the ground at the corner of Salem and Pelham N.H.

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

John W. Frederick	Selectmen
Geo. O. Marsh	of

Addison P. Russell    Methuen, Mass.  
Charles S. Woodbury    Selectmen of  
Daniel Merrill          Salem, N.H.

A true copy

Attest,  
Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk.