

Warrant for Annual Town Meetings March 5 1917
File 15 No. 7

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 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 fifth 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 for the term of three years, Highway Surveyor, one School Committeeman to serve for the term of three years, one Water Commissioner to serve for the term of three years, one Trustee of the Nevins Memorial, one Tree Warden, one Cemetery Commissioner, one Moderator, one Auditor, Constables and Fence Viewers and also Town Meeting Members in each precinct as provided in Chapter 116 Special Acts of 1916, and "Yes" or "No," in answer to the question "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the Town?" All to be voted for on one ballot.

The polls may be closed at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Also the Town Meeting Members are to be notified to meet and assemble at the Town Hall in said Town, on Saturday the seventeenth 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 determine the manner of collecting taxes for the ensuing year, and act thereon as the Town may think proper.
- Article 5 To hear 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 the 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 revised laws.
- Article 8 To determine what compensation the Town will grant the members of the Fire Department for their services.
- Article 9 By request of William B. Greene Post No. 100 G.A.R. to see if the Town will vote 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 said Post.

Article 10 By request of James E. Ellis and others, to see if the Town will vote to instruct the Town Treasurer to issue bonds to the amount of fifty thousand (\$50,000.00) dollars to pave Broadway from the Lawrence line to Osgood Street.

Article 11 By request of Robert W. Dow and others to see if the Town will vote to pay the Town help two dollars and fifty cents $2\frac{50}{100}$ per day.

Article 12 To see if the Town will vote to pay the Selectmen five hundred dollars annually for their services and appropriate six hundred (600.⁰⁰) dollars for the same.

Article 13 To see if the Town will vote to increase the pay of the Assessors ten per cent and appropriate two hundred and thirty (\$230.⁰⁰) dollars for the same.

Article 14 To see if the Town will vote to have certain work done on the Town records and plans and make an appropriation for the same.

Article 15 By request of Frank Appleyard and others to see if the Town will vote to change the present building ordinance, and that two buildings shall be allowed on lots fifty feet wide, by one hundred and twenty feet deep; also that two and one half story buildings shall be three feet from the side lines

Article 16 By request of Frank Appleyard and others to see if the town will vote to change the building ordinance so that three story buildings may be built in the Arlington district.

Article 17 By request of John Briggs and others, to see if the Town will vote to revise the building ordinance.

Article 18 To see if the Town will vote to pay the Building Inspector one thousand dollars for the inspection of buildings and elevators for the ensuing year and appropriate one thousand (\$1,000.^{00/100}) dollars for the same.

Article 19 To see if the Town will vote to abolish the Water Board and place the same in the hands of the Selectmen.

Article 20 To see if the Town will borrow money to pay for the Town's share of construction and land damages on the Lawrence Lowell Boulevard and authorize the issue of notes or bonds of the Town therefor.

Article 21 By request of R. W. Dow and others, to see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen, to petition the County Commissioners to make repairs on Jackson Street, and appropriate the sum of four thousand \$4,000. dollars for the Town's share of expense.

Article 22 By request of the Water Board to see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of twenty five hundred dollars for the Sinking Fund.

Article 23 By request of Josephus Matthes and others to see if the Town will vote to widen

Forest St. from Hill St. to a to a point northward 1500 feet and top dress with ashes, and appropriate the sum of \$500 five Hundred Dollars for the same.

Article 24 To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to make a division of Precinct One.

Article 25 By request of Frederick Gay and others to see if the Town will vote to purchase the land and scales of the Methuen Scales Company in Central place and appropriate the sum of four hundred and fifty \$450. Dollars for the same.

Article 26 To see if the Town will consent to the use for a cemetery or for burial purposes of a tract of land containing about seventeen acres situated on the northerly side of North Lowell Street opposite the town cemetery, and bounded southerly about four hundred sixty five feet by said street; easterly by land of Walter Eaton and wife; northerly by Bartlett's Brook "so called" and westerly by land now or late of Wheeler.

Article 27 By request of Fred Robinson and others to see if the Town will vote to put some cinders on the south side of Albion street from Mr. Bennett's property to a line opposite the edgestones on the north side of said street and appropriate twenty five (25.⁰⁰) dollars for the same.

Article 28 To see if the Town will vote to take in fee for school purposes, a certain lot of land belonging to Bertha H. Austin situated on Hampstead street, in said Methuen, bounded and described as follows, namely, Commencing at a point in the easterly line of Hampstead street, which point is the southwesterly corner of the present school lot, thence running southerly on Hampstead street one hundred twenty two and $\frac{50}{100}$ feet; thence turning at an angle of 90 degrees and running easterly two hundred ninety three and $\frac{40}{100}$ feet; thence turning at an angle of 90 degrees and running northerly two hundred and thirty seven and $\frac{41}{100}$ feet; thence turning at an angle of 84 and 13 degrees and running westerly two hundred sixteen and $\frac{45}{100}$ feet; thence turning at an angle of 20 degrees and running northerly two hundred thirty seven and $\frac{41}{100}$ feet; thence turning at an angle of 84 and 13' degrees and running westerly two hundred two hundred sixteen and $\frac{45}{100}$ feet and to the north-easterly corner of said present school lot; thence turning and running by the easterly boundary of said school lot Ninety one and $\frac{30}{100}$ feet; thence turning and running westerly by the southerly boundary of said school lot, eighty five and $\frac{90}{100}$ feet to the point of beginning. And to see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Five hundred dollars to pay for said land.

Article 29 To see if the Town will vote to build a two room school building near Grosvenor's corner and appropriate ten thousand dollars for the same.

Article 30 To see if the Town will vote to take in fee for school purposes a certain tract of land belonging to Nathaniel Otis, situated near Pelham Street and northerly of the present school lot and land of Willard A. Bodwell, in said Methuen, bounded and described as follows, namely; Commencing at a point in the northerly boundary of the present school lot, which point is distant from the northeasterly line of Pelham street 61 & $\frac{40}{100}$ feet, thence running east along the boundary of said

present school lot 60 & $\frac{60}{100}$ feet; thence turning and running southerly along the East boundary of said present school lot 40 & $\frac{27}{100}$ feet; thence turning and running east as the wall now stands 332 feet by the land of Bodwell; thence turning and running northerly 169 and $\frac{40}{100}$ feet by other land of said Otis; thence turning and running westerly 414 and $\frac{50}{100}$ feet by other land of said Otis; thence turning and running southerly 133 and $\frac{50}{100}$ feet by land of Hooton to the point of the beginning containing 65, 340 square feet. And to see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of three hundred seventy five dollars for pay for said land.

To see if the Town will vote to take in fee for school purposes, – a certain tract of land belonging to Willard A. Bodwell, situated on Pelham street in said Methuen bounded and described as follows:- Commencing at a point in the northerly line of Pelham street, which point is the southeasterly corner of said land, thence running northerly 91 and $\frac{20}{100}$ feet by land of Nathaniel Otis as the wall now stands; thence turning and running westerly 150 feet by land of said Otis as the wall now stands; thence turning and running in the southerly direction 93 and $\frac{63}{100}$ feet by other land of said Bodwell thence turning and running easterly by Pelham street, 150 feet to point of beginning containing 14,031 square feet. And to see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of seven hundred one dollars and fifty five cents to pay for the said land.

Article 32	To see if the Town will vote to build a four room school building near Marsh corner and appropriate twenty one thousand (\$21,000.) dollars for the same.
Article 33	To see if the Town will vote to borrow money to pay for the construction and furnishing of the school houses to be build the present year, and authorize the issue of notes or bonds of the Town therefor.
Article 34	To see if the Town will vote to appropriate two hundred (\$200) dollars for school and home garden work.
Article 35	By request of the chief of police to see if the town will vote to appropriate three hundred and seventy six ($376.\frac{00}{100}$) dollars to buy a new Ford machine for the Police department.
Article 36	To see if the Town will vote to purchase a new fire truck and equipment and appropriate seventy five hundred dollars for the same.
Article 37	To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars for making repairs to the fire station.
Article 38	To see if the Town will vote to have the Moderator appoint a committee of not more than five to investigate the matter of fire protection in the east end of Methuen, make recommendations, and report cost of same to special meeting to be called not later than July 1, 1917.
Article 39	By request of William J. Taylor and others, to see if the town will vote to install a fire alarm box at the corner of Madison and Eastland Streets, and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars for the same.

Article 40 By request of Richard E. Dart and others to see if the Town will vote to install a fire alarm box on Edgewood Avenue at the foot of Edgewood Terrace and appropriate two hundred and fifty dollars for the same.

Article 41 To see if the Town will vote to place a fire alarm box at the corner of Hobson and Orchard Streets and appropriate one hundred dollars for the same.

Article 42 To see if the Town will vote to install a fire alarm box at the corner of Arnold and Almont street and appropriate one hundred dollars for the same.

Article 43 By request of W^m. M. Townsend and others, to see if the Town will vote to install a fire alarm box at the corner of Lowell and Lois streets and appropriate one hundred dollars for the same.

Article 44 By request of James Hetherington and others, to see if the Town will vote to install a fire alarm box at the corner of North Lowell and Wheeler streets, and appropriate the sum of two hundred fifty dollars for the same.

Article 45 By request of Joseph Monette and others, to see if the Town will vote to lay a fifteen inch sewer on Jackson street extension at a point near Longwood drive; thence running northerly in said Jackson street extension a distance of 1200 feet and appropriate the sum of eighteen hundred dollars for the same.

Article 46 By request of J. Arthur McEvy and others to see if the Town will vote to lay four hundred feet of eight inch sewer in Ruskin Avenue and appropriate four hundred and fifty dollars for the same.

Article 47 By request of D. C. Smith and others, to see if the Town will vote to install a fifteen inch sewer on East street, from a point about 50 feet west of the center line of Prospect street at the junction of East St., running westerly to Jackson street and connecting with the sewer which is to be carried to that point a distance of 600 feet, and appropriate (900.) nine hundred dollars for the same.

Article 48 By request of J. H. Emsley and others to see if the Town will vote to accept a street known as Emsley Terrace as laid out by the Selectmen.

Article 49 To see if the Town will vote to install two street lights on Albion street and appropriate thirty two dollars for the same.

Article 50 By request of Mary E . Dowding and others to see if the Town will vote to install an electric light at the junction of the old Lowell road and the Boulevard known as private lands an appropriate sixteen (16.^{00/100}) for the same.

Article 51 By request of Leonard Firth and others, to see if the Town will vote to place three lights on Tyler street and appropriate forty eight dollars for the same. Said lights to be placed as follows:- one near the residence Fred Gale; one near the residence of W^m. Harrison, and one near the residence of Hercules Moore.

Article 52 By request of John H. Kent and others to see if the Town will vote to place a street light at the corner of Ashford and Fairfax streets and appropriate sixteen (\$16.00) for the same.

Article 53 By request of George Newhill and others, to see if the Town will vote to place a street light at the corner of Lois and Lowell streets and appropriate sixteen (\$16.00) dollars for the same.

Article 54 By request of O. A. Peaslee and others to see if the Town will vote to install a light at the easterly end of Pearl court and appropriate sixteen dollars for the same.

Article 55 By request of V. B. Richardson and others, to see if the Town will vote to locate a light at Grosvenor corner and appropriate sixteen (\$16.⁰⁰) for the same.

Article 56 By request of E. G. Robinson and others to see if the Town will vote to place a street light between Forest and Lowell streets on Orchard street and appropriate sixteen (\$16.⁰⁰) dollars for the same.

Article 57 By request of W. L. Jackson and others to see if the Town will vote to locate a light on Woodland street between Elm and Orchard streets and appropriate sixteen (\$16.⁰⁰) dollars for the same.

Article 58 By request of A. L. Searle and others, to see if the Town will vote to place a light on Winthrop Avenue, and appropriate sixteen dollars for the same.

Article 59 By request of Wilbur Freeman to see if the Town will vote to install a light on Lowell street at the corner of the Alley leading to the stable of Mr. Freeman and appropriate sixteen (\$16.⁰⁰) 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 meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands and the seal of the Town of Methuen this 19th day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

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

March 5, 1917

By virtue of the within precept I have this 23rd day of February 1917, posted true and attested copies of the above Warrant in the various polling booths and public places in Methuen.

Harry Nimmo,
Constable of Methuen

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

Record of Election of Town Officers, March 5 1917.

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. 7 File 15, on Monday March 5th 1917 the qualified voters of said Town brought in their written votes for the several officers to be balloted for and on the question "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors in this Town?" and the same were received, sorted, counted, declared and registered in open Precinct Meetings, according to law as appears by the certified returns from said precincts, transmitted to the Town Clerk and examined by him in conjunction with the Registrars of Voters, and according to said returns the following appears as the result of the election held as aforesaid.

	Pre. 1	Pre. 2	Pre. 3	Total
The whole number of ballots cast was,	845	389	378	1563

For Moderator

Albion G. Peirce, 15 Pleasant St.	709	286	252	1247
Blank	136	103	77	316

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

For Town Clerk

Joseph S. Howe, 8 Stevens St.	697	287	252	1236
Blank	148	102	77	327

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

For Town Treasurer

George H. Richardson, 98 Pleasant St.	229	113	145	487
David D. Woodbury, 265 Broadway	583	246	147	976
Blank	33	30	37	100

And David D. Woodbury was declared elected Treasurer and was sworn.

Collector of Taxes

Walter L. S. Gilcreast, 316 Broadway	656	300	251	1207
Blank	189	89	78	356

And Walter L. S. Gilcreast was declared elected tax collector and was sworn.

Selectmen and Overseers of Poor

Henry Dean, 236 Pelham	464	236	171	871
Isador Gordon, 42 Kirk	120	71	52	243
James H. Lyons, 244 Oakland Ave.	435	153	107	695

James W. Riley, 51 Oakland Ave.	156	85	73	314
Samuel Rushton, 25 Centre	592	273	223	1088
William L. Stedman, 22 Prospect	526	219	257	1002
Blank	242	130	104	476

And Henry Dean, Samuel Rushton and William L. Stedman were declared elected and were sworn.

Assessor – Three years

Henry N. Hall, 5 Walnut St.	667	249	227	1143
Edwin Haskin, 97 Centre St.	117	98	51	226
Blank	61	42	51	154

And Henry N. Hall was declared elected Assessor for three years, and took the oath required by statute.

Highway Surveyor

Robert W. Dow, 11 Barker St.	725	328	245	1298
Blank	120	61	84	265

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

School Committee – 3 yrs.

Howard L. Cushman, 70 Broadway	264	233	73	570
Fred G. Hillis, 20 Maplewood	238	106	59	403
Frederick A. Russell, 469 Merrimack	280	33	155	468
Blank				

And Howard L. Cushman was declared elected School Committee for three years and was sworn.

Trustee of the Nevins Memorial – 2 yrs.

Alfred Sagar, 6 Stevens St.	637	281	229	1187
Blank	208	108	100	416

And Alfred Sagar was declared elected