

**1905**

**Warrant for Annual Town Meeting – 1905 – File 13 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 directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet and assemble at the designated polling places of Precinct One and Two, namely: The Town Hall in voting Precinct One, and the basement of the Arlington School house in voting Precinct Two, on Monday, the sixth day of March next at six o'clock in the forenoon, to bring in to the election officers their votes for Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, Highway Surveyor, one School Committee man to serve three (3) years in place of Kimball G. Colby, one Water Commissioner to serve three (3) years in place of Alfred Newsholme, one Water Commissioner for one (1) year to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of George A. Smith; one Trustee of Nevins Memorial to serve two (2) years in place of Lewis E. Barnes; one Tree Warden to serve one year in place of Alfred H. Wagland; Constables, Auditor, Fence Viewers and Yes or No in answer to the question, "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the Town?". All to be voted for on one ballot. The polls may be closed at four (4) o'clock p.m.. Also to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Saturday the eleventh day of March next, at one (1) o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles, viz.: -

- Article 1 To choose a Moderator to preside at said Meeting.
- Article 2 To elect all Town Officers not required to be chosen by ballot.
- Article 3 To hear the annual report of the Selectmen and act thereon.
- Article 4 To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriations for the same.
- Article 5 To determine the manner of collecting taxes the ensuing year and act thereon as the Town may think proper.
- Article 6 To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of taxes of the current municipal year, and to issue notes of the Town therefor.

Article 7 To see if the Town will vote to approve and accept the list of jurors prepared by the Selectmen for the ensuing year.

Article 8 To hear reports of Committees and act thereon.

Article 9 To determine what compensation the Town will grant the members of the Fire Department for their services the ensuing year.

Article 10 To determine the manner of appropriating the amount received from dog taxes in accordance with Chapter 102, Section 163 of the Revised Laws.

Article 11 By request of Col. William B. Greene Post. 100 G.A.R., to see if the Town will vote to appropriate two hundred (\$200) dollars for decorating the graves of our Soldiers and Sailors on Memorial Day, May 30, 1905, said money to be expended under the direction of the above Post.

Article 12 By request of the Water Commissioners, to see if the Town wishes to extend the water system, and if so to instruct the Water Commissioners to apply to the Legislature to issue bonds to the amount of twenty five thousand (\$25,000) dollars.

Article 13 By request of the Water Commissioners, to see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of thirty five hundred (\$3500.) dollars to be placed in the Sinking Fund.

Article 14 By request of L. C. Moore and others, to see if the Town will vote to macadamize Brook Street from Prospect Street to Jackson Street extension, and appropriate five hundred dollars for the same.

Article 15 By request of B. Scannell and others, to see if the Town will vote to macadamize Cross Street from Pelham Street to the Methuen Pumping Station, and appropriate three thousand dollars for the same.

Article 16 By request of Eben Hill and others, to see if the Town will vote to establish the grade and macadamize Milk Street from Prospect Street to Short Street and to appropriate twenty five hundred (\$2500.) dollars for the same.

Article 17 By request of Fred W. Stickney and others, to see if the Town will vote to appropriate fifteen hundred (\$1500) dollars to macadamize on Hampstead and North Streets, beginning where the work stopped in 1899.

Article 18 By request of H. F. Albezette and others, to see if the Town will vote to grade and drain Ayer Street and appropriate one thousand (\$1000.00) dollars for the same.

Article 19 By request of the Committee on the improvement of Pleasant Street, to see if the Town will vote to complete the work and make a sufficient appropriation therefor.

Article 20 By request of Lorin O. Norris and others to see if the Town will vote to construct a sewer and necessary catch basins on Central Street, from Cochrane Street to Pleasant Street, and appropriate four hundred (\$400) dollars for the same.

Article 21 By request of William Hoepfner and others, to see if the Town will vote to repair the cinder sidewalk in the Pleasant View District and appropriate one hundred (\$100) dollars for the same.

Article 22 By request of Joseph Bentley and others, to see if the Town will vote to build a sewer on Pelham Avenue, from a point near the house of Frank McDermott to the River, a distance of about five hundred feet, and appropriate five hundred dollars for the same.

Article 23 By request of A. S. Huntress and others, to see if the Town will vote to provide Policeman to patrol Jackson Street and eastward and increase the police appropriation to cover the same.

Article 24 By request of Bernhard Reuter and others, to see if the Town will vote to establish a Voting Precinct in the Currier district.

Article 25 To see if the Town will vote to furnish ten (10) grappling hooks and one flat bottom boat for use in case of drowning accidents; two sets of hooks to be kept at each of the bridges across the river on Broadway; two at the bridge across the river on Lowell Street near Graham's stables; one at the bridge across the Bartlett Brook, so called on Lowell road; one at the bridge across the Griffin Brook, and two at the lockup, all to be in the care of the Police Department, and appropriate seventy five (\$75.) dollars for the same.

Article 26 By request of Fred Miller and others, to see if the Town will vote to widen the bridge on Pleasant Valley Street, between Jackson's and the old Sargent place, and appropriate (\$50.) fifty dollars for the same.

Article 27 By request of Albert J. Richardson and others, to see if the Town will vote to have the names of all persons drawing aid from the Town inserted in the Town Report.

Article 28 By request of Zenas Christopher and others, to see if the Town will vote to compensate him for injuries and damages caused to him by the coasting accident on Park Street Dec. 29, 1904, and appropriate five hundred (\$500.) dollars for the same.

Article 29 By request of Andrew T. Jackson and others, to see if the Town will vote to appropriate one thousand (\$1000.) dollars to help compensate said Andrew T. Jackson for injuries received and loss of time by reason of a fall on the sidewalk on Broadway on the hill opposite the Town Hall, Tuesday, Dec. 27, 1904.

Article 30 By request of Henry Gaunt and others, to see if the Town will vote to construct a sewer on William Street, from Central Street to Walnut Street, and appropriate nine hundred dollars for the same.

Article 31 By request of James Robie, to see if the Town will vote to pay him fifty (\$50) dollars for rent of land for the use of stone crusher in 1903 and 1904.

Article 32 To see if the Town will vote to amend Sec. 23 of the By-Laws of the Town, by striking out therefrom the words "the chairman of the Board of Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor, Chairman of the School Committee, Chairman of the Water Commissioners, Chief of the Fire Department, and nine other legal voters, and inserting in place thereof the words, "thirteen legal voters", so that the section will read: There shall be a Financial Committee consisting of thirteen legal voters who shall hold no other Town office, and who shall be appointed by the Town Meeting for the term of one year beginning with the first day of January, and who shall serve without pay. Said Committee shall consider all Articles in the Warrant calling for an appropriation of money, and shall give at least one public hearing to parties interested before any Town Meeting, and shall report thereon at the Town Meeting. They shall have the power to fill vacancies in the Committee.

Article 33 By request of C. H. Tenney and others, to see if the Town will vote to discontinue the east end of Vine Street, from land of Edward F. Searles, easterly, to the end of said Vine Street, about one hundred and twenty three feet.

Article 34 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate three hundred (\$300.) dollars for the Methuen Improvement Society, one hundred and fifty five (\$155.) dollars of this to pay for money expended in destroying Brown Tail Moths, the remainder to be used in beautifying our streets and sidewalks.

Article 35 By request of Patrick J. Dooley and others, to see if the Town will vote to lay out and construct a highway thirty feet in width on the northeasterly to Lowell Street and to raise and appropriate a sum of money to defray the expenses of the same, or act in any way relative thereto.

Article 36 By request of the Board of Engineers, to see if the Town will vote to purchase five hundred (500) fete of hose, and appropriate three hundred (300) dollars for the same.

Article 37 By request of the Board of Engineers to see if the Town will vote to repair the Fire Alarm and replace Poles and appropriate three hundred (\$300) dollars for the same.

Article 38 By request of Joseph Buswell and others to see if the Town will vote to purchase five hundred (500) feet of liner hose, and a horse carriage, to be located near said Buswell's house, and appropriate one hundred and fifty (\$150) dollars for the same.

Article 39 By request of William Hoepfner and others to see if the Town will provide a suitable house for the Hose Cart now located on Miller Street and appropriate twenty five (\$25.00) dollars for the same.

Article 40 By request of Alfred Newsholme to see if the Town will vote to accept Ashland Avenue as laid out by the Selectmen between Almont Street and Lowell Street.

Article 41 By request of Charles W. Mann and others, to see if the Town will vote to accept a street as laid out by the Selectmen, running from Stevens Street to Cochrane Street, a distance of about four hundred and fifty feet, said street to be called Summit Avenue.

Article 42 To see if the Town will vote to sell to John Broadhead a small tract of land near to the corner of Railroad Street and Oakland Avenue and take such action thereon as the Town may think proper.

Article 43 By request of George M. Adams and others, to see if the Town will vote to change the name of Mill Street to Salem Road.

Article 44 By request of William R. Seisig to see if the Town will vote to establish and maintain a street light on Sunny Avenue, East Street and make an appropriation for the same.

Article 45 By request of Edward Crompton and others, to see if the Town will vote to establish and maintain a Gas Light on Almont Street between Oakland Avenue and Arnold Street and make an appropriation for the same.

Article 46 By request of Edward A. Bower, to see if the Town will vote to establish and maintain an arc light at the corner of Broadway and Kirk Street, and make an appropriation for the same.

Article 47 By request of Fred Hugel and others, to see if the Town will vote to establish and maintain an incandescent light near the residence of Fred Hugel on Boston Street, and appropriate eighteen (\$18.00) dollars for the same.

Article 48 By request of Joseph Thornley and others, to see if the Town will vote to move the street light from its present location, near what is known as the Crowther Cider Mill, on Lowell Street, to the corner of Closson and Lowell Streets, and make an appropriation for the same.

Article 49 By request of W. D. Clark and others, to see if the Town will vote to establish and maintain street lights at the following places:  
At the corner of East and Ashford Streets.  
At the corner of East and Channing Streets.  
At the corner of East and Globe Streets, and make an appropriation for the same.

Article 50 By request of John H. Morse and others, to see if the Town will vote to establish and maintain a street light on Lowell Street, near the house of W. P. Morse, and make an appropriation for the same.

Article 51 By request of L. C. Moore, to see if the Town will assume the maintenance of two electric lights on Brook Street, now maintained by him, and appropriate thirty six (\$36.) dollars for the same.

Article 52 By request of George L. Cross and others, to see if the Town will vote to establish and maintain two electric lights on Merrimack Street, one to be located near the house of George L. Cross and the other near the old Carleton place, and appropriate thirty six (\$36.) dollars for the same.

Article 53 By request of Edward A. Archibald and others, to see if the Town will vote to establish a street light on Cochrane Street and make an appropriation for the same.

Article 54 By request of Robert Webb and others, to see if the Town will vote to establish and maintain a street light on Webb Street near the residence of Robert Webb and make an appropriation for the same.

Article 55 By request of Robert E. Bannister and others, to see if the Town will vote to establish and maintain a street light on Pinedale Avenue, and make an appropriation for the same.

Article 56 By request of Jesse J. Prescott and others, to see if the Town will vote to purchase a new steam road roller and appropriate three thousand (\$3000.) dollars for the same.

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

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

Millard F. Emerson      Selectmen  
Kirk F. Brown            } of  
George Bunting            Methuen

### **Constable's Return**

#### **Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**Essex SS: -**

**Methuen, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> 1905**

To Joseph S. Howe, Town Clerk,

#### **Greeting: -**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet as within directed by posting up attested printed copies of this warrant at the Town House and in public places in each of the voting precincts eight days before said meeting.

Amos G. Jones  
Constable of Methuen

A true copy of Warrant and Return

Attest

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk.

### **Record of Annual Town Meeting, March 6, 1905**

**At meetings of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen in the County of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts held in the respective Precincts in said Town pursuant to Warrant No. 16 File 13 on Monday March sixth A.D. 1905** the qualified voters of said Town brought in their written votes for the several officers to be balloted for and on the question "Shall

licenses be granted for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors in this Town?" and the same were received sorted counted declared and registered in open Precinct meetings according to law as appears by the certified returns from said Precincts, transmitted to the Town Clerk and examined by him in conjunction with the Board of Registrars of Voters. And according to the returns the following appears as the result of the election held as aforesaid.

<b>Total</b>	<b>Prec. 1</b>	<b>Prec. 2</b>
<b>The whole number of ballots cast was</b>	903	335
1238		

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

Kirk F. Brown, 135 Broadway	568	106
674		
George Bunting, 3 Spruce St.	475	278
753		
Millard F. Emerson, 12 Barker St.	590	234
824		
J. Haskell Gordon, 80 Broadway	129	26
155		
Henry N. Hall, 25 Gage St.	448	220
668		
Blank	499	141
640		

(A recount of votes being probable no declaration of the vote was made.)

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

Joseph S. Howe, 8 Stevens St.	783	280
1063		
Blank	120	55
175		
And Joseph S. Howe was declared elected Town Clerk, Treasurer, and Collector of Taxes, and was sworn into those offices respectively.		

**For School Committee – 3 years**

Albion G. Peirce, 15 Pleasant St.	732	268
1000		

W. B. Taylor		1	1
Blank		170	67
	237		

**For Trustee Nevins Memorial – 2 years**

Lewis E. Barnes, 30 River St.	701	242
943		
Blank	202	93
295		

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

**For Auditor**

Charles H. T. Mann, 83 Prospect St.	638	231
869		
Blank	265	104
269		

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

**For Highway Surveyor**

Daniel Carter, 57 Lowell St.	443	97
540		
Robert W. Dow, 2 Richardson Ct.	436	222
658		
Blank	24	16
40		

And Robert W. Dow was declared elected Highway Surveyor, and was sworn.

**For Tree Warden**

Alfred H. Wagland, 32 Annis St.	653	262
915		
Blank	250	73
323		

And Alfred H. Wagland was declared elected Tree Warden.

**For Water Commissioner – 3 years**

Walter W. Coe, 57 Centre St.	89	66
155		
James O. Parker, 82 Union St.	179	34
213		

John C. Sanborn, 158 Broadway	555	194
749		
Blank	80	41
121		
And John C. Sanborn was declared elected Water Commissioner for 3 years and sworn.		

### **For Water Commissioner – 1 year**

Henry Arnold, 4 Pleasant St.	332	110
442		
George W. Copp, 10 Gage St.	300	65
365		
Fred Siles, 24 Carleton St.	107	100
207		
Blank	164	60
224		

And Henry Arnold was declared elected Water Commissioner for one year.

### **For Constables**

Joseph Cookson Jr., 5 Arnold St.	234	64
298		
Charles H. Emerson, 56 Railroad St.	597	227
826		
Albert B. Gordon, 30 Osgood St.	655	234
889		
Amos G. Jones, 64 Union St.	621	226
847		
William Moore, 30 ½ Broadway	490	235
725		
Eugene J. Murphy, 11 Oakland Ave.	238	62
300		
William J. Oliver, 8 Annis St.	587	274
861		
James C. Taylor, 45 Railroad St.	601	219
820		
Blank	1395	469
1864		

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

### **For Fence Viewers**

Frederick W. Foster, Washington St.	586	214
800		
Charles Hutchins, 32 Pelham St.	580	211
791		
S. Wesley Young, 354 Pelham St.	594	225
819		
Blank	949	355
1304		
And Frederick W. Foster (sworn), Charles Hutchins (sworn), and S. Wesley Young were declared elected Fence Viewers.		

### **License Vote**

The number of voters voting "Yes" was	277	109
386		
The number of voters voting "No" was	523	187
710		
Blank	103	39
142		

Attest

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk.

### **Recount of ballots for Selectmen, etc.**

Pursuant to a petition from ten legal voters of the Town of Methuen, alleging that they had reason to believe and did believe that the records of the election officers of Precincts 1 – 2 in said Town for the Office of Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor were erroneous, and that votes cast for Henry N. Hall had been credited to other candidates, and that some had been counted blank, and asking for a recount of the same, the Registrars of Voters of the Town of Methuen met at the Town House in said Town on Thursday March with A.D. 1905 at seven o'clock and thirty minutes p.m. and all the candidates for the above named offices having been notified of the meeting, they proceeded to open the envelopes containing the ballots cast at said election recounted the votes cast for Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor, and reported the result as follows: -

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2
<b>Total</b>		
<b>The whole number of ballots cast was</b>	903	335
1238		
<b>For Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor</b>		
Kirk F. Brown, 135 Broadway	567	106
673		
George Bunting, 3 Spruce St.	472	278
750		
Millard F. Emerson, 12 Barker St.	594	235
829		
J. Haskell Gordon, 80 Broadway	126	26
152		
Henry N. Hall, 25 Gage St.	451	220
671		
Blank	499	140
639		

And Kirk F. Brown, George Bunting and Millard F. Emerson, were declared elected Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor and were sworn into those offices respectively.

### **Record of Business Meeting, March eleventh A.D. 1905**

**In pursuance of the foregoing warrant, a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs was held in the Town Hall in said Town on Saturday the eleventh day of March A.D. 1905, at one o'clock in the afternoon, to elect the Town Officers not chosen by ballot, and to transact the business of the Annual Town Meeting.**  
 The meeting was called to order at one o'clock p.m. by Joseph S. Howe, Town Clerk, who read the warrant for the meeting.

#### **Article 1 Moderator**

The polls were opened for the choice of Moderator, the check list being used. Albion G. Peirce received twenty one votes, and Granville E. Foss thirty nine, and Granville E. Foss was elected Moderator and was sworn.

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

Article 2 **Officers not chosen by ballot as follows: -**

**Field Drivers**

James H. Smith	Wilfred E. Nowell
Benjamin Robinson	Edmund Dowding

**Surveyors of Plastering**

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

**Surveyors of Lumber**

William J. Buckley - sworn	Millard F. Emerson - sworn
George W. Copp - sworn	Charles Hutchings - sworn
Samuel Emerson	James H. Lyons - sworn
James O. Parker - sworn	Charles A. Stevens - sworn
Harry D. Kelley	

**Surveyors of Wood and Bark**

Charles A. Stevens – sworn	Frederick A. Russell – sworn
John S. Tapley	Charles E. Richardson – sworn
John Q. Hill	William J. Buckley – sworn

**Pound Keepers**

Benjamin Nice	Joseph E. Buswell
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Article 3 **Selectmen's Report**

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

Article 5 **Collection of Taxes**

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

Article 6 **Temporary Loans**

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

## Article 7

### Jury List

The Jury List reported by the Selectmen was next considered and on motion of Thomas Hayden, his name was stricken from the list, and the name of Cummings Messer substituted. The Jury List as reported and amended was then accepted, and is as follows: -

Arnold Henry, Plumber	Kimball Sylvanus G., Farmer
Austin Charles, Retired	Lazelle Henry R., Farmer
Barnes William, Retired	Low John G., Retired
Blanchard George E., Watchman	Lyman Edward E., Painter
Blodgett Willard A., Farmer	Mack Thomas, Operative
Bodwell Willard A., Farmer	Marble Leroy, Farmer
Bunting George, Wool sorter	Matthews Charles H., Agent
Colby Thomas C., Carpenter	McCrillis Ranson F.,
Insurance	
Opp George W., Retired	Merrill Joseph E., Farmer
Clark Aaron H., Editor	Miller Frederick, Farmer
Craven William H., Carpenter	Nice Benjamin, Farmer
Cox Patrick, Farmer	Peaslee Orlando A., Painter
Dumas George B., Painter	Platt James H., Operative
Dodge Selwin A., Salesman	Richardson Charles E.,
Farmer	
Doran Thomas J., Carpenter	Richardson Varnum B.,
Farmer	
Douglas C. Walter, Undertaker	Reynolds Edward P., Farmer
Dowding Harry N., Motorman	Salls James E., Farmer
Emerson J. Frank, Clerk	Sargent Walter S., Farmer
Emsley Joseph M., Insurance	Scollay Arthur L., Broker
Feeney Edward J., Coachman	Sheldon Stephen R., Wool
sorter	
Flahive Maurice, Watchman	Smith George A., Agent
Foss Granville E., Insurance	Smith James H., Nurse
Foster Frederick W., Farmer	Smith Moses G., Contractor
Garry John, Retired	Smith Nathan A., Retired

Griffin Rufus, Farmer	Smith Peter, Wool sorter
Healey George E., Retired	Stanley Robert, Bookkeeper
Hall Charles H., Gardener	Steadman William L.,
Machinist	
Hall John W., Farmer	Stevens Charles A., Farmer
Hill John Q., Job teaming	Taylor Levi W., Retired
Holman Silas L., Dry Goods	Tenney Daniel W., Retired
Homer Elisha B., Stoves & tin ware	Whittier Horace W., Farmer
Howard Leroy D., Operative	Wilkinson Fred, Wool sorter
Howe Joseph S., Civil Engineer	Wood Arthur H., Wool sorter
Jones Amos G., Janitor	Young S. Wesley, Farmer
Kellett Timothy, Warp dresser	Messer Cummings, Hatter

## Article 8

### **Report of Committees**

The **Committee on Survey of Town** reported verbally in favor of postponing any action to another year and the report was accepted.

The **Finance Committee** reported on the proper action to be taken on all articles involving expenditure of money, and report was accepted.

## Article 4

### **Appropriations**

Estimates and appropriations of money necessary were considered item by item and are as follows.

#### **For**

Supervision, teaching, janitor & fuel for schools	
\$28,700.00	
Supplies for schools	
1,800.00	
Repairs for schools	
1,500.00	
Contingencies for schools	
1,200.00	
Opening roads and sanding sidewalks (\$2,000.00 amended)	
3,000.00	
Highways and bridges	
3,000.00	
Salary highway surveyor	
1,200.00	
Macadam – (laid on table)	
Sidewalks	
1,200.00	

Edge stones & Flagging  
700.00  
Sewer department  
1,800.00  
Expense of tree warden  
500.00  
Fire Department  
3,500.00  
Town Teams  
500.00  
Street lights  
4,700.00  
Contingencies  
2,000.00  
Health Department (\$2,500.00 amended)  
4,000.00  
Police Department  
3,000.00  
Pauper Department  
3,500.00  
Soldier's Relief  
600.00  
Military Aid  
500.00  
Water for hydrants, drinking fountains, etc.  
3,000.00  
Watering streets  
200.00  
Interest on Town debt  
7,000.00  
Collection of taxes  
1,050.00  
Town Officers  
2,500.00  
Water bonds due in 1905  
2,500.00

\$83,100.00

**Article 9      Fire Department**

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

**Article 10      Dog Licenses**

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

Article 11 **Memorial Day - \$200.00**

Voted – to appropriate two hundred dollars for the purpose of decorating the graves of our Soldiers and Sailors on Memorial Day May 30, 1905, said money to be expended under the direction of William B. Greene Post 100 G.A.R.

Article 12 **Water Bonds**

Voted – to pass over Article twelve of the Warrant relating to the issue of Water Bonds.

Article 13 **Sinking Fund - \$3000.00**

Voted – to appropriate three thousand dollars to be placed in the sinking fund.

Article 14 **Macadam**

Voted – to pass over Article 14 of the Warrant.

Article 15 Voted – to pass over Article 15 of the Warrant.

Article 16 **Macadam - \$1000.00**

Voted – To establish the grade and macadamize Milk Street from Prospect Street to Short Street, and to appropriate twenty five hundred dollars for that purpose - Fifteen hundred dollars to be taken from the Excise tax and one thousand dollars to be raised by taxation.

Article 17 **Macadam**

Voted – to pass over Article 17 of the Warrant.

Article 18 **Ayer St. – \$500.00**

Voted: - to grade and drain Ayer Street and appropriate five hundred dollars for that purpose.

Article 19 **Pleasant St. - \$500.00**

Voted: - to complete the improvement on Pleasant Street and to appropriate fifteen hundred dollars for that purpose.

Article 20      **Central St. Sewer - \$100.00**

Voted – to construct a sewer and necessary catch basins on Central Street, from Cochrane Street to Pleasant Street, and appropriate one hundred dollars for that purpose.

Article 21      **Sidewalk Pleasant View St.**

Voted to pass over Article 21 of the Warrant.

Article 22      **Sewer Pelham Ave. - \$500.00**

Voted – to build a sewer on Pelham Avenue, from a point near the house of Frank McDermott to the River, a distance of about five hundred feet, and appropriate five hundred (\$500) dollars for that purpose.

Article 23      **Policeman Jackson St., etc. - \$500.00**

Voted – to provide a Policeman to patrol Jackson Street and Eastward, and to increase the appropriation for Police by the sum of five hundred dollars for that purpose, and that the time for providing patrolmen be referred to the Selectmen with full power.

Article 4      **Appropriations Sundry Votes**

Under Article 4 the following votes were passed.

Voted – that the sum of two hundred dollars of the Sidewalk Appropriation be expended in the east part of the Town.

Voted – that the tree Warden be authorized to use all the money appropriated for his department, for the destruction of the brown tail moth, if he deems it advisable to do so.

Voted – to appropriate twenty five hundred dollars for the payment of Water Bonds coming due in 1905. (This sum is in the list of appropriations on Page 403.)

Voted – that upon proper order the Town Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to pay Cameron & Watson the sum of two hundred dollars which sum by error has not been paid them on their contract for the Elizabeth Bradley School but on which contract they have given unwittingly a receipt in full. Also that the Appropriation for School Contingencies be increased from one thousand dollars to twelve hundred

dollars to cover the same. (This sum is included in the Regular appropriation on Page 403.)

Article 24 **Voting Precinct**

Voted to refer the subject matter contained in Article 24 to a Committee of three to be appointed by the Moderator, said Committee to report at the next Annual Meeting. The Moderator appointed Joseph E. Buswell, Fred Miller and George W. Tenney as that Committee.

Article 25 **Grappling Hooks**

Voted – to appropriate fifty dollars for the purposes mentioned in Article 25, and that the money be taken from the Regular Appropriation for Police.

Article 26 **Bridge Pleasant Valley**

Voted – to widen the bridge on Pleasant Valley Street between Jackson's and the old Sargent place, and appropriate fifty dollars for that purpose said sum to be taken from the regular appropriation.

Article 27 **Pauper Aid**

Voted – that the names of persons receiving aid be printed in the Annual Report and that the expenditures be itemized.

Article 28 **Z. Christopher**

Voted – that Article 28 be referred to the Selectmen with full power to settle with Mr. Christopher.

Article 29 **A. T. Jackson**

Voted – that Article 29 be referred to the Selectmen, with full power to settle with Mr. Jackson.

Article 30 **Sewer**

Voted – to pass over Article 30 of the Warrant.

Article 31 **J. Robie**

Voted – to pass over Article 31 of the Warrant.

Article 32 **By-Law**

Voted – to amend Section 23 of the By-Laws of the Town, by striking out therefrom the words “The Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, and Overseers of the Poor, Chairman of the School Committee, Chairman of the Water Commissioners, Chief of the Fire Department and nine other legal voters” and inserting in place thereof the words, “thirteen legal voters”, so that the section will read

Section 23. There shall be a Financial Committee consisting of thirteen legal voters, who shall hold no other Town Office, and who shall be appointed by the Town Meeting for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of January and who shall serve without pay. Said Committee shall consider all articles in the warrant calling for an appropriation of money, and shall give at least one public hearing to parties interested, before any Town meeting, and shall report thereon at the Town Meeting. They shall have power to fill vacancies in the Committee.

Article 33 **Vine St.**

Voted – to discontinue the east end of Vine Street from land of Edward F. Searles, easterly, to the end of said Vine Street about one hundred and twenty three feet.

At this point it was voted to adjourn the meeting for one week, until Saturday, March 18 at two o’clock p.m.

Attest

Jos. S. Howe – Town  
Clerk.

**Record of Adjourned Town Meeting – March 18, 1905**

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

Mr. Craven moved that the vote whereby Article 12 of the Warrant was voted to be passed over, be reconsidered. After considerable debate, the vote was taken by show of hands and the motion was lost – 56 persons voting in the affirmative and 32 in the negative – a two thirds vote being required for passage.

Article 34 **Brown Tail Moth - \$300.00**

Voted – to appropriate three hundred dollars for the Methuen Improvement Society, one hundred and fifty five dollars to be paid the Society for expenses already incurred and the balance to be used if necessary to exterminate the Brown Tail Moth.

**Article 35      New Road**

After considerable discussion, two gentlemen from Dracut having been invited to address the meeting, the whole subject was referred to the Finance Committee to report at a future meeting.

**Article 36      Fire Hose - \$300.00**

Voted – to purchase five hundred feet of hose, and to appropriate three hundred dollars for that purpose.

**Article 37      Fire Alarm - \$300.00**

Voted – to repair the Fire Alarm and replace Poles, and appropriate three hundred dollars for that purpose.

**Article 38      Hose and Hose Carriage**

Voted – to purchase five hundred feet of linen hose, and a Hose Carriage, to be located near house of Joseph E. Buswell and appropriate one hundred and fifty dollars for that purpose.

**Article 34      Brown Tail Moth - \$300.00**

Voted – to appropriate three hundred dollars for the Methuen Improvement Society, one hundred and fifty five dollars to be paid the Society for expenses already incurred and the balance to be used, if necessary, to exterminate the Brown Tail Moth.

**Article 35      New Road**

After considerable discussion, two gentlemen from Dracut having been invited to address the meeting, the whole subject was referred to the Finance Committee to report at a future meeting.

**Article 36      Fire Hose - \$300.00**

Voted – to purchase five hundred feet of hose, and to appropriate three hundred dollars for that purpose.

Article 37 **Fire Alarm - \$300.00**

Voted – to repair the Fire Alarm and replace Poles and appropriate three hundred dollars for that purpose.

Article 38 **Hose and Hose Carriage - \$150.00**

Voted – to purchase five hundred feet of linen hose and a Hose Carriage to be located near house of Joseph E. Buswell and appropriate one hundred and fifty dollars for that purpose.

Article 39 **Hose Cart House**

Voted to provide a suitable house for the Hose Cart now located on Miller Street and to appropriate twenty five dollars for that purpose; said sum to be taken from the regular appropriation for the Fire Department.

Article 40 **Ashland Ave.**

Voted – to accept Ashland Avenue as laid out by the Selectmen, between Almont St. and Lowell St.

Article 41 **Summit Ave.**

Voted – to accept a street to be known as Summit Avenue running from Stevens Street to Cochrane Street.

Article 42 **Broadhead**

Voted – to pass over Article 42 of the Warrant.

Article 43 **Mill St.**

Voted – to change the name of “Mill Street” to “Salem Road”.

Articles 45 **Street Lights - \$158.00**

46,49,50,

51,55,53,54

Articles 45, 46, 49, 50, 51 and 55 were reported on favorably by the Finance Committee, and were referred to the old Committee on Street Lighting, with full power, and the sum of one hundred and fifty eight dollars was appropriated to enable the committee to carry out the purpose of this vote. The Committee consists of the following persons: Alfred Sagar, Joseph E. Buswell, George W. Tenney, Jacob Emerson and George McLane.

Articles 53 & 54 were referred to the Lighting Committee.

Articles 44 **Street Lights**

47 and 52

Articles 44, 47 and 52 were passed over.

## Article 48 Street Light

Voted – to move the street light from its present location near what is known as the Crowther Cider Mill on Lowell Street, to the corner of Closson and Lowell Streets and that the cost thereof be taken from the regular appropriation for Street Lights.

## Article 56

## Road Roller

Voted – to pass over Article 56 of the Warrant.

Voted – that when the meeting adjourns, it adjourn to meet at this place three weeks from today, April eighth at two o'clock p.m.

Voted – that the Selectmen, Water Commissioners, and School Committee's Reports, they to charge a proportionate part to each department.

Voted – that all contracts hereafter made by the Town of Methuen calling for an appropriation of one hundred dollars or more, shall be submitted to the public for competitive bids, and the contract awarded to the lowest responsible bidder.

A motion was made and carried to take up the item of appropriation for Macadam, which had been laid upon the table. Pending action on this item, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting, and the meeting was adjourned to meet again at this place April 8<sup>th</sup> at two o'clock p.m.

Attest Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk.

## **Adjourned Meeting – April 8, 1905.**

**The Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen met at the Town Hall, this day, according to adjournment, the Moderator in the Chair.**

## Macadam

The first business considered was the unfinished action on the appropriation for Macadam. After some debate it was voted to appropriate the sum of fifteen hundred dollars for repairs on Macadam and that this sum be taken from the excise tax.

## Opening Roads

Voted: - to increase the appropriation for Opening Roads by the addition of one thousand dollars – making the appropriation three thousand instead of two thousand as voted at a previous meeting.

### **Health Appropriation**

It was stated to the meeting, that a suit of the City of Lawrence for expenses paid in a case of small pox, which suit had gone to the Supreme Court, had been decided against the Town and that Methuen must pay the bill. It was thereupon voted to add fifteen hundred dollars to the Appropriation for the Health Department – making the appropriation four thousand dollars, instead of twenty five hundred as first voted, the cost of the suit to be paid from that appropriation.

Article 35

### **New Road**

The Finance Committee to who had been referred, Article 35 reported verbally that no action be taken, and the report was accepted. Article 35, being under consideration, Mr. Sawyer moved to amend by striking out the words “To Lowell Street” and inserting the words “to Dooley’s Turnout (so called) and thence northerly to Lowell Street to the head of Ferry Lane (so called) and appropriate sixteen hundred dollars for the same” and the amendment was adopted. A vote was then taken on the adoption of the Article as amended and was lost. The vote being 19 Yeas to 41 Noes. Mr. Sawyer then moved the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved: that it is the sense of this meeting, that the river road route is preferable to the North Lowell Street route for a highway and it was adopted by a unanimous vote.

A motion that the Selectmen be instructed to withdraw the petition for a State Road by the North Lowell Street route was lost: the vote being 19 in favor to 41 opposed.

### **Wages for Opening Roads**

Voted – that the pay for opening roads be one dollar and seventy five cents per day for laborers and four dollars per day for pair of horses and driver.

Voted: that the numbers of the Finance Committee be chosen by nomination from the floor and the following named persons were appointed.

James H. Lyons, Albert J. Richardson, John Q. Hill, James O. Parker, Daniel W. Tenney, Fred Miller, Charles M. Sawyer, Edward A. Bower,

Christopher Harris, George W. Tenney, George B. Dumas, Jacob Emerson, Edwin J. Castle.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby it was voted to fix the wages for opening roads and was made and lost – 15 to 39.

Mr. Gaunt moved to reconsider the vote, where by it was voted to pass over Article 30 of the Warrant. The motion was lost 32 voting in favor and 18 against – a two thirds vote being required.

It was then voted to adjourn without delay.

Attest Jos. J. Howe – Town Clerk.  
**Methuen, March**  
**13, 1905**

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

Joseph S. Howe, Town Clerk.

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

### **Warrant for Special Town Meeting – File 13 No. 17**

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

#### **Greeting: -**

In the name of the Commonwealth  
of Massachusetts, you are hereby required forthwith to notify the  
inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in elections and  
Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Saturday the  
seventeenth (17) day of June next at three (3) o'clock in the afternoon then  
and there to act on the following articles, viz.: -

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

Article 2 By request of H. F. Albezette and others, to see if the Town will vote to  
lay a water pipe in Ayer Street, and appropriate the sum of two thousand  
dollars (\$2000) for the same.

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

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

Millard F. Emerson      Selectmen  
Kirk F. Brown      } of  
George Bunting      Methuen

### **Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**Essex SS: -**

**June 10, 1905**

**Methuen,**

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

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts I have notified and warned the inhabitants of Methuen qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet as within directed by posting up attested printed copies of this warrant at the Town House and in public places in each of the voting precincts eight days before said meeting. I have also caused to be printed in the Methuen Transcript for two successive weeks an attested copy of this warrant, the last publication not less than one day before said meeting.

Amos G. Jones – Constable of  
Methuen.

A true copy of Warrant and Return  
Jos. S. Howe, Town Clerk.

### **Record of Special Town Meeting, June 17<sup>th</sup> 1905**

**A meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs was held at the Town Hall in said Town, on Saturday, June seventeenth A.D. 1905 at three o'clock p.m. pursuant to Warrant No. 17 File 13.** The meeting was called to order at the time appointed by Joseph S. Howe, Town Clerk who read the warrant under which the meeting was called.

Article 1      **Moderator**

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

Article 2      **Water Pipe Ayer St.**

A motion was made to appropriate two thousand dollars for the purpose of laying a water pipe in Ayer St.

After considerable discussion, a vote was taken and the motion was lost by vote of 10 yes to 13 no.

No other business appearing the meeting adjourned.

Attest Jos. J. Howe, Town Clerk

**Warrant for State Election, November seventh 1905 – File 13 No. 18**

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**Essex SS:**

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

**Greeting:**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified by law to vote in Election of State, District, and County Officers, to meet and assemble at the designated polling places of Precincts one and two namely the Town Hall in Voting Precinct One and the basement of the Arlington School in Voting Precinct Two, on Tuesday the seventh day of November next at five forty five (5-45) o'clock in the forenoon to bring in to the Election Officers their votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, Attorney General, Councilor, Senator, Representatives in General Court, and County Commissioner. All to be voted for on one ballot. The polls may be closed at four o'clock p.m. Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon to the Selectmen. Given under our hands and the seal of the Town of Methuen this twenty fourth day of October in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and five.

Millard F. Emerson      Selectmen  
Kirk F. Brown            } of  
George Bunting            Methuen

**Constable's Return**  
**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**Essex SS: -**

**Oct. 25 1905.**

**Methuen,**

To the Board of Selectmen of Methuen,

**Greeting: -** In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified by law to vote in elections of State District and County Officers, to meet as within directed by posting up attested printed copies of this warrant at the Town House and in each of the voting precincts, eight days before said meeting.

Amos G. Jones – Constable of  
Methuen

A true copy of Warrant and return.

Attest, - Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

### **Record of State Election, November seventh 1905**

**At meetings of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen in the County of Essex, held in the respective Precincts in said Town, pursuant to Warrant No. 18 File 13, on Tuesday**

**November seventh A.D. 1905,** the qualified voters of said Town brought in their written votes for the several officers to be balloted for, and the same were received, sorted, counted, declared and registered in open Precinct meetings, according to law, as appears by the certified returns from said Precincts, transmitted to the Town Clerk and examined by the Selectmen and Town Clerk and according to said returns, the following is the result of the election held as aforesaid.

	<b>Precinct 1</b>	<b>Precinct 2</b>
<b>Total</b>		
<b>The whole number of ballots cast was</b>	724	307
1031		
<b>For Governor</b>		
Charles W. Bartlett of Boston (Democratic)	145	70
215		
James F. Carey of Haverhill (Socialist)	39	19
58		

William H. Carroll of Boston (Socialist Labor)	2	7
9		
Curtis Guild Jr. of Boston (Republican)	498	206
704		
Willard O. Wylie of Beverly (Prohibition)	6	12
18		
Blank	4	23
27		

### **For Lieutenant Governor**

Thomas F. Brennan of Salem	9	3
12		
Eben S. Draper of Hopedale	485	207
692		
Patrick Mahoney of Boston	37	17
54		
John H. Smith of Dalton	15	6
21		
Henry M. Whitney of Brookline	145	71
216		
Blank	33	3
36		

### **For Secretary**

Charles C. Hitchcock of Ware	39	22
61		
Jonathan S. Lewis of Stoneham	21	12
33		
Henry B. Little of Newbury	109	37
146		
William M. Olin of Boston	501	217
718		
Moritz E. Ruther of Holyoke	7	3
10		
Blank	47	16
63		

### **County Commissioner**

Charles S. Grieves of Amesbury	42	26
68		
Moody Kimball of Newburyport	414	191
605		

James O. Parker of Methuen	238	81
319		
Blank	20	9
39		

### **For Treasurer**

Christopher D. Albro of Milford	19	10
29		
David S. Brodeur of Brockton	43	20
63		
Arthur B. Chapin of Holyoke	511	218
729		
Joav Claudino of New Bedford	7	3
10		
Daniel F. Doherty of Westfield	102	34
136		
Blank	42	22
64		

### **For Auditor**

Patrick J. Ashe of North Adams	101	32
133		
Herbert B. Griffin of Boston	22	10
32		
E. O. Fredrik Hanson of Medford	12	4
16		
Ambrose Miles of Lynn	38	20
58		
Henry E. Turner of Malden	503	219
722		
Blank	48	22
70		

### **Attorney General**

Allen Coffin of Nantucket	26	15
41		
Henry C. Hess of Boston	10	4
14		
John P. Leahy of Boston	114	41
155		
Dana Malone of Greenfield	477	204
681		
John Weaver Sherman of Boston	48	22
70		

Blank	49	21
70		

### **Councilor – Sixth District**

Alfred E. Cox of Malden	525	232
757		
George W. Enwright of Lowell	115	37
152		
Wilbur R. Hatch of Malden	45	20
65		
Blank	39	18
57		

### **Senator – Fifth Essex District**

Louis S. Cox of Lawrence	557	229
786		
Simon B. Ryan of Lawrence	103	42
145		
Fred Tepper of Lawrence	44	21
65		
Blank	20	15
35		

### **Representatives in General Court – Sixth Essex**

William Andrew of Methuen	36	27
63		
Edward A. Bower of Methuen	496	237
733		
J. Haskell Gordon of Methuen	157	45
202		
Joseph Mosler of Lawrence	33	16
49		
Emil J. Muehlig of Lawrence	441	188
629		
Oscar Starke of Lawrence	117	39
156		
Blank	62	168
230		

Attest –

Jos. S. Howe, Town Clerk.

**Recount of Ballots, Nov. 14, 1905**

Pursuant to a petition from ten legal voters of the Town of Methuen, alleging  
that they had reason to  
believe that the returns of the election officers of said Town, of the votes cast at  
the State Election  
held November seventh A.D. 1905 are erroneous, and that they deemed them in  
error in the following  
particulars, namely: - that Eben S. Draper of Hopedale was credited with more,  
and Henry M.  
Whitney of Brookline with less votes than were actually cast for them and asking  
for a recount of the  
same – the Registrars of Voters of the Town of Methuen met at the Selectmen's  
Room in the Town  
House, on Tuesday, November fourteenth, at seven o'clock and thirty minutes  
p.m. and, - all the  
candidates for Lieutenant Governor having been notified in writing of the  
meeting, they proceeded to  
open the envelopes containing the ballots cast at said election, recounted the  
votes cast for Lieutenant  
Governor and reported the result as follows: -

	Precinct 1	Precinct 2
<b>Total</b>		
<b>For Lieutenant Governor</b>		
Thomas F. Brennan of Salem	9	3
12		
Eben S. Draper of Hopedale	485	207
692		
Patrick Mahoney of Boston	39	17
56		
John H. Smith of Dalton	15	6
21		
Henry M. Whitney of Brookline	142	71
213		
Blank	34	3
37		

The ballots were then replaced in the envelopes from which they were taken and  
resealed. The  
candidates were represented by the Chairmen of the respective Town  
committees.

Attest

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk.

# **Warrant for Special Town Meeting – File 13 No. 19**

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

## Article 1      Moderator

To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

## Article 2      **Central Grammar School**

By request of the School Committee and others to see what action the Town will take in regard to the acceptance of the New Central Grammar School Building by a deed of gift from Mr. Edward F. Searles.

### Article 3      **High School Building, etc.**

To see what further action the Town will take concerning the acceptance of the New High School Building, already deeded by the same donor.

## Article 4 School Lot

To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to transfer by deed, to Mr. Edward F. Searles, the real estate belonging to the Town, adjacent to the new Central Grammar School Building, and take such further action in this matter as may be required.

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

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

(Seal)

## Selectmen

Methuen

Millard F. Emerson

Kirk F. Brown      } of  
George Bunting

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Essex SS: -

Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> 1905

Methuen,

To Joseph S. Howe, Town Clerk,

**Greeting: -**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts I have notified and warned  
the Inhabitants of the  
Town of Methuen, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet as  
within directed by  
posting up attested printed copies of this warrant at the Town House and in  
public places in each of  
the voting precincts eight days before said meeting. I have also caused to be  
printed in the Methuen  
Transcript for two successive weeks, an attested copy of the Warrant; the last  
publication not less than  
one day 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.

### Record of Special Town Meeting, Nov. 9, 1905

**A meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in  
elections and in Town  
affairs was held at the Town Hall in said Town, on Thursday November  
ninth, A.D. 1905, at  
eight o'clock p.m. pursuant to Warrant No. 19 File 13.** The meeting was  
called to order at the time  
named in the Warrant by Joseph S. Howe, Town Clerk who read the warrant  
under which the meeting  
was held.

#### Article 1      **Moderator**

Granville E. Foss was chosen Moderator and was sworn.

#### Article 2      **Central Grammar School Committeeman**

Mr. Hartshorne, Chairman of the School Committee offered the following  
Resolutions, which were adopted by a unanimous vote.

“Whereas, for High Schools the State’s mandate is qualified, for the Grammar and Primary grades, - within age limits, - it is absolute. The call to our children from the one is “you may”; from the other “you must”. The obligation upon the Town for care and support of each is alike in kind, if not in degree. Fortunate is Methuen; therefore, in possessing a citizen with disposition and ability to aid alike by his fortune, taste and care, not so much in rendering our burden lighter as in making conditions for education more perfect than the Town alone could ever hope to make them.

To this end the newly constructed Central Grammar School contributes in no small degree. A building less ornate than the High School, but no less well designed for the purpose; eminently practical in every detail, it bears the impress of the mastermind.

Be it therefore Resolved, that we, the citizens of Methuen, in Town meeting assembled, do gratefully accept the tender of this building by deed of gift from Mr. Edward F. Searles, and that this resolution be spread upon the records of the Town, and the School Committee be, and is hereby instructed to prepare and present to Mr. Searles an appropriately engrossed copy thereof duly attested by the Town Clerk, Selectmen, and School Committee.

Done at Methuen, this ninth day of November Nineteen Hundred and Five.

### Article 3

#### **High School Building**

Mr. Hartshorne, Chairman of School Committee offered the following Resolutions, which were unanimously adopted. “Whereas, in the colonial days of sixteen hundred and thirty-six, by a “vote of four hundred pounds to found a college, Massachusetts was the first commonwealth in history to appropriate public funds for educational purposes, which grant was two years later augmented by half the fortune of John Harvard, thus founding Harvard University, and Whereas, during the more than two and a half intervening centuries not only has that institution flourished and grown great, but public education itself has ever been regarded as the bulwark of the state, and high minded, public spirited, well endowed citizens have, ever and anon, come forward with their wealth to develop and expand the opportunity demanded by the state, of each community for the education of its youth,

So now our Town of Methuen has in these latter days been greatly honored by a wealthy son, not only by the gift of a magnificent home for our High School, but by the love and care which the further possibilities of this building imply. If a think of beauty be a joy forever, then great

should be our joy and his, for not only is this building beautiful but it is built to endure the ravages of time. Now therefore be it Resolved by the Citizens of Methuen in Town Meeting assembled, that to Edward F. Searles, the donor, there is now, and shall ever be due a debt of appreciation and gratitude not to be expressed in words, and that we commend to our children, and our children's children, in the use of such riches as God and their own efforts may endow them with, a like spirit of disposal.

Be it further provided that this resolution be spread upon the records of the Town, and that the School Committee be and is hereby instructed to prepare and present to Mr. Searles an appropriately engrossed copy thereof, duly attested by the Town Clerk, Selectmen and School Committee.

Done at Methuen this ninth day of November nineteen hundred and five.

Article 4

### **School House Lot**

Voted: - by unanimous vote, that the Selectmen be authorized to transfer by deed to Mr. Edward F. Searles the real estate belonging to the Town adjacent to the new Central Grammar School Building, and that the Selectmen be authorized to sign said deed in behalf of the Town.

No further business appearing, it was voted to dissolve the meeting.

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

### **Record of Meeting of City & Town Clerks – Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> 1905**

**City of Lawrence,  
Mass.**  
**City Clerk's Office, Nov.  
17, 1905**

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

seventh, A.D. 1905.

	Methuen	Ward 1			Ward 2			Prec.
		Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Prec. 4	Prec. 5	Prec. 6	
		1	Prec. 2	Total				
	William Andrew, Methuen	40	24	60	8	12	23	36
	27 230							
237	Edward A. Bower, Methuen	210	129	239	150	114	228	496
	1803							
	J. Haskell Gordon, Methuen	96	192	91	136	238	226	157
	45 1181							
16	Joseph Mosler, Lawrence	46	26	78	7	13	25	33
	244							
188	Emil J. Muehlig, Lawrence	219	137	293	138	111	236	441
	1763							
	Oscar Starke, Lawrence	156	229	144	149	270	292	117
	39 1396							
168	Blanks	87	101	71	86	76	84	62
	715							

The whole number of ballots was – Lawrence 5270 – Methuen 2062  
 In accordance with the foregoing returns certificates of election were this day  
 issued to the two  
 persons having the highest number of votes for Representatives in the General  
 Court for the Sixth  
 Essex District, to wit: -

Edward A. Bower of Methuen  
 And  
 Emil J. Muehlig of Lawrence

Attest Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk.

## 1906

### Warrant for Annual Town Meeting 1906 – File 13 No. 20

Essex SS: -

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

**Greeting:** - In the name of the Commonwealth of  
 Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants  
 of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs, to  
 meet and assemble at the designated polling places of Precinct One and  
 Two namely: - the Town Hall in voting Precinct One, and the basement of  
 the Arlington School-house in voting Precinct Two, on Monday the fifth  
 day of March next at five forty five o'clock in the forenoon to bring into  
 the Election officers their votes for Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector of

Taxes, Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, Highway Surveyor, one School Committeeman to serve three (3) years in place of Wm. D. Hartshorne, one Water Commissioner to serve three years in place of Henry Arnold, one Trustee of Nevins Memorial to serve two (2) years in place of Guy W. Currier, on Tree Warden to serve one (1) year in place of Alfred H. Wagland, Constables, Auditors, Fence Viewers, and "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town?" All to be voted for on one ballot. The polls may be closed at four (4) o'clock p.m. Also to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Saturday the tenth day of March next at one (1) o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles viz.:

- Article 1 To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- Article 2 To elect all Town Officers not required to be chosen by ballot.
- Article 3 To hear the Annual Report of the Selectmen and act thereon.
- Article 4 To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations for the same.
- Article 5 To determine the manner of collecting taxes the ensuing year and act thereon as the Town may think proper.
- Article 6 To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer with approval of the Selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of taxes of the current municipal year, and to issue notes of the Town therefore.
- Article 7 To see if the Town will vote to approve and accept the list of jurors prepared by the Selectmen for the ensuing year.
- Article 8 To hear reports of Committees and act thereon.
- Article 9 To determine what compensation the Town will grant the members of the Fire Department for their services the ensuing year.
- Article 10 To determine the manner of appropriating the amount received from dog taxes, in accordance with Chapter 102, Section 163 of the Revised Laws.
- Article 11 By request of William B. Greene Post No. 100 G.A.R., to see if the Town will vote to appropriate two hundred (\$200) dollars for decorating the graves of our soldiers and sailors on Memorial Day, May 30, 1906, said money to be expended under the direction of the above Post.

Article 12 By request of John Gordon and others, to see if the Town will vote to macadamize Union Street, from Railroad Street to Oakland Avenue and make an appropriation for the same.

Article 13 By request of P. Scannell and others, to see if the Town will vote to macadamize Cross street and appropriate thirty five hundred (\$3500) dollars for the same.

Article 14 By request of Paul Roeger and others, to see if the Town will vote to macadamize Pleasant Valley Street from Merrimack Street to the Knightly place, so called, and appropriate two thousand (\$2000.00) dollars for the same.

Article 15 By request of George C. Corless and others, to see if the Town will vote to Macadamize Brown Street from its intersection with Broadway to the residence of Mr. Urias Hardy, and appropriate the sum of fifteen hundred (\$1500) dollars for the same.

Article 16 By request of E. F. Searles and others, to see if the Town will vote to macadamize Carleton Street from its intersection with Centre Street to Brown Street, and appropriate the sum of one thousand (\$1000.00) dollars for the same.

Article 17 By request of Eben Hill and others, to see if the Town will vote to continue the macadamizing of Milk Street to Pleasant Valley Street and appropriate the sum of three thousand (\$3000.00) dollars for the same.

Article 18 By request of Joseph Gross and others, to see if the Town will vote to instruct the Water Commissioners to continue the water service from the Carleton Place on Merrimack Street to Combination Street.

Article 19 By request of Karl Teicher and others, to see if the Town will vote to lay water pipe on Alvin Street.

Article 20 By request of the Water Commissioners to see if the Town will vote to install a new pump at the Pumping Station and repair the old pump and make an appropriation for the same.

Article 21 By request of the Water Commissioners, to see if the Town will vote to appropriate thirty five hundred (\$3500.00) dollars to be placed in the Sinking Fund.

Article 22 By request of Paul Roeger and others, to see if the Town will vote to lay water pipes to the School House in Pleasant Valley and make an appropriation for the same.

Article 23 By request of Robert Webb and others, to see if the Town will vote to lay water pipe on Webb Street, and appropriate nine hundred (\$900.00) dollars for the same.

Article 24 By request of George W. Barnes and others, to see if the Town will vote to place a fire alarm box at the corner of Stevens and Central Streets, and appropriate one hundred and twenty five (\$125.00) dollars for the same.

Article 25 By request of the Board of Fire Engineers, to see if the Town will vote to purchase a three-horse hitch and appropriate the sum of five hundred (\$500.00) dollars for the same.

Article 26 By request of Arthur Redford and others, to see if the Town will vote to place a fire alarm box at the corner of Myrtle and Tyler Streets, and make an appropriation for the same.

Article 27 By request of Alfred Griffiths and others, to see if the Town will vote to install seven (7) incandescent electric lights to be located as follows: - one at the corner of Ayer and Merrimack Streets. One at the corner of Riverdale and Merrimack Streets. One at the corner of Booth Road and Merrimack Street. Two to be placed at suitable distances apart on Ayer Street. Two to be placed at suitable distances apart on Riverdale Street.

Article 28 By request of E. A. Archibald and others, to see if the Town will vote to erect and maintain a street light on the corner of Cochrane and Exit Streets, and appropriate twenty five (25.00) dollars for the same.

Article 29 By request of C. H. Wilkinson and others, to see if the Town will vote to erect and maintain a street light on Maplewood Avenue and make an appropriation for the same.

Article 30 By request of Moses G. Smith and others, to see if the Town will vote to erect and maintain five incandescent street lights to be located one at Barker's Corner one at Smith's Corner, one at the corner of Forest and Lowell Streets, one at Griffin's Corner, and one between Barker's Corner and Forest Street and appropriate one hundred and twenty five (\$125.00) for the same.

Article 31 By request of George E. Healey and others, to see if the Town will vote to locate and maintain a street light on Arnold Street opposite May Court and appropriate twenty five (\$25.00) dollars for the same.

Article 32 By request of Robert Webb and others, to see if the Town will vote to erect and maintain a street light on Webb Street and make an appropriation for the same.

Article 33 By request of Paul Loeffler and others, to see if the Town will vote to establish and maintain an incandescent Street light at the junction of Merrimack and Combination Streets and make an appropriation for the same.

Article 34 By request of P. J. Dooley and others, to see if the Town will vote to widen, grade and gravel the Lowell Road from where the macadam stops, at the foot of Dowding Hill, to the Dracut line and appropriate seven hundred (\$700.00) dollars for the same.

Article 35 By request of P. J. Dooley and others, to see if the Town will vote to lower the culvert near the Charles Allen place on the Lowell road, and appropriate fifty (\$50.00) dollars for the same.

Article 36 By request of Fred W. Stowers and others, to see if the Town will vote to furnish a night patrolman for Arnold Street and appropriate a sum of money for the same.

Article 37 By request of Edward E. Lyman and others to see if the Town will vote to direct the Overseers of the Poor to employ a resident physician and surgeon for the ensuing year, at the fixed sum named in the lowest competitive sealed bid, provided more than one bid is made, to treat all persons (except small pox patients), who are receiving aid from the Town and require medical or surgical treatment, and to furnish all medicine needed in said treatment.

Article 38 By request of Henry Burniston and others, to see if the Town will vote to abolish the Board of Water Commissioners of the Town, and place the duties of the same in the hands of the Selectmen of the Town.

Article 39 By request of Henry Griffin, to see if the Town will vote to bear expense of laying a wall and grading the same, on the west side of Griffin's Bridge on Lowell Street, and appropriate two hundred (\$200.00) dollars for the same.

Article 40 By request of Joseph Stringer and others, to see if the Town will vote to accept the street known as "Booth Road" from Merrimack Street to the Elizabeth Bradley school, and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars to put the sidewalk and road in good condition.

Article 41 By request of Silas L. Holman and others, to see if the Town will vote to extend the sewer through William Street from Central to Walnut Street and appropriate eight hundred (\$800.00) dollars for the same.

Article 42 By request of Robert W. Dow and others, to see if the Town will vote to build a shed at the Central Fire Station, and appropriate five hundred and fifty (\$550.00) dollars for the same.

Article 43 By request of Robert W. Dow and others, to see if the Town will vote to buy a new steamroller, and appropriate three thousand (\$3000.00) dollars for the same.

Article 44 By request of Robert W. Dow and others, to see if the Town will vote to purchase a pair of horses for Town use, and appropriate five hundred (\$500.00) dollars for the same.

Article 46 By request of Mrs. David Nevins and others, to see if the Town will vote to extend the water system from its present terminus at the junction of Broadway and Hampshire Streets, through Hampshire Street to the Salem line, and make an appropriation for the same, said petitioners guaranteeing 4 per cent on the outlay as required by the Town.

Article 47 By request of John D. Emerson and others, to see if the Town will vote to construct a sewer with the necessary catch basins to convey away the water in Central and Park Streets and appropriate the sum of twenty five hundred (\$2500.00) dollars for the same.

Article 48 By request of Joseph E. Buswell and others to see if the Town will vote to macadamize Brook Street from the house of Joseph E. Buswell to Jackson Street extension, or build a sidewalk between said location, and appropriate five hundred (\$500.00) dollars for the same.

Article 49 By request of Albert J. Richardson and others, to see if the Town will vote to raise the sidewalk on Lowell Street in front of the old Engine House, and erect a suitable curbing between the sidewalk and the Boston and Northern Street Railway track, thereby keeping the water from the street from running onto the sidewalk, and appropriate five hundred (\$500.00) dollars for the same.

Article 50 To see what action, if any, the Town will take in regard to a hearing to be given by the County Commissioners at the Court House in Lawrence, on Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at ten o'clock a.m. on petition of P. J. Dooley and others, that a highway be laid out, straightened, widened and relocated from a point easterly of the division line between the Towns of Dracut and Methuen, where the same is crossed by the Lowell, Lawrence & Haverhill Street Railway Company, at Dooley's turnout so called, northeasterly, through land of one Dooley, to the highway leading from Lawrence to Lowell.

Article 51 By request of Almina Stapner and others to see if the Town will vote to accept Alvin Street as laid out by the Selectmen; said Alvin Street, now a private way, forty feet wide, running southeasterly about six hundred feet from the easterly line of Merrimack Street.

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

Given under our hands and the Seal of the Town of Methuen this twenty second day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and six.

Millard F. Emerson  
Selectmen  
Kirk F. Brown                   } of  
George Bunting  
Methuen

**Constable's Return  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**Essex SS:**  
**Methuen, Feb. 24, 1906**

To Joseph S. Howe – Town Clerk.

**Greeting:** - In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of Methuen, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet as within directed, by posting up attested printed copies of this warrant at the Town House and in public places in each of the voting precincts, eight days before said meeting.

Amos G. Jones, Constable of  
Methuen

The foregoing is a true copy of the Warrant and the Constable's Return

Attest,                   Jos. J. Howe, Town Clerk.

**Record of Annual Town Meeting, March fifth 1906**

**At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen, in the County of Essex and**

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts, held in the respective Precincts in said Town, pursuant to Warrant No. 20 File 13 on Monday March fifth A.D. 1906,** the qualified voters of said Town brought in their written votes for the several officers to be balloted for, and on the question "Shall Licenses be granted for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors in this Town?" and the same were received, sorted, counted declared and registered in open Precinct meetings, according to law, as appears by the certified returns from said Precincts, transmitted to the Town Clerk and examined by him in conjunction with the Board of Registrars of Voters.

And according to the returns, the following appears as the result of the election held as aforesaid.

	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Total
<b>The whole number of ballots cast was</b>	664	251	915
<b>For Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of Poor</b>			
Kirk F. Brown – 135 Broadway	532	197	729
George Bunting – 11 Annis	506	213	719
Millard F. Emerson – 12 Barker	503	200	702
Blank	451	143	594

And Kirk F. Brown, George Bunting and Millard F. Emerson were declared elected Selectmen, Assessors & Overseers of Poor and were sworn into those offices.

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

Joseph S. Howe – 8 Stevens St.	548	208	756
Blank	116	43	159

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

**For School Committee – 3 years**

Perley D. Smith – 31 Prospect St.	509	191	700
Blank	154	60	214
Perley D. Sawyer	1		1

And Perley D. Smith was declared elected School Committee for three years.

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

Guy W. Currier – Merrimack St.	481	173	654
Blank	183	78	261

And Guy W. Currier was declared elected Trustee of Nevins Memorial for two years.

**For Auditor**

Charles H. T. Mann – 83 Prospect St.	429	153	582
Blank	235	98	333

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

**For Highway Surveyor**

Robert W. Dow – 2 Richardson Ct.	541	217	758
Blank	122	34	156

And Robert W. Dow was declared elected Highway Surveyor and was sworn.

**For Tree Warden**

Alfred H. Wagland – 99 Broadway	461	186	647
Blank	203	65	268

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

**For Water Commissioner – 3 years**

James O. Parker – 82 Union St.	318	93	411
William Taylor – 66 Lowell St.	323	144	467
Blank	23	14	37

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

**For Constables**

Andrew Bradley – 42 Hampshire St.	145	47	192
Charles H. Emerson – 56 Railroad	438	168	606
Albert B. Gordon – 25 Gage St.	464	187	651
Amos G. Jones – 64 Union St.	460	179	639
William Moore – 43 Tenney St.	359	162	521
Eugene Murphy – 11 Oakland Ave.	160	59	219
William J. Oliver – 8 Annis St.	439	209	648
James C. Taylor – 45 Railroad St.	450	174	624
Blank	1069	321	1390

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

### For Fence Viewers

Frederick W. Foster – Washington St.	435	137	572
Charles Hutchins – 32 Pelham St.	439	159	598
S. Wesley Young – 354 Pelham St.	433	142	575
Blank	685	315	1000

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

### On Question

“Shall Licenses be granted for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors in this Town?”			
The number of voters voting “Yes” was	198	78	276
The number of voters voting “No” was	383	145	528
Blank	83	28	111

Attest

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

### Record of Business Meeting March tenth 1906

**In pursuance of the foregoing warrant, a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs was held in the Town Hall in said Town, on Saturday the tenth day of March A.D. 1906, at one o’clock in the afternoon, to elect the Town**

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

## Article 1 Moderator

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

## Article 2      **Officers not chosen by Ballot**

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

## Field Drivers

George A. Brown      James H. Smith      Harry Ankers

## **Surveyors of Plastering**

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

## **Surveyors of Lumber**

William J. Buckley      George W. Copp, sworn      James O.  
Parker, sworn      Millard F. Emerson, sworn      Charles Hutchings, sworn  
James H. Lyons, sworn  
Charles A. Stevens

## **Surveyors of Wood and Bark**

Charles A. Stevens      Frederick A. Russell, sworn  
Charles E. Richardson, sworn      William J. Buckley

## Pound Keepers

Benjamin Nice Joseph E. Buswell

## Article 3 Selectmen's Report

The Annual Report of the Selectmen had been printed and distributed among the voters and was received and accepted without inquiry or discussion.

Article 4 Article 4 was laid on table till after report of Committee on Finance.

Article 5 **Collection of Taxes**

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

Article 6 **Temporary Loans**

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

Article 7 **Jury Lists**

The Jury List being under consideration, as proposed by the Board of Selectmen, it was voted to amend by placing the name of J. Haskell Gordon on the List, and striking out the name of Arthur L. Scollay, he having removed from Town.

**List of Jurors**

Arnold Henry, Plumber	Lorenz Fred, Carpenter
Austin Charles, Retired	Low John G., Retired
Barnes William, Retired	Lowell Levi M., Salesman
Blanchard George E., Watchman	Lyman Edward E., Painter
Bodwell Willard A., Farmer	Mack Thomas, Operative
Bunting George, Wool sorter	Marble Leroy, Farmer
Colby Thomas C., Carpenter	Matthews Charles H., Agent
Copp George W., Retired	McCrillis Ransom F.,
Insurance	
Craven William H., Carpenter	Merrill Joseph E., Farmer

Cox Patrick, Farmer	Miller George Jr., Farmer
Deitrick Wesley, Bookkeeper	Muller George Jr., Farmer
Doran Thomas J., Carpenter	Moxsom James L., Janitor
Douglas C. Walter, Undertaker	Nice Benjamin, Farmer
Dow Robert W., Teamster	Peaslee Orlando A., Painter
Dowding Harry N., Motorman	Platt James H., Operative
Emerson J. Frank, Clerk	Power James, Operative
Emerson Samuel, Farmer	Richardson Charles, E.,
Farmer	
Emsley Joseph M., Insurance	Richardson Varnum B.,
Farmer	
Feeney Edward J., Coachman	Reuter Bernhard, Blacksmith
Flahive Maurice, Watchman	Reynolds Edward P.,
Blacksmith	
Foss Granville E., Insurance	Rosenberger Gustave,
Blacksmith	
Garry John, Retired	Sargent Walter S., Farmer
Griffin Rufus, Farmer	Smith George A., Agent
Gordon J. Haskell, Operative	Smith James H., Nurse
Healey George E., Retired	Smith Nathan A., Retired
Hall Charles H., Gardener	Smith Peter, Wool sorter
Hill John Q., Job Teamming	Scherig Charles G., Electric
Operative	
Holman Silas L., Dry Goods	Sillaway George W.,
Salesman	
Homer Elisha B., Stoves & Tin ware	Steadman William L.,
Machinist	
Howard Leroy D., Operative	Stevens Charles A., Farmer
Howe Joseph S., Civil Engineer	Tenney Daniel W., Retired
Jones Amos G., Janitor	Treble William, Wool sorter
Kellett Timothy, Warp dresser	Whittier Horace W., Farmer
Kimball Sylvanus G., Farmer	Wilkinson Fred, Wool sorter
Lazelle Henry R., Farmer	Wood Arthur W. Wool sorter
	Young S. Wesley, Farmer

## Article 8

### Reports of Committees

The Committee to who was referred the petition for a voting precinct in the east part of the Town presented the following report: -

Your Committee were unable to find any suitable place already erected and centrally located that could be adapted for the purpose at issue. The cost of erecting a portable or permanent booth, sufficiently large for the accommodation of the legal voters and election officers would cost, approximately \$150.00.

The number of voters who would be directly convened would not exceed fifty or seventy five, while the total number convened would not exceed one hundred and twenty five. The cost to the Town outside of the erection and care of the voting booth would be about one hundred dollars per year. The means of transportation to the present voting precinct are convenient, and necessitates an annual expenditure not exceeding forty cents per capita per year, and a portion of this is generally contributed by Town committees and candidates for office.

Until the Town has some building, which could be used for the purpose at issue, or the number of legal voters to be convened has increased, your committee would recommend no change.

Joseph E. Buswell      }  
F. Miller                }

Committee

Voted to accept and adopt the report of the Committee.

The Finance Committee reported on the proper action to be taken on all articles involving an expenditure of money, the report being read by the Secretary, Mr. Edward A. Bower. It was voted to accept the report and place it on file. The Moderator stated the recommendations of the Committee with reference to the different articles as each article came up for consideration.

Article 9

### **Fire Department**

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

Article 10

### **Dog Licenses**

Voted: - That the money received from Dog Licenses be appropriated for the use of the Schools.

Article 11

### **Memorial Day - \$200.00**

Voted: - to appropriate two hundred dollars, for the purpose of decorating the graves of our soldiers and sailors on Memorial Day, May 30, 1906, said money to be expended under the direction of William B. Greene Posts, No. 100, G.A.R.

Article 4

### **Appropriations**

The estimates and appropriations of money necessary to defray the regular Town charges were considered item by item and are as follows:

**For Supervising, Teaching, Janitors and Fuel**  
**\$28,000.00**

Supplies for Schools  
1,800.00  
Repairs for Schools  
1,500.00  
Contingencies for Schools  
1,000.00  
Opening Roads and Sanding Sidewalks  
1,000.00  
Highways and Bridges  
3,000.00  
Salary of Highway Surveyor  
1,200.00  
Sidewalks  
1,200.00  
Edge stones and Flagging  
700.00  
Sewer Department  
1,800.00  
Expense of Tree Warden  
2,100.00  
Fire Department  
3,500.00  
Town Teams  
500.00  
Street Lights  
4,800.00  
Contingencies  
2,000.00  
Health Department  
2,500.00  
Police Department  
3,500.00  
Pauper Department  
2,500.00  
Soldiers Relief  
600.00  
Military Aid  
500.00  
Water for Hydrants, Drinking Fountains, Sprinkling Streets  
3,000.00  
Watering Streets  
200.00

Interest on Town Debt	
7,000.00	
Collection of Taxes	
1,100.00	
Town Officers	
2,500.00	
Water Bonds due in 1906	
<u>2,500.00</u>	
	\$80,000.00

Voted: - That the Chief of Police be instructed to enforce Chapter 500, Acts of 1898, relating to the disfigurement of objects by posting advertisements and others notices, and turn over the proceeds, if any, to the Village Improvement Society.

Article 12 **Macadam**

Voted: - to pass over Article 12 of the Warrant relating to Macadam on Union St.

Article 13 **Macadam**

Voted: - to pass over Article 13 of the Warrant relating to Macadam on Cross St.

Article 14 **Macadam**

Voted: - to pass over Article 14 of the warrant relating to Macadam on Pleasant Valley Street.

Article 15 **Macadam**

Voted: - to pass over Article 15 of the warrant relating to Macadam on Brown Street

Article 16 **Macadam**

Voted: - to macadamize Carleton Street from its intersection with Centre Street to Brown Street, and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars for that purpose.

Article 17 Voted: - to pass over Article 17 of the warrant, relating to Macadam on Milk Street.

Article 18 **Water pipe**

Voted: - to pass over Article 18 of the warrant relating to water service on Merrimack St.

**Article 19      Water Pipe**

Voted: - to pass over Article 19 of the warrant relating to water service on Alvin St.

**Article 20      New Pump**

Voted: - to pass over Article 20 of the warrant relating to new pump at Pumping Station.

**Article 21      Sinking Fund - \$3000.00**

Voted: - To appropriate three thousand dollars to be placed in the Water Sinking Fund.

**Article 22      Driven well**

Voted: - that a driven well be put in at the Pleasant Valley School House, the same to be done by the School Committee and paid for from the regular appropriation.

**Article 23      Water pipe Webb St.**

Voted: - to lay water pipe on Webb Street, and appropriate twelve hundred and fifty dollars for that purpose, the same to be taken from the earnings of the Water Department.

**Article 24      Fire Alarm**

Voted: - to place a fire alarm box at the corner of Stevens and Central Streets and appropriate one hundred and twenty five (\$125.00) dollars for the same.

**Article 25      Three Horse Hitch - \$800.00**

Voted: - To purchase a light combination hitch wagon and truck and appropriate eight hundred dollars for that purpose.

**Article 26      Fire Alarm - \$75.00**

Voted: - to place a fire alarm box at the corner of Myrtle and Tyler Streets and make an appropriation of seventy five dollars for that purpose.

**Article 27      Street Lights**

Voted: - to pass over Article 27 of the warrant, relating to street lights at Fairview.

**Article 28      Street Lights**

Voted: - to pass over Article 28 of the Warrant relating to a Street light at corner of Cochrane & Exit Streets.

**Article 29      Street Light**

Voted: - to pass over Article 29 of the warrant, relating to street light on Maplewood Avenue.

**Article 30      Street Lights - \$92.50**

Voted: - to erect and maintain five incandescent street lights, to be located, one at Barker's Corner, one at Smith's Corner, one at the corner of Forest and Lowell Streets, one at Griffin's Corner; and one between Barker's Corner and Forest Street, and appropriate ninety two and 50/100 dollars for that purpose.

**Article 31      Street Lights**

Voted: - to pass over Article 31 of the Warrant, relating to streetlight on Arnold Street.

**Article 32      Street Light - \$24.00**

Voted: - to erect and maintain a street light on Webb Street, and appropriate twenty four dollars for the same.

**Article 33      Street Light**

Voted: - to pass over Article 33 of the warrant, relating to streetlights on Merrimack Street.

**Article 34      Lowell Road**

Voted: - to widen, grade and gravel the Lowell road from where the Macadam stops at the foot of Dowding Hill, to the Dracut line, and appropriate two hundred dollars for that purpose to be taken from Highway & Bridge appropriation.

Article 35      **Culvert - \$50.00**

Voted: - to lower the culvert near the Charles Allen place on the Lowell road, and appropriate fifty dollars for the same.

Article 36      **Night Patrol**

Voted: - to refer the subject matter of Article 36 to the Selectmen with full power to re-arrange the night patrol districts.

