

**Warrant for State Election, Nov. 2, 1909.**  
**File 14. No. 8**  
**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**Essex SS:-**

To Albert B. Gordon, 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, Districts and Country 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 second day of November next, at five forty five o'clock in the forenoon, to bring in the election officers their votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of Treasurer, Auditor, Attorney General, Councillor, Senator, Representatives in the General Court, County Treasurer 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 fifth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and nine.

Samuel Rushton	Selectmen
Asa L. Harris	of
Henry N. Hall	Methuen

**Constables Return**  
**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**Essex SS:-**

Methuen, October 25<sup>th</sup> 1909.

By virtue of the written precept, I have this day served the written precept in accordance with Section two of the By Laws of said Town of Methuen, by posting an attested copy of the within Warrant at the Town House, and at 'railroad square' so called, in Precinct One, and at the corner of Centre and Tenney Streets in Precinct Two, being eight days before the day of said meeting.

Albert B. Gordon  
Constable of Methuen

A true copy of Warrant and return.

Attest,  
Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

## Record of State Election, Nov. 2, 1909.

At meetings of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen in the County of Essex, held in respective Precincts in said town, pursuant to Warrant No. 8 File 14. on Tuesday November second A.D. 1909 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 aforesaid.

	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Total
<b>Whole Number of Ballots Cast</b>	<b>733</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>1073</b>
<b>For Governor</b>			
Eben S. Draper of Hopedale – Republican	451	172	623
John A. Nicholls of Boston – Prohibition	24	22	35
Moritz E. Ruther of Holyoke – Socialist Labor	13	5	18
James H. Vahey of Watertown – Democratic	204	1224	328
Daniel A. White of Brockton – Socialist	24	16	40
Blanks	17	12	29
<b>For Lieutenant Governor</b>			
Eugene N. Gross of Boston – Democratic	230	125	355
Louis A. Frothingham of Boston – Republican	429	181	610
George S. Hall of Boston – Socialist	28	13	41
Ernest R. Knipe of Holyoke – Prohibition	15	9	24
Lawrence Yates of New Bedford – Socialist Labor	12	4	16
Blanks	19	8	27
<b>For Secretary</b>			
David F. Clark of Williamstown	110	52	162
Harriet D'Orsay of Lynn	32	12	44
Henry L. Hess of Boston	15	6	24
William G. Merrill of Malden	30	15	45
William M. Olin of Boston	482	209	691
Blanks	64	46	110
<b>For Treasurer</b>			
James H. Bryan of Westfield	99	48	147
James B. Carr of Chelmsford	35	15	50
David Craig of Milford	9	6	15
Daniel Parlin of Worcester	19	14	33

Elmer A. Stevens of Somerville	497	215	712
Blanks	74	42	116

**For Auditor**

Alexis Boyer Jr. of Southbridge	109	46	115
Charles A. Chace of Swansea	19	17	36
Sylvester J. McBride of Watertown	34	14	48
Jeremiah P. McNally of Salem	8	3	11
Henry E. Turner of Malden	483	207	690
Blanks	80	53	133

**For Attorney General**

Henry M. Dean of Hyde Park	29	15	44
John A. Fredrickson of Quincy	16	6	22
Dana Malone of Greenfield	464	212	676
Harvey N. Shepard of Boston	113	53	166
John Weaver Sherman of Boston	27	16	43
Blanks	84	38	122

**For Councillor – Fifth District**

William H. Gove of Salem	502	227	729
Henry Hobbs of Wenham	100	44	144
Jason Spofford of Amesbury	41	17	58
Blanks	90	52	142

**For Senator, Fifth Essex District**

George Bunting of Methuen	542	280	822
Dennis E. Halley of Lawrence	149	48	197
Blanks	42	12	54

**For Representatives in General Court**

Alfred J. Burckel of Lawrence	448	202	650
Edgar G. Holt of Methuen	483	189	672
Joseph A. Shine of Lawrence	172	96	268
Blanks	362	193	555
Samuel H. Boutwell	1		1

**For County Commissioner**

Charles B. Merrick of Haverhill	41	12	55
Patrick Z. Murphy of Peabody	87	38	125
James L. Poor of North Andover	544	246	790
Blanks	61	42	103

## For County Treasurer

Walter H. Creamer of Lynn	118	48	166
Davis J. Robinson of Gloucester	518	231	749
Blanks	97	61	158

Attest, Joseph S. Howe – Town Clerk.

## Record of Meeting of City and Town Clerk, Nov. 12, 1909

**City of Lawrence  
City Clerks Office, Nov. 12, 1909**

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 provisions of Section 259, Chapter 11 of the Revised Laws upon comparing the transcript of returns, the following appears as the results of the balloting for Representatives in the General Court for said District, at meetings held on Tuesday, November second A.D. 1909.

	Ward 1			Ward 2			Methuen		
	Pre. 1	Pre. 2	Pre. 3	Pre. 1	Pre. 2	Pre. 3	Pre. 1	Pre. 2	Total
Alfred J. Burckel of Lawrence	257	110	322	138	128	298	483	202	1903
Edgar G. Holt of Methuen	199	91	241	130	128	269	483	189	1730
Joseph A. Shine of Lawrence	134	189	138	137	252	357	172	96	1475
Blank	224	200	179	169	268	358	362	193	1953
Samuel H. Boutwell							1	1	

In accordance with the foregoing return, 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 First Essex District, to wit:-

Alfred J. Burckel of Lawrence  
and  
Edgar G. Hobbs of Methuen

Attest – Cornelius Corcoran – City Clerk, Lawrence  
Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk of Methuen

**Warrant for Special Town Meeting Dec. 20, 1909 - File 14 No. 10**  
**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**Essex SS:-** To Albert B. Gordon 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 Monday, the twentieth (20<sup>th</sup>) day of December, 1909, at eight o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles viz.:-

Article 1 To hear the report of the Committee on Town Government and act thereon.

Article 2 To see if the Town will vote to re-imburse the Committee on Town Government for the actual expenses incurred by said Committee, and appropriated one hundred dollars for the same.

Article 3 To see if the Town will vote to direct the Selectmen to prepare a division of the Town so as to make two additional voting precincts.

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 ninth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and nine.

Samuel Rushton      Selectmen  
Asa L. Harris      }      of  
Henry N. Hall      }      Methuen

### **Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**Essex SS:-**

**Methuen. Dec. 18, 1909.**

By virtue of the within precept, I have served the within Warrant in accordance with Section Two of the By Laws of said town of Methuen by posting an attested copy of the within Warrant at the town house and at 'railroad square' so called in Precinct One and at the corner of Centre and Tenney Streets in Precinct Two, on Saturday the eleventh day of December instant (1909), being more than eight days before the day of said meeting, and I have also caused the same to be printed in the Methuen Transcript one a week for two successive weeks, the last publication being on Friday the seventeenth day of December instant (1909), being more than one day before the day of said meeting.

Albert B. Gordon, Constable of Methuen

A true copy of Warrant and return

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

### **Record of Special Town Meeting, December 20<sup>th</sup> 1909.**

**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 Monday the twentieth day of December A. D. 1909 at eight o'clock in the evening pursuant to Warrant No. 10 File 14.**

The meeting was called to order by Granville E. Foss, Moderator, at the time named in the Warrant, and the Warrant for the meeting was read by the Town Clerk.

It was voted to consider Article Three of the Warrant.

Article 3 Mr. Peirce moved, "That the Selectmen be authorized and instructed to prepare a division of precinct one, as now constituted, into three convenient voting precincts; generally speaking, one to consist of the west portion of the Town, one of the east portion of the Town, and one the balance of precinct one being that portion of the Town generally known as Methuen Village; said precincts to be designated as precincts one, three and four, each precinct to contain as nearly as may be, an equal number of voters, and to consist of compact and contiguous portions of territory, and bounded as far as possible by the center line of known streets or ways or other well defined lines, due regard being had for the convenience of the voters of each precinct in reaching the polling place; and to file a report of their doings with the Town Clerk with a map or description of the bounds of said precincts and the number of registered voters in each precinct at the last annual meeting, said report to be presented to the Town, for action thereon at some special or adjourned meeting or at the next Annual Town Meeting; and to make necessary arrangements for the holding of elections in each precinct, and to appoint the customary election officers for each precinct and to take other necessary action in the premises." Mr. Parker moved that Precinct One be divided with two voting precincts instead of three but the motion was lost.

The motion made by Mr. Peirce was then carried.

Article 1 Article One of the Warrant was next taken up.

The new charter proposed by the Committee had been printed and was distributed among the voters.

Mr. Kimball G. Colby reported for the committee and explained the principal points in the proposed charter.

Mr. Peirce moved that such portion or portions of the report of the Committee appointed to draw up an act of the Legislature for a revision of the present town government of Methuen, as shall be so ordered; be put into proper form by said Committee and he presented to the Attorney General of the State for his legal opinion as to whether or not it is contrary to the Constitution of the State in any respect, and that such portion thereof as shall not be contrary to the Constitution, of the State in any respect, and that such portion thereof as shall not be contrary to the Constitution, be submitted to the next Legislature for its action thereon, and that when this meeting adjourn it do so to meet again on Jan. 8, 1910 to vote by ballot on the acceptance or rejection of the report as adopted to-night; the polls to be opened at 2 o'clock P.M. and to close at 9 o'clock P.M. If adopted to be presented to the next Legislature for its action thereon. After some discussion the motion was put to vote, and was lost - Ninety two persons voting in favor, and one hundred and fifty three against.

Article 2 Voted to Article Two of the Warrant.

Voted: to appropriate one hundred dollars to reimburse the Committee on Town Government for the actual expenses incurred by said Committee.

Article 1 A motion was made to accept the report of the Committee on Town Government. Mr. Oliphant moved as a substitute motion that the report be referred back to the Committee for further consideration and to report thereon at the next annual meeting, and the motion was carried.

Voted – that a vote of thanks be presented to the Committee for their services.

A discussion of the charter was carried on by several persons and it was voted that Sections one to three be approved by the meeting.

After further discussion it was voted to adjourn to Wednesday December 29<sup>th</sup> at eight o'clock P.M.  
Attest,

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

**Methuen, Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> 1909.**

An adjournment meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen was held at the Town House on Wednesday evening December 29<sup>th</sup> at eight o'clock P.M., the Moderator in the chair. A motion was made to increase the number of Committee on Town Government by six – two from the Arlington District, two from the east part of the town and two from the west part. The motion was lost, twenty persons voting in favor, and twenty nine against.

No other business appearing, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

**Warrant for Annual Town Meeting 1910.**  
**File 14. No. 11**  
**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**Essex SS:-** To Albert B. Gordon, 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 seventh day of March next, at five forty-five in the forenoon, to bring in to the election officers their notes for Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Selectmen, Overseer of the Poor, one Assessor to serve three (3) years in place of Millard F. Emerson, Highway Surveyor, one School Committeeman to serve three (3) years in place of Robert B. Fisher, one Water Commissioner to serve three (3) years in the place of James H. Lyons, one trustee of Nevins Memorial to serve two (2) years in place of Alfred H. Wagland,

one Cemetery Commissioner to serve three (3) years in place of Hugh C. Smith, one Moderator to serve for one (1) year, one Auditor, Constables, Fence Viewers, and Yes or No in answer to the question: "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the Town?" All to be voted for on one ballot.

The Polls may be closed at four (4) o'clock P.M. Also to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Saturday, the twelfth day of March next, at one (1) o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act upon the following articles viz.:-

- Article 1 To elect all Town Officers not required to be chosen by ballot.
- Article 2 To hear the annual report of the Selectmen and act thereon.
- Article 3 To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations for the same.
- Article 4 To determine the manner for collecting taxes the ensuing year and act thereon as the Town may think proper.
- Article 5 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, or a majority thereof, to borrow during the municipal year beginning January first 1910, in anticipation of the collection of taxes of said year such sums of money as may be necessary for the current expenses of the town, but not exceeding the total tax levy for the said year, giving the notes of the town therefore, payable within one year from the dates thereof. All debts incurred under authority of this vote shall be paid from the taxes of the present municipal year.
- Article 6 To hear the reports of Committees and act thereon.
- Article 7 To determine the manner of appropriating the amount received from Dog Taxes in accordance with Chapter 102, Section 163 of the Revised Laws.
- Article 8 To determine what compensation in the Town will grant the members of the Fire Department for their services the ensuing year.
- Article 9 By request of Edward A. Bower and others, to see if the town will vote to accept the provisions of Section 37 of Chapter 19 of the Revised Laws in so far as it relates to the regular and permanent police force.
- Article 10 By request of Col. William B. Greene Post No. 100, G. A. R., to see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of two hundred (\$200) dollars for decorating the graves of our Soldiers and Sailors on Memorial Day, May 30, 1910. Said money to be expended under the direction of the above post.
- Article 11 By request of the Committee on Town Government, to see if the Town will vote to adopt the

following as a by-law of the Town: "The annual salary of each of the Selectmen shall be \$300.00 per year, payable monthly in equal instalments [installments]. The office of the Selectmen shall be open daily, excepting Sunday, from 9 A.M. to P.M., and from 2 to 5 P.M., and on at least one evening in each week from 7 to 9 P.M. The Selectmen shall hold a regular public meeting at least once a week, and may employ clerical assistance at an expense not to exceed \$800.00 per year.

- Article 12 By request of the School Committee to see if the Town will vote to instruct the School Committee to erect an eight-room brick building upon the Oakland Avenue lot, and a six-room brick building upon the Broadway lot adjacent to the present Arlington School; and appropriate \$73,000 for the same.
- Article 13 To see if the Town will vote to borrow money to pay for the construction and furnishing of the school house voted to be built the present year, and authorize the issue of the note or notes of the town therefor.
- Article 14 By request of M. Lodge and others, to see if the Town will build a fire station in the vicinity of Cook's Corner, in the east end of the Town, and appropriate a sum of money for the same. Said appropriation to be met by bonds or notes issued by the Town.
- Article 15 To see if the Town will vote to pay the Clerk for the Town Treasurer and Collector, ten dollars per week, and make an appropriation for the same.
- Article 16 By request of G. A. Lewis and others to see if the Town will vote to pay for the Drivers of the Board of Health teams, twenty-five cents more per day for their services.
- Article 17 By request of Millard F. Emerson and others to see if the Town will vote to extend the water pipe on Pelham Street from Marsh Corner to the junction of Pelham Street and Hampshire Roads and up Hampshire Roads about (800) eight hundred feet and appropriate five thousand (\$5,000.00) dollars, for the same.
- Article 18 To see if the Town will vote to borrow money to pay for the extension of the water pipe up Pelham Street and Hampshire Roads and authorize the issue of the note or notes of the Town therefor.
- Article 19 By request of the Highway Surveyor, to see if the Town will vote to purchase a new Stone Crusher and appropriate fifteen hundred (\$1,500.00) dollars for the same.
- Article 20 By request of C. A. Stevens and others to see if the Town will vote to purchase five hundred (500) feet of hose and reel for same, to be used on Pelham Street in case of fire and appropriate five hundred (\$500.00) dollars for the same.
- Article 21 By request of William Hoepfner and others, to see if the Town will vote to give the Pleasant View District 250 feet of hose and appropriate \$125.00 for the same.
- Article 22 By request of William Hoepfner and others to see if the Town will vote to appropriate twenty-five dollars for a chemical to be placed on the hose reel.

Article 23 By request of Asa L. Harris and others to see if the Town will vote to install in the Central Fire Station a "Gamewell's Universal Box", and appropriate two hundred (\$200.00) therefor.

Article 24 By request of the Fire Engineers, to see if the Town will vote to appropriate one thousand (\$1000.00) dollars for Fire Hose.

Article 25 By request of M. Lodge and others, to see if the Town will vote to buy three hundred feet of hose to be located at Fairview and appropriate one hundred and fifty dollars for the same.

Article 26 By request of George C. Oliver and others to see if the Town will vote to install a fire alarm box at Hampshire Roads near the residence of George C. Oliver and appropriate the sum of \$350.00.

Article 27 By request of Frederick A. Hoyle and others, to see if the Town will vote, for the better protection of Fire Service in Methuen, by equipping hydrants for inspection by adopting the Brown and Haycock system or other method equally reliable, so that freezing of hydrants may be prevented and appropriate eighteen hundred (\$1800.00) dollars for same.

Article 28 By request of Maurice Flahive, to see if the Town will vote to sell to Maurice Flahive, a part of the land purchased from the Methuen Company adjoining land of said Flahive and act thereon.

Article 29 By request of Edwin J. Castle and others, to see if the Town will vote to accept the plan and adopt the recommendation of the County Commissioners as regards the widening of Lowell Street from Hampshire Street to the Railroad bridge and appropriate the sum of \$6,000.

Article 30 By request of James H. Lyons and others, to see if the Town will vote to drop the word Extension from that part of Oakland Avenue, west of Lowell Street and name the whole street Oakland Avenue.

Article 31 To see if the Town will vote to keep the horse of the Street Commissioner in addition to his salary and make an appropriation for the same.

Article 32 By request of A. W. Phippen and others, to see if the Town will vote to have all police officers special or otherwise, while on duty clothed in regulation uniform.

Article 33 By request of the Committee on Town Government, to see if the Town will vote to amend Section 11 of the By-Laws of the Town as published in the Annual Report of the Selectmen for 1908, to read as follows: The financial year shall begin with the fifteenth day of March in each year, and shall end with the fourteenth day of March in the succeeding year.

Article 34 By request of the Committee on Town Government, to see if the Town will vote to adopt the following as a by-law of the Town: The Town Auditor shall examine once each month, the books and accounts of all officers and committees who are entrusted with the receipt, custody or expenditure of money, and all the original bills and vouchers on which the town money may be expended, and shall on or before the tenth day of each month, report the result of his examination to the Selectmen, and shall cause to be published in some newspaper published in the Town or in the City of Lawrence, a detailed statement showing the receipts and expenditures of each

department during the preceding month, the total receipts and expenditures of each department during the preceding months of the fiscal year, and the appropriations therefor made by the Town, together with the amounts of any unpaid bills, and the amounts due on any unfinished contracts. He shall receive an annual salary of \$200.00 payable monthly in equal instalments. Any by-law, or portion thereof, inconsistent herewith is hereby repealed.

- Article 35 By request of the Committee on Town Government, to see if the Town will vote to adopt the following by-law: The Selectmen shall annually, after their election, appoint a legal resident of the Town as Town counsel, to take office on the first day of May for the term or one year, or until his successor is appointed, to perform the duties usually involving upon such officer, at the annual salary of three hundred (\$300.00) dollars per year, payable monthly in equal monthly instalments.
- Article 36 By request of Harriette F. Nevins and others, to see if the Town of Methuen will vote to extend the water pipe from the corner of Broadway and Hampshire Street up Hampshire Street about twenty-one hundred feet north and appropriate twelve (\$1,200) hundred dollars for same.
- Article 37 By request of William A. Benoit and others, to see if the Town will vote to extend its water main long Pleasant Valley Street from Merrimack Street to the residence of Mr. Long, a distance of twenty-two hundred feet and appropriate (\$2,200) two thousand two hundred dollars for the same.
- Article 38 By request of Conrad Puchtler and others, to see if the Town will vote to extend the water main on Merrimack Street from the residence of George Cross to Alvin Street and appropriate the sum of six hundred dollars for same.
- Article 39 By request of James Watt and others, to see if the Town of Methuen will vote to extend its water system as follows: From the corner of Howe and Currier Streets through Currier Street to Washington Street, a distance of about three thousand six hundred and fifty (3,650) feet; thence northeasterly along Washington Street to the residence of Henry G. Richardson, a distance of about three hundred (300) feet from Currier Street; also extend said system southwesterly from Currier along Washington Street, to the residence of Joseph Bedard, a distance of about five hundred fifty (550) feet from the corner of Currier and Washington Streets, this making a total extension of about four thousand five hundred (4,500) feet, and appropriate four thousand five hundred (\$4,500) dollars for the same.
- Article 40 Be request of Otis Allen and others to see if the Town of Methuen will vote to extend the water main from its end at 172 Howe Street to 247 Howe Street and appropriate the sum of \$3,750.00 for the same.
- Article 41 By request of C. E. Young and others to see if the Town will vote to lay water pipes from corner of North Lowell and Lowell Streets to corner of North Lowell and Tyler Streets about 2500 feet and appropriate twenty-five hundred dollars for the same.
- Article 42 By request of Samuel Robinson and others, to see if the Town will vote to extend its water service on Albion Street 700 feet from Milk Street and appropriate \$700.00 for the same.

Article 43 By request of V. B. Richardson and others to see if the town will vote to extend the water supply from Mr. Sherman's to Governor's School, about 7200 feet and appropriate seven thousand (\$7,000) dollars for the same.

Article 44 By request of Peter W. Maguire and others, to see if the Town will vote to extend the water from Oakland Avenue to Thornfield Avenue, a distance of about 800 feet and appropriate \$750.00 for the same.

Article 45 By request of Alfred Griffiths and others, to see if the Town will vote to extend the water pipes of its system of water works from the corner of Prospect and East Streets westerly through East Street to Jackson Street, thence southerly through Jackson Street to Longwood Drive, so called; thence westerly through said Longwood Drive, and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for the same.

Article 46 By request of Charles R. Bower and others, to see if the Town will vote to build a retaining wall on the west side of Union Street from the corner of Oakland Avenue, one hundred feet north, and appropriate one hundred dollars to pay for the same.

Article 47 By request of John D. Emerson and others, to see if the Town will vote to pay a salary of \$200 to the Town Auditor and appropriate money for the same.

Article 48 By request of Isaac C. Brown and others, to see if the Town will vote to repair the macadam between Maple Street and Grosvenors Corner and appropriate five hundred (\$500) dollars for the same.

Article 49 By request of Isaac C. Brown and others, to see if the Town will vote to macadamize North Street between Grosvenors Corner and the Salem line and appropriate twenty-five hundred (\$2,500) dollars for the same.

Article 50 By request of James T. O'Reilly and others, to see if the Town will vote to macadamize Railroad Street from the Lawrence line to the Railroad Bridge a distance of 1500 feet and appropriate thirteen hundred (\$1300) for the same.

Article 51 By request of Emil Fiedler and others, to see if the Town will vote to top-dress Alvin Street and appropriate the sum of two hundred (\$200) dollars for same.

Article 52 By request of Carl Herring and others to see if the Town will vote to extend the sidewalk on Merrimack Street from Combination Street to the Boundary line and appropriate the sum of one hundred and twenty five dollars for same.

Article 53 By request of Alfred Humphries and others to see if the Town will vote to macadamize Phillip Street from Centre Street to Lawrence Street and appropriate \$1,500 for the same.

Article 54 By request of David L. Knightly and others, to see if the Town will vote to macadamize Pleasant Valley Street from Merrimack Street to the residence of Mr. Joseph Harrington, a distance of fifteen hundred feet and appropriate fifteen hundred dollars for the same.

Article 55 By request of C. P. Reynolds and others, to see if the Town will vote to macadamize Pleasant Valley Street from Milk Street to Oak Street and appropriate one thousand (\$1,000) dollars for

the same.

Article 56 By request of John H. Moire and others, to see if the Town will vote to macadamize Lowell Street from the residence of Mrs. Newsholme to the residence of Mrs. Perry and appropriate one thousand (\$1,000) dollars for the same.

Article 57 By request of Robert Webb and others, to see if the Town will build sidewalks on Webb Street and appropriate three (\$300) hundred dollars for the same.

Article 58 By request of Edward F. Byrne and others, that the sum of five hundred dollars be appropriated for gravel and repairing Riverdale Street, Methuen.

Article 59 By request of Charles E. Weinhold and others to see if the Town will vote to build a sidewalk beginning at Grosvenor's Corner on south side or North Street extending to Southern New Hampshire Street Railway track, and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars for the same.

Article 60 By request of L. W. Scannell and others to see if the Town will vote to grade Cross Street from Pelham Street to the Pumping Station, then macadamize same and appropriate \$3,500.00 for the same.

Article 61 By request of Harmon H. Wright and others, to see if the Town will construct two catch basins at the junction of Ashland Avenue and Craven Street and pave the gutters of said Ashland Avenue from Craven Street to the brow of the hill a distance of about four hundred (400) feet and appropriate the sum of three hundred (\$300) dollars for the same.

Article 62 By request of Mrs. M. A. Richardson to have North Lowell Street, so called, in the west part of the Town, commencing at the Town and County boundary line near the home of the late William Mansur and continuing to the Elmwood Cemetery; that it be widened, straightened, re-located, and repaired and appropriate a sufficient sum of money for the purpose.

Article 63 To see if the Town will vote to pay the Meat Inspector a salary and appropriate five hundred dollars for the same.

Article 64 By request of A. Griffith and others, that the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars be appropriated for additional police protection of the Pleasant Valley District, so-called.

Article 65 By request of Benjamin Denison and others, to see if the town will vote to have the gutters paved and necessary catch basins fixes on Arnold Street and appropriate \$500.00 for same.

Article 66 By request of Charles M. Sawyer and others, to see if the Town will vote to appropriate three hundred (\$300) dollars, to place a memorial table to the Revolutionary Soldiers in Elmwood Cemetery.

Article 67 By request of the Committee on Town Government, to see if the Town will adopt the following as a by-law of the Town: The Overseers of the Poor shall annually, after their election in March, appoint as town Physician, a physician who is a legal resident of the Town to take office on the

first day of May for the term of one year or until his successor is appointed, whose duties it shall be to render, under the direction of the Overseers of the Poor, proper medical and surgical treatment, and to furnish all needed medicine and appliances as it shall be necessary, to all who shall, during the period of his appointment, require medical or surgical treatment from the town, including paupers for whose support and treatment the town receives remuneration from any other city or town, or from the State. The annual salary of such Physician shall be \$600.00, payable in equal monthly instalments the first day of each month.

Article 68 By request of the Committee on Town Government, to see if the Town will vote to amend Section 2 of the By-Laws of the Town as published in the Annual Report of the Selectmen for 1908, by adding the following to be said By-Law:- The Selectmen shall call special Town meetings only upon the petition of fifty qualified voters of the Town. No appropriation for money shall be made at such special Town meeting save upon a two-thirds vote of all legal voters present and voting. At any Town meeting, at the request of ten or more voters, a vote upon any article shall be taken by use of the Town check list.

Article 69 By request of the Committee on Town Government, to see if the Town will vote to adopt the following as a By-Law of the Town: Any town officer, or board of officers, in letting contracts involving an expenditure of \$300.00 or more, for the laying of sewers, watermains, edgestones, or any similar purpose, shall call for competitive bids by reasonable notice of the same, and shall award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder on his furnishing bond, with a surety or sureties satisfactory to the officer or board, for the faithful performance of his contract, and within one week thereafter the named of the bidders and the amounts of their bids, with the name of the successful bidder shall be published in some newspaper published in Town, or in the City of Lawrence.

Article 70 By request of the Cemetery Commissioners, to see if the Town will vote to appropriate two thousand (\$2,000) dollars for improvements in Elmwood Cemetery for laying out lots, grading the roads, and building a fence which is absolutely necessary.

Article 71 By request of the Playstead Committee, to see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$700.00 for the further development and maintenance of such playgrounds as are now owned by the Town and appoint a Committee to be known as the Playstead Commission, said Commission to have full control of all playgrounds and parks within the town limits, and be responsible for the expenditure of such funds as may be appropriated by the voters of the town for the development and maintenance of said playgrounds and parks.

Article 72 By request of J. W. Fulton, to see if the Town will vote to pay J.W. Fulton for land taken to widen Tremont Street and appropriate two hundred dollars for the same.

Article 73 By request of J. E. Thurlow, to see if the Town will vote to pay the men that drive or furnish a team the same as the laborers, making \$5.00 per day for a team.

Article 74 By request of Tremont Worsted Company and others, to see if the town will vote to construct an eighteen inch sewer from Parker Court on Railroad Street, River Street, Osgood Street, Lowell Street, and Pine Street, to land of said Company, as laid out on the original plans of the Engineers, and appropriate ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars for same.

Article 75 By request of R. H. Newsholme and others, to see if the Town will vote to construct 1300 feet of sewer on Oakland Avenue Extension and appropriate thirteen hundred (\$1300) dollars for same.

Article 76 By request of Napoleon Roy and others, to see if the Town will vote to construct a sewer in Hawthorne Avenue, beginning at the house of Sarah Bentley and running to land of Napoleon Roy, a distance of two hundred and fifty feet, and appropriate two hundred and fifty (\$250) dollars for the same.

Article 77 By request of Perley I. Smith and others, to see if the town will vote to construct 800 feet of eight inch sewer on East Street and Milk Street and appropriate \$800.00 for the same.

Article 78 By request of Frank A. Wardwell and others to see if the Town will vote to construct 300 feet of eight inch sewer on Hampshire Street from the centre of High Street to the house of Frank A. Wardwell and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for the same.

Article 79 To see if the Town will vote to borrow money to pay for the sewers as voted, and authorize the issue of the note or notes of the Town therefor.

Article 80 By request of the West End Improvement Club to see if the Town will vote to place two street lights, one at the brook on Tyler Street and one between the brook and North Lowell Street on Tyler Street, and appropriate thirty-four dollars for the same.

Article 81 By request of Albert Hodgson and others to see if the Town will erect a street light and maintain the same in Maplewood Avenue about the centre (center) of the street and appropriate seventeen dollars for the same.

Article 82 By request of Edward F. Byrne and others, that the sum of one hundred and two dollars be appropriated for six electric lights from Wingate Avenue to Pleasant Valley Street.

Article 83 By request of John C. Shaatz and others, to see if the Town will vote to erect three lights on Merrimack Street, one at the corner of Pitman Street; one at the corner of Farley Street, and one at the corner of Pleasant Valley Street and appropriate fifty-five dollars for the same.

Article 84 By request of Emma Newsholme and others, to see if the town will vote to locate a street light at the corner of Lowell Street and Ruskin Avenue, and appropriate seventeen (\$17) dollars for the same.

Article 85 By request of James H. Lyons and others to see if the Town will vote to install two lights on Oakland Avenue Extension and appropriate thirty-four (\$34) dollars for the same, the residents to pay for one of the lights.

Article 86 By request of Herbert P. Wilkinson and others, to see if the Town will erect and maintain three electric lights on Orchard Street, between the Lawrence line and Barker's Corner, said lights to be placed as near equal distance apart as practicable and appropriate the necessary amount (\$51) to pay for them

Article 87 By request of Albert E. Shaw and others, that the Town of Methuen accept a certain street now known as Edgewood Avenue Extension, from the east line of Louis Bowker's land to the point where Edgewood Avenue Extension is now an accepted Street, a distance of five hundred and fifty yards.

Article 88 By request of Robert Webb and others, to see if the Town will accept Maguire Street from Short Street, four hundred feet, as laid out by the Selectmen.

Article 89 By request of Robert Webb and others to see if the Town will accept Short Street as laid out by the Selectmen.

Article 90 By request of Almeda N. McAllister and others, to see if the town will accept Vermont Street, between Swan and East Streets; and Fair Oaks Avenue, between Prospect and Russ Streets, as laid out by the Selectmen.

Article 91 By request of James Robie and others, to see if the Town will vote to accept Walnut Street as laid out by the Selectmen.

Article 92 By request of John Enright and others, to see if the Town will vote to accept French Street from Centre Street to the Property of Mr. Hall, as laid out by the Selectmen.

Article 93 By request of James T. Long and others, to see if the Town will vote to accept Longwood Drive, as laid out by the Selectmen.

Article 94 To see if the town will vote to authorize its Selectmen to give a deed to the lot on Howe Street formerly used as a Town Pound, in order to correct possible irregularities in previous deeds given therefor and in the authority for such conveyance.

Hereof fail not and make your return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk on or before the time of 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 ten (1910).

Samuel Rushton  
Asa L. Harris  
Henry N. Hall  
Selectmen of Methuen

**Constable's Return  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**Essex SS:-**

**Methuen February 28<sup>th</sup> 1910**

By virtue of the written precept, I have served the within Warrant in accordance with section two of the By-Laws of said town of Methuen, by posting an attested copy of the written Warrant at the town house and at the Post Office in Precinct One, and at the corner of Centre and Tenney Streets in Precinct Two, on Saturday the twenty sixth day of February instant (1910), being more than eight days before the day of said meeting.

Albert B. Gordon  
Constable of Methuen

A true copy of Warrant and return

Jos. S. Howe, Town Clerk

### **Record of Annual Town Meeting – March Seventh 1910.**

**At meetings of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen, in the county of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts held in the respective Precincts in said Town, pursuant to Warrant No. 11 File 14, on Monday, March seventh A.D. 1910,** 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 Precincts meetings, according to the 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>The whole number of ballots cast was</b>	<b>Pre 1</b>	<b>Pre 2</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>932</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>1309</b>

#### **For Moderator**

Granville T. Foss, 41 Hampshire Street	246	718	964
Blank	131	214	345

And **Granville E. Foss was declared elected Moderator** and was sworn.

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

Joseph S. Howe, 8 Stevens St.	783	285	1068
Blank	149	214	241

And **Joseph S. Howe was declared elected Town Clerk, Treasurer, & Collector of Taxes** and was sworn.

#### **For Selectmen and Overseer of the Poor**

Edwin J. Castle, 56 Lowell St.	495	136	631
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Millard F. Emerson, 12 Barker St.	506	176	682
Fred L. Gardner, 158 Howe St.	346	103	449
Henry N. Hall, 5 Walnut St.	638	200	838
Samuel Joy, Joy Avenue	240	110	350
Samuel Rushton, 27 Centre St.	355	250	605
Blank	216	156	372

**And Edwin J. Castle, Millard F. Emerson and Henry N. Hall were declared elected Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor, and were sworn.**

**For Assessor for Three Years**

Millard F. Emerson, 12 Barker St.	575	197	722
Samuel Joy, Joy Avenue	268	127	395
Blank	89	53	142

**And Millard F. Emerson was declared elected Assessor of Taxes** for three years and was sworn.

**For Highway Surveyor**

Robert W. Dow 12 ½ Barker St.	760	317	1077
Blank	172	60	232

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

**For School Committee – Three Years**

Robert B. Fisher, 32 Park St.	568	179	747
John W. Rawnsley 31 Pelham	257	151	408
Blank	107	47	154

**And Robert B. Fisher was declared elected School Committee for Three Years.**

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

Harry H. Johnson, 12 Central St.	664	243	907
Blank	268	134	402

**And Harry H. Johnson was declared elected Trustee of Nevins Memorial for Two Years.**

**For Water Commissioners**

James H. Lyons, 244 Oakland Ave. Extension	565	222	787
William Taylor 15 Pinedale Ave.	311	129	440
Blank	56	26	82

**And James H. Lyons was declared elected Water Commissioner** for three years, and was sworn.

**For Tree Warden**

Alfred H. Wagland 3 Kirk St.	691	291	982
Andrew Lyons	1		1
Blank	240	86	326

**For Cemetery Commissioner**

Moses G. Smith, 387 Lowell St.	684	251	935
Blank	248	126	374

**And Moses G. Smith was declared elected Cemetery Commissioner** for Three Years

**For Auditor**

Norman C. Lyon, 113 Prospect St.	599	223	822
Blank	333	154	487

**And Norman C. Lyon was declared elected Auditor**, and was sworn.

**For Constables**

John W. Beaumont, 60 Osgood St.	601	262	863
John F. Dugdale, 57 Oakland Ave.	450	184	634
Albert B. Gordon, 25 Sage St.	639	252	891
Amos G. Jones, 64 Union	519	163	682
Robert Morgan, 42 High	569	177	739
Harry Nimmo, 19 Milk	516	162	678
William J. Oliver, 8 Annis	603	320	923
Herman Weinhold, 17 Dewey	303	145	448
Blank	1399	597	1996

**And John W. Beaumont, Albert B. Gordon (sworn), Amos G. Jones (sworn), Robert Morgan, Harry Nimmo (sworn), and William J. Oliver (sworn) were declared elected Constables.**

**For Fence Viewers**

Charles Hutchins, 38 Pelham St.	613	217	830
Fred E. Koenig, 13 Milk	590	200	790
S. Wesley Young, 354 Pelham	621	217	838
Blank	497	1469	

**And Charles Hutchins, Fred E. Koenig, and S. Wesley Young were declared elected Fence Viewers.**

**License Vote**

"Shall Licenses be granted for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors in the Town?"

Yes	295	123	418
No	494	181	675
Blank	143	73	216

Joseph S. Howe – Town Clerk  
 John S. Tapley Registrars  
 Frederick A. Hoyle } of  
 Edward J. Feeney Voters

**Recount of Votes for Selectmen and Overseer of Poor.**

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 and 2 in said town for the office of Selectman and Overseer of Poor are erroneous and that votes cast for Samuel Rushton were credited to Edwin J. Castle, Millard J. Emerson, Fred L. Gardner, Henry N. Hall, and Samuel Joy, and that some were counted blank, and asking for a recount of the same, the Registrars of Voters of the Town of Methuen, me at the Town House in said town on Thursday, March tenth A.D. 1910 at seven o'clock and thirty minutes P.M. and all the candidates for the above names offices having been notified of the meeting, the proceeded to open the envelopes containing the ballots cast at the said election, recounted the votes cast for Selectmen and Overseer of the Poor and report the result as follows:

	Pre 1	Pre 2	Total
The total number of ballots cast was	932	377	1309
Edwin J. Castle, 56 Lowell St.	492	136	628
Millard F. Emerson, 12 Barker St.	506	178	684
Fred L. Gardner, 158 Howe St.	341	103	444
Henry N. Hall, 5 Walnut St.	638	201	839
Samuel Joy, Joy Avenue	243	111	354
Samuel Rushton, 27 Centre St.	356	251	607
Blank	220	151	371

The ballots were replaced in the envelopes and preserved.

John S. Tapley Registrars  
 Frederick A. Hoyle } of  
 Edward J. Tenney Voters  
 Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

## **Record of Business Meeting, – March twelfth 1910.**

**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, March twelfth A.D. 1910 at one o'clock in the afternoon, to elect the Town Officers not required to be chosen by ballot, and to transact the business of the Annual Town Meeting. The meeting was called to order at one o'clock by the Moderator, Granville E. Foss Esq. The meeting then proceeded to the choice of those officers not required to be chosen by ballot, as follows:-**

### **Field Drivers**

Harry Brown	John M. Ingraham	Henry C. Dudley
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### **Surveyors of Plastering**

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

### **Surveyors of Lumber**

William J. Buckley (sworn)	Charles Hutchins (sworn)
Isaac C. Brown	James H. Lyons (sworn)
James A. Parker	Charles A. Stevens
Millard F. Emerson (sworn)	Harry D. Kelley (sworn)

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

Charles A. Stevens	Fred A. Russell
Samuel Emerson	William J. Buckley (sworn)
Millard F. Emerson (sworn)	

### **Pound Keepers**

Benjamin Nice	Joseph E. Buswell
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### **Finance Committee**

Voted that the Finance Committee be elected at this time.

Voted that the Committee of last year be appointed the Committee for next year.

Article 2 Voted to accept the Annual Report of the Selectmen.

### Article 3 **Appropriations**

A motion was made to appropriate the estimates for town charges as recommended by the Selectmen. Mr. Castle moved that the appropriation for Town Teams be \$4300.<sup>00</sup> and for Health Dept. 1200. It was also voted that the appropriation for Macadam be all expended for repairs.

The estimates for town charges as reported by Selectmen and amended as above were adopted and are as follows.

For supervising, teaching, janitorship and fuel	\$35,000.00
Supplies for Schools	2,500.00
Repairs for schools	1,600.00
Contingencies for schools	1,400.00
School Physician	100.00
Opening roads and Sanding sidewalks	2,500.00
Highway and Bridges	4,000.00
Macadam	8,000.00
Sewers	2,500.00
Sidewalks	1,500.00
Highway Surveyor	1,200.00
Edgestone + Flagging	1,000.00
Sprinkling Streets	500.00
Town Teams	4,300.00
Health Department	1,200.00
Tree Warden Expense	500.00
Suppression of Gypsey and Brown Tail Moth	2,500.00
Fire Department	4,000.00
Police Department	5,000.00
Contingencies	2,500.00
Street Lights	4,500.00
Pauper Department	3,000.00
Soldiers Relief	800.00
Military Aid	2,000.00
Interest on Town Debt	7,000.00
Water for hydrants and drinking fountains and St. Sprinkling	3,000.00
Collection of Taxes	1,400.00
Town Officers	3,000.00
Water bonds due in 1910	4,000.00
Elmwood Cemetery. (Revolutionary. Soldiers)	<u>100.00</u>
	108,500.00

### Article 4 **Collection of Taxes**

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

Article 5 Article 5 was laid on the table.

## Article 6 **Finance Committee/ Playstead Committee**

The Committee on Playstead reported through its Chairman Arthur J. Crosby as follows:

“To the Town of Methuen Mass, Your committee appointed last May to develop a playstead beg to submit the following report,

After carefully considering several suggested sites for a playground, the committee unanimously decided upon the purchase of a five acre plot of land on the north side of Pelham Street and owned by the Methuen Company. The land was purchased for the sum of \$800. The deed for which has been duly executed and recorded and placed in the care of the Town Treasurer Joseph S. Howe.

By the strictest economy and considerable gratuitous labor, nearly one half of the plot has been graded and with very little expense can be made ready for use. We recommend the appointment of a Committee to be known as The Playstead Commission, Said Commission to have full control of all playgrounds and parks within the town limits, and be responsible

for the expenditure of such funds as may be appropriated by the voters of the town for the development and maintenance of said playgrounds and parks. This Commission to consist of five members and be appointed annually at the annual town meeting in March of each year. We also recommend the appropriation of \$700.00 for the further development and maintenance of such playgrounds as are now owned by the Town.

### Financial Settlement Receipts

By appropriation	1,500.00
sale of wood	<u>7.00</u>
Total	1,507.00

### Payments

Methuen Company of sand	800.00
Pay Rolls	693.34
Supplies	7.75
Balance unexpended	<u>5.91</u>
	1,507.00

A.J. Crosby Chairman

Jos. S. Howe

Josiah W. Bodwell

George W. Tenney

Robert W. Dow

A. G. Parce

Alfred Humphries

The report was accepted.

## Article 7 **Dog Licenses**

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

#### **Article 8 Fire Department Compensation**

Voted that for the first hour after an alarm of fire the compensation be one dollar per hour, and for every subsequent hour fifty cents.

#### **Article 9 Civil Service Police**

A motion to accept the provisions of Section 37 of Chapter 19 of the revised laws was decided in the negative and said provisions were not accepted.

#### **Article 10 Memorial Day \$200**

Voted to appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars for decorating the graves of our Soldiers and Sailors on Memorial Day, May 30, 1910. Said money to be expended under the direction of the above Post.

#### **Article 11 By Law**

A motion to amend by striking out 300 and inserting 400 was lost. A motion to make the time from 9 A.M. to 12 noon instead of 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. was also lost. A motion to insert the words "legal holidays" after the word Sunday was carried, and the word "may" was also stricken out.

A motion to adopt was carried and as amended the proposed By Law reads as follows:- "The office of the Selectmen shall be open daily excepting Sunday and legal holidays from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. and from 2 to 5 P.M. and on at least one evening in each week from 7 to 9 P.M. The Selectmen shall hold a regular public meeting at least once a week, and employ clerical assistance at an expense not to exceed \$800.00 per year."

Voted, that the compensation of the Selectmen be three hundred dollars per annum, payable in equal monthly instalments, to be taken from the appropriation for Town Officers.

#### **Article 12 School Houses \$75,000.00**

Voted – to instruct the School Committee to erect an eight room brick building upon the Oakland Avenue lot, and a six room brick building upon the Broadway lot adjacent to the present Arlington School; and also Voted - to appropriate Seventy five thousand dollars for that purpose.

#### **Article 13 Loan**

Article 13 was laid down upon the table for consideration later.

#### **Article 14 Fire Dept.**

Voted – that the Selectmen make an arrangement with the Lawrence Fire Department, to respond to all fires in the east part of the Town, and pay them for actual services performed.

#### **Article 15 Clerk Hire**

Voted, that the salary of the Town Clerk, Treasurer, and Collector be increased Three Hundred Dollars, he to pay all clerk hire.

#### **Article 16 Drivers Pay**

Voted – to pass over article 16 of the Warrant.

#### **Article 17 Water Pipe \$5,000.00**

Voted to extend the water pipe on Pelham Street from Marsh Corner to the junction of Pelham Street and Hampshire Roads and up Hampshire Roads about eight hundred feet, and appropriate Five Thousand Dollars for that purpose.

Article 18 Voted, that Article 18 be laid on the table.

Article 19 Voted – that Article 19 be laid on the table.

Article 36 Voted – to consider Article 36 of the Warrant.

Voted that Article 36 be laid on table.

#### **Article 37 Water Pipe Articles**

**& 38**

Voted to pass over Articles 37 and 38 of the Warrant.

After considerable discussion it was voted to reconsider the action taken on Article 37 and 38. It was then voted to lay on the table, Articles, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, and 45, all relating to extension of water pipes.

On motion of Norman C. Lyon, it was voted that the votes name a Committee of three, consisting of Mr. Bunting, Mr. Holt, and Mr. Pierce, and one other to be name by the Moderator, to draft a bill to be presented to the Legislature, to cover any expenditure of money that may be made this year in extending the water system of Methuen. This Committee to report at the first adjournment of this town Meeting.

The Moderator appointed Joseph S. Howe as the fourth member of the Committee.

Voted – to adjourn the meeting for one week – to Saturday March 19<sup>th</sup> at one o'clock and thirty minutes P.M.

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

### **Adjourned Meeting, March 19, 1910.**

**An adjourned meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen, was held on Saturday, March nineteenth at half past one o'clock P.M., the Moderator in the Chair.**

#### **Article 20 Fire Hose**

Article twenty of the Warrant being under consideration it was voted to pass over this article.

#### **Article 21 Hose**

Voted – to pass over Article 21 of the Warrant.

#### **Article 22 \$25.00**

Voted – to appropriate twenty five dollars for a chemical to be placed on the hose reel.

#### **Article 23 Fire Alarm Box**

Voted to pass over Article 23 of the Warrant.

#### **Article 24 Hose \$1,000.00**

Voted to appropriate One Thousand Dollars for the purchase of two thousand feet of hose, and that the Fire Engineers provide hose for the use of the outlying districts.

Voted, - that after a fire in the outside districts, the fire engineers cause the hose to be brought to the central fire station to be cleaned and dried, and return an equal amount to the place from which it was taken.

#### **Article 25 Hose \$150.00**

Voted, - to buy three hundred feet of hose to be located at Fairview, and appropriate one hundred and fifty dollars for that purpose.

#### **Article 26 Fire Alarm Box \$350.00**

A motion to pass over the article was lost, and it was then Voted – to install a fire alarm box at Hampshire Roads, near the residence of George C. Oliver, and to appropriate the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars for that purpose.

#### **Article 27 Fire Alarm**

Voted – to pass over Article 27 of the Warrant.

Article 28 Voted – To lay Article 28 on the table.

**Article 29 Street Widening \$5300.00**

Voted, - To appropriate Fifty three hundred dollars to pay for widening Lowell Street from Hampshire Street to Railroad Bridge according to order of County Commissioners.

Article 30 **Oakland Avenue**

Voted – to drop the word “Extension” from that part of Oakland Avenue west of Lowell Street and name the whole street Oakland Avenue.

**Article 31 Salary St. Com. \$1500.00**

Voted, - to make the salary of the Street Commissioner fifteen hundred dollars per annum, he to keep his own horse.

Article 32 Voted to pass over Article 32 of the Warrant.

Article 33 Voted, - to pass over Article 33 of the Warrant.

Article 34 Voted, - to pass over Article 34 of the Warrant.

Article 35 Voted, - to pass over Article 35 of the Warrant.

**Article 46 Union St. Wall \$100.00**

Voted, - to build a retaining wall on the west side of Union Street from the corner of Oakland Avenue, one hundred feet north, and to appropriate one hundred dollars to pay for the same.

**Article 47 Auditor \$50.00**

Voted to pay a salary of fifty dollars per annum to the Town Auditor, and to appropriate fifty dollars for that purpose.

**Article 48 Macadam Repairs on**

Voted, - to repair the macadam between Maple Street and Grosvenor’s Corner, and appropriate five hundred dollars for that purpose said sum to be taken from the regular appropriation for macadam.

**Article 49 Macadam**

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

## **Article 50 Railroad St. \$100.00**

Voted – that the Street Commissioner repair Railroad Street near the Cemetery, and that one hundred dollars be appropriated therefor.

## **Article 51 Alvin Street**

Voted – that the Street Commissioner repair Alvin Street the expense to be taken from the regular appropriation

## **Article 52 Sidewalk Merrimack \$50.00**

Voted, - to extend the sidewalk on Merrimack Street from Combination Street to the Boundary line, and appropriate Fifty Dollars therefor.

## **Article 13 School House Loan**

Article 13, was taken from the table and it was,

Voted by a unanimous vote

That for the purpose of paying for the construction and equipment of the school house voted to be built on the Oakland Avenue lot, and the Broadway lot, the Town Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to borrow with the approval of the Board of Selectmen the sum of

Seventy five thousand dollars, and to execute and deliver the notes of the Town therefor payable as follows; Three thousand dollars, in each year from ten to fifteen years from the date of issue, Four thousand dollars in each year from the date of issue, and Five thousand Dollars in each year from fifteen to twenty years from the date of issue, with interest thereon at the rate of four per cent per annum payable semi-annually. The funds necessary to pay off said loan at maturity to be raised annually by taxation in proper amounts, so that a fund will be raised and set apart yearly sufficient to extinguish the debt at Maturity.

## **Article 5 Sewer Loan**

Article 5 was taken from the table and it was Voted, - by a unanimous vote, -

That the Treasurer be and he hereby is authorized, with the approval of the majority of the Selectmen, to borrow from time to time during the current municipal year, beginning Jan. 1, 1910, in anticipation of the taxes of said municipal year a sum or sums not exceeding at any one time outstanding One Hundred Thousand Dollars for the purpose of meeting the current expenses of the Town, and to give the notes of the Town therefore, payable within one year from their dates. All debts incurred under authority of this vote shall be paid from the taxes of said current municipal year.

Said notes shall not be valid unless authorized by the certificate of the First National Bank of Boston.

**Article 53 Phillips Street**

Voted – that the Street Commissioner put the crossing on Phillips Street in proper condition.

**Article 54 Pleasant Valley St. \$200.00**

Voted, - that the recommendation of the Finance Committee be adopted, and that the Street Commissioner round up and gravel the road and that the sum of Five Hundred Dollars be appropriated therefor.

**Article 55 Pleasant Valley St. \$200.00**

Voted, - to adopt the recommendation of the Finance Committee and that the Street Commissioner round up the road and gravel the same from Hill's driveway to Jackson's driveway, and that two hundred dollars be appropriated therefor.

**Article 56 Lowell St. \$1,000**

Voted, - to appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars to grade and gravel Lowell Street, from the residence of Mrs. Newsholme as far as that sum of money will pay for the work.

**Article 57 Webb Street \$100.00**

Voted, - to appropriate the sum of One Hundred Dollars to build sidewalks on Webb Street.

**Article 58 Riverdale St.**

Voted, to refer Article 58 to the Street Commissioner to make such repairs as he shall think necessary.

**Article 59 North St.**

Voted to pass over Article 59 of the Warrant.

**Article 60 Cross St. \$500.00**

Voted, - that the Street Commissioner be instructed to expend Five Hundred Dollars for repairs on Cross Street, and that Five Hundred Dollars be appropriated for that purpose.

**Article 61 Ashland Ave. \$300.00**

Voted – to construct two catch basins at the junction of Ashland Avenue and Craven Street and pave the gutters of said Ashland Avenue from Craven Street to the brow of the hill a distance of about four hundred feet and appropriate three hundred dollars for that purpose.

**Article 30 Water**

**& 45**

Voted – to take Articles 30 to 45 from the table, and that money appropriation under Article 18 be included.

Voted that the Committee to petition the Legislature for authority to issue Thirty Five Thousand dollars. No further action was taken on the articles named.

#### **Article 62 Lowell St.**

It was voted to refer the subject matter of Article 32, to the next Annual Town Meeting.

#### **Article 63 Meat Inspector \$500.00**

Voted to pay the Meat Inspector a salary of Five Hundred Dollars per Annum and that Five Hundred Dollars be appropriated for that purpose.

#### **Article 64 Police – Pleasant Valley**

Voted – To pass over Article 64 of the Warrant.

#### **Article 74 Sewer**

It was next voted to consider Article 74 of the Warrant; and it was voted to pass over the article.

The meeting was adjourned to Saturday March 26<sup>th</sup> at half past one P.M.

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

### **Adjourned Meeting March 26, 1910**

**An adjourned meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen was held at the Town Hall, on Saturday, March twenty sixth at half past one, the Moderator in the chair.**

#### **Article 65 Arnold St. \$500.00**

A motion to pass over the Article was declared lost; it was then Voted, - to have the gutters paved and necessary catch basins fixed on Arnold Street, and Five Hundred Dollars was appropriated for that purpose.

Article 66 Voted – to lay Article 66 on table for one hour.

#### **Article 67 Overseers of the Poor**

It was voted to adopt Article sixty seven as a vote of the Town but not as a By-Law, The vote was as follows;

Voted – that the Overseers of the Poor shall annually after the election in March, appoint as a Town Physician, a physician who is a legal resident of the Town to take office on the first day of May for the term of one year or until his successor is appointed, whose duties it shall be to render, under the direction of the Overseers of the Poor, proper medical and surgical treatment, and to furnish all needed medicine and appliances as it shall be necessary, to all who shall, during the period of his appointment require medical or surgical treatment from the town, including paupers for whose support and treatment the town receives remuneration from any other city or town or from the State. The annual salary of such Physician shall be \$600.00, payable in equal monthly installments the first day of each month.

#### **Article 68 Town Govt.**

Voted – to pass over Article 68 of the Warrant.

#### **Article 69 Town Government**

Voted – to pass over Article 69 of the Warrant.

#### **Article 28 Land Exchange**

Article 28 was taken from the table, and referred to the Selectmen, with full power to make exchange of land of equal value, and sign deeds of transcript, if in their judgment expedient.

#### **Article 70 Elmwood \$600.00**

Considerable discussion took place on the subject contained in the Article, and the meeting refused to appropriate Two Thousand Dollars. The meeting then voted to appropriate Six Hundred Dollars for improvements in Elmwood Cemetery.

#### **Article 71 Playstead \$700.00**

Before the consideration of Article 71, Mr. Humphrey, from the Playstead Committee, reported the doings of the Committee for 1909, and the report was accepted. It was then voted to appropriate Seven Hundred Dollars for further development and maintenance of such playgrounds as are now owned by the Town, and that a Committee to be known as the Playstead Commission be appointed, Said Commission to have full control of all playgrounds and parks within the town limits, and to be responsible for the expenditure of such funds as may be appropriated by the voters of the town for the development, and maintenance of said playgrounds and parks.

Voted to appoint the same Committee as served last year with the addition of Arthur W. Phippen. The Committee consists of Arthur J. Crosby, Alfred Humphrey, George W. Tenney, Robert W. Tenney, Robert W. Dow, Josiah W. Bodwell, Albion G. Pierce, Joseph S. Howe, Arthur W. Phippen, and J. Milton Tenney.

#### **Article 72 Voted to pass over Article 72 of the Warrant.**

## Article 73 **Driver's Pay**

Voted to pay the men that drive or furnish a team the same as the laborers, making five dollars per day for a team. Voted; that all drivers be paid two dollars per day

## Article 66 **Revolutionary Memorial - Elmwood**

Article 66 was taken from the table.

Charles M. Sawyer presented and read the report of the Commonwealth which is as follows:-  
"Your Committee would respectfully report, - that it seems to be the opinion of the citizens that some memorial be erected.

The only difference of opinion is as to the form the memorial shall assume. A bronze tablet on a boulder was the form first considered, but it has been called to our attention, that such a tablet when once erected cannot be changed and if it should occur that other names be brought forward, it will be impossible to insert them; while a granite tablet may be added to at small expense at any time. A granite die about 3 feet square, on a granite base four feet square by two feet high, with all inscriptions will cost about Three Hundred Dollars, all set in position; a bronze tablet on a boulder will cost about the same amount.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles M. Sawyer  
Moses G. Smith      } Cemetery Commissioners  
Ernest L. Burnham

Helen M. Barker – request Samuel Chapter. D.A.R.  
Carrie E. Barnes – Member Samuel Chapter D.A.R.

The report of the Committee was accepted and it was,

Voted:- That Three Hundred Dollars be appropriated to place a memorial tablet to the Revolutionary Soldiers in Elmwood Cemetery.

Voted:- that the same Committee carry out the vote of the Town

Voted:- To reconsider the vote whereby the Town voted to ask authority from the Legislature to issue Thirty Five Thousand Dollars.

Additional water Bonds, and it was then voted that the sum asked for be Thirty Thousand dollars.

## Article 75 **Sewer Oakland Ave. \$1,300.00**

Voted, - to construct thirteen hundred feet of sewer on Oakland Avenue Extension, and to appropriate thirteen hundred dollars for that purpose.

Voted – to take from the table all the articles relating to the extension of the water pipes.

After some discussion, from which it appeared that it was uncertain whether money to pay for water pipe extension could be borrowed, it was again voted to lay the articles on the table.

**Article 76 Sewer Hawthorne Ave. \$250.00**

Voted to construct a sewer in Hawthorne Avenue, beginning at the house of Sarah Bentley and running to land of Napoleon Roy, a distance of two hundred and fifty-feet and appropriate two hundred and fifty dollars for that purpose.

Article 77 Voted to pass over Article 77 of the Warrant

**Article 78 Sewer Hampshire St. \$300.00**

Voted to construct three hundred feet of eight inch sewer on Hampshire Street, from the centre of High Street to the house of Frank A. Wardwell and appropriate three hundred dollars for that purpose.

Voted – to instruct the Selectmen to see that the streets in which sewers are constructed, are left in as good condition after the work is complete, as they were in before the work began.

**Article 79 Sewer Loan**

It was voted by a unanimous vote that for the purpose of paying for the construction of the sewers voted to be built the present year the Town Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to borrow with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, the sum of Two Thousand Dollars and to execute and deliver the notes of the Town therefor payable in ten years from the date of issue, with interest thereon at the rate of hour per cent per annum payable semi-annually. The funds necessary to pay of said loan at maturity to be raised annually by taxation in proper amounts, so that a fund will be raised and set apart yearly sufficient with its accumulations to extinguish the debt at maturity.

**Articles Street Lights \$142.50**

80, 81, 83,

84, 85, 86 Articles 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86 relating to street lights were considered together and it was voted to erect and maintain the street lights asked for in the different articles and that One Hundred and forty two Dollars be appropriated therefor.

Article 82 Voted to pass over Article 82 of the Warrant

**Precinct Precinct**  
Report

Mr. Rushton, Ch. Of the last Board of Selectmen read the following report which was accepted and adopted.

“Starting at Dracut line on Tyler St., follow Dracut line to Merrimac River, follow Merrimac

River to Lawrence line, thence by Lawrence line to Elm St., thence up Elm Street to Lowell Street, thence up Lowell Street to Forest Street, then up Forest Street to Williams Place; meeting Howe Hill so-called; then by direct line to point of beginning.” Also.

“Starting at Jackson Street and Lawrence line; thence through Jackson to Marston Corner, thence through Pleasant Valley Street to Merrimack Street; thence through Merrimack Street to Haverhill line; thence follow Merrimack River back to Lawrence line; thence follow Lawrence line to point of beginning.”

Samuel Rushton }      Selectmen  
Henry N. Hall

Article 87 Voted to pass over Article 87 of the Warrant.

Article 88 **Maguire St.**

Voted to accept Maguire Street as laid out by Selectmen.

Article 89 **Short St.**

Voted, - to accept Short Street as laid out by Selectmen

Article 90 **Vermont St.**

Voted – to accept Vermont Street between Swan and East Street, and Fair Oaks Avenue between Prospect and Russ Streets, as laid out by Selectmen.

Article 91 **Walnut St.**

Voted to accept Walnut Street as laid out by Selectmen.

Article 92 **French St.**

Voted to accept French Street from Centre Street to the property of Mr. Hall as laid out by the Selectmen.

Article 93 Article 93 was laid on the table until a future meeting.

Article 22 Voted that the Engineers be authorized to expend the money appropriated under Article 22 of the Warrant.

Article 19 Voted to take Article 19 from the table, and it was then passed over.

Article 94 **Deed of land**

Voted, - to authorize the Selectmen to give a deed to the lot on Howe Street formally used as a town pound, in order to correct possible irregularities in previous deeds therefor, and in the authority for such conveyance.

Voted to adjourn, - at half past four P.M. without day.

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe, Town Clerk

**Methuen March 28, 1910.**

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 Sylvia P. Leavitt of said Methuen, to be assistant Town Clerk as provided by statute.

Sworn,

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

**Warrant for Special Town Meeting, June 11, 1910.**

**File 14. No. 12.**

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**Essex SS:**

To Albert B. Gordon, 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 the elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Methuen on Saturday afternoon, the eleventh day of June, 1910, at 2 o'clock, then and there to act on the following articles, viz.:

- Article 1 By request of Harriette F. Nevins and others to see if the Town will vote to extend the water pipes from the corner of Broadway and Hampshire streets about twenty-one hundred (2100) feet north and appropriate the sum of twenty-two hundred dollars (\$2200.00) for the same.
- Article 2 By request of Otis Allen and others to see if the Town will vote to extend the water main from its end at No. 172 Howe street to No. 247 Howe Street and appropriate the sum of thirty-seven hundred fifty dollars (\$3750.00) for the same.
- Article 3 By request of C. E. Young and others to see if the Town will vote to lay water pipes from the corner of North Lowell and Lowell streets to the corner of North Lowell and Tyler streets about twenty-five hundred feet (2500) and appropriate twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2500.00) for the same.
- Article 4 By request of Samuel Robinson and others to see if the Town will vote to extend its water service on Albion street seven hundred feet (700) from Milk street and appropriate seven hundred dollars (\$700.00) for the same.
- Article 5 By request of V. B. Richardson and others to see if the Town will vote to extend the water supply from Mr. William Sherman's to Grosvenor's Corner School House about seventy-two hundred feet (7200) and appropriate eighty-five hundred dollars (\$8500.00) for the same.

Article 6 By request of Alfred Griffiths and others to see if the Town will vote to extend the water pipes of its system of water works, from the corner of Prospect and East streets, westerly through East Street to Jackson street, thence southerly through Jackson street to Longwood Drive, so called; thence westerly through said Longwood Drive, and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2000.00) for the same.

Article 7 By request of William A. Benoit and others to see if the Town will vote to extend its water main along Pleasant Valley street from Merrimack street to the residence of Mr. Long, and distance of twenty-two hundred feet (2200) and appropriate the sum of twenty-two hundred dollars (\$2200.00) for the same.

Article 8 By request of Conrad Ruchtler and others, to see if the Town will vote to extend the water main on Merrimack street from the residence of George Cross to Alvin street and appropriate the sum of six hundred dollars (\$600.00) for the same.

Article 9 By request of James Watt and others, to see if the Town will vote to extend its water system as follows:

From the corner of Howe and Currier streets through Currier street to Washington street, a distance of about three thousand and six hundred and fifty feet (3650) thence northeasterly along Washington street to the residence of Mr. Henry G. Richardson, a distance of about three hundred feet (300) from Currier street: also extend said system southwesterly from Currier street along Washington street to the residence of Joseph Bedard, a distance of about five hundred and fifty feet (550) from the corner of Currier and Washington streets, thus making a total of about four thousand five hundred feet, (4500) and appropriate four thousand five hundred dollars (\$4500) for the same.

Article 10 By request of Harriette F. Nevins and others to see if the Town will vote to sustain the action of the Selectmen in placing a day patrolman about the town and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for the same.

Article 11 By request of Frederick A. Russell to see if the Town will vote to extend its water pipe on Merrimack street from its present terminus on said Merrimack street, thirty three hundred and forty feet (3340) and appropriate twenty-six hundred dollars for the same.

Article 12 To see if the Town will vote to issue any bonds, notes or script, and fix the amount, time of payment, and rate of interest thereof and thereon, and the form thereof, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 418, of the acts of the Legislature, for the year 1910.

Article 13 By request of the playstead commission to see if the Town will authorize and empower the playstead commission appointed at the last annual Town meeting, to make and enforce reasonable rules and regulations for the use of and maintenance of the playstead on Pelham street, and other public-playgrounds and parks in Town.

Article 14 By request of Fred A. Weiss and others to see if the Town will vote to construct two hundred

and fifty feet of 8 inch sewer on East street and appropriate two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) for the same.

Article 15 To see if the Town will vote to borrow money to pay for the sewer as voted, and authorize the issue of the note or notes of the town thereof.

Article 16 By request of William Eccles and others to see if the Town will vote to have an additional night patrolman appointed for the Arlington Heights district and appropriate the sum of five hundred and fifty dollars (\$550) for the same.

Article 17 By request of Herman Kleiner and others to see if the Town will vote to place and maintain two street lights, one at the corner of Swan and Olive streets on Swan street, and one on Fair Oaks avenue at the corner of Olive street.

Article 18 The school committee request the Town to appropriate five hundred dollars (\$500) to pay tuition charges of the Lawrence Industrial school for the instruction of Methuen residents.

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

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

Millard F. Emerson,  
Henry N. Hall,  
Edwin J. Castle,  
Selectmen of Methuen

A true copy attest:

Albert B. Gordon  
Constable of Methuen

### **Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**Essex SS: - Methuen, June 11, 1910.** By virtue of the within precept I have served the within Warrant in accordance with section two of the by laws of said town of Methuen by posting an attested copy of the within Warrant at the town house and at the post office in precinct one, and at the corner of Centre and Tenney streets in precinct two, on Saturday the fourth day of

June instant (1910) being eight days before the day of said meeting, and I have also caused to same to be printed in the Methuen Transcript once a week for two successive weeks that the last publication being on Friday the tenth day of June instant (1910), being one day before the day of said meeting.

Albert B. Gordon, Constable of Methuen

A true copy of Warrant and return,

Jos. S. Howe, Town Clerk.

## **Record of Special Town Meeting, - June 11, 1910.**

**A meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs was held at the Town Hall in said Town on Saturday, June eleventh A.D. 1910, at two o'clock P.M., pursuant to Warrant No. 12 File 14.**

The meeting was called to order at the time appointed by the Moderator Granville E. Foss Esq.

The Warrant was read by the Town Clerk and the meeting was opened for business.

The report of the Finance Committee on the various articles to be acted upon, was read by the Clerk of Committee, Perley D. Smith, and the report was accepted.

### **Article 1 Water - Broadway and Hampshire \$2200.00**

Voted, - to extend the water pipes from the corner of Broadway and Hampshire Streets about twenty one hundred feet north, and appropriate twenty two hundred dollars for the same.

### **Article 2 Water - Howe \$3750.00**

Voted, - to extend the water main from its end at No. 172 Howe Street to No. 247 Howe Street, and appropriate the sum of thirty seven hundred and fifty dollars for that purpose.

### **Article 3 Water - North Lowell \$2500.00**

Voted: - to lay water pipes from the corner of North Lowell and Lowell streets to the corner of North Lowell and Tyler Streets about twenty five hundred feet, and appropriate twenty five hundred dollars for the same.

### **Article 4 Water - Albion St. \$700.00**

Voted, - to extend the water service on Albion Street, seven hundred feet from Milk Street and appropriate seven hundred dollars for that purpose.

### **Article 5 Water - Hampstead**

Voted, - to pass over Article 5 of the Warrant.

### **Article 6 Water - East & Jackson \$2000.00**

Voted: - to extend the water pipes, of the system of water works from the corner of Prospect and East streets, westerly through East street to Jackson street, thence southerly through Jackson street; to Longwood Drive thence westerly through said Longwood Drive, and to appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars for that purpose.

### **Article 7 Water – Pleasant Valley \$2200.00**

Voted: - to extend the water main along Pleasant Valley Street from Merrimack Street to the residence of Mr. Long, a distance of twenty two hundred feet, and appropriate the sum of twenty two hundred dollars for that purpose.

**Article 8 Water – Merrimack \$600.00**

Voted to extend the water main on Merrimack Street, from the residence of George Cross, to Alvin Street, and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred Dollars for the same.

**Article 9 Water Currier St. \$4500.00**

Voted,- to extend the water system, from the corner of Howe and Currier streets, through Currier street to Washington Street, a distance of about thirty six hundred and fifty feet, thence northeasterly along Washington Street to the residence of Mr. Henry G. Richardson, about three hundred feet; Also along Washington Street to the residence of Joseph Bedard about five hundred and fifty feet, and appropriate the sum of forty five hundred dollars for that purpose.

**Article 10 Patrolman \$500.00**

Voted:- to sustain the action of the Selectmen in placing a day patrolman about the town, and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars for that purpose, said sum to be added to the regular appropriation for Police.

**Article 11 Water - Merrimack \$2600.00**

Voted: - to extend the water pipe on Merrimack street from its present terminus on said Merrimack Street, thirty three hundred and forty feet and appropriate twenty six hundred dollars for the same.

**Article 12 Loan Water bonds**

Voted: - by a unanimous vote, that the Town borrow the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars for the purpose of extending and improving its system of water supply, as authorized by Chapter 418 of the Acts of Legislature of 1910, and that, for that purpose, the Town issue thirty bonds of One Thousand Dollars each, to be signed by the Town Treasurer and counter signed by the Water Commissioners, bearing interest at a rate not exceeding four and one half per cent per annum payable semi-annually. Said bonds to be payable one each year, beginning with the first, until all are paid; payment to be provided for in such annual payments, as will extinguish the debt as it matures and pay the interest thereon.

**Article 13 Playstead**

Voted - to pass over Article 13 of the Warrant.

Voted: - that any unexpended balances from the appropriation for water extension, be reserved for future extensions.

**Article 14 Sewer – East St. \$250.00**

Voted: - to construct two hundred and fifty feet of 8 inch sewer on East St. and to appropriate two hundred and fifty dollars therefor.

**Article 15 Loan**

Voted: - by a unanimous vote, that for the purpose of paying for the construction of a sewer in East Street, the Town Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to borrow with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars and to execute and deliver the note or notes of the Town, therefor, payable in ten years from the date of issue with interest thereon at a rate not exceeding four and one half per cent, per annum payable semi-annually. The funds necessary to pay off said loan at maturity to be raised annually by taxation in proper amounts to extinguish the debt at maturity.

**Article 16 Patrolman**

Voted to pass over Article 16 of the Warrant.

**Article 17 Street fights**

Voted: - to pass over Article 17 of the Warrant

**Article 18 Industrial School \$1000.00**

Voted – to appropriate One Thousand Dollars to pay tuition charges of the Lawrence Industrial school for instruction of Methuen Residents.

Voted - That the Water Board be requested to print in their Annual Town report, the amount expended on each extension made, where the expenditure is over fifty dollars.

Voted: - to instruct the Selectmen to divide the Town into additional voting Precincts.

Adjourned at 4-10 P.M.

Attest Jos. S. Howe, Town Clerk

**Warrant for Special Town Meeting, July 23, 1910.  
File 14. No. 13  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts.**

**Essex SS.**

To Albert B. Gordon, one of the Constables of the Town of Methuen, in said County,

**Greeting:** In the name Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required forthwith to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen, qualified to vote in the elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Methuen, on Saturday afternoon, the twenty-third day of July, 1910, at two o'clock, then and there to act on the following articles, viz.:

Article 1 To see if the Town will vote to instruct the School Committee to erect an eight-room brick school-house upon the lot owned by the Town upon Oakland avenue, and a six-room brick schoolhouse upon the lot owned by the Town upon Broadway adjacent to the present Arlington School, and appropriate seventy-five thousand (75,000) dollars, or any other sum, for the purpose aforesaid, or for either of them, and will vote to borrow the whole or any part of the money so appropriated.

Article 2 To see if the Town will vote to accept from Chas H. Tenney, a deed of the monument lot on Pleasant street, upon the conditions specified in said deed.

Article 3 To see if the Town will vote to purchase a piece of land from the Methuen Company off Railroad street and appropriate the sum of seven-hundred dollars for the same.

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

Given under our hands and the seal of the Town of Methuen this 12<sup>th</sup> day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ten.

Millard F. Emerson Selectmen  
Henry N. Hall } of  
Edwin J. Castle Methuen

A true copy,

Attest: Albert B. Gordon,  
Constable of Methuen

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Essex SS:-

Methuen, July 23, 1910.

By virtue of the within precept, I have served the within Warrant in accordance with section two of the By Laws of said town of Methuen by posting an attested copy of the within Warrant at the town house and at the post office in precinct one, and at the corner of Centre and Tenney streets

in precinct two, on Friday the fifteenth day of July instant (1910) being more than eight days before the day of said meeting, and I have also caused the same to be printed in the Methuen Transcript once a week for two successive weeks, the last publication being on Friday the twenty second day of July instant (1910) being one day before the day of said meeting.

Albert B Gordon, - Constable of Methuen

A true copy of Warrant and Return

Attest, Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

## **Record of Special Town Meeting – July 23, 1910.**

**A meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs was held at the Town Hall in said Town on Saturday July twenty third A.D. 1910 at two o'clock P.M. in pursuance of Warrant No. 13 File 14.**

The meeting was called to order at the time appointed, by the Moderator, Granville E. Foss Esq. the Warrant was read by the Town Clerk and the meeting was opened for business. The report of the Finance Committee was read by the Clerk, Perley D. Smith, and the report was accepted.

### **Article 1 School House Loan**

The Town Clerk stated that the subject matter of the article was acted upon at the Annual Town Meeting, but that a defect in the vote was found, which made a new vote necessary.

It was then voted by a unanimous vote:-

That the School Committee be and it is hereby instructed to erect an eight room brick school house on the lot owned by the Town on Oakland Avenue, and a six-room brick school-house upon the lot owned by the Town upon Broadway adjacent to the present Arlington School.

For the purpose of raising the money necessary for the foregoing purposes, the Town Treasurer is hereby directed to issue and sell notes or bonds of the Town, coupon in form, to the amount of seventy five thousand (\$75,000.00) dollars, bearing interest at a rate not exceeding four and one half per cent, and payable in annual installments of four thousand (4,000) dollars each beginning one year from the date of said notes or bonds and continuing for fifteen successive years, and three thousand dollars each, beginning sixteen years from the date of said notes or bonds and continuing for five successive years; and the proceeds of said notes or bonds are hereby appropriated for the purpose aforesaid. Said notes or bonds shall be payable, principal and interest, at the First National Bank of Boston, and shall bear the authenticating certificate of said Bank.

### **Article 2 Monument Lot**

Voted:- to accept from Charles H. Tenney, a deed of the monument lot on Pleasant Street, upon the conditions specified in said deed.

Voted: that a vote of thanks be given to Mr. Tenney for his generous gift. The vote was taken by a rising vote and was unanimous.

### **Article 3 Purchase of Land**

A sharp discussion arose over Article 3 of the Warrant.

The Finance Committee reported in favor of the purchase. A motion was made that the land referred to in the Article be purchased of the Methuen Company and that Seven Hundred Dollars be appropriated therefor, said sum to be taken from the earnings of the Waterworks. An amendment that the whole subject be referred to the Selectmen, and the amendment was lost. A motion that the Selectmen be instructed to sell the old engine house was lost on a Yea & Nay vote – 6 to 10.

A motion was then made to pass over the Article, and the motion was lost – seven in favor to nine opposed.

A motion was then made to appropriate Seven Hundred Dollars for the purchase of the land, that sum to be taken from the income of the waterworks, and the motion was lost.

The question then recurred on the original motion, and it was voted to purchase the lot from the Methuen Company, and appropriate Seven Hundred Dollars for that purpose.

No other business appearing, the meeting adjourned.

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe, Town Clerk

### **Warrant for Special Town Meeting August 20, 1910.**

**File 14. No. 14**

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**Essex SS:-** To Albert B. Gordon, 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 the elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Methuen, on Saturday afternoon, the twentieth day of August, 1910, at 2 o'clock then and there to act on the following article, viz.:-

Article 1 To see if the Town will vote to issue any bonds, notes or script, and fix the amounts, time of payment, and rate of interest thereof and thereon, and the form thereof, pursuant to the provision of Chapter 418, of the acts of Legislature, for the year 1910.

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

Given under our hands and the seal of the Town of Methuen, this eleventh day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ten.

Willard F. Emerson Selectmen  
Henry N. Hall } of  
Edwin J. Castle Methuen

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Essex SS:-

**Methuen, August 20, 1910**

By virtue of the within precept I have served the within Warrant in accordance with section two of the By-Laws of said town of Methuen by posting an attested copy of the within Warrant at the town house and at the post office in precinct one, and at the corner of Centre and Tenney streets in Precinct two on Friday the twelfth day of August instant, being eight days before the day of said meeting, and I have also caused the same to be printed in the Methuen Transcript once a week for two successive weeks the last publication being on Friday the nineteenth day of August instant being one day before the day of said meeting.

Albert B Gordon, Constable of Methuen

A true copy of Warrant and return.

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

## Record of Special Town Meeting, August 20, 1910.

**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 August twentieth A.D. 1910 at two o'clock P.M. pursuant to Warrant No. 14 File 14.** The meeting was called to order at the time appointed, by the Moderator Granville E. Foss Esq. The Town Clerk Joseph S. Howe being unavoidably absent, the Moderator called for the choice of a Town Clerk pro. tem. The polls were opened for the choice of a Town Clerk pro. tem., the check list being used, John T. Douglas was chosen Town Clerk pro. tem., and was sworn. The Warrant was read by the Town Clerk pro. tem. and the meeting was opened for business.

### Article 1 Water Bonds

Voted – by a unanimous vote, that the Town borrow the sum of thirty thousand dollars for the purpose of extending and improving its system of Water Supply; as authorized by Chapter 418 of the Acts of Legislature of 1910, and that, for that purpose, the Town issue thirty bonds of one thousand dollars each, to be signed by the Town Treasurer, and countersigned by the Water Commissioners, bearing interest at a rate not exceeding four and one half per cent per annum, payable semi-annually.

Said bonds to be payable one each year, beginning with the first, until all are paid; payment to be provided for in such annual payments, as will extinguish the debt as it matures and pay the interest thereon.

No other business appearing the meeting adjourned at 2-30 P.M.

J. T. Douglas - Town Clerk – Pro. tem.

**Warrant for State Election, Nov. 8, 1910**  
**File 14 No. 15**  
**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**Essex SS:-** To Albert B. Gordon, one of the Constables of the Town of Methuen, in said County:

**Greeting:-** In the name of 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 eighth (8) 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, Representatives in Congress, Councillor, Senator, Representatives in the General Court, County Commissioner, Associate Commissioners, District Attorney and Sheriff.

All to be voted for on one ballot. The polls may be closed at four (4) 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 ninth (29) day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ten.

Millard F. Emerson	Selectmen
Henry N. Hall	of
Edwin J. Castle	Methuen

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

**Essex SS:-** To the Selectmen of the Town of Methuen.

**Greeting:-** By virtue of the within precept I have served the within Warrant in accordance with section two (2) of the by-Laws of said town of Methuen, by posting an attested copy of the within Warrant at the Town house and at the post office in precinct One, and at the corner of Centre and Tenney streets in precinct Two, on Saturday the twenty ninth day of October instant (1910), being more than eight days before the day of said meeting.

Albert B. Gordon – Constable of Methuen

**Methuen, Oct. 29, 1910**

A true copy of Warrant and return.

Jos. S. Howe, - Town Clerk

## Record of State Elections, Nov. 8 1910.

At meetings of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen in the County of Essex, held in the respective Precincts in said Town, pursuant to Warrant No. 15 File 14 of Tuesday November eighth A.D. 1910, 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.

		Pre. 1	Pre. 2	Total
<b>Whole number of ballots cast</b>		<b>941</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>1334</b>
<b>For Governor</b>				
Eben S. Draper of Hopedale	Republican	481	187	668
Eugene N. Foss of Boston	Democratic	301	160	461
Eugene N. Foss of Boston	Dem. Progressive, Nom. Paper	34		34
Eugene N. Foss of Boston		11		11
John A. Nicholls of Boston	Prohibition	27	8	35
Moritz E. Ruther of Holyoke	Socialist Labor	12	10	22
Daniel A. White of Brockton	Socialist	45	14	59
Blank		30	14	44
<b>For Lieutenant Governor</b>				
Thomas F. Cassidy of Adams	Dem. Ind. Nom. Paper	244	113	357
Louis A. Frothingham of Boston	Republican	530	211	741
Henry C. Hess of Boston	Socialist Labor	17	12	29
Patrick Mahoney of Cambridge	Socialist	47	14	61
William G. Merrill of Malden	Prohibition	35	11	46
Blank		68	32	100
<b>For Secretary</b>				
Harriet D'Orsay of Lynn		65	23	88
Charles J. Martell of Boston		186	81	269
Andrew Mortenson of Somerville		10	12	22
William M. Olin of Boston		540	204	744
William E. Thomas of Boston		33	15	48
Blank		105	58	163
<b>For Treasurer</b>				
Carl Fredrikson of Worcester		16	15	31
Thomas A. Frissell of Hinsdale		23	17	40
Sylvester J. McBride of Watertown		56	27	83

Benjamin F. Peach of Lynn	191	73	264
Elmer A. Stevens of Somerville	547	198	745
Blank	108	63	171

**For Auditor**

John Holt of Worcester	29	18	47
Jeremiah P. McNally of Salem	15	13	28
Ambrose Miles of Lynn	60	25	85
Charles C. Paine of Barnstable	192	73	265
Henry E. Turner of Malden	533	197	730
Blank	112	57	179

**For Attorney General**

Dennis McGoff of New Bedford	22	14	36
Harold Metcalf of New Bedford	60	32	92
John B. Ratigan of Worcester	193	73	266
James M. Swift of Fall River	543	212	755
Blank	123	62	185

**For Congressman – Fifth District**

Butler Ames of Lowell	624	278	902
James H. Carmichael of Lowell	239	91	328
Louis S. Cox of Lawrence	1		1
Blank	79	24	103

**For Councillor – Fifth District**

William H. Gove of Salem	546	204	750
Nathan Huntington of Merrimac	71	35	106
John H. Sheedy of Salem	181	67	248
Blank	143	87	230

**For Senator – Fifth Essex District**

George Bunting of Methuen	633	301	934
Dennis E. Halley of Lawrence	234	79	313
Blank	74	13	87

**For Representatives in General Court. – Fifth Essex District**

Alfred J. Burckel of Lawrence	416	159	575
Samuel Rushton of Methuen	521	283	804
John C. Sanborn of Lawrence	337	95	432
Frederick W. Schlapp of Lawrence	247	65	312
Arthur Bower of Lawrence	1		1

Blank	360	184	544
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**For County Commissioners**

Edward E. Demerritt of Haverhill	74	37	111
John M. Grosvenor Jr. of Swampscott	553	212	765
Patrick J. Murphy of Peabody	172	67	239
Blank	142	77	219

**For Associate Commissioners**

Frank E. Hale of Merrimac	72	35	107
Wesley L. Hall of Georgetown	66	32	98
Sidney P. Kenyon of Lynn	159	59	218
Clarence E. Kimball of Wenham	493	193	686
John W. Lovett of Beverly	478	192	670
James T. Sullivan of Peabody	171	58	229
Blank	443	217	660

**For District Attorney – Eastern District**

Henry C. Attwill of Lynn	547	228	775
William R. Henry of Lynn	62	30	92
Charles D. Smith of Gloucester	212	84	296
Blank	120	51	171

**For Sheriff – Essex County**

Samuel A. Johnson of Salem	687	265	952
Jason Spoffard of Amesbury	106	48	154
Blank	148	80	288

Attest

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

**Record of Meeting of City and Town Clerks, Nov. 18. 1910**

**City of Lawrence  
City Clerk's Officer Nov. 18, 1910**

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 the Representative in the General Court for said District, at meetings held November eighth A.D. 1910.

	Ward 1				Ward 2				Methuen	Total
	Pre. 1	Pre. 2	Pre. 3	Pre. 1	Pre. 2	Pre. 3	Pre. 1	Pre. 2		
Alfred J. Burckel of Lawrence	289	104	327	115	99	258	416	159		1767
Samuel Rushton of Methuen	177	74	160	89	76	198	521	283		1578
John C. Sanborn of Lawrence	202	187	190	163	144	95	337	95		1892
Frederick W. Schlapp of Law.	258	196	254	144	251	403	247	65		1818
Arthur Bower of Lawrence							1	0		1
Blank	140	115	109	95	109	154	360	184		1266

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:-

John C. Sanborn of Lawrence

and

Frederick W. Schlapp of Lawrence

Attest – Edward J. Wade – City Clerk of Lawrence

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk of Methuen