

**Warrant for Annual Town Meeting – March 1915**  
**File 15 No. 1**  
**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**Essex SS:-**

To Abel Marsland Jr., 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 in precincts, one, two and three, namely, the Town hall in voting precinct One, the basement of the Arlington school in voting Precinct two, and the polling booth on Swan Street in voting Precinct three, on Monday the first day of March next at 5-45 o'clock in the forenoon, to bring in to the election officers their votes for Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, and one Assessor to serve three years, Highway Surveyor, one School Committeeman, one Water Commissioner to serve for three years, one Trustee of the Nevins Memorial, one Tree Warden, one Cemetery Commissioner, one Moderator, 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?"

Shall section 37 of Chapter 19 of the Revised Laws, being an act relative to civil service for the permanent force of fire department in cities and towns, be accepted?

All to be voted for on one ballot.

The polls may be closed at 4 o'clock P.M. Also to meet at the Town Hall in said town, on Saturday the sixth day of March next at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on 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 Town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriation for the same.
- Article 4 To elect a planning board as required by the Statutes.
- Article 5 To determine the manner for collecting taxes for the ensuing year and act thereon as the Town may think proper.
- Article 6 To hear the reports of the Committees and act thereon.
- Article 7 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of revenue for the current financial year.
- Article 8 To determine the manner of appropriating the amount received from dog taxes in accordance with Chapter 102 section 163 of the Revised Laws.

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

Article 10 By request of Col. William B. Greene Post 100 G.A.R. to see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of (\$250.00) two hundred and fifty dollars for decorating the graves of our soldiers and sailors on Memorial Day May 30<sup>th</sup>, 1915. Said money to be expended under the direction of said Post.

Article 11 To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 655 of the Acts of 1913 relative to building laws.

Article 12 By request of William J. Oliver and others, to see if the Town will vote to increase the pay of the regular police officers, twenty five cents per diem the same to be taken out of the regular appropriation for police.

Article 13 By request of Henry P. Klemke and others to see if the town will vote to extend the sewer on Hampshire street three hundred feet north from the residence of Frank A. Wardwell and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars for the same.

Article 14 To see if the Town will vote to accept and adopt the provisions of Chapter 635 of the Acts and Resolves of Massachusetts for the year 1912 and any amendments thereof. Such act being known as the Tenement House Act for Towns.

Article 15 By request of August Seiferth and others, to see if the Town will vote to build a sidewalk on the North East side of East street, from Arthur street to the house of Oscar Weller and appropriate five hundred dollars for the same.

Article 16 By request of Joseph Gauvin and others to see if the Town will vote to macadamize Dewey St., and appropriate the sum of fifteen hundred dollars for the same.

Article 17 By request of Arthur E. Voigt and others, to see if the Town will vote to macadamize Boylston street, from the corner of Vermont street to Carroll street and appropriate five hundred (\$500) dollars the same.

Article 18 By request of Albin P. Jaegar and others, to see if the Town will vote to grade Fairmont street from the corner of Fair Oaks avenue to East street and appropriate one hundred and fifty dollars for the same.

Article 19 By request of Peter F. Graham and others to see if the Town will vote to install thirteen hundred and fifty (1350) feet of edgestones on Broadway from the bridge at the Organ factory to Brown street and appropriate five hundred (500) dollars for the same.

Article 20 By request of J. M. Emsley and others to see if the town will vote to change the waterway which runs from Miss Woodbury's land on Oakland Avenue continuing through land formerly owned by Silas L. Holman (now J. M. Emsley), to run from property of Miss Woodbury to new street built by J. M. Emsley and across same to Ashland avenue continuing down Ashland avenue to a point opposite the residence of J. M. Emsley a

distance of 700 feet and appropriate four hundred dollars for the same.

Article 21 To see if the Town will vote to reimburse C. H. Tenney for edgestones put in on Whittier and Vine streets opposite the High school building and also on East street and appropriate four hundred seventy two (472) dollars for the same.

Article 22 By request of Wm. E. May and others, to see if the town will vote to accept a deed of a strip of land running from May Court to Washington Avenue.

Article 23 By request of Robert W. Dow and others to see if the Town will vote to make an addition on the rear of the fire station and appropriate fifteen hundred (1500.) dollars for the same.

Article 24 By request of Thomas McLoughlin and others to see if the Town will vote to finish macadamizing Oakland Avenue and install edgestones where necessary and appropriate the sum of seven hundred dollars for the same.

Article 25 By request of Max. M. Trompold and others, to see if the Town will vote to construct a sidewalk on the northerly line of Swan street from East street to Russ street and appropriate the sum of Two hundred dollars for the same.

Article 26 By request of Jeremiah Donahue and others to see if the Town will vote to appropriate five hundred dollars for repairing Prospect street from the Lawrence line to Swan street.

Article 27 By request of Robert W. Dow and others, to see if the Town will vote to repair Pelham street, and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars for the same.

Article 28 By request of Hyman Ollman and others to see if the Town will vote to Macadamize Chelmsford street from Centre street, to Lawrence street a distance of about one thousand feet, and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars for the same.

Article 29 By request of Thomas C. White and others, to see if the Town will vote to Macadamize Ayers Village street from the New Hampshire line to Haverhill line, and appropriate four thousand dollars for the same.

Article 30 By request of Herbert P. Wilkinson and others to see if the Town will vote to resurface and tarvia the Lowell road beginning at Orchard street at the Lawrence line, running by Orchard street to the intersection of Lowell street at the watering trough, thence on Lowell street to the new state road, and appropriate five thousand dollars for the same.

Article 31 By request of the board of Fire Engineers to see if the Town will vote to install a compressed air whistle on the Central fire station and appropriate one thousand dollars for the same.

Article 32 By request of the Playstead Commission to see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of three hundred (300) dollars for care of the Playstead and other public grounds.

Article 33 By request of Alfred H. Wagland and others to see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars for cutting brush and purchasing new trees.

Article 34 By request of the Cemetery Commissioners, to see if the Town will vote to appropriate three hundred dollars to carry on the work at the cemetery.

Article 35 By request of Henry F. Spottiswood and others to see if the Town will vote to lay a 2" water main along Hampshire Roads from the junctions of Hampshire Roads and Cross street to the residence of Henry F. Spottiswood, a distance of about two hundred and fifty feet and appropriate two hundred and fifty dollars for the same.

Article 36 By request of Albin P. Jaegar and others to see if the Town will vote to lay a 6" water pipe along Vermont street from East Street a distance of about two hundred and fifty feet and appropriate two hundred and fifty dollars for the same.

Article 37 To see if the Town will vote to lay a 6" water main along Canobieola street a distance of about seven hundred feet and appropriate seven hundred dollars for the same.

Article 38 By request of Andrew Hoh and others to see if the Town will vote to lay a 6" water main along Hampstead street from Grosvenor's Corner to land of James A. Shea, and then along Ayers Village street a distance of about ten thousand and five hundred feet and appropriate ten thousand five hundred dollars for the same.

Article 39 To see if the Town will vote to extend its water system along Wallace street from Merrimack, a distance of about six hundred fifty feet, and appropriate the sum of three hundred twenty five dollars for the same.

Article 40 By request of Arthur Redford and others to see if the Town will vote to extend its water system along Tyler street a distance of about six thousand and three hundred fifty feet and appropriate the sum of six thousand three hundred and fifty dollars for the same.

Article 41 By request of Thomas Dowling and others to see if the Town will vote to extend its water system along Myrtle street a distance of two thousand five hundred feet, and appropriate the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars for the same.

Article 42 By request of Charles E. Weinhold and others to see if the Town will vote to lay a six inch water pipe along North street from Grosvenor's corner a distance of about five thousand feet, and appropriate five thousand dollars for the same.

Article 43 By request of the Board of Fire Engineers to see if the Town will vote to lay a six inch water main along Lawrence street from Spruce Ct. to Willow street, a distance of about three hundred feet and appropriate three hundred dollars for the same.

Article 44 To see if the Town will vote to lay a six inch water main along Croist avenue from Merrimac street, a distance of about Eight hundred feet and appropriate eight hundred dollars for the same.

Article 45 To see if the Town will vote to extend its water system along Bay State road from Merrimac street a distance of nine hundred feet and appropriate nine hundred dollars for the same.

Article 46 To see if the Town will vote to lay a six inch water main along Concord street, a distance of six hundred feet, and appropriate six hundred dollars for the same.

Article 47 To see if the Town will vote to extend its water system along Marion street from Currier street, a distance of six hundred feet and appropriate six hundred dollars for the same.

Article 48 To see if the Town will vote to lay a six inch water main on Pitman street from Merrimac street, a distance of nine hundred fifty feet and appropriate nine hundred fifty dollars for the same.

Article 49 By request of Charles E. Roy and others to see if the Town will vote to extend its water system along Reservoir terrace to Druid avenue to Dupont Avenue a distance of about eight hundred feet and appropriate eight hundred dollars for the same.

Article 50 By request of Arthur H. Richardson and others to see if the Town will vote to extend its water system along West street from Pelham street a distance of one thousand feet and appropriate one thousand dollars for the same.

Article 51 By request of John E. Connor and others to see if the Town will vote to extend its water system along Piedmont Terrace north from Pelham street, a distance of three thousand feet, and appropriate three thousand dollars for the same.

Article 52 By request of Guissipping Bonano Gemelaro to see if the Town will vote to change the water pipe now running from Merrimack St. toward the Merrimack River along Golf avenue, a distance of six hundred fifty feet, from a six inch pipe to a 1 ½ inch pipe and appropriate four hundred dollars for the same.

Article 53 By request of Guissipping Bonano Gemelaro to see if the town will vote to lay a water pipe along Golf avenue in an easterly direction towards the Merrimack River to the corner of Meadow Avenue and thence in a northerly direction along said Meadow avenue a total distance of eight hundred feet, and appropriate eight hundred dollars for the same.

Article 54 To see if the Town will vote to issue bonds, notes or scrip, and fix the amount, time of payment and rate of interest thereof and thereon for the water extensions as voted.

Article 55 By request of the Water Board to see if the Town will vote to meter the water consumed by the other departments of the Town except where provisions for water consumed is otherwise made, proper credit to be given to the Water Department.

Article 56 By request of the Water Board to see if the Town will vote to appropriate Three Thousand Dollars for the Sinking Fund.

Article 57 By request of Theron P. Fisher and others to see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to advertise in one or more newspapers circulating in Methuen, one week before the appointment of any executive officer or head of department, the names of all candidates from whom a selection for such office will be made.

Article 58 By request of Frank Sharples and others to see if the Town will vote to pay the town auditor a salary of two hundred dollars and make an appropriation for the same.

Article 59 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate one thousand dollars for the Heirs of John Quinn who was killed at the French St. fire in August 1914.

Article 60 By request of Mrs. Pollard and others to see if the Town will vote to recompense the said Mrs. Pollard the sum of six Thousand Dollars for injuries to her son while fighting a fire on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of August 1914 on French street and make an appropriation of Six Thousand Dollars for the same.

Article 61 By request of Robert Morgan to see if the Town will vote to recompense him twenty five dollars for counsel fees in his defense at a hearing before the Selectmen in November 1913.

Article 62 By request of John May and others to see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of seventy five dollars, to reimburse John May, Abel Hill Jr., and John W. Rawnsley, engineers for 1914 for expenses and counsel fees incurred in defending themselves against charges for their removal heard in a public hearing April 23, 1914 said charges being unsustained.

Article 63 By request of the board of fire engineers to see if the Town will vote to appropriate four hundred dollars for repairs on the fire station apparatus room and tower.

Article 64 By request of Louis Scherig and others to see if the Town will vote to place a fire alarm box on Oak street corner of Cambridge street and appropriate one hundred dollars for the same.

Article 65 By request of G. A. Marsh to see if the Town will vote to install a fire alarm box opposite the residence of W. E. Sellers on Broadway and appropriate two hundred dollars for the same.

Article 66 By request of the school Committee to see if the Town will vote to install indoor toilets in the Barker school and make an appropriation for the same.

Article 67 By request of the Methuen House and School Garden Association, to see if the Town will appropriate two hundred and fifty dollars for the promotion of its objects, said appropriation to be expended under the direction of said association.

Article 68 By request of Frank X. Tremblay and others, to see if the Town will vote to accept Hobson street from Orchard street, to Newport street, as laid out by the Selectmen.

Article 69 By request of O. A. Peaslee and others, to see if the Town will vote to accept Peaslee Terrace as laid out by the Selectmen.

Article 70 By request of Fred Koenig and others to see if the Town will vote to accept Swan street from Jackson street to Lawrence line, as laid out by Selectmen.

Article 71 To see if the Town will vote to appoint five citizens from the floor to serve without pay,

whose duties it shall be to locate all new street lights granted by the town.

- Article 72 By request of Frank Tremblay and others to see if the Town will vote to install 2 street lights on Hobson street, and appropriate thirty two dollars for the same.
- Article 73 By request of C. L. Mahoney and others to see if the Town will vote to install a street light on the north side of East street, between Gloucester and Oak streets, and appropriate sixteen dollars for the same.
- Article 74 By request of N. M. Durrell and others to see if the Town will vote to maintain a street light at the corner of Woodland and Elm streets and appropriate sixteen dollars for the same.
- Article 75 By request of Edward Riley and others, to see if the Town will vote to place a light on Booth road at a point midway between the Elizabeth Bradley school and Merrimack street and appropriate sixteen dollars for the same.
- Article 76 By request of Charles Pollard and others to see if the Town will vote to install a street light at the corner of Channing street and Oak street, and appropriate sixteen dollars for the same.
- Article 77 By request of Oscar F. Eichler and others to see if the Town will vote to install a street light at the corner of Frederick Avenue and Pelham street and appropriate sixteen dollars for the same.
- Article 78 By request of James W. Farrell to see if the Town will vote to install a light at the corner of Prospect and Boston streets and appropriate sixteen dollars for the same.
- Article 79 To see if the Town will vote to place a light on Pelham street in the vicinity of Webster farm and appropriate sixteen dollars sixteen dollars for the same.
- Article 80 By request of Charles Easton and others to see if the Town will vote to place an arc light at the junction of Broadway and Oakland Avenue and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars for the same.
- Article 81 By request of Michael Letizie to see if the Town will vote to install three lights on Thornton Avenue and appropriate fifty five dollars for the same.
- Article 82 To see if the Town will vote to place a light at the junction of the Boulevard and Lowell street and appropriate the sum of sixteen dollars for the same.

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

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

James H. Lyons      Selectmen  
James H. Morris      } of  
Wm. L. Stedman      Methuen

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

**Essex SS:-**

**Methuen, Feb. 19, 1915**

By virtue of the within precept, I have served the within Warrant in accordance with section two of the By-Laws of the said Town of Methuen by posting an attested copy of the within Warrant at the Town House in Precinct One, at the corner of Broadway and Chase streets and on Centre Street near Tenney St, in Precinct Two, and on the Voting Booth in Swan street in Precinct Three, on Friday P.M. Feb. 19, this being ten days before the day of said meeting.

Abel Marsland Jr. Constable of Methuen

A true copy of Warrant and return

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe, Town Clerk

**Election Record.**

At meetings of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen in the County of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts held in the respective Precincts of said Town pursuant to Warrant No. 1 File 15, on Monday March first A. D. 1915 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 question of acceptance of Section 37 Chapter 19 of the Revised Laws, and the same were received, sorted, counted, declared and registered in open Precinct meetings according to law, as appears by the certified returns from said Precincts, transmitted to the Town Clerk and examined by him in conjunction with the Board of Registrars of Voters, And according to the returns the following appears as the result of the election held as aforesaid.

	<b>Pre. 1</b>	<b>Pre. 2</b>	<b>Pre. 3</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>The whole number of ballots cast was,</b>	<b>915</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>1649</b>

**For Moderator**

Edgar G. Holt, 7 Stevens St.	384	136	122	642
Albion G. Pierce, 15 Pleasant St.	422	203	140	765
Wm. Foster		1		1
Blank	109	75	57	241

And Albion G. Pierce was declared elected Moderator and was sworn.

**For Selectmen and Overseers of Poor**

John W. Bridge, 86 Brown	211	175	29	415
Henry Dean, 286 Pelham	109	72	20	201
Albert N. Gilson, 115 Pelham	67	18	21	106
Henry N. Hall, 5 Walnut	427	137	106	670
Thomas N. Hubbard, 8 May Ct.	334	110	38	482

James H. Lyons, 244 Oakland Ave.	467	151	161	779
Samuel Rushton, 89 Centre	437	308	154	899
William L. Stedman, 22 Prospect	409	126	256	791
James Watt, 60 Currier	56	17	56	129
Blank	228	131	110	469

And James H. Lyons, Samuel Rushton, and William L. Stedman were declared elected Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor and were sworn.

#### **For Assessor of Taxes**

David H. Ackroyd, 11 Gill Ave.	113	78	26	217
Albert N. Gilson, 115 Pelham	48	5	14	16
James W. Riley, 51 Oakland	55	19	66	140
Frank A. Rowell, 1 Ingalls Ct.	339	94	104	537
Walter Spicer, 15 Annis	157	165	17	339
Frank W. Winn, 163 Broadway	134	23	50	207
Blank	69	31	40	140

And Frank A. Rowell was declared elected Assessor and was sworn.

#### **For Town Clerk and Treasurer**

Joseph S. Howe, 8 Stevens St.	708	297	240	1245
Blank	207	118	77	402

And Joseph S. Howe was declared elected Town Clerk and Treasurer and was sworn.

#### **For Collector of Taxes**

Walter L. S. Gilcreast, 316 Broadway	518	249	161	928
Frederick Hall, 97 Arnold St.	350	131	121	602
Blank	47	35	35	117

And Walter L. S. Gilcreast was declared elected Collector of Taxes.

#### **For School Committee – Three Years**

Edward A. Bower, 61 Pleasant St.	663	318	232	1213
Mertina Goldsmith, 61 Charles St.	3	1		4
Blank	255	97	87	439

And Edward A. Bower was declared elected School Committee.

#### **For Highway Surveyor**

Robert W. Dow, 11 Barker St.	748	341	238	1327
Blank	167	74	79	230

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

**For Water Commissioner**

Ernest L. Burnham, off Orchard	557	209	176	942
Elliot P. Spooner, 57 Hampshire	391	152	99	642
Blank	67	54	42	163

And Ernest L. Burnham (sworn) was declared elected Water Commissioner.

**For Cemetery Commissioner**

Samuel S. Dowding, 615 Lowell	553	208	160	921
Amos Hawkins, 220 Wheeler	153	91	86	330
Blank	209	116	71	396

And Samuel S. Dowding (sworn) was declared elected Cemetery Commissioner.

**For Constables**

Fred W. Allen, 24 Barker	423	204	133	760
Harry Nimmo 62 ½ Union	583	154	127	864
Abel Marsland Jr., 110 Edgewood	336	251	230	817
William J. Oliver, 8 Annis		5		5
Blank	2309	1032	778	4119

And Fred W. Allen, Harry Nimmo, Abel Marsland Jr. and William J. Oliver were declared elected Constables and were sworn.

**For Auditor**

Frank Sharples, 147 Tenney	606	315	208	1129
Blank	309	100	109	518

And Frank Sharples was declared elected Auditor.

**For Tree Warden**

Frederick J. Roberts, 111 Lowell St.	267	135	89	491
Alfred H. Wagland, 3 Kirk	554	245	169	968
Blank	94	35	59	188

And Alfred H. Wagland was declared elected Tree Warden.

**For Trustee of Nevins Memorial**

Alfred Sagar, 6 Stevens St.	617	302	204	1123
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Blank	298	113	113	524
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And Alfred Sagar was declared elected Trustee of Nevins Memorial.

#### For Fence Viewers

Charles Kendall, 6 Gage St.	4			4
Charles Hutchins, 38 Pelham	3	1		4
James Dickenson, 19 Lowell (sworn)	4			3

These three were declared elected, a large number of persons received one vote each but the blanks were not reported.

#### License Vote

Yes	283	164	156	603
No	551	198	127	876
Blank	81	53	34	168

#### Acceptance of Section 7, Chapter 19 – Revised Laws

Yes	375	172	115	662
No	262	105	79	446
Blank	278	138	231	439

We hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct compilation of the Precinct returns received from the several Precincts in the Town of Methuen.

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

Fred A. Hoyle  
Edward J. Feeney } Registrars of Voters  
Ansel L. Huckman

A true copy.

Attest Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

#### Record of business Meeting. March 6, 1915

**The Annual Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Town affairs was held for the transaction of business, on Saturday March sixth A.D. 1915 at one o'clock P.M. as specified in the Warrant. The meeting was called to order at one o'clock by the Town Clerk who read the call for the meeting and announced the election of Albion G. Peirce as Moderator who was duly sworn. The articles in the Warrant were read by the Moderator as the meeting proceeded. The first business of the meeting was the choice of those officers not required to be chosen by ballot as follows.**

#### Field Drivers

Benjamin Harrison      James Smith

### **Surveyors of Plastering**

Silas K. Nowell      Charles E. Russell  
John W. Moss      Walter Winn

### **Surveyors of Lumber**

Robert W. Dow      Charles W. Hutchins  
James H. Lyons      Charles I. Lyons  
Elliot P. Spooner      Harry D. Kelley (sworn)

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

Charles A. Stevens      Ben Hill  
Herbert Winn

### **Pound Keepers**

Benjamin Nice      Nathaniel Otis

## **Article 2      Selectmen's Report**

No action was had on Article 2.

## **Article 3      Appropriation**

It was voted to consider the estimates of the Selectman item by item. The regular appropriations as finally agreed upon and voted were as follows:-

### **For**

Teachers, janitors, fuel, supervision	Sixty Thousand	60,000.00
School Repairs	Twenty five hundred	2,500.00
School Supplies	Six Thousand Dollars	6,000.00
School Contingencies + Physician	Two Thousand	2,000.00
Night Schools	Fifteen Hundred Dollars	1,500.00
Open Roads & Sanding walls	Twenty Five Hundred Dollars	2,500.00
Highways & Bridges	Sixty Five Hundred Dollars	6,500.00
Macadam	Twelve Thousand Dollars	12,000.00
Sewers	Three Thousand Dollars	3,000.00
Sidewalks	Three Thousand Dollars	3,000.00
Highway Surveyor	Fifteen Hundred Dollars	1,500.00
Street Sprinkling	One Thousand Dollars	1,000.00
Edgestones & flagging	Twenty Five Hundred Dollars	2,500.00
Town Teams	Five Thousand Dollars	5,000.00
Health Department	One Thousand Dollars	1,000.00
Tree Warden	Five Hundred Dollars	500.00

Suppression of Moths	Thirty seven hundred & fifty five	3,755.00
Fire Department	Sixty Five Hundred Dollars	8,000.00
Police Department	Eight Thousand Dollars	8,000.00
Contingencies	Three Thousand Dollars	3,000.00
Street Lights	Sixty Three hundred and fifty dolls.	6,350.00
Pauper Department	Four Thousand Dollars	4,000.00
Soldier's Relief	Six Hundred Dollars	600.00
Inspector of Slaughtering	Six Hundred Dollars	600.00
Military Aid	One Hundred Dollars	100.00
Town Officers and Clerk	Fifty three Hundred Dollars	5,300.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	Three Hundred Dollars	300.00
Plumbing Inspector	Four Hundred Dollars	400.00
Town Physician	Six Hundred Dollars	600.00
Interest on Town Debt.	Ten Thousand two hundred dollars	10,200.00
Water Bonds	Eighty seven hundred dollars	8,700.00
School house Bonds	Seven thousand Dollars	<u>7,000.00</u>
		175,905.00

#### Article 4      **Planning Board**

Voted – to elect a planning board by nomination from the floor and that the board consist of five persons,

Edwin J. Castle, Granville E. Foss, Charles M. Sawyer, James H. Lyons and Samuel Joy were nominated and elected.

#### Article 5      **Collection of Taxes**

Voted. That taxes be collected the same as last year.

#### Article 6      **Reports of Committees**

The Committee on Swimming Pool reported verbally that it is not advisable to take any action at this time. Committee on New form of government reported verbally that their recommendations be printed in the Town Report. Voted to postpone action on that report until next Saturday. Mr. Lyons report verbally on “Currants Hill” road, that the Selectmen had consulted the County Commissioners and that the probable cost to Methuen would be Fifteen Thousand Dollars. The report was accepted and was laid on the table.

#### Article 7      **Temporary Loans**

Voted, Unanimously. That the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen be and hereby is authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> 1915, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year. Any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of said financial year.

#### Article 8      **Dog-Money**

Voted. That the money received from dog licenses be appropriated to the use of schools.

Article 9      **Fire Dept.**

Voted that the compensation of members of the Fire Department be One Hundred Dollars per annum for each member.

Article 10      **Memorial Day**

Voted; to appropriate the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars for decorating the graves of our soldiers and sailors on Memorial Day, May 30<sup>th</sup>, 1915. The money to be expended under the direction of said Post.

Article 11      **Articles 11 & 14**

Mr. Huntress moved that Articles 11 and 14 be laid on table and referred to a committee of five to be appointed by the Moderator, said committee to report at the next meeting. The motion was carried and the Moderator appointed, Mr. Albert S. Huntress, William L. Stedman, Henry H. Crompton, Ralph Tilton, and Sidney H. Nowell, as the Committee.

Article 12      **Pay of Police**

Voted to pass over Article 12 of the Warrant.

Article 13      **Sewer**

Voted – to extend the sewer on Hampshire street three hundred feet north from the residence of Frank A. Wardwell and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars for that purpose, and that the Highway Surveyor be instructed to commence its construction as soon as possible.

Article 15      **Sidewalk**

Voted to pass over Article 15 of the Warrant.

Article 16      **Dewey St.**

Voted to pass over Article 16 of the Warrant.

Article 17      **Boylston St.**

Voted to macadamize Boylston street from the corner of Vermont Street to Carroll Street and appropriate Five hundred dollars for that purpose.

Article 18      **Fairmont St.**

Voted, to grade Fairmont street from the corner of Fair Oaks avenue to East Street and appropriate One Hundred Dollars therefor.

Article 19      **Broadway Sidewalk**

Voted – to install thirteen hundred and fifty feet of edgestone on Broadway, from the bridge at the Organ factory to Brown Street and appropriate five hundred dollars therefor, the condition being that the abutters build the sidewalk, or in case it is not built within ninety days thereafter, the town is to construct the sidewalk and charge the cost to the abutters.

Article 20      **Change of Waterway (reconsidered and passed over)**

Voted – to change the waterway which runs from Miss. Woodbury's land on Oakland Avenue, continuing through land formerly owned by Silas L. Holman, (now J. M. Emsley), to run from property of Miss Woodbury to new street built by J. M. Emsley and across same to Ashland avenue, continuing down Ashland avenue to a point opposite the residence of J. M. Emsley, a distance of seven hundred feet and appropriate four hundred dollars therefor.

Article 21      **Edgestone - C. H. Tenney**

Voted to pass over Article 21 of the Warrant.

Article 22      **Wm. E. May Deed**

Voted, to accept a deed from Wm. E. May of a strip of land running from May Court to Washington Avenue.

Article 23      **Addition to Fire Station**

Voted that the subject matter of Article 23 be postponed to the next Annual Town meeting.

Article 24      **Oakland Ave. Macadam**

Voted to pass over Article 24 of the Warrant.

Article 25      **Sidewalk**

Voted, - to construct a sidewalk on the northerly line of Swan Street from East Street to Russ Street, and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars therefor.

Article 26      **Prospect St.**

Voted to refer Article 26 to the Selectmen.

Article 27      **Pelham St.**

Voted to repair Pelham street and appropriate Five Thousand dollars therefor said sum to be taken from the regular appropriation for macadam.

Article 28      **Chelmsford St.**  
Voted to macadamize Chelmsford Street from Centre St. to Lawrence St. and appropriate One Thousand dollars therefor.

Article 29      **Macadam**  
Voted to pass over Article 29 of the Warrant.

Article 30      Action on Article 30 was postponed to Saturday March 13.

Article 31      **Compressed air whistle**  
Voted – to install a compressed air whistle on the Central fire station and appropriate one thousand dollars therefor.

Article 32      Voted – to appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Dollars for care of the Playstead and other public grounds.

Article 33      Voted – to appropriate Three Hundred Dollars for cutting brush and purchasing new trees.

Article 34      Voted – to appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Dollars to carry on the work at Elmwood Cemetery.  
Voted:- that the Water Commissioners with the Town Physician and School Physician be a Committee to have the State Board of Health investigate the conditions in vicinity of Pumping station and town wells.

Article 35      Voted to lay a 2" water main along Hampshire Roads from the junction of Hampshire Roads and Cross Street to the residence of Henry F. Spottiswood a distance of three hundred feet and appropriate two hundred and fifty dollars therefor, to be taken from the earnings of the water system.

Article 36      Voted – to lay a 6" water pipe along Vermont Street from East street a distance of About two hundred and fifty feet and appropriate two hundred and fifty dollars therefor.

Article 37      Voted – to lay a 6" water main along Canobieola street a distance of about seven hundred feet and appropriate seven hundred dollars for that purpose.

Article 38      Voted – to lay a 6 inch water main along Hampstead Street from Grosvenor's Corner to land of James A. Shea, and then along Ayers Village street, a distance of about ten thousand five hundred feet and appropriate ten thousand five hundred dollars for the same.

Article 39      Voted:- to extend the water system along Wallace street from Merrimack, a distance of about six hundred and fifty feet and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred and twenty five dollars for the same.

Article 40      Voted, to extend the water system along Tyler street a distance of about sixteen three hundred and fifty feet, and appropriate the sum of sixty three hundred and fifty dollars or the same.

Article 41      Voted to extend the Water system along Myrtle street a distance of two thousand five hundred feet and appropriate the sum of twenty five hundred dollars for the same.

Article 42      Voted to lay a six inch water pipe along North Street from Grosvenor's Corner a distance of about five thousand feet and appropriate five thousand dollars therefor.

Article 43      Voted – to lay a six inch water main along Lawrence street from Spruce Street to Willow Street a distance of about three hundred feet and appropriate three hundred dollars therefor.

Article 44      Voted to lay a six inch water main along Croist Avenue from Merrimack street a distance of about eight hundred feet and appropriate Eight Hundred dollars therefor.

Article 45      Voted, - to extend the water system along Bay State Road from Merrimack Street a distance of nine hundred feet and appropriate Nine Hundred Dollars therefor.

Article 46      Voted:- to lay a six inch water main along Concord street a distance of six hundred feet and appropriate six hundred dollars for the purpose.

Article 47      Voted, to extend the water system along Marion street from Currier Street a distance of six hundred feet and appropriate six hundred dollars therefor.

Article 48      Voted to lay a six inch water main on Pitman street from Merrimack Street a distance of nine hundred and fifty feet and appropriate nine hundred and fifty dollars therefor.

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

Article 50      Voted, to extend the water system along West street from Pelham street, a distance of one thousand feet and appropriate one thousand dollars therefor.

Article 51      Voted – to extend the water system along Piedmont terrace north from Pelham street, a distance of three thousand feet, and appropriate Three Thousand Dollars for the purpose.

Article 52      Pass over – Provided for in Article 53.

Article 53      Voted to lay a water pipe along Golf avenue in an easterly direction towards the Merrimack River, to the corner of Meadow Avenue a total distance of eight hundred feet, and appropriate eight hundred dollars therefor.

At this point a motion was made to adjourn the meeting to Saturday March thirteenth at one-thirty P.M. and the motion was carried, and the meeting adjourned.

Attest,  
Jos. S. Howe Town Clerk

## **Methuen March 13<sup>th</sup>, 1915**

An adjourned meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen was held in the Town Hall in pursuance of the adjournment of the Annual Town Meeting on March 6<sup>th</sup>. The meeting was called to order at one o'clock and thirty minutes P.M. the Moderator in the chair. The first business was Article 54 of the Warrant.

### **Article 54**

The Town Treasurer offered the following motion which was carried by a unanimous vote.

Voted – That for the purpose of raising money to pay for the water extensions voted at the Town Meeting held on March sixth, the Town Treasurer is hereby directed to issue and sell notes or bonds of the Town, coupon in form, to the amount of Thirty Thousand Dollars bearing interest at a rate not exceeding four and one half per cent per annum, and payable in five annual installments beginning one year from the date of said notes of bonds, and the proceeds of said notes or bonds are hereby appropriated for the purpose aforesaid.

### **Article 55**

Voted – to meter the water consumed by the other departments of the town except where provisions for water consumed is otherwise made credit to be given to the water department.

### **Article 56**

Voted to appropriate Three Thousand Dollars to the Sinking Fund said sum to be taken from the earning of the Water system.

A motion was made and carried as follows,

That a committee of five be appointed by the Chair, one of whom shall be the town Auditor, to investigate the report and finances of the Water department and report at an adjourned meeting, and publish in the newspaper. The Moderator appointed Wm. H. Buswell, Mr. Edwin J. Castle, Edward Riley, Frank Sharples and John P. Sweeny. Mr. Stedman offered the following motion which was adopted. That no water pipes or mains be laid in through or over any private premises or any street which has not been legally accepted as such by the Town without first having obtained from the owner or owners of such premises, or of the fee in such unaccepted streets, a legally executed instrument signed by such owner or owners for themselves, their heirs, administrators, executors and assigns, and giving and granting to the Town, its successors and assigns the full right and privilege of laying such water pipes or mains, and of ingress and egress over and through such land, to repair, examine, alter and remove such water pipes or mains at all seasons, and agreeing to make no claim or demand whatever upon the Town for any damage, cost, expenses, or compensation for or on account of, or in any way growing out of the laying, establishing, constructing, maintenance alteration or removal of such water pipes or mains.

Voted to allow Mr. Martin to address the meeting, Mr. Martin was said to be a tax payer from Lawrence. His speech was so indistinct that the Clerk was unable to tell what he was talking about. On a motion of Mr. Buswell a vote of thanks was awarded him for his dissertation.

### **Article 57**

Voted, to instruct the Selectmen to advertise in one or more newspapers circulating in

Methuen, one week before the appointment of any executive officer or head of department, the names of all candidates from whom a selection for such office will be made.

Article 58      Voted to pay the town Auditor a salary of two hundred dollars and appropriate that sum of money therefor.

At this point Article 2 was taken up for consideration. A motion was made to accept the report of Selectmen. Mr. Castle criticized that portion of the Collectors report which state the he paid 42.<sup>54/100</sup> for telephone service and it was voted that the Collector repay that sum to the Town. The Collector, Mr. Gilcreast made an explanation after which was voted that the Town furnish him with a telephone and reconsider the vote to require him to repay a sum above named and was refused to pass over the vote. The Selectmen's report was then accepted.

Voted – that the Highway Surveyor be instructed to clean out and lower the ditch between the B. S. S. Railway and the Glen Essex Cricket Grounds said ditch to be low enough to allow the water to run and that if the road refuses or neglects to do it after being notified, the surveyors instructed to do it and bill the cost to the railway officials and suit to be brought in case the road still refuses to pay.

Article 59      Voted to appropriate and pay the sum of one thousand dollars to the Heirs of John Quinn who was killed at the French street fire in August 1914. Provided that a full and satisfactory release be given to the town from all further liability in account of said accident.

Article 60      Voted, to recompense Mrs. Pollard the sum of six thousand dollars for injuries to her son while fighting a fire on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of August 1914 on French street, and appropriate six Thousand dollars thereon on condition that the Town receives a full release and guarantee that no further claim will be made by reason of said injuries.

Article 30      Article 30 – postponed from the last meeting – was taken from the table and after some discussion it was voted to resurface and tarvia the Lowell road beginning on Orchard street at the Lawrence line thence running by Orchard street to the intersection of Lowell street at the water trough, thence on Lowell street to the new state road, and five thousand dollars was appropriated for that purpose.

Article 61      Voted to recompense Robert Morgan the sum of twenty five dollars for counsel fees in his defense at a hearing before the Selectmen in November 1914, and appropriate Twenty five dollars therefor.

Article 62      Voted, to pass over Article 62 of the Warrant.

Article 63      Voted to appropriate four hundred dollars for repairs on fire station and apparatus room, and tower.

Article 64      Voted to place a fire alarm box on Oak street at corner of Baremeadow street and appropriate One Hundred Dollars therefor.

Article 65      Voted, to install a fire alarm box opposite the residence of W. E. Sellers on Broadway

and appropriate Two hundred dollars for that purpose.

Article 66      Voted to appropriate one thousand dollars to install indoor toilets in the Barker school.

Article 67      Voted, to appropriate Two hundred and fifty dollars for the promotion of the objects of the Methuen Home and School Garden Association the appropriation to be expended under the direction of said Association.

Article 68      Voted – to accept Hobson Street as laid out by Selectmen.

Article 69      Voted to pass over Article 69 of the Warrant.

Article 70      Voted – to accept Swan Street as laid out by Selectmen.

Article 71      Voted, to appoint five citizens from the floor, to serve without pay whose duty it shall be to locate all new street lights granted by the Town. The following named persons were appointed, James H. Lyons, John Q. Hill, William L. Stedman, Perley D. Smith and Samuel Rushton.

By a unanimous vote it was voted to reconsider Article 20 of the Warrant, and after some discussion it was voted to pass over the Article.

The Committee to whom was referred Articles 11 and 14 of the Warrant made the following report.

Your Committee finds that Chap. 635 Acts of 1912 as called for in Art. No. 14 applies only to tenement houses meaning three or more families and would have to be revised and amended to cover the needs of the town. We find that Arts. 1 to 10 inclusive of Chap. 655 Acts of 1913 as called for in Art. No. 11 of the Warrant gives the town authority to enact ordinances or by laws for the restriction, construction, inspection & of buildings in the Town of Methuen, Your Committee finds that the time at their disposal is not sufficient to carefully prepare an ordinance to present at this meeting and we recommend that Art. No. 14 be passed over and Art. No. 11 be laid on the table to be considered at an adjournment of this meeting to June 30 1915 and that your Committee be instructed to prepare a building ordinance to be acted on at that time under Article No. 11 of the Warrant.

Signed

A. S. Huntress  
H. H. Crompton  
S. H. Nowell  
Ralph Tilton  
Wm. L. Stedman

This report was accepted and adopted.

Mr. Oliphant offered the following resolution which was adopted. Resolved that the present Committee on change of government be continued for one year, with the request that their

revised report be presented at the next annual meeting and that in the mean time one or more public hearings be arranged for the discussion of the proposed new charter by the voters of the town.

When Article 72 was reached, the report of the Finance Committee was called for, on the remaining Articles in the Warrant. After the report was read, It was voted that the recommendations of the Committee on Articles 72 to 82 inclusive be adopted and the sums named in the act as recommended be appropriated.

Adjourned to June 30 at 7-30 P.M.

Jos. S. Howe Town Clerk

The recommendations of the Committee on Finance which were adopted by the Town meeting were as follows.

- Article 72 One light granted, Sixteen (16) dollars appropriated.
- Article 73 Passed over – No appropriation.
- Article 74 Light granted. To be placed at Durrell's Corner, Sixteen dollars appropriated.
- Article 75 Passed over – No appropriation.
- Article 76 Light granted, Sixteen dollars appropriated.
- Article 77 Light granted, Sixteen dollars appropriated.
- Article 78 Light granted. To be placed on Boston street, one hundred feet from Prospect St., Sixteen dollars appropriated.
- Article 79 Light granted, Sixteen dollars appropriated.
- Article 80 Passed Over. No appropriation.
- Article 81 One light granted, Sixteen dollars appropriated. To be placed on Thornton Ave. Four Hundred feet from Merrimac Street.
- Article 82 Light granted. Sixteen dollars appropriated.

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe Town Clerk.

**Methuen June 30, 1915**

An adjournment meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen was held on Wednesday June 30, 1915 in Pursuance of the vote taken at the Annual Meeting, March 13<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was called to order at 7-30 P.M., the Moderator Albion G. Peirce in the chair, on motion of Mr. Lyons it was voted, to give the Selectmen authority to sign a release of certain lands required by the State for the new boulevard towards Lowell.

Article 59 A motion was made to reconsider the action taken on Article 59 of the Warrant and a motion was carried by a unanimous vote. It was then voted that the Selectmen be instructed to pay Mrs. Quinn the balance due her under the decision of the arbitration board and the sum of Fourteen Hundred Dollars was appropriated instead of One Thousand as appropriated at the Annual Meeting on March 13<sup>th</sup>.

A report from the Committee on building regulations was made by Mr. Huntress. It was voted to accept the report of the committee and that they be given a vote of thanks for their efficient service.

Voted to take Article 11 from the table.

Article 11 Voted to accept Sections One to Ten inclusive of Chapter 655 of Acts of 1913. A motion was made to accept Section 92, 93, and 94 of the Ordinance reported by the Committee. A long discussion ensued and a motion was made and carried that when the meeting adjourns it adjourn for two weeks to meet at this place at 7-30 P.M.

It was then voted that the Finance Committee of last year be requested to serve for the current year.

Mr. Charles M. Sawyer resigned from the Planning Board, and his resignation was accepted, with thanks for his services hitherto. Mr. Charles Hutchins was appointed to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr. Sawyer.

A report from the Committee appointed to investigate the Water Board was read by the Chairman Mr. Sharples. The report was accepted and a vote of thanks tendered the committee for their services. It was also voted that the recommendations of the committee be adopted.

A verbal report by H. E. Pryor accountant was then made he having been employed by the Selectmen to audit the Town Treasurer's accounts. He reported that the town system of accounting is not good but that the money due town is all in the Treasury. The meeting was then adjourned for two weeks, to July 14 at 7-30 P.M.

The report of Committee on Water board placed on file.

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe - Town Clerk

**Methuen, July 14, 1915**

An adjourned meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen was held at the Town House on Wednesday July 14, 1915 according to adjournment of meeting held on June 30; the Moderator in the chair. Mr. Lyons reported verbally in relation to certain lands required by the State for the new Boulevard towards Lowell, that they could not obtain satisfactory terms from the owners. It was then voted that the Selectmen be instructed to petition the County Commissioners to take the action necessary to widen and straighten Lowell street between the points where the Bay State Street Railway enters the highway near the east end of North Lowell street, and where it enters private land beyond the State Armory.

Voted: to take from the table the Report of Committee on Building Ordinance. A motion was made that the Town Adopt the Report of the Committee as a whole, - an amendment was offered, that the provisions eliminating wooden shingles be stricken from the proposed ordinance, Considerable discussion ensued and it was found that a motion made at the last meeting to adopt sections 92, 93 and 94 had never been disposed of and took precedence. Mr. Sawyer then withdrew that motion and the question was called from and was carried by a unanimous vote to adopt the ordinance as report by the Committee.

Voted that the ordinance take immediate effect. Voted that the appointment of inspector, and his salary, be referred to the Selectmen.

The meeting then adjourned, sine die.

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

**Warrant for Primary, Sept. 21, 1915**  
**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**Essex SS:-**

To Harry Nimmo, one of the Constables of the Town of Methuen.

**Greeting:-**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in primaries to meet in the various polling places, namely; At the Town Hall in Voting Precinct One, in the basement of the Arlington school in Voting Precinct Two, and the polling place on Swan Street in Voting Precinct Three, Tuesday the twenty first day of September, 1915 at 12 o'clock noon, for the following purposes: to bring in their votes to the Primary officers for the Nomination of candidates of Political parties for the following offices: Governor of this Commonwealth, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the Commonwealth, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor of the Commonwealth, Attorney General, Councillor, Senator in the Fifth Essex District, Two Representatives in General Court in the Fifth Essex District, County Commissioner for Essex County, County Treasurer for Essex County, Sheriff in Essex County, District Attorney and Associate Commissioner in Essex County, and for the election of the following officers, District member of the State Committee, Members of the Republican Town Committee, Delegates to State Conventions of Political parties. All of the above candidates and officers are to be voted for upon one ballot. The polls will be open from 12 o'clock noon to 8 o'clock in the evening. And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof eight days at least before the time of said meeting, as directed

by vote of the town.

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

Given under our hands this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September A.D. 1915.

(Seal)  
A true copy. Attest,  
Harry Nimmo – Constable of Methuen

James H. Lyons  
William B. Stedman  
Samuel Rushton  
Selectmen of Methuen

**Record of Primary. Sept. 21, 1915**

In accordance with the foregoing Warrant, meetings were held in the designated polling places on Tuesday Sept. 21, for the purposes named, and the following is the result of the balloting as transmitted to me by the Precinct officers.

**Republican Candidates**

	<b>Pre. 1</b>	<b>Pre. 2</b>	<b>Pre. 3</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>For Governor</b>				
Grafton D. Cushing, 20 Chestnut St., Boston	122	167	93	482
Eugene N. Foss, 11 Revere St, Boston	33	9	17	59
Samuel W. McCall, Myopia Road, Winchester	193	71	51	315
Blank	53	23	40	60
<b>For Lieut. Governor</b>				
Calvin Coolidge, 21 Massasoit St., Northampton	146	116	106	468
Guy Andrews Ham., Canton Avenue, Milton				332
Blank	53	23	40	116
<b>For Secretary</b>				
Albert L. Burrill, 25 Chestnut St., Boston	357	188	129	674
Blank	115	72	55	242
<b>For Treasurer</b>				
Charles L. Burrill, 25 Chestnut St., Boston	351	181	119	651
Blank	121	79	65	265
<b>For Auditor</b>				
Edward C. R. Bagley, 36 West Eagle St., Boston	49	23	25	97
Alonzo B. Cook, 121 Ruggles St., Boston	89	37	40	166
Samuel W. George, Highland Ave., Haverhill	254	157	76	487

Blank	80	43	43	166
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### **Attorney General**

Henry C. Atwill, 59 Ocean Avenue, Lynn	356	183	115	654
Blank	116	77	69	262

### **Councillor Fifth District**

James F. Ingraham Jr., 2 Forest St., Peabody	210	102	70	382
Frederick H. Tarr, 55 Broadway, Rockport	152	107	58	315
Blank	112	51	56	219

### **Senator Fifth District**

Atwood C. Delano, 235 Broadway, Lawrence	37	26	36	99
Charles H. Morgan, 98 Nesmith Ct., Lawrence	85	55	26	166
James R. Tetler, 300 Ames St., Lawrence	315	158	89	562
Blank	35	21	33	89

### **Representatives in General Court**

Arthur Bower, 472 High St., Lawrence				554
George Bunting, 11 Annis St., Methuen				532
Edward P. Doerr, 43 Park St., Lawrence				72
Sidney I. Frye, 11 Maplewood Ave., Methuen				157
Henry W. Gesing, 39 Storrow St., Lawrence				44
Edward Riley, 243 Merrimack St., Methuen				206
Blank				267

### **County Commissioners**

James C. Poor, 341 Sutton St., No. Andover	362	185	165	662
Blank	110	75	69	254

### **County Treasurer**

David J. Robinson, 77 Mt. Pleasant St., Gloucester	341	142	105	618
Blank	131	88	79	298

### **Sheriff**

Samuel A. Johnson, 48 St. Peter St., Salem	265	103	64	432
William P. White, 263 Haverhill St., Lawrence	179	126	84	389

### **Associate County Commissioner**

James Riley, 51 Oakland Ave., Methuen	1			1
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### **District Attorney**

John J. Burke 612 Western Ave., Gloucester	37	10	23	70
Louis S. Cox, 7 Lowell St., Lawrence	383	221	126	730
Blank	52	29	35	116

### **State Committee Fifth Essex**

Frederick W. Gay, 2 Stevens St., Methuen	364	187	113	664
Blank	208	73	71	352

### **Delegates of State Convention**

Edwin J. Castle, 56 Lowell St.			526	
Fred W. Stowers, 83 Pleasant			519	
Robert W. Dow, 11 Barker			573	
James H. Lyons, 244 Oakland Ave.			490	
Levi N. Lowell, 6 Cochrane			502	
James R. Berwick, 258 Broadway			487	
Alfred Humphries, 3 Carleton			534	
Ben. Robinson, 3 Ingalls Ct.			517	
Samuel Joy, 91 Orchard			540	
Blank			3551	

### **Town Committee Vote for seven**

Perley D. Smith, 41 Prospect	129	112	72	413
Robert Bruce Gordon, 19 Lowell	252	104	70	426
William H. Russell, 90 Ashland Ave.	189	96	64	349
John C. Barracough, 61 Ashland Ave.	220	107	65	392
Henry H. Crompton, 170 Lowell St.	244	124	67	435
Arthur L. Jenkins, 15 Central St.	243	101	69	413
James E. Ellis, 84 Centre St.	108	62	31	201
Harmon H. Wright, 15 Ashland Ave.	124	35	17	176

### **Progressive Party**

### **For Governor**

Nelson B. Clark, 44 Lathrop St., Beverly			2	
Blank			6	

**No votes were cast for candidates for Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, Attorney General or Councillor.**

### **For Senator**

James R. Tetler, 300 Ames St., Lawrence				7
Blank				1

### **Representatives in General Court**

Arthur Bower, 473 High St., Lawrence				4
George Bunting, 11 Annis St., Methuen				3
Henry W. Gesing, 39 Storrow St., Lawrence				1
No votes were cast for any other candidates of the Progressive Party.				

### **Democratic Party**

#### **For Governor**

Frederick S. Deitrick, 1664 Mass Ave., Cambridge	1	3		4
David I. Walsh, 520 Main St., Fitchburg	39	13	15	67
Blank	1	3		4

#### **Lieut. Governor**

Edward P. Barry, 59 Thomas Park, Boston	37	14	18	69
Blank	4	2		6

#### **Secretary**

Edward A. Grosvenor, 7 College St., Amherst	33	13	16	62
Blank	8	3	2	13

#### **Treasurer**

Henry L. Bowles, 303 Main St., Springfield	29	13	16	58
Michael F. McGrath, 2 Albion St., Salem	10	3	2	15
Blank	2			2

#### **Auditor**

Jacob C. Morse, 440 Harvard St., Brookline	28	13	16	57
Harold Williams Jr., 79 Walnut Place, Brookline	4		4	8
Blank	6	2	2	10

#### **Councillor Fifth District**

Andrew H. Partlow, Oak St., Danvers	2			2
Blank	39	16	18	73

#### **Senator Fifth Essex**

Charles A. Clifford, 355 Haverhill St., Lawrence	5	5	3	13
John E. Cuddy Jr., 394 Howard St., Lawrence	18	5	7	30
Augustine X. Dooley, 144 Jackson St., Lawrence	8	6	8	32

### **Representatives in General Court**

Raphael A. A. Comparone, 113 Jackson St.	11	4	1	16
Frederick W. Schlapp, 5 Jordan Avenue	27	11	13	51
William J. Sullivan, 8 Elm St., Lawrence	33	12	11	56
Blank	11	5	11	27

### **County Commissioner**

Fred O. Spaulding, 247 Haverhill St., Lawrence	34	16	16	66
Blank	7	2	2	9

### **County Treasurer**

No Votes

### **Sheriff**

Edgar M. Earley, South Main St., Andover	30	13	13	56
Blank	11	3	5	19

### **District Attorney**

Michael A. Sullivan, 81 Saunders St., Lawrence	37	14	13	64
Blank	4	2	5	11

### **State Committee**

John O'Brien, 26 Cross St., Lawrence	32	13	11	56
Blank	9	3	7	19

### **Delegates to State Convention**

John J. Sullivan, 30 Osgood St.	34	11	12	57
Edward J. Feeney	35	12	11	58
Blank	13	9	13	35

### **Town Committee Vote for five**

John J. Manion, 48 Hampshire				57
Walter A. Steen, 111 Oakland Ave.				56
Joseph P. Guimond, 26 Lowell				54
Frank C. Morse, 37 Hampshire				57
John F. Quinn, 8 Barker				57

A true transcript from returns.

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

**Warrant for State Election - Nov. 2, 1915**  
**File 15 No. 2.**  
**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**Essex SS:-**

To William J. Oliver, one of the Constables in the Town of Methuen in said County,  
**Greeting:-**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Methuen qualified to vote in elections of State, District and County officers, to meet and assemble at the designated polling places in precincts one, two and three, namely the town hall in precinct one, the basement of the Arlington district school in voting precinct two, and the polling booth on Swan street in voting precinct three, on Tuesday, the second day of November next, at 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, Councillor, Senator, two Representatives in General Court, County Commissioner, County Treasurer, Sheriff, nine Commissioners to apportion Suffolk County into Representative Districts, Associate Commissioner, District Attorney, and their votes on the following questions:

“Acceptance of Chap. 129 Resolves of 1915, entitled “Resolves to provide for submitting to the people the article of the amendment of the constitution empowering the general court to authorize the taking of land to relieve congestion of population, and to provide homes for citizens.”

“Acceptance of Chapter 130, Resolves of 1915, entitled “Resolves for submitting to the people the article of amendment to the constitution striking the word “male” from the qualification of voters.”

“Acceptance of Chapter 140 Resolves of 1915, entitled “Resolves to provide for submitting to the people the article of amendment to the constitution relative to the authority of the general court to impose taxes.”

Question of Public Policy under Chap. 819. Acts of 1913.

Shall the Representatives from this district be instructed to vote for Non-contributory Old Age Pensions, so as to have the Commonwealth pension to deserving needy aged citizens, women

and men, over sixty five years of age and residents of the Commonwealth for at least fifteen years.

All to be voted for upon one ballot. The polls may be closed 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

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

Given under our hands and the seal of the Town of Methuen this 21st day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifteen.

James H. Lyons      Selectmen  
William L. Stedman }      of  
Samuel Rushton      Methuen

### Constables Return

**Methuen, Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1915**

#### **Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**Essex SS:-**

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 in Precinct One, and at the corner of Chase and Broadway in Precinct Two and at the Currier school in Precinct Three, on Saturday the twenty third day of October instant, being more that eight days before the day of said meeting.

William J. Oliver – Constable of  
Methuen

A true copy of Warrant and Return.

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe -Town Clerk

### Record of State Election

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. 2 File 15 on Tuesday Nov. 2, 1915, the qualified voters of said Town brought in their written votes for the several officers to be balloted for, and the same were received, sorted, counted, declared and registered in open Precinct meetings according to law, as appears by the certified Returns from said Precincts transmitted to the Town Clerk and examined by the Selectmen and Town Clerk, and according to said returns the following is the result of the election held as aforesaid.

	<b>Pre. 1</b>	<b>Pre. 2</b>	<b>Pre. 3</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>The whole number of ballots cast was</b>	<b>952</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>396</b>	<b>1783</b>

## For Governor

Nelson B. Clark of Beverly-Progressive	11	7	2	20
Walter S. Hutchins of Greenfield Socialist	24	18	57	59
Samuel W. McCall of Winchester - Republican	572	260	213	1045
Peter O'Rourke of Medford - Socialist Labor	3	1	8	12
William Shaw of Andover - Prohibition	108	59	17	194
David I. Walsh of Fitchburg - Democratic	220	80	81	381
Blank	14	10	8	32

## Lieutenant Governor

Edward P. Barry of Boston - Democratic	173	65	66	304
Calvin Coolidge of Northampton - Republican	625	289	216	1130
Alfred H. Evans of Hadley - Prohibition	70	39	24	133
James Hayes of Plymouth - Socialist Labor	7	5	15	27
Chester R. Lawrence of Boston – Progressive Citizens	12	4	6	22
Samuel P. Levenherg of Boston Socialist	23	14	53	90
Blank	42	19	16	77

## Secretary

Edwin A. Grosvenor of Amherst	157	61	58	276
Albert P. Langtry of Springfield	642	279	218	1139
Thomas J. Maher of Medford	7	4	9	20
Marion E. Sproule of Lowell	26	24	62	112
Willard O. Wylie of Beverly	55	35	21	111
Blank	65	32	28	125

## Treasurer

Henry L. Bowles of Springfield	145	54	54	253
Charles L. Burrill of Boston	641	279	216	1136
Charles E. Fenner of Worcester	29	26	64	119
William E. Marks of Worcester	47	36	21	104
Jeremiah P. McNally of Salem	12	2	7	21
Blank	78	38	34	150

## Auditor

Alonzo B. Cook of Boston	651	281	221	1153
James W. Holden of New Bedford	4	5	8	17
Henry C. Gram of Warwick	27	26	59	112
Jacob C. Morse of Brookline	138	48	48	234
William G. Rogers of Wilbraham	50	39	21	110
Blank	82	36	39	157

## **Attorney General**

Henry C. Attwill of Lynn	665	301	222	1188
Frank Auchter of Boston	48	33	22	103
Joseph Joyce Donahue of Medford	147	49	44	240
John McCarthy of Abington	25	20	63	108
William Taylor of Worcester	4	2	9	15
Blank	63	30	36	129

## **Councillor Fifth District**

Charles F. Norwood of Gloucester	57	45	84	186
Frederick H. Tarr of Rockport	709	313	244	1266
Blank	186	77	68	331

## **Senator Fifth Essex**

John E. Cuddy Jr. of Lawrence	143	54	90	287
James R. Tetler of Lawrence	746	349	267	1362
Blank	63	32	39	134

## **Representatives in General Court Fifth District**

Arthur Bower of Lawrence	559	285	200	1044
George Bunting of Methuen	677	312	224	1213
Frederick W. Schlapp of Lawrence	205	72	152	429
William J. Sullivan of Lawrence	111	28	59	208
Blank	352	136	157	672

## **County Commissioners**

James C. Poor of North Andover	680	313	239	1232
Fred O. Spaulding of Lawrence	150	49	62	261
Joseph A. Wallis II of Beverly	32	25	63	120
Blank	90	48	32	170

## **County Treasurer**

Edward J. Hoar of Swampscott	52	36	85	173
David I. Robinson of Gloucester	707	308	245	1260
Blank	193	91	66	350

## **Sheriff**

Edgar M. Earley of Andover	251	65	88	404
Samuel A. Johnson of Salem	575	292	206	1073

Leonard W. Spaulding of Newburyport	36	27	64	127
Blank	90	51	38	179

**Associate County Commissioner**

James C. McRae of Peabody	235	116	136	487
W. P. White	1			
Joseph Merrill	2	2	4	
Blank				1291

**District Attorney, Eastern District**

Louis S. Coe of Lawrence	687	330	241	1258
William R. Henry	35	20	63	118
Michael A. Sullivan of Lawrence	187	64	69	320
Blank	43	21	23	87

“Shall the proposed amendment to the constitution empowering the General Court to authorize the taking of land to relieve congestion of population and to provide homes for citizens, be approved and ratified?”

Yes	490	249	215	954
No	183	54	79	316
Blank	279	132	102	513

“Shall the proposed amendment to the constitution enabling women to vote be approved and ratified?”

Yes	316	173	128	617
No	548	223	228	999
Blank	88	39	40	167

“Shall the proposed amendment to the constitution, relative to the taxation of incomes and the granting of reasonable exemptions be approved and ratified?”

Yes	511	212	190	913
No	134	54	73	261
Blank	307	169	133	609

“Shall the representatives from this district be instructed to vote for noncontributory old age pensions so as to have the commonwealth pension its deserving needy aged citizens, women and men over sixty-five years of age, and residents of the commonwealth for a least fifteen years?”

Yes	534	285	216	1035
No	172	55	81	308
Blank	246	95	89	440

Attest,

Joseph S. Howe – Town Clerk

## Record of Recount of Ballots

Pursuant to a petition from ten legal voters of the Fifth Essex Representatives District alleging that they had reason to believe and did believe that the returns of the Election Officers of the Town of Methuen of Precincts One, Two, and Three for the office of Representative in General Court are erroneous, in that votes cast for Arthur Bower were accredited to other candidates or were not counted at all, and asking for a recount of the same.

The Registrars of Voters of the Town of Methuen met at the Town House in said Town on Monday November eighth A.D. 1915 at seven o'clock and thirty minutes P.M. and – all the candidates for the above named officer having been notified of the meeting – they proceeded to open the envelopes containing the ballots cast at said election, recounted the votes cast for Representatives in General Court and report and the results as follows:-

	Pre. 1	Pre. 2	Pre. 3	Total
<b>The Total number of ballots cast was</b>	<b>952</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>396</b>	<b>1283</b>
Arthur Bower of Lawrence	558	283	199	1040
George Bunting of Methuen	677	314	225	1216
Frederick W. Schlapp of Lawrence	205	67	152	424
William J. Sullivan of Lawrence	1090	38	59	206
Blank	355	168	157	680

The ballots were replaced in the envelopes and resealed.

Ansel L. Huckman  
Edward J. Feeney      Registrars  
Henry H. Crompton    }    of  
Jos. S. Howe              Voters

A true copy -

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe Town Clerk

## Record of Meeting of City and Town Clerks Nov. 12, 1915

**City of Lawrence**  
**City Clerk's Office Nov. 12-13**

At a meeting of the City Clerk of Lawrence and the Town Clerk of Methuen, said Town and Wards One and Two of said City of Lawrence forming the Fifth Essex Representatives District held at noon this day in accordance with the provisions of Section 257 Chapter 11 of the Revised Laws, upon comparing the transcript of the Returns the following appears as the result of the balloting for Representatives in the General Court, for said District, at meetings held Nov. 2, 1915.

Pre. 1	Ward 1			Ward 2			Methuen			Total
	Pre. 2	Pre. 3	Pre. 4	Pre. 5	Pre. 6	Pre. 1	Pre. 2	Pre. 3	Pre. 1	

Arthur Bower of Lawrence	318	78	253	123	129	218	558	283	199	2159
George Bunting of Methuen	285	88	261	142	191	303	677	314	225	2488
Frederick W. Schlapp of Lawrence	388	177	368	177	291	354	205	67	152	2179
William J. Sullivan of Lawrence	203	197	204	185	308	342	109	38	59	1045
Blank	228	124	192	155	177	193	355	168	157	1749

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

George Bunting of Methuen  
and  
Frederick W. Schlapp of Lawrence

Attest,

Edward J. Wade  
Jos. S. Howe

City Clerk of Lawrence  
Town Clerk of Methuen

**Warrant for Annual Town Meeting, March 1916.**  
**File 15. No 3.**  
**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**Essex SS:-** To William J. Oliver, 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 in precincts one, two and three, namely, the Town Hall in voting precinct one, the basement of the Arlington school in voting precinct two and the polling booth on Swan Street in voting precinct three, on Monday the sixth day of March next at 5.45 o'clock in the forenoon, to bring in to the election officers their votes for Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Selectmen, Overseers of Poor, and one Assessor to serve for a term of three years, highway surveyor, one school committeeman, one water commissioner to serve for three years, one trustee of the Nevins Memorial, one tree warden, one cemetery commissioner, one moderator, one auditor, constables, and fence viewers and "Yes" or "No" in answer to the questions "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the town?" "Shall the town vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 468 of the acts of 1911 extending the provisions of Civil Service to the chief of police?"

All to be voted for on one ballot. The polls may be closed at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Also to meet and assemble at the town hall in said town, on Saturday, the eleventh day of March next at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on 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 Town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations for the same.
- Article 4 To determine the manner for collecting taxes for the ensuing years and act thereon as the town may think proper.
- Article 5 To hear the reports of committees and act thereon.
- Article 6 To see if the town will vote to authorize the treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of revenue for the current financial year.
- 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 the town will grant the Assessors for their services.
- Article 9 To determine what compensation the town will grant the members of the Fire department for their services.
- 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 fifty (250.00) dollars for decorating the graves of our soldiers and sailors on Memorial day. Said money to be expended under the direction of said post.
- Article 11 To see what action the town will take in the matter of granting licenses to Hawkers and peddlers and fixing fees for licenses for the same.
- Article 12 To see if the town will vote to adopt as a by-law of the town, a draft of a proposed building ordinance as drawn and recommended by the committee composed of Albert S. Huntress, William L. Stedman, Henry H. Crompton, Ralph Tilton, and Sidney Nowell, appointed at the annual town meeting in 1915, said draft being entitled "Building Ordinance of the Town of Methuen", and being on file with the Town Clerk.
- Article 13 By request of Harry Nimmo and others to see if the town will vote to pay the regular patrolmen at the rate of two dollars and seventy five cents per day the same to be taken from the regular appropriation for the police department.
- Article 14 To see if the town will vote to install a telephone in the office of the Building Inspector and Plumbing inspector and appropriate thirty six (36) dollars for the same.
- Article 15 To see if the town will vote to pay the Building Inspector one thousand dollars for his services for the ensuing year and appropriate one thousand (1000.00) dollars for the same.
- Article 16 To see if the town will vote to grant the drivers of the town teams used for service in the fire department and the permanent firemen at the fire station, one day off in seven without loss of pay.
- Article 17 By request of Salvatore Cafizo and others to see if the town will vote to lay a six inch

water pipe from East street near Cook's corner, in a southerly direction along Marie street, and branching off from there and running on Taylor and Paris streets, a total distance of 1050 feet, and appropriate the sum of one thousand fifty (1050) dollars for the same.

- Article 18 By request of Josephine Matthews and others to see if the town will vote to extend the water main on Forest street to a point twelve hundred (1200) feet beyond the present limit and appropriate the sum of twelve hundred (1200) dollars for the same.
- Article 19 To see if the town will vote to lay a one and one half inch water main along Delmont street from Westland street a distance of about nine hundred fifty (950) feet and appropriate the sum of four hundred seventy five (475) dollars for the same.
- Article 20 By request of Manuel Walker to see if the Town will vote to lay a six inch water pipe along Beaumont road from Howe street a distance of about seven hundred seventy five (775) feet and appropriate seven hundred seventy five (\$775) for the same.
- Article 21 By request of Frank L. Doble and others to see if the town will vote to lay a six inch water main along Smith avenue from Lowell street a distance of about (450) four hundred fifty feet to replace the one and one half inch pipe now there and appropriate four hundred fifty (450) dollars for the same.
- Article 22 By request of the water board to see if the town will vote to appropriate twenty five hundred (2500) dollars for the water loan sinking fund.
- Article 23 To see if the town will vote to lay a six inch water main along Sea street a distance of about three hundred (300) feet to replace the two inch main now there and appropriate three hundred (300) dollars for the same.
- Article 24 To see if the town will vote to extend its water system along West street from the present terminus at Matthew Law's residence to the residence of David J. Blair, a distance of about forty seven hundred fifty (4750) feet and appropriate four thousand seven hundred fifty (4750) dollars for the same.
- Article 25 To see if the town will vote to extend its water system from Canobieola street along Maple Road, a distance of about eight hundred (800) feet then along Clifton road about eight hundred (800) feet and then along Venice road about one hundred fifty (150) totaling about seventeen hundred fifty (1750) feet and appropriate seventeen hundred fifty dollars for the same.
- Article 26 To see if the town will vote to lay a six inch water pipe on Brantwood Road from Maple Road a distance of about four hundred (400) feet and appropriate four hundred (400) dollars for the same.
- Article 27 By request of Joseph Elmello to see if the town will vote to lay about four hundred (400) feet of six inch main on Huntington avenue from Howe street and appropriate four hundred (400) dollars for the same.
- Article 28 To see if the town will vote to issue bonds, notes or script and fix the amount, time of payment, and rate of interest thereof and thereon for the water extensions as voted.

Article 29 By request of Nancy J. Breen and others to see if the town will vote to build a sewer on Prospect street from the property of A. S. Huntress north on said street a distance of about five hundred and fifty (550) feet and appropriate five hundred and fifty three (553) dollars for the same.

Article 30 By request of Harry Ramsbotham and others to see if the town till vote to grade the grounds of the Oakland avenue school and appropriate one thousand (1000) dollars for the same.

Article 31 By request of J. B. Austin and others to see if the town will vote to erect a new school house of at least two rooms at Grosvenor's corner district and appropriate ten thousand (10,000) dollars for the same.

Article 32 By request of the school committee to see if the town will vote to raise the present Elizabeth Bradley school, thereby making it a four room building and appropriate seven thousand (7000) dollars for the same.

Article 33 By request of the school committee to see if the town will vote to build a four room school house in the Elizabeth Bradley district and appropriate twenty thousand (20,000) dollars for the same.

Article 34 To see if the town will vote to borrow money to pay for the construction and furnishing of the school houses to be built or altered the present year and authorize the issue of notes or bonds of the town therefor.

Article 35 To see if the town will vote to macadamize Arnold street and appropriate the sum of two thousand (2000) dollars for the same.

Article 36 By request of A. H. Gammons and others to see if the town will vote to install sixty (60) feet of sewer on Almont street and appropriate the sum of sixty (60) dollars for the same.

Article 37 By request of Alesantro Canca and others to see if the town will vote to construct a sidewalk on Merrimac street starting at Thornton avenue and ending at Ford street a distance of about fifteen hundred (1500) feet and appropriate the sum of three hundred seventy five (375) dollars for the same.

Article 38 By request of Edwin Richardson and others to see if the town will vote to macadamize North Lowell street from the Dracut line to Wheeler Hill and appropriate twenty five hundred (2500) dollars for the same.

Article 39 By request of Vincent Moroney and others to have the town vote to appropriate the sum of one hundred fifty (150) dollars for a fire alarm box on the corner of Maple and Howe streets.

Article 40 By request of Thomas Hogarth and others to see if the town will vote to have a fire alarm box installed in the vicinity of Edgewood and Ruskin avenue and appropriate

the sum of seventy (70) dollars for the same.

Article 41 By request of the fire engineers to see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of one thousand (1000) dollars for the purchase of new hose and painting the fire truck.

Article 42 By request of W. E. Schruender and others to see if the town will vote to install a fire alarm box near the house of Harry Robinson on Lowell street and appropriate one hundred twenty five (125) dollars for the same.

Article 43 By request of David J. Blair and others to see if the town will vote to install a fire alarm box at the corner of West and Myrtle streets and appropriate two hundred (200) dollars for the same.

Article 44 By request of the playstead commission to see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of four hundred (400) dollars for continuing the work on the playstead and public grounds for the year 1916.

Article 45 To see if the town will vote to recompense Herbert Winn, the sum of three thousand (3000) dollars for injuries which he sustained while working for the town at the stone crusher in 1914 and make an appropriation of three thousand (3000) dollars for the same.

Article 46 To see if the town will vote to have the chief of police assign and control all police officers for special duty.

Article 47 To see what action the town will take on the report of the County commissioners in regard to the purchase of land on Lowell street and appropriate one thousand (1000) dollars for the same.

Article 48 By request of Thomas C. White to see if the town will vote to release to him all right to the stone and gravel on a strip of land in Ayers Village owned by said Thomas C. White said strip being eight rods long and twenty five feet wide.

Article 49 To see if the town will vote to name a street starting at Sawyer's corner so-called, thence northwest to North Lowell street, said street to be named Sawyer street.

Article 50 By request of George Cole and others to see if the town will vote to change the name of Orchard street, from the Lawrence line to Barker's corner, to Haverhill street.

Article 51 To see if the town will vote to accept Sea street and appropriate the sum of one thousand (1000) dollars to place the street in good repair.

Article 52 To see if the town will vote to accept Filbert street as laid out by the Board of Improvements.

Article 53 To see if the town will vote to accept Beverley street as laid out by the Board of Improvements.

Article 54 To see if the town will vote to accept Cottage street as laid out by the Board of

Improvements.

Article 55 By request of the Howe street District Improvement Association to see if the town will appropriate the sum of two hundred and fifty five (255) dollars for fifteen lights on Howe street Methuen from Marston Corner to Currier street.

Article 56 By request of Josephus Matthews and others to see if the town will vote to place a street light at the corner of Forest and Hill streets and one at the bend between the last two installed on Forest Street and appropriate thirty two (32) dollars for the same.

Article 57 To see if the town will vote to place a light on Merrimac street at the corner of Sunnyside avenue and appropriate seventeen dollars for the same.

Article 58 By request of W. J. Tait and others to see if the town will vote to install a light on Quincy street about midway between Swan street and Fair Oaks avenue and appropriate the sum of seventeen dollars for the same.

Article 59 By request of Angelo Dizyglio and others to see if the town till vote to locate three street lights on Bay State road and appropriate the sum of forty eight dollars for the same.

Article 60 By request of Harry Atchinson and others to see if the town will install six lights in the following places; two on Piedmont Street, two on Waybosett street and two on Sheldon street and appropriate ninety six dollars for the same.

Article 61 By request of Henry Spottiswood and others to see if the town will vote to install one light at the junction of Hampshire road and Cross street and appropriate sixteen dollars for the same.

Article 62 By request of Antona Levigne and others to see if the town will vote to install six lights, one at each of the following places; Venessee street and Canobiola road; Venessee street and Ledesco road; Venessee street and Linbrook road; Venessee street and Conoliae road, Venessee street and Brantwood road; Venessee street and Almonte road and appropriate ninety six dollars for the same.

Article 63 By request of Joseph H. Burgess and others to see if the town will vote to install an electric light at the junction of Pelham street and Hillcrest avenue and appropriate the sum of sixteen dollars for the same.

Article 64 To see if the town will vote to locate a light on Combination street in front of the residence of J. Gross and appropriate sixteen dollars for the same.

Article 65 By request of William Pullan and others to see if the town will vote to install one street light on Maplewood avenue five hundred feet northerly from present light and appropriate sixteen dollars for the same.

Article 66 By request of Edward Abbott and others to see if the town will vote to locate two street lights on Milk street between Albion street and residence of Edward Abbott

and appropriate thirty two dollars for the same.

Article 67 To see if the town will vote to appropriate two hundred (200) dollars to carry on the work of the Home and School Garden Association.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doing thereon, to the town clerk on or before the time of the meeting aforesaid.

Given under out hands and the seal of the town of Methuen this twenty first day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixteen.

J. H. Lyons  
Wm. L. Stedman  
Sam'l Rushton  
Selectmen of Methuen

Town  
Seal

**Constable's Return  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**Essex SS**

**February 25, 1916**

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 on the town house in precinct one, and at the corner of Center and Tenney St. in precinct two, and at the Currier School in precinct three, on Friday the twenty fifth day of February instant (1916), being more than eight days before the day of said meeting.

William J. Oliver  
Constable of Methuen

**Record of Annual Town Meeting, March 6<sup>th</sup> 1916**

**Election Record.**

At meetings of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen in the County of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, held in the respective Precincts of said Town pursuant to Warrant No. 3 File 15 on Monday March 6<sup>th</sup> 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 on the question of acceptance of the provisions of Chapter 468 of the Acts of 1911 extending the provisions of Civil Service to the Chief of Police" and the same were received, sorted, counted, declared and registered in open Precinct meetings according to law, as appears by the certified returns from said Precincts, transmitted to the Town Clerk and examined by him in conjunction with the Registrars of Voters and according to said returns, the following appears as the result of the election held as aforesaid.

<b>Pre. 1</b>	<b>Pre. 2</b>	<b>Pre. 3</b>	<b>Total</b>
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<b>The whole number of ballots cast was,</b>	<b>8 Women</b>			
	<b>993</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>1778</b>

**For Moderator**

Albion G. Pierce, 15 Pleasant St.	778	310	285	1373
Blank	215	97	93	405

And Albion G. Pierce was declared elected Moderator.

**For Town Clerk and Town Treasurer**

Joseph S. Howe, 8 Stevens St.	798	320	290	1408
Blank	195	87	88	370

And Joseph S. Howe was declared elected Town Clerk and Town Treasurer.

**For Collector of Taxes**

Walter L. S. Gilcreast, 316 Broadway	780	319	286	1385
Geo. H Richardson	2	1		3
Fred Hall	1		1	
Blank	210	87	92	389

And Walter L. S. Gilcreast was declared elected Collector & sworn.

**For Selectmen and Overseers of Poor**

Henry Dean 386 Pelham	254	154	138	546
Thomas N. Hubbard 90 Centre St.	323	156	32	511
James H. Lyons 244 Oakland Ave.	332	85	97	514
Samuel Rushton 27 Centre St.	501	283	189	973
William H. Russell 90 Ashland Ave.	204	93	40	337
William L. Stedman 22 Prospect	377	122	261	760
James Watt 60 Currier St.	42	11	40	93
Oscar Weller 164 East St.	54	13	148	215
David Woodbury 265 Broadway	589	189	88	866
Blank	303	115	101	519

And Samuel Rushton, William L. Stedman, and David D. Woodbury were declared elected Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor and were sworn.

**For Assessor**

David H. Ackroyd 11 Gill Ave.	101	65	42	208
Arthur Barnby 200 Tyler St.	27	1	8	36
Arthur W. Hutchins 2 Summitt Ave.	137	16	36	189
Samuel Joy 91 Orchard	467	133	220	821
Walter Spicer 15 Annis	202	158	36	396

Blank	59	34	35	128
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And Samuel Joy was declared elected Assessor (3 years) and was sworn, taking the oath prescribed by statute.

**For Highway Surveyor**

Robert W. Dow, 11 Barker St.	691	292	225	1208
Otis N. Trussell 113 Oakland Ave.	265	96	125	486
Blank	37	19	28	84

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

**School Committee 3 yrs.**

Walter M. Hastings, 5 Central St.	435	97	130	662
Fred G. Hillis, 20 Maplewood Ave.	230	17	105	504
John W. Rawnsley, 33 Pelham St.	227	119	72	418
Blank (8 women voted in Pre. 1)	109	21	22	202

And Walter M. Hastings was declared elected School Committee for three years.

**For Trustee of Nevins Memorial**

Harry H. Johnson, 12 Central St.	684	280	249	1213
Blank	299	127	129	565

And Harry H. Johnson was declared elected Trustee of Nevins Memorial for two years and was sworn.

**For Water Commissioner (3 years)**

George W. Craig 28 Annis St.	69	77	35	181
Frederick W. Gay 2 Stevens St.	233	64	41	338
William J. Partlow 35 Milk St.	283	130	207	620
Elliot P. Spooner 37 Hampshire St.	263	73	55	391
Henry F. Spottiswood 12 Hamp. Roads	100	38	11	149
Blank	45	25	29	99

And William J. Partlow was declared elected Water Commissioner for three years.

**For Tree Warden**

Frederick J. Roberts	281	124	90	495
Alfred H. Wagland	611	256	214	1081
Blank	101	27	74	202

And Alfred H. Wagland was declared elected Tree Warden.

**For Cemetery Commissioner 3 yrs.**

Herbert P. Wilkinson 173 Orchard St.	664	287	252	1203
Blank	329	120	126	575

And Herbert R. Wilkinson was declared elected Cemetery Commissioner – 3 yrs.

**For Auditor**

Frank Sharples, 147 Tenney St.	677	314	252	1243
Blank	316	93	126	535

And Frank Sharples was declared elected Auditor and was sworn.

**For Constables**

Abel Marsland, Jr. 15 Gleason St.	235	97	132	464
William J. Oliver 8 Annis St.	595	275	187	957

Blanks – (not returned by Precinct officers)

Frank Hall 21 Hampshire St.	1			
Baleman Sharpe 26 Railroad	1			
C. N. Andrews 34 Lowell	1			
John Quinn 8 Barker	1			
Joseph Hynes 85 Edgewood Ave	1			
Harry Nimmo 62 ½ Union	3			
James E. Ellis 34 Centre	1	7		
Carl Koch			2	
James W. Riley		1		

And Abel Marsland Jr., William J. Oliver (sworn), Harry Nimmo and James E. Ellis were declared elected Constables.

## For Fence Viewers

W. L. S. Gilcrest 316 Broadway	3
John Sharpe 5 Ruskin Ave.	5
Walt Spear 6 Brown	1
James H. Lyons 244 Oakland Ave	1
Joseph Jeffries 3 Elm Essex	1
Charles Hutchins Pelham St.	1
C. F. Kendall 7 Gage	1
Geo. Moran 8 Pelham	2
P. H. Doran 20 Hampshire	2
W. Brady 6 Pelham	2
Henry Dean	1
Fred Koenig 13 Milk	4
Wm. Hoepfner	1

And W. L. S. Gilcrest, John Sharpe and Fred Koenig were declared elected Fence Viewers.

“Shall Licenses be granted for the sale of Intoxicating liquors in this town?”

	Pre 1	Pre 2	Pre 3	Total
Yes	345	157	183	685
No	563	214	160	937
Blank	85	36	35	156

“Shall the Town vote to accept the provisions of Chap. 468 of the Acts of 1911 extending the provisions of Civil Service to Chief of Police?”

Yes	244	118	97	459
No	456	166	158	780
Blank	293	123	123	539

## Record of Business Meeting March eleventh 1916.

The Annual Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Town affairs was held for the transaction of business on Saturday March eleventh A.D. 1916 at one o'clock P.M. as specified in the Warrant. The meeting was called to order at one o'clock by the Town Clerk who read the call for the meeting and announced the election of Albion G. Pierce as Moderator, who was duly sworn. The several articles in the Warrant were read by the Moderator as the meeting proceeded. The first business of the meeting, was the choice of those officers not required to be chosen by ballot; as follows:- The notices to Town Meeting members were mailed on Tuesday March 13.

Article 1 **Town Officers**

**Field Drivers - Sworn**

Benjamin Harrison  
Harry Bilney  
George Bunting

James Smith  
James H. Lyons

**Surveyors of Plastering**

Silas K. Nowell  
John W. Moss

Charles E. Russell  
Walter Winn

**Surveyors of Lumber**

Robert W. Dow  
James H. Lyons  
Elliot P. Spooner

Charles W. Hutchins  
Charles I. Lyons  
Harry D. Kelley

**Surveyors of Wood and Bark**

Charles A. Stevens  
Ben Hill  
Edgar G. Holt

Herbert Winn  
Charles E. Russell

**Pound Keepers - Sworn**

Dennis Connolly

James H. Lyons

Article 2 **Selectmen's Report**

The Report of the Selectmen, in print and in the hands of the voters. - was accepted.

Article 3 **Appropriations**

Voted to consider the estimates of the Selectmen, item by item. The sums appropriated under the several heads were as follows.

**For**

teachers, janitors, fuel, supervision, as recommended by school Committee	62,700.00
School repairs	3,000.00
School supplies	6,000.00
School Contingencies and Physician	2,500.00
Night Schools	1,800.00
Opening Roads and Bridges	2,500.00
Tarvia	2,000.00
Highways and Bridges	6,500.00

Macadam	12,000.00
Carried forward	99,000.00
Sewers	3,000.00
Sidewalks	3,000.00
Highway Surveyor	1,500.00
Street Sprinkling	1,500.00
Edgestones & Flagging	2,500.00
Town Teams	5,000.00
Health Department	1,000.00
Tree Warden	500.00
Suppression of Moths	3,881.39
Fire Department	6,000.00
Police Department	7,500.00
Contingencies	3,000.00
Street Lights	6,580.00
Pauper Department	3,500.00
Soldier's Relief	600.00
Inspector of slaughtering	600.00
Town Officers and Clerk	5,500.00
Building Inspector	600.00
Playstead	600.00
Elmwood Cemetery (laid on table)	
Sealer of Weights and Measures	300.00
Plumbing Inspector	400.00
Town Physician	600.00
Interest of Town Debt	9,000.00
Water bonds	15,100.00
School House Bonds	<u>9,000.00</u>
	189,461.39

Voted that the Water Commissioners make no change in the water rates, in future, unless voted by the town.

A motion was made that the water rates be increased to nine dollars per annum and was lost.

Voted that a Committee of five be appointed by the Chair to examine the question of Water rates and also the Charter and see if there is any improvement needed, and report at a future meeting.

The Chair appointed as that Committee, Messrs. William H. Buswell, Edwin J. Castle, Edward Riley, Frank Sharples and Arthur Sweeney.

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

Voted that taxes be collected by the same method as last year and that the Tax Collector receive a salary of Twelve Hundred Dollars in full compensation for all services and expenses and twelve hundred dollars was appropriated, It was also voted that he should be allowed necessary expenses for postage, bills, envelopes and printing.

## **Article 5 Committee Reports**

The Committee appointed to install a fire alarm whistle reported that the appropriation was insufficient and they consequently returned it.

A vote of thanks was given the Committee and report was accepted.

## **Article 6 Temporary Money**

Voted, unanimously, that the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning Jan. 14, 1916 and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year. Any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of said financial year.

## **Article 7 Dog Money**

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

## **Article 8 Assessors' Salary**

Voted:- to pay the Chairman of the Board of Assessors Eight Hundred Dollars per annum, and the remaining members Seven Hundred and Fifty dollars, each per annum.

## **Article 9 Compensation of Firemen**

Voted to pay the Firemen One Hundred and Twenty five dollars per annum for responses to bell alarms and fifty cents an hour for brush fires the members to respond to all alarms, and in case of failure to do so, the question of fines to be left to the Engineers.

Voted: - that all future Town Reports show the purpose for which all sums of money are expended.

Voted: - that all Town Departments show in their Reports, the purpose for which all sums of money are expended.

## **Article 10 Memorial Day**

Voted to appropriate the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars for decorating the graves of our soldiers and sailors on Memorial Day, said money to be expended under the direction of Col. William B. Greene Post No. 100 G.A.R.

## **Article 11 Peddlers Licenses**

Voted:- that the matter of granting licenses to hawkers and peddlers and fixing the fees therefor be left to the discretion of the Selectmen.

## **Article 12 Building Ordinance**

Voted – to adopt as a By law of the Town a draft of the proposed building ordinance as drawn and recommended by the Committee composed of Albert S. Huntress, William L. Stedman, Henry H. Crompton, Ralph Tilton and Sidney Nowell, appointed at the Annual Town Meeting in 1915, said draft being entitled “Building Ordinance of the Town of Methuen” and being on file with the Town Clerk.

## **Article 13 Pay of Patrolmen**

Voted: to pay the regular patrolmen at the rate of two dollars and seventy five cents per day; the same to be taken from the regular appropriation for police.

## **Article 14 Telephone**

Voted to install a telephone in the office of the Building Inspector and the Office of the Plumbing Inspector and appropriate thirty-six dollars therefor.

## **Article 15 Building Inspector**

Voted to pay the Building Inspector Six Hundred Dollars for his services the ensuing year and appropriate Six Hundred Dollars therefor.

## **Article 16 Drivers of Town Teams per five men**

Voted:- to grant the drivers of the town teams used for service in the Fire Department and the permanent firemen at the fire station, one day off in seven without loss of pay.

## **Articles 17 to 27 incl.**

Voted to adopt the recommendation of the Finance Committee, and vote as they recommend on Articles 17 to 27 inclusive, as follows.

## **Article 17 Water pipe**

Voted, to lay a two inch water pipe from East street near Cook’s corner in a southerly direction along Marie street and branching off from there and running on Taylor and Paris streets about 1050 feet, the parties interested to do the necessary digging.

## **Article 18 Water pipe**

Voted to pass over Article 18 of the Warrant.

## **Article 19 Delmont St.**

Voted, to lay a one and one half inch water pipe along Delmont St. from Westland street, a distance of about nine hundred and fifty feet and appropriate four hundred and seventy five dollars for that purpose.

**Article 20 Beaumont Rd.**

Voted to pass over Article 20 of the Warrant.

**Article 21 Smith Ave.**

Voted to pass over Article 21 of the Warrant.

**Article 22 Sinking Fund**

Voted to appropriate Twenty five Hundred Dollars for the Water loan sinking Fund to be taken from the earnings of the Water Department.

**Article 23 Sea St.**

Voted to pass over Article 23 of the Warrant.

**Article 24 West St.**

Voted to pass over Article 24 of the Warrant.

**Article 25 Canobieola**

Voted to pass over Article 25 of the Warrant.

**Article 26 Brantwood Road**

Voted to pass over Article 26 of the Warrant.

**Article 27 Huntington Ave.**

Voted to pass over Article 27 of the Warrant.

**Article 28 Water loan**

Voted to pass over Article 28 of the Warrant.

**Article 29 Prospect St. Sewer**

Voted to build a sewer on Prospect St., from the property of A. S. Huntress north on said street, a distance of about five hundred and fifty three feet, and appropriate five hundred and fifty three dollars for the same also voted that the town assess the abutters on the opposite side of the street and reimburse Mrs. Breen one half her expense on said sewer.

**Finance Committee**

Voted, that the Finance Committee of last year be reappointed.

## **Article 30 School Grounds**

Voted, to pass over Article 30 of the Warrant.

## **Article 31 New School House**

Voted – to pass over Article 31 of the Warrant.

## **Article 32 Bradley School**

Voted to pass over Article 32 of the Warrant.

## **Article 33 Bradley School**

Voted – that three persons be added to the School Committee to investigate the subject in this Article and report at the next meeting.

## **Article 35 Arnold St.**

Voted to pass over Article 35 of the Warrant.

## **Article 36 Sewer**

Voted – to construct sixty feet of sewer on Almont street and appropriate sixty dollars for the same.

## **Article 37 Merrimack St.**

Voted – to pass over Article 37 of the Warrant.

## **Article 38 No. Lowell St.**

Voted to pass over Article 38 of the Warrant.

## **Article 39 Fire Alarm**

Voted, To appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars for a fire alarm box on the corner of Maple and Howe Streets.

## **Article 40 Fire Alarm**

Voted – to pass over Article 40 of the Warrant.

## **Article 41 Fire hose**

Voted, - to appropriate the sum of Fire Hundred Dollars for the purpose of purchasing new hose.

## **Article 42 Fire alarm**

Voted – to install a fire alarm box near the house of Harry Robinson on Lowell street and appropriate the sum of one hundred and twenty five dollars, for that purpose.

## **Article 43 Fire alarm**

Voted to pass over Article 43 of the Warrant.

Voted, - that the proper authorities figure up the tax rate on all appropriation made up to the present time, and have it ready to report to the adjourned meeting.

At five o'clock and twelve minutes the meeting was adjourned to Saturday March 18<sup>th</sup>, 1916 at one o'clock and thirty minutes P.M.

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

**Methuen, Mass. March 18, 1916**

An adjourned meeting of the voters of the Town of Methuen was held in the Town Hall in pursuance of the adjournment of the annual Town meeting on March 11, 1916. The meeting was called to order at 1.30 o'clock P.M., Moderator A. G. Peirce in the chair. In the absence of the Town Clerk Hon. Joseph S. Howe it was necessary to elect a Town Clerk Pro-tem. John Tyler Douglas was nominated he being the only nominee. It was then voted to direct Mr. Frank Sharples to cast one ballot for Mr. Douglas. Mr. Sharples carried out the vote and Mr. Douglas was declared elected, by ballot, as Town Clerk Pro-tem.

The Moderator then swore in the town clerk pro-tem.

The moderator swore in Messrs. J. H. Lyons, R. W. Dow, and Charles Hutchins as surveyors of lumber; C. A. Stevens as surveyor of wood and bark and D. K. Nowell as surveyor of plaster.

## **Article 44 Playstead Commission Discharged**

Voted to pass over Article 44 of the Warrant.

On motion it was voted to discharge the Playstead Commission and have the duties of the commission performed by the Selectmen. The vote was taken by show of hands, 53 voting to discharge the committee and 34 voting against.

Article 45 Voted to pass over Article 45 of the Warrant.

Article 46 Voted to pass over Article 46 of the Warrant.

Article 47 Voted to pass over Article 47 of the Warrant.

## **Article 48 Release to Mr. White**

Voted to leave the matter in the hands of the Selectmen and superintendent of streets with full power to act and draw up the necessary papers if they so desire.

## **Article 12 Reconsideration Art. 12**

On motion it was voted to reconsider Article 12 of the Warrant, 58 voting for reconsideration and 18 against.

On motion it was voted to change section 82 of the building ordinance by inserting after the word "lot," in the fourteenth line of the above mentioned section, the words:- If a tenement house or dwelling is three stories or less in height the depth of the yard in the rear of the building shall be not less than fifteen feet exclusive of balconies or balcony reels for interior lots, - so as to read as follows: Section 82. – Behind every tenement house or dwelling hereafter erected there shall be a yard extending across the entire width of the lot at every point open from the ground to the sky unobstructed except as hereinafter provided. Every part of such yard shall be directly accessible from every other part thereof. The depth of said yard shall be measured from the extreme rear of the house or any projections thereof towards the rear line of the lot. Where the rear of the lot abuts on a public alley, or right-of-way dedicated to public use for the full width of the lot, the depth of the lot may be measured to the middle line of such alley or right-of-way: where there is no such alley or right-of-way the measurements shall be taken to the rear line of lot. If a tenement house or dwelling is three stories or less in height the depth of the yard in the rear of the building shall be not less than fifteen feet exclusive of balconies or balcony reels for interior lots. If the tenement house or dwelling exceeds three stories in height the depths above described in the case of interior lots shall be increased five feet and in case of corner lots shall be increased two feet for each story above three stories. When a lot upon which a tenement house or dwelling is built is bounded on every side by a street, alley or public way the yard may be omitted.

On motion it was voted to change section 5 of the Building Ordinance by striking out the words "the repair or maintenance of any building in this town, or in making plans or specifications thereof," in the third, fourth, and fifth lines of the section, and inserting after the word construction" in the third line the words "of any building," – so as to read as follows:- Section 5. – The commissioner shall have no more interest in the doing of the work of the furnishing of materials for the construction of any building unless he is the Owner of the Building.

On motion it was voted to adopt the Building Ordinance, as a by law mentioned under Article 12 of the Warrant, as drawn up by the committee appointed by the town of Methuen; said ordinance to have the changes as noted in sections 82 and 5, said Ordinance being entitled Building Ordinance of the Town of Methuen, and being on file with the town clerk.

## **Article 49 Sawyer street**

Voted to name a street starting at Sawyer corner, so-called, thence northwest to North Lowell street, said street to be named Sawyer street.

Article 50 Voted to pass over Article 50 of the Warrant.

Article 51 Voted to pass over Article 51 of the Warrant.

**Article 52 Filbert St.**

Voted to accept Filbert street as laid out by the Board of Improvements.

**Article 53 Beverly St.**

Voted to accept Beverly street as laid out by the Board of Improvements.

**Article 54 Cottage St.**

Voted to accept Cottage as laid out by the Board of Improvements.

**Article 55 Lights Howe street**

Voted to accept the recommendation of the finance committee and appropriate the sum of \$120 and install eight street lights on Howe street.

**Article 56 Lights Forest St.**

Voted to appropriate \$32.<sup>00/100</sup> for installing two street lights, one at the corner of Forest and Hill streets and one at the bend between the last two installed on Forest street.

**Article 57 Lights**

to 66

inclusive Voted to refer articles 57 to 66 inclusive to the Board of Improvements and appropriate the sum of \$100 for the same.

**Planning Board**

Voted to proceed to elect a planning board for the ensuing year. The following were elected Samuel Joy, F. M. Andrews, A. S. Huntress, E. J. Castle and F. A. Russell.

**Article 33 School House**

Voted to take Article 33 from the table.

Voted to build a four room school in the Elizabeth Bradley district and appropriate the sum of \$18,000. for the same.

**Article 34 School house funds**

Unanimously voted; that for the purpose of raising money to pay for the construction of the school house voted to be built, in the Elizabeth Bradley district, the Town Treasurer is hereby directed to issue and sell notes or bonds of the Town, coupon in form, to the amount of \$18,000 bearing interest at a rate not to exceed four and one half per cent per annum, and payable in annual installments of one thousand dollars beginning one year from the day of said notes or bonds, and continuing for 18 successive years, and the proceeds of said notes or bonds are hereby appropriated for the purpose aforesaid.

### **Stenographer**

Voted to have the Selectmen look into the advisability of hiring a stenographer present at town meetings and if the expense is not too great that the services of one be procured for future town meetings.

### **Article 67 Home Garden**

Voted to appropriate the sum of \$200.<sup>00/100</sup> to carry on the work of the Home and School Garden Association.

A vote of thanks was given to the committee that drew up the Building Ordinance.

Voted that Rev. C. H. Oliphant; Jas Forbes and J. H. Lyons act with the School Committee as a committee to look after the construction, awarding of contracts etc., of the new School house.

Voted to lay the estimate of \$200.<sup>00/100</sup> for Elmwood Cemetery on the table for another year.  
The meeting adjourned at 3.58 P.M.

Attest,

John Tyler Douglas  
Town Clerk - Pro-Tem

### **Record of Primary - April 25 1916**

In accordance with a Warrant issued by the Selectmen of Methuen meetings were held in the designated polling places on Tuesday April 25, 1916 to elect delegates to the respective political Conventions for the nomination of candidates for President and Vice President and the following is the result of the balloting as transmitted to me by the Precinct officers.

#### **Republican Party**

<b>Delegates at Large</b>		<b>Pre. 1</b>	<b>Pre. 2</b>	<b>Pre. 3</b>	<b>Total</b>
Grafton D. Cushing	60 Chestnut St., Boston	115	45	26	186
Charles Summer Bird	Walpole	112	41	23	176
Augustus P. Gardner	Main St. Hamilton	111	44	24	179
Robert M. Washburn	42 Elm St., Worcester	104	39	24	167
Samuel W. McCall	Myopia Road, Winchester	109	48	54	211
Henry Cabot Lodge	Nahant	108	47	48	203
John W. Weeks	99 Valentine St., Newton	99	44	48	191
Winthrop W. Crane	Main St., Dalton	101	43	50	194
Blank		45	28	35	105

#### **Alternates**

Alexander McGregor 400 Commonwealth Ave, Boston	78	28	18	124
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Lombard Williams	High St., Dedham	76	26	18	120
Daniel Cosgrove	492 Gorham St., Lowell	76	28	18	122
William M. Armstrong	91 Summer St., Somerville	76	28	18	122
Butler Ames	333 Andover St., Lowell	90	43	36	169
Louis A. Frothingham	33 Brimmer St., Boston	88	43	36	167
Eben S. S. Keith	Bourne	86	39	36	161
Frank W. Stearns	269 Park St., Newton	85	39	35	159
Blank		249	102	117	468

### **District Delegates**

Fred G. Lewis	47 Oakland St., Lowell	72	35	20	127
Frederick P. Glazier	12 Lincoln St., Hudson	70	30	19	119
Herbert G. Fletcher	Groton Road, Westford	94	42	37	173
John N. Cole	Highland Road Andover	97	47	40	184
Blank		119	34	50	203

### **Republican Alternate District Delegates**

Gardner W. Pearson	69 Clitherve St., Lowell	68	31	16	115
Edwin C. Perham	Chelmsford	65	27	16	108
Frank E. Dunbar	285 Andover St., Lowell	86	40	31	157
Wilfred D. Gray	65 Pleasant St., Woburn	80	37	29	146
Blank		153	53	74	280

### **Prohibition Party**

#### **Delegates at Large**

William Shaw, Andover		2	3	0	5
Alfred H. Evans, Hadley		2	3	0	5
Daniel A. Poling, Brookline		2	3	0	5
Frank N. Rand, Haverhill		2	3	0	5
Albert J. Arena, Sharon		2	3	0	5
John B. Lewis, Reading		2	3	0	5
John, M. Fisher, Attleboro		2	3	0	5
Wilbur D. Moon, Lynn		2	3	0	5

#### **District Delegate**

John Davis, Lowell		2	3	0	5
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### **Democratic Party**

#### **Delegates at Large**

David I. Walsh	25 Main St., Fitchburg	5	3	7	15
Joseph H. O'Neil	122 Seaver St., Boston	5	2	7	14
Humphrey O'Sullivan	105 Butterfield St., Lowell	5	3	7	15

Charles B. Strecker	400 Commonwealth Ave., Boston	5	3	7	15
Blank			5		15

### **Alternates**

H. Oscar Rocheleau	26 Kendall St., Worcester	5	3	5	13
Edmund D. Codman	141 Beacon St., Boston	5	3	7	13
Vincent Brogna	97 Endicott St., Boston	5	3	7	13
Thomas F. Higgins	318 Madison St., Fall River	5	4	7	14
Blank			5		5

### **District Delegates**

Robert J. Crowley	305 Summon St., Lowell	5	4	4	13
J. Joseph O'Connor	29 Wamesit St., Lowell	5	4	4	13
Blank			3	8	11

### **Alternates**

John T. Donahue	525 Andover St., Lowell	5	4	4	13
Joseph P. Donahue	157 Fairmount St., Lowell	5	4	4	13
Blank				6	6

Attest,  
Jos. S. Howe Town Clerk

## **Warrant for Special Town Meeting – June 12<sup>th</sup> 1916, Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

### **Essex SS.**

To Harry Nimmo, 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 town Hall in voting precinct one, on Monday the 12<sup>th</sup> day of June next at 8 o'clock P.M. then and there to act on the following articles, viz:-

Article 1 To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to seize a parcel of land situated on Merrimac street, near the Elizabeth Bradley school for a site of the school building authorized at the last town meeting and appropriate \$500.<sup>00</sup> for the same.

Article 2 To see if the Town will vote to adopt By-Laws regulating hawking and peddling.

Hereof fail not and make due 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixteen.

Wm. L. Stedman  
Sam'l Rushton      } Selectmen of Methuen  
David D. Woodbury

**Essex SS. June 1<sup>st</sup>, 1916**

I have this day posted the within Warrant at the different polling places in the Town of Methuen as directed.

Harry Nimmo – Constable of Methuen

### **Record of Special Town Meeting held June 12 1916**

A meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen was held at the Town Hall in said Town on the twelfth day of June A.D. 1916 in pursuance of the foregoing Warrant. The meeting was called to order at eight o'clock P.M. the Moderator – Mr. A. G. Peirce in the chair.

#### **Article 1 Seizure of Land**

Voted, that the Selectmen be authorized to seize for school purposes a certain parcel of land belonging to the German S. Phippen heirs and bounded and described as follows:- Beginning at a point on Merrimack street about 30' north east of the house of Mrs. Sarah Phippen thence running northwesterly about 200' thence southwesterly about 125', thence northwesterly about 349.12' by land of German S. Phippen heirs; thence northeasterly by land of Mrs. Sarah Phippen about 250', thence south-easterly by Bradley Farm Lots, about 541' to Merrimac St. thence by Merrimac Street to starting point about 125.24'.

Voted – to appropriate Five Hundred Dollars to pay for the said land.

#### **Article 2 Peddler's Licenses By Law**

Section 1. No person except one engaged in the pursuit of Agriculture shall go about from place to place within this town, carrying or exposing for sale, or selling fruits or vegetables and fish in or from any cart wagon or other vehicle or in any other manner without a license therefor from the Board of Selectmen.

Section 2. The Board of Selectmen shall have authority to grant such license to any person of good repute for morals and integrity who is, or has declared his intention to become a citizen of the United States Said licenses unless sooner revoked by the Board of Selectmen shall expire on the thirtieth day of April next after granting thereof, and each person so licensed shall pay therefor a fee of five dollars for a fruit or vegetable license and a fee of fifty cents for a fish license. The fee fixed for such license must not exceed that which a license would be required to pay the town treasurer under section nineteen of chapter 65R.L.

Section 3. No hawker or peddler shall sell, or offer or expose for sales any of the articles enumerated in Section 15 of Chapter 65 of the Revised Laws, or in any acts in amendment

thereof, or in addition thereto until he has recorded his name and residence with the Board of Health, or such other board or officer as may be designated by the Selectmen. Every person licensed under the provisions of the preceding section as a hawker or peddler of fruits and vegetables shall record his name and residence in like manner with such board or officer.

Section 4. No person hawking, peddling, or carrying or exposing for sale any of the articles enumerated in Chapter 345 Acts of 1906, shall cry his wares to the disturbance of the peace and comfort of the inhabitants of the town, nor shall carry or convey such articles in any manner that will tend to injure or disturb the public health or comfort, nor otherwise than in vehicles and receptacles which are neat and clean and do not leak.

Section 5. Every hawker and peddler licensed by the Board of Selectmen shall be assigned a number, and shall be provided by the Board of Health with a badge which shall be conspicuously worn by him; and every other such hawker and peddler as described in Section three shall provide himself with a badge of such type and design as may be approved by said Board of Health, which he shall wear in like manner. Whoever neglects to wear, or wears such badge without authority, shall be punished by the penalty provided in section ten of this by-law. (Any other board or officer may be designated in place of the Board of Health.)

Section 6. Every vehicle or other receptacle used by a licensee as a conveyance for articles offered or exposed for sale by him, shall have attached thereto on each side a number plate, to be furnished by the town, with his license, bearing the number and date of expiration of such license.

Section 7. No person shall be registered or assigned a badge number under the provisions of sections three and five of these by laws, until he presents a certificate from the Sealer of Weights and Measures stating that all weighing and measuring devices intended to be used by such person have been duly inspected and sealed as required by law.

The use of, or possession by such person with intent to use, any false or unsealed weighing measuring devices shall be sufficient cause for the revocation of his license, or the cancellation of his registration.

Section 8. Any licensee who fails neglects or refuses to exhibit his license when the same is demanded of him by a Selectman, Commissioner or inspector, or sealer of weights and measures, town treasurer or clerk, constable, police officer or justice of the peace, shall be subject to the same penalty as if he had no license.

Section 9. Nothing in these by laws shall be construed as conflicting with any license issued under the authority of the Commonwealth.

Section 10. Any license granted under these by laws, or any by law amendatory or additional thereto, may be revoked by the Board granting the same.

Section 11. Whoever violates any provision of these by laws shall be punished by a fine not exceeding twenty dollars for each offense.

Section 12. All by-laws or parts of by laws, inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Voted to adopt the foregoing as a by-law of the town.

No other business appearing, the meeting adjourned.

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

**Warrant for Special Town Meeting**  
**July 24, 1916**      **File 15 No. 5**  
**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

### Essex SS:-

To Harry Nimmo, 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 in the Town Hall on Monday the 24<sup>th</sup> day of July next, at 7-30 o'clock in the evening then and there to act on the following articles:-

Article 1 To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars for the relief of the families of the soldiers who have gone to the Mexican border from this town.

Article 2 To see if the town will vote to adopt a by-law as provided for in Section 4 Chapter 494 of the Acts of 1913 and adopted by the town in 1913, regarding restrictions on laying out plots of land.

Also to meet and assemble at the designated polling places, in Precinct One in the Town Hall, in precinct two in the basement of the Arlington school, and in precinct three at the polling booth on Swan street, on Saturday the 29<sup>th</sup> of July next, at 12 o'clock noon, to bring in to the election officers, their votes in answer to the question "Shall an act passed by the general court in the year 1916 entitled - "An Act to provide for Precinct voting, limited Town Meeting, Town Meeting Members, a referendum and an Annual Moderator in the Town of Methuen," be accepted by this Town?"

The polls may be closed at 4 o'clock P.M.

Hereof fail not and make due 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixteen.

Wm. L. Stedman  
Samuel Rushton } Selectmen of Methuen  
D. D. Woodbury

## Constables Return

**Essex SS:-      Methuen, July 15, 1916**

I have notified the inhabitants of the Town by posting a true attested copy this fifteenth day of July.

Harry Nimmo – Constable of Methuen

The foregoing is a true copy of Warrant and Constables return.

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

## Record of Special Meeting July 24 1916

In pursuance of Warrant No. 5 File 15, the qualified voters of the Town of Methuen met at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday July 24, 1916. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Mr. A E. Peirce who read the Warrant for the meeting.

Article 1 A motion was made that Three Thousand Dollars be appropriated for the relief of needy dependent families of soldiers said sum to be expended under the direction of the citizens relief committee of which Mr. J. H. Lyons is chairman. A long discussion followed, the main question at issue being whether that sum or One Thousand Dollars should be appropriated. An amendment to make the appropriation Fifteen Hundred Dollars was offered and carried and it was voted to appropriate Fifteen Hundred Dollars to be expended under the direction of the Relief Committee of which Mr. Lyons is chairman and Mr. J. D. Emerson Treasurer.

Article 2 It was voted to pass over Article 2 of the Warrant.

Attest,      Jos. S. Howe, Town Clerk

## Record of Special Election, July 29, 1916.

At meetings of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen, in the County of Essex and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, held in the respective Precincts in said Town, pursuant to Warrant No. 5 File 15, on Saturday July 29, 1916, the qualified voters of said town brought in their written votes on the question of acceptance of an Act passed by the General Court in the year 1916, entitled "An Act to provide for Precinct Voting, limited town Meetings, Town Meeting members, a referendum, and an annual Moderator in the Town of Methuen", and the votes given in were received, sorted, counted, declared, and registered in open Precinct meetings according to law as appears by the certified returns from said Precincts, transmitted to the Town Clerk and examined by him in conjunction with the Registrars of Voters, and according to said returns the following appears as the result of the meetings held as aforesaid.

The whole number of votes cast was One Hundred and Ninety one 191.

	Yes	No	Total
Precinct One	69	58	127
Precinct Two	17	15	32
Precinct Three	<u>23</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>32</u>
	109	82	191

From which it appears that the Act aforesaid was accepted by the voters of the Town of Methuen.

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
**File 15, No. 6**

## Essex SS:-

To Abel Marsland, one of the Constables of the Town of Methuen in said County, **Greeting:-**

Whereas James Watt and nineteen other residents in, and legal of said town, qualified to vote in Town Meetings, have represented to me the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, that application has been made to

David D. Woodbury  
Samuel Rushton  
William Stedman

Selectmen of said Town, to call a meeting of the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in Town Meetings, for the purpose of considering the advisability of the adoption of a new method of accounting for the said Town, but they have unreasonably refused to call a meeting for the purpose, and said James Watt and said others have therefore made application to me, to call one for this purpose.

These are therefore in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to require you to notify the inhabitants of said Town, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Town Hall of said Town on Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup> day of September at three o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose above mentioned.

Given under my hand this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year of our Lord Nineteen Hundred and sixteen.

Raphael A. A. Camparone, Justice of the Peace

By virtue of this Warrant, I this day (Sept 7) did notify the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen

by posting a true and attested copy of the Warrant at the Town House in said Methuen at 6-45 P.M. Also in Precinct Two Arlington school at 7-30 P.M. and at Swan St. Polling booth at 8-30 P.M. and thereby publishing the same in Methuen Transcript as required by law.

Abel Marsland, Constable of Methuen

A true copy of Warrant and return.

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe Town Clerk

**Warrant for Primary  
File 15 No. 7  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**Essex SS:-**

To Harry Nimmo, one of the Constables of the Town of Methuen.

**Greeting:-** In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in Primaries to meet in the various polling places, namely:- At the town hall in Precinct One, in the basement of the Arlington schoolhouse in Precinct Two, and in the polling booth on Swan street in Voting Precinct Three, Tuesday the twenty sixth day of September, 1916, at 2 P.M. o'clock for the following purposes: To bring in their votes to the Primary officers for the nomination of Candidates of Political parties for the following offices; Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the Commonwealth, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor of the Commonwealth, Attorney General, Senator in Congress, Representative in Congress 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, County Commissioner Essex County, two Associate Commissioners Essex County, District Attorney, Clerk of Courts Essex County, Register of Deeds: And for the election of the following officers: District member of the State Committee for each political party in the 5<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District, members of the Democratic town Committee, members of the Republican town Committee, members of the Prohibition town Committee, Delegates to State Convention of Political Parties.

All the above candidates and officers are to be voted for on one ballot. The polls will be open from 2 P.M. to 8 P.M. And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof eight days at least before the time of said meeting as directed by vote of the town.

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

Given under our hands this seventh day of September A. D. 1916.

William L. Stedman      Selectmen  
Samuel Rushton      }      of  
David D. Woodbury      Methuen

## Constables Return

By virtue of this within precept I have posted the above Warrant as directed at least 8 days before the day of said meeting.

Harry Nimmo, Constable of Methuen

A true copy of Warrant and return.

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

## Record of Primary – Sept 26, 1916

**In pursuance of the foregoing warrant, meetings were held in the designated polling places on Tuesday Sept. 26, 1916, for the purposes named and the following was the result of the balloting as transmitted to me by the Precinct Officers.**

### Republican Party

Governor	Pre. 1	Pre. 2	Pre. 3	Total
Samuel W. McCall, Myopia Road, Winchester	394	237	141	762
Blank	59	39	27	125

### Lieut. Governor

Calvin Coolidge, 21 Massasoit St., Northampton	384	221	129	734
Blank	69	45	39	153

### Secretary

Albert P. Langtry, 140 Chestnut St., Winchester	368	206	127	701
Blank	85	60	41	186

### Treasurer

Charles L. Burrill, 14 Somerset St., Boston	351	198	120	669
Blank	102	68	48	218

### Auditor

Joseph P. Brown, 44 Dwight St., Brookline	160	93	64	317
Alonzo B. Cook, 19 Parkview St., Boston	205	103	62	370
Blank	88	70	42	200

**Attorney General**

Henry C. Attwill, 59 Ocean Ave., Lynn	349	197	121	677
Blank	104	69	47	220

**Senator in Congress**

Henry Cabot Lodge, Nahant	363	209	105	677
Blank	90	57	63	210

**Congressman Fifth District**

John Jacob Rogers, 444 Andover St., Lowell	393	232	137	762
Blank	60	34	31	125

**Councillor Fifth District**

Frederick H. Tarr, 55 Broadway, Rockport	342	185	107	634
Blank	111	81	61	253

**Representatives in General Court**

Arthur Bower, 473 High St., Lawrence	242	138	63	443
George H. Brear, 1 Gamble Place, Lawrence	35	25	15	75
George Bunting, 11 Annis St., Methuen	358	215	91	664
Henry W. Gesing, 39 Storrow St., Lawrence	12	5	17	34
Harry R. Lawrence, 21 Logan St., Lawrence	91	63	48	202
Gustave E. Stiegler, 130 Haverhill St., Lawrence	39	18	62	119
Blank	129	68	40	237

**County Commissioner**

John W. Grosvenor Jr., 73 Monument Ave., Swampscott	283	150	94	527
Joseph Merrill, 10 River St., Danvers	19	44	21	134
Blank	101	72	53	226

**Associate Commissioners**

Charles Leighton, 80 Nahant St., Lynn	281	147	92	520
Horace M. Sargent, 5 Marsland St., Haverhill	264	135	68	497
Blank	361	250	146	757

**District Attorney Eastern District**

Louis S. Cox, 7 Lowell St., Lawrence	386	225	111	722
Alfred A. Lang, 6 Peter St., Salem	28	10	24	62
Blank	39	31	33	103

### **Clerk of Courts**

Edward B. George, Amesbury Road, Haverhill	342	203	115	660
Blank	11	63	53	127

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

H. Christopher Chubb, 149 Berkley St., Law.	195	86	81	362
Moses Marshall, 1078 Essex St., Lawrence	218	152	64	434
Blank	40	28	23	91

### **State Committee**

Frederick W. Gay, 2 Stevens St., Methuen	255	146	96	497
Henry D. Rockwell, 74 Prospect St., No. And.	91	42	19	152
Blank	107	77	53	237

### **Delegates to State Convention**

Samuel Joy, 91 Orchard St.	317	173	101	591
Fred Cuthill, 72 Broadway	296	171	85	552
Edwin J. Castle, 56 Lowell	316	156	91	163
Levi N. Lowell, 6 Cochrane	302	144	88	534
Henry Dean, 236 Pelham	6			6
Blank	1920	1215	606	3741
Joseph E. Buswell, 73 Prospect, R. H. Newsholme 176 Oakland Ave., and E. P. Spooner 57 Hampshire had three votes each.	9			
Five other person have one vote each.	5			

### **Town Committee Group 1**

Perley D. Smith 41 Prospect St.	170	100	39	309
Henry H. Crompton 170 Lowell St.	189	143	41	373
William H. Russell 90 Ashland Ave.	164	96	37	297
John C. Barracough 61 Ashland Ave.	164	103	34	301
Elliot P. Spooner 57 Hampshire St.	127	97	40	314
John H. Harrison 122 $\frac{1}{2}$ Oakland Ave.	163	95	42	300
William H. Furnearre 12 Tenney St.	156	118	38	312

### **Town Committee Group 2**

Robert Bruce Gordon 19 Lowell St.	162	56	47	265
James Edward Ellis 84 Center St.	173	70	41	254
Frederick Hall 97 Arnold St.	160	57	46	263
Edward J. Wolfendale 26 Hazel	137	47	47	231
Thomas N. Hubbard 92 Center	164	79	41	284

Oscar Weller 164 East	154	41	57	252
Fred W. Schleif, 53 Lippold	130	34	60	224

**The members of Group 1 were declared elected Town Committee.**

### **Prohibition Party**

No candidates were reported voted for by the Prohibition Party.

### **Democratic Party**

The Whole number of ballots was Eighty Three 83

#### **For Governor**

Charles H. Cole, 217 Commonwealth Ave., Boston	8	3	3	14
Frederick W. Mansfield, 12 Elm Hill Ave., Boston	28	18	19	65
Blank	1	1	2	4

#### **Lieutenant Governor**

Thomas P. Riley, 11 Wentworth St., Malden	30	16	19	65
Blank	6	6	6	18

#### **Secretary**

Leon R. Eyges, 51 Naples Road, Brookline	26	15	16	57
Blank	10	7	9	26

#### **Treasurer**

Henry N. Teague, Main St., Williamstown	25	15	18	58
Blank	11	7	7	25

#### **Auditor**

John B. N. Soulliere, 36 Merrick St., Worcester	23	15	16	54
Blank	13	7	9	29

#### **Attorney General**

Joseph Joyce Donahue, 47 Court St., Medford	26	16	19	61
Blank	10	6	6	22

#### **Senator in Congress**

John G. Fitzgerald, 39 Welles Avenue, Boston	31	17	18	66
Blank	5	5	7	17

**Congressman Fifth District**

Roger Sherman Hoar, 9 Belknap St., Concord	25	15	16	56
Blank	11	7	9	27

**Councillor Fifth District**

No votes cast for any candidate.

**Senator Fifth Dist.**

John C. Sanborn, 45 East Haverhill St., Lawrence	23	15	16	54
Blank	13	7	9	29

**Representatives in General Court**

John Kavanagh, 139 Park St., Lawrence	24	11	14	49
Frederick W. Schlapp, 8 Home St., Lawrence	25	15	19	59
Blank	23	18	17	58

**County Commissioner**

J. J. Burns, Lawrence St., Methuen	1			1
Blank	35	22	25	82

**Associate Commissioners**

All Blanks

**District Attorney**

Maurice F. Cunningham, 240 Lincoln Ave., Saugus	20	15	15	50
Blank	16	7	10	33

**Clerk of Courts**

Edward B. George, Amesbury Road, Haverhill	25	14	14	51
Blank	13	8	11	32

**Register of Deeds**

Edgar M. Earley, State Road, Andover	7	8	5	15
John P. Mulholland, 393 Hampshire St., Lawrence	24	16	11	51
Blank	5	3	9	17

**State Committee**

John O'Brien, 26 Cross St., Lawrence	20	10	15	45
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Blank	16	12	10	38
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### **Delegates to State Convention**

J. J. Burns, Lawrence St.	1			
Blank	42	88	100	230

### **Town Committee**

R. B. Gordon, 19 Lowell	1		1
J. E. Ellis, 84 Centre	1		1
E. Wolfendale, 26 Hazel	1		1
F. J. Feeney, Barker St.	1		1
J. J. Quinn, Barker	1		1
Blank	31		31

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe, Town Clerk

### **Warrant for State Election**

**File 15 No. 6**

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**Essex SS:-** To Harry Nimmo, 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 vote in election of National, State, District, and County officers to meet and assemble in the designated polling places of Precincts one two and three, namely: The Town Hall in voting precinct One, the basement of the Arlington school in voting precinct two, the polling booth on Swan street in voting precinct three, on Tuesday the seventh day of November next at 5-45 in the forenoon, to bring in to the election officers their votes for Presidential Electors, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, Attorney General, Senator in Congress, Congressman, Councillor, Senator, two representatives to the General Court, County Commissioner, District Attorney, Clerk of Courts, Register of Deeds; and their votes on the following questions:- Acceptance of Chap. 23 General Acts of 1916, entitled “an Act to ascertain and carry out the will of the people relative to the calling and holding of a Constitutional Convention.”

Acceptance of Chap. 104 General Acts of 1916 entitled “An Act to make the first day of January, known as New Year’s Day a legal holiday.”

Acceptance of Chap. 179 of General Acts of 1916, entitled “An Act to prevent voters of one political party from voting in the primaries of another Political party,” all to be voted for on one ballot.

The polls may be closed at 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 11<sup>th</sup> day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixteen.

Wm. L. Stedman      Selectmen  
Sam'l Rushton      }      of  
David D. Woodbury      Methuen

### Constables Return

Essex SS.      Oct. 25, 1916

By virtue of the within precept, I have posted the within Warrant at the different polling places in the Town of Methuen fourteen days before the said seventh day of November A.D. 1916.

A true copy of Warrant and return.  
Attest,  
Harry Nimmo  
Constable of Methuen  
Jos. S. Howe    Town Clerk

### Record of State Election Nov. 7, 1916

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.6 File 15 on Tuesday, November Seventh 1916 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 him and the Selectmen, and according to said returns, the following is the result of the election held as aforesaid.

	Pre. 1	Pre. 2	Pre. 3	Total
<b>The whole number of ballots cast</b>	<b>829</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>1579</b>

#### For Presidential Elections At Large

Louis F. Weiss of Worcester	S.	27	29	52	108
Howard A. Gibbs of Attleboro	S.	27	29	52	208
William Shaw of Andover	P.	5	7	2	14
John B. Lewis of Reading	P.	5	7	2	14
George V. Le Meyer of Hamilton	R.	734	313	310	1357
Edward A. Thurston of Fall River	R.	734	313	310	1357
Oscar Kinselas of Lynn	S. L.	1	2	0	3
Ingvar Paulson of Boston	S. L.	1	2	0	3
David J. Walsh of Fitchburg	D.	283	111	83	477
Sherman L. Whipple of Brookline	D.	283	111	83	477
Blank		73	29	34	136

### **District No. One**

Reuben V. Clark of Greenfield	S.	27	29	52	108
Oliver L. Bartlett of Pittsfield	P.	5	7	2	14
Kelton B. Miller of Pittsfield	R.	734	313	310	1357
Henry Noffke of Holyoke	S. L.	1	2	0	3
Harry A. Garfield of Williamstown	D.	283	111	83	477
Blank		73	29	34	136

### **District No. Two**

Samuel M. Jones of Springfield	S.	27	29	52	108
William G. Rogers of Wilbraham	P.	5	7	2	14
Gurdon W. Gordon of Springfield	R.	734	313	310	1357
Daniel S. Law of West Springfield	S. L.	1	2	0	3
Thomas F. Harrington of Springfield	D.	283	111	83	477
Blank		73	29	34	136

### **District No. Three**

Victor Annala of Fitchburg	S.	27	29	52	108
Albert C. Brown of Fitchburg	P.	5	7	2	14
George R. Wallace of Fitchburg	R.	734	313	310	1357
John A. Anderson of Gardner	S. L.	1	2	0	3
Marcus C. Coolidge of Fitchburg	D.	283	111	83	477
Blank		73	29	34	136

### **District No. Four**

James Cronin of Worcester	S.	27	29	52	108
William W. Nash of Westborough	P.	5	7	2	14
Webster Thayer of Worcester	R.	734	313	310	1357
William Taylor of Worcester	S. L.	1	2	0	3
H. Oscar Rocheleau of Worcester	D.	283	111	83	477
Blank		73	29	34	136

### **District No. Five**

William A. Chase of Lowell	S.	27	29	52	108
Charles W. Leach of Stow	P.	5	7	2	14
Herbert E. Fletcher of Westford	R.	734	313	310	1357
John McKinnon of Lowell	S. L.	1	2	0	3
Humphrey O'Sullivan of Lowell	D.	283	111	83	477
Blank		73	29	34	136

### **District No. Six**

Ralph E. Gardner of Haverhill	S.	27	29	52	108
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John E. Peterson of Gloucester	P.	5	7	2	14
Isaac Patch of Gloucester	R.	734	313	310	1357
Jeremiah P. McNally of Salem	S. L.	1	2	0	3
Charles F. Ropes of Salem	D.	283	111	83	477
Blank		73	29	34	136

### **District No. Seven**

Archibald H. Adamson of Methuen	S.	27	29	52	108
Wilbur D. Moon of Lynn	P.	5	7	2	14
Charles Cabot Johnson of Nahant	R.	734	313	310	1357
Ezekiel Hamburger of Lynn	S. L.	1	2	0	3
Simeon Viger of Lawrence	D.	283	111	83	477
Blank		73	29	34	136

### **District No. Eight**

John S. Young of Cambridge	S.	27	29	52	108
Stuart B. Remick of Melrose	P.	5	7	2	14
Arthur Black of Winchester	R.	734	313	310	1357
Frederick Roberts of Medford	S. L.	1	2	0	3
Eugene Wambaugh of Cambridge	D.	283	111	83	477
Blank		73	29	34	136

### **District No. Nine**

William Sanborn of Somerville	S.	27	29	52	108
William G. Merrill of Malden	P.	5	7	2	14
Charles Bruce of Everett	R.	734	313	310	1357
Andrew Mortenson of Somerville	S. L.	1	2	0	3
Marcus Beebe of Malden	D.	283	111	83	477
Blank		73	29	34	136

### **District No. Ten**

John J. M. Ettrick of Boston	S.	27	29	52	108
Franklin S. Sprague of Boston	P.	5	7	2	14
Joseph B. Maccabe of Boston	R.	734	313	310	1357
Paul E. Anderson of Boston	S. L.	1	2	0	3
William Taylor of Boston	D.	283	111	83	477
Blank		73	29	34	136

### **District No. Eleven**

Moses J. Konikow of Boston	S.	27	29	52	108
Obed Baker of Boston	P.	5	7	2	14
Grafton D. Cushing of Boston	R.	734	313	310	1357
Henry C. Hess of Boston	S. L.	1	2	0	3

Josiah Quincy of Boston	D.	283	111	83	477
Blank		73	29	34	136

### **District No. Twelve**

Louis Marcus of Boston	S.	27	29	52	108
Solon W. Bingham of Boston	P.	5	7	2	14
George F. Lawley of Boston	R.	734	313	310	1357
Harry Keller of Boston	S. L.	1	2	0	3
John MacDonnell of Boston	D.	283	111	83	477
Blank		73	29	34	136

### **District No. Thirteen**

Eugene Hough of Newton	S.	27	29	52	108
Moses D. Monroe of Newton	P.	5	7	2	14
George S. Smith of Newton	R.	734	313	310	1357
Dyer Enger of Ashland	S. L.	1	2	0	3
Edward E. Ginsburg of Boston	D.	283	111	83	477
Blank		73	29	34	136

### **District No. Fourteen**

Zoel Thibedeau of Brockton	S.	27	29	52	108
Albert J. Oren of Sharon	P.	5	7	2	14
Horace A. Keith of Brockton	R.	734	313	310	1357
John A. Frederickson of Braintree	S. L.	1	2	0	3
Charles M. Hickey of Brockton	D.	283	111	83	477
Blank		73	29	34	136

### **District No. Fifteen**

Louis Schriver of North Attleborough	S.	27	29	52	108
John M. Fisher of Attleboro	P.	5	7	2	14
Frederick E. Goff of Taunton	R.	734	313	310	1357
Albert Barnes of Fall River	S. L.	1	2	0	3
John F. Doherty of Fall River	D.	283	111	83	477
Blank		73	29	34	136

### **District No. Sixteen**

Robert Metcalf of New Bedford	S.	27	29	52	108
James I. Bartholomew of New Bedford	P.	5	7	2	14
Phineas C. Headley Jr. of Fairhaven	R.	734	313	310	1357
Jeremiah O'Fihelly of Plymouth	S. L.	1	2	0	3
Thomas C. Thacher of Yarmouth	D.	283	111	83	477
Blank		73	29	34	136

### **For Governor**

James Hayes of Plymouth	8	9	10	27
Chester R. Lawrence of Boston	13	10	6	29
Samuel W. McCall of Winchester	478	317	277	1342
Frederick W. Mansfield of Boston	287	114	105	506
Dan A. White of Brockton	24	23	51	98
Blank	43	18	32	93

### **Lieutenant Governor**

Calvin Coolidge of Northampton	784	334	281	1399
Alfred H. Evans of Hadley	20	13	5	38
Sylvester J. McBride of Watertown	30	27	61	118
Thomas J. Maher of Medford	8	6	6	20
Thomas P. Riley of Malden	197	81	77	355
Blank	84	80	51	165

### **Secretary**

Thomas F. Brennan of Salem	14	12	6	32
Leon R. Eyes of Brookline	161	59	57	277
Louise Adams Groat of Boston	38	29	68	135
Albert P. Langtry of Springfield	777	348	278	1403
Blank	133	43	72	248

### **Treasurer**

Charles L. Burrill of Boston	784	339	280	1403
Frederick E. Oelcher of Peabody	10	9	6	25
Elam K. Sheldon of Greenfield	36	30	69	135
Henry N. Teague of Williamstown	135	59	62	266
Blank				

### **Auditor**

Joseph Bearak of Boston	35	30	73	138
Frank Bohmback of Boston	11	8	3	22
Alonzo B. Cook of Boston	769	337	260	1366
John B. N. Soulliere of Worcester	164	56	53	273
Blank	144	60	92	296

### **Attorney General**

Henry C. Attwill of Lynn	772	344	276	1392
Joseph Joyce Donahue of Medford	172	60	55	287
Joseph Jishua of Milford	7	8	3	18
John Weaver Sherman of Boston	37	13	69	139

Blank	135	46	78	259
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### **Senator in Congress**

John F. Fitzgerald of Boston	249	90	112	451
Henry Cabot Lodge of Nahant	753	331	252	1336
William N. McDonald of Northampton	40	42	68	150
Blank	81	28	49	158

### **Congressman Fifth District**

Roger Sherman Hoar of Concord	194	82	73	349
John Jacob Rogers of Lowell	816	368	316	1500
Blank	113	41	92	246

### **Councillor Fifth District**

Parkman B. Flanders of Haverhill	70	51	91	212
Frederick H. Tarr of Rockport	759	336	261	1356
Blank	294	104	129	527

### **Senator Fifth Essex District**

John Briggs of Methuen	57	48	76	181
John C. Sanborn of Lawrence	163	63	86	312
James R. Tetler of Lawrence	822	344	264	1430
Blank	81	36	55	172

### **Representatives in General Court, Fifth Essex**

Archibald H. Adamson of Methuen	S.	48	43	53	144
Arthur Bower of Lawrence	R.	659	302	233	1194
George Bunting of Methuen	R.	819	352	247	1418
John Kavanagh of Lawrence	D.	121	51	19	221
C. Louis Martin of Lawrence	S.	24	32	64	120
Frederick W. Schlapp of Lawrence	D.	212	29	159	450
Blank		363	123	157	643

### **County Commissioners**

John M. Grosvenor Jr. of Swampscott	804	338	279	1421
George H. Leonard of Beverly	69	55	92	216
Blank	250	98	110	458

### **Associate Commissioners**

Charles Leighton of Lynn	717	317	255	1289
Horace M. Sargent of Haverhill	714	307	247	1268

Leonard W. Spaulding of Newburyport	59	56	85	200
Herbert H. Thompson of Haverhill	59	48	76	183
Blank	697	254	299	1250

### **Clerk of Courts**

Edward B. George of Haverhill	807	322	290	1419
Charles F. Norwood of Gloucester	57	61	82	200
Blank	259	108	109	476

### **Register of Deeds**

George McLane of Lawrence	163	35	53	251
Moses Marshall of Lawrence	603	296	252	1151
John P. Mulholland of Lawrence	201	95	77	373
Edward S. Zebrowski of Lawrence	27	25	49	101
Blank	129	40	50	219

### **District Attorney Easter District**

Louis S. Cox of Lawrence	848	356	307	1511
Maurice F. Cunningham of Saugus	133	42	42	217
Philip K. White of Newburyport	37	46	66	149
Blank	105	47	66	218

Acceptance of Chap. 93 General Acts of 1916 entitled, An Act to ascertain and carry out the will of The people relative to calling a Constitutional Convention.

Yes	426	200	182	808
No	231	75	97	403
Blank	466	216	202	884

Acceptance of Chap. 104 General Acts of 1916, entitled an Act to make the first day of January a legal holiday.

Yes	608	242	286	1136
No	253	123	87	463
Blank	262	126	108	496

Acceptance of Chap. 179 General Acts of 1916 entitled An Act to prevent voters of one political party from voting in the primaries of another political party.

Yes	373	151	162	686
No	311	136	134	581
Blank	439	204	185	828

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe Town Clerk

## Record of Meetings of City and Town Clerks Nov. 17, 1916

**City of Lawrence, City Clerk's Office**  
**Nov. 17, 1916**

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 II of the Revised Laws, upon comparing the transcript of the returns, the following appears as the result of the balloting for Representatives in the General Court, for said District at meetings held Nov. 7, 1916.

	Lawrence						Methuen			
	Ward 1			Ward 2			Pre.1	Pre.2	Pre.3	Total
	Pre.1	Pre.2	Pre.3	Pre.4	Pre.5	Pre.6				
Archibald H. Adamson of Methuen	66	15	55	11	27	29	48	43	53	347
Arthur Bower of Lawrence	316	85	286	131	149	238	639	302	233	2399
George Bunting of Methuen	278	91	263	129	186	334	819	352	247	2699
John Kavanagh of Lawrence	188	153	166	165	308	370	121	51	49	1571
C. Louis Martin of Lawrence	125	19	88	14	39	42	24	32	64	447
Frederick W. Schlapp of Lawrence	407	148	350	160	288	365	212	79	159	2168
Blank	242	161	190	176	271	226	363	123	157	1909

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 Representative District, to wit:-

Arthur Bower of Lawrence

and

George Bunting of Methuen

Attest,

Edward J. Wade – City Clerk of Lawrence

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk of Methuen