Article 37      **Town Physician**

Voted: - to direct the Overseers of the Poor, to employ a resident physician and surgeon for the ensuing year, at the fixed sum named in lowest competitive sealed bid (provided more than one bid is made) to treat all persons (except small pox patients), who are receiving aid from the Town and require medical or surgical treatment, and to furnish all medicine needed in said treatment.

Article 38      **Water Commissioner**

Voted: - to pass over Article 38 of the warrant, relating to abolishing the Board of Water Commissioners.

Article 39      **Griffin's wall - \$75.00**

Voted: - to bear a portion of the expense of laying a wall and grading the same on the west side of Griffin's bridge on Lowell Street, and appropriate seventy five dollars for that purpose.

Article 40      **Sidewalk – \$50.00**

Voted: - To appropriate fifty dollars to build a sidewalk on the Booth Road, from Merrimack Street to the Elizabeth Bradley school house.

Article 41      **Sewer**

Voted: - to extend the sewer through William Street, from Central to Walnut Street, and appropriate eight hundred dollars for that purpose.

**Permanent Loan**

Voted: - by a unanimous vote, that for the purpose of building a sewer through William Street the Town Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to borrow with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, the sum

of eight hundred dollars and to execute and deliver the note of the Town therefore, payable in ten years from the date of issue with interest thereon at the rate of four per cent per annum, payable semi-annually.

Article 42 **Shed - \$500.00**

Voted: - to build a shed at the Central Fire Station, and appropriate five hundred dollars for that purpose.

Article 43 **Road Roller - \$150.00**

Voted: - to appropriate one hundred and fifty dollars to repair the old steam roller.

Article 44 **Horse - \$500.00**

Voted: - to purchase a pair of horses for Town use, and appropriate five hundred dollars for that purpose, also  
Voted: - that Edwin J. Castle, John Q. Hill and Robert W. Dow be a Committee to purchase the horses.

Article 45 **Sidewalk - \$100.00**

Voted: - to construct a sidewalk on East Street, from the corner of Jackson and East, to the corner of Prospect and East, and appropriate one hundred dollars for that purpose.

Article 46 **Water Pipe**

Voted to pass over Article 46 of the warrant, relating to water pipe on Hampshire Street.

Article 47 **Sewer**

Voted: - that Article 47 be referred to a Committee to report at a future meeting. The Chair appointed as that Committee Messrs. John D. Emerson, Geo. W. Tenney and Robert W. Dow.

Article 48 **Brook Street - \$200.00**

The Town refused to Macadamize Brook Street from the house of Joseph E. Buswell to Jackson Street extension but voted to appropriate two hundred dollars for a sidewalk.

Article 49      **Sidewalk**

Voted: - to refer Article 49 to a committee to report at a future meeting. The Chair appointed Edwin J. Castle, Moses G. Smith and George W. Copp as that Committee.

Article 50      **County Commissioners Hearing**

Voted: - that the Selectmen be a committee to attend a hearing to be given by the County Commissioners, at the Court House in Lawrence, on Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, at ten o'clock a.m. on petition of P. J. Dooley and others and that they do not favor said highway unless Lawrence bears their proportion of expense.

Article 51      Voted: - To pass over Article 51 of the warrant, relating to the acceptance of Alvin Street.

Article 4      **Macadam**

Under Article 4, it was voted to appropriate four thousand dollars for Macadam, the same to be taken from the street railway and excise tax.

Voted that the Finance Committee of the last year be requested to serve as that committee for the ensuing year. The names will be found on page 409.

No other business appearing the meeting adjourned sine die at 4-20p.m.

Attest

Jos. S. Howe, Town Clerk.

**Methuen, March 15,**

**1906**

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

Joseph S. Howe, Town  
Clerk.

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

A true copy

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe, Town Clerk.

**Warrant for State Election, November sixth 1906 – File 13 No. 21  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

**Greeting: -**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified by law to vote in election of State District and County

Officers, to meet and assemble at the designated polling places of Precincts One and Two, namely: -

The Town Hall in voting Precinct One; and the basement of the Arlington School House in voting

Precinct Two, on Tuesday the Sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) day of November next at five forty five (5h – 45m) o'clock

in the forenoon to bring in to the election officers, their votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor,

Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, Attorney General, Representative in Congress, Councilor, Senator,

Representatives in General Court, Clerk of Courts, County Commissioner, County Treasurer, Register

of Deeds for Northern District of Essex. All to be voted for on one ballot.

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

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

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

Millard F. Emerson  
Selectmen

Kirk F. Brown      } of

George Bunting  
Methuen

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**Methuen, Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>, 1906**

**Essex SS: -**

To the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Methuen, **Greeting: -**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified by law to vote in Election of State, District, and County Officers to meet as within directed, by posting up attested printed copies of this warrant at the Town House, and in public places in each of the voting Precincts, eight days before said meeting.

Amos G. Jones, Constable of  
Methuen

The foregoing is a true copy of warrant and return.

Attest, Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk.

**Record of State Election November Sixth, 1906**

**At meetings of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen in the County of Essex, held in the respective Precincts in said Town, pursuant to Warrant No. 21 File 13, on Tuesday November sixth A.D. 1906,** the qualified voters of said Town brought in their written votes for the several officers to be balloted for, and the same were received, sorted, counted, declared and registered in open Precinct meetings, according to law, as appears by the certified returns from said Precincts, transmitted to the Town Clerk and examined by the Selectmen and Town Clerk and according to said returns, the following is the result of the election held as aforesaid.

	<b>Precinct 1</b>	<b>Precinct 2</b>
<b>Total</b>		
<b>The whole number of ballots cast was</b>	829	362
1191		
<b>For Governor</b>		

Gamaliel Bradford of Wellesley – State Gov. Ref.	9	
9		
James F. Carey of Haverhill – Socialist	33	13
46		
William H. Carroll of Boston – Socialist Labor	7	
7		
Curtis Guild Jr. of Boston, Republican	530	207
737		
John B. Moran of Boston – Prohibition	50	37
87		
John B. Moran of Boston – Independence League	64	47
111		
John B. Moran of Boston – Democratic	107	53
160		
John B. Moran of Boston –	6	
6		
Blank	23	5
28		

### **For Lieutenant Governor**

E. Gerry Brown of Brockton	222	143
365		
Hervey S. Cowell of Ashburnham	20	6
26		
Eben S. Draper of Hopedale	500	181
68		
Walter J. Hoar of Worcester	13	5
18		
John F. Mullen of Fitchburg	34	13
47		
Blank	40	14
54		

### **For Secretary**

Joas Claudino of New Bedford	10	4
14		
Jonathan S. Lewis of Stoneham	19	9
28		
Ambrose Miles of Lynn	40	19
59		
William M. Olin of Boston		
Charles C. Paine of Barnstable		
Blank		

**For Treasurer**

Arthur B. Chapin of Holyoke	559	233
792		
George B. Cushman of Brockton	39	17
56		
S. Frederick French of Mansfield	17	9
26		
George M. Harrigan of Lowell	124	59
183		
David F. Richardson of Lynn	14	3
17		
Blank	76	41
	117	

**For Auditor**

Albert Barnes of Fall River	16	4
20		
Thomas L. Hisgen of West Springfield	125	60
185		
Fred L. Johnson of Lynn	36	17
54		
James F. Pease of Merrimac	20	11
31		
Henry E. Turner of Malden	554	227
781		
Blank	78	42
	120	

**For Attorney General**

Allen Coffin of Nantucket	28	16
44		
Dana Malone of Greenfield	529	212
741		
Arthur E. Reimer of Boston	12	5
17		
John Weaver Sherman of Boston	47	18
65		
John A. Thayer of Worcester	139	66
205		
Blank	74	45
	119	

**For Representative in Congress – Fifth District**

Butler Ames of Lowell	564	239
803		
Joseph J. Flynn of Lawrence	213	100
313		
Fred P. Folsom of Lowell	33	15
48		
Blank	19	8
27		

**For Councilor – Fifth District**

Lewis H. Bartlett of Lynn	563	235
798		
Frank H. Hills of Salem	118	50
168		
Harry G. Wright of Salem	53	22
75		
Blank	95	55
150		

**For Senator – Fifth Essex District**

Edward C. Callahan of Lawrence	152	64
216		
Joseph Donovan of Lawrence	550	236
786		
Richard Petzold of Lawrence	50	26
76		
Blank	77	36
113		

**For Clerk of Courts – Essex County**

Edward B. George of Haverhill	636	246
882		
Blank	193	116

**For Representatives in General Court**

**Fifth Essex District**

George Bunting of Methuen	603	295
898		

William J. Flynn of Lawrence	107	34
141		
Emil J. Muehlig of Lawrence	469	195
664		
Michael A. Sullivan of Lawrence	182	47
229		
Blank	297	153
450		

**For County Commissioner**

Charles S. Grieves of Amesbury	42	21
62		
James C. Poor of North Andover	608	247
855		
Fred G. Richards of Rockport	105	42
147		
Blank	74	52
126		

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

Thomas F. Delaney of Lawrence	182	74
256		
Moses Marshall of Lawrence	591	257
848		
Blank	56	31
87		

**For County Treasurer**

John J. Lavigne of Beverly	35	17
52		
James O. Parker of Methuen	267	91
358		
David I. Robinson of Gloucester	456	201
675		
Blank	71	53
124		

Attest

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

## Record of Meeting of City & Town Clerks – Nov. 16, 1906

City of  
Lawrence, Mass.  
City Clerk's Office,  
Nov. 16, 1906

At a meeting of the City Clerk of Lawrence, and the Town Clerk of Methuen, said Town and Wards One and Two of the said City of Lawrence forming the Fifth Essex Representative District, held at noon this day in accordance with the provisions of Section 257, Chapter 11 of the Revised Laws, upon comparing the transcript of the returns, the following appears as the result of the balloting for Representatives in the General Court for said District, at meetings held on Tuesday November sixth A.D. 1906.

Methuen	Total	Ward 1				Ward 2			
		Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Prec. 4	Prec. 5	Prec. 6	Prec. 1	
		Prec. 2							
George Bunting, Methuen	242	127	283	153	117	254	603		
295	2074								
William J. Flynn, Lawrence	150	233	135	167	283	305	107		
34	1414								
Emil J. Muehlig, Lawrence	255	135	318	137	114	264	469		
195	1887								
Michael A. Sullivan, Law.	163	218	217	161	260	310	182		
47	1558								
Blank	200	215	125	168	170	193	297		
153	1521								

The whole number of votes cast was – Lawrence 6072, Methuen 2382

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

George Bunting of Methuen  
And  
Emil J. Muehlig of Lawrence

Attest  
Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk.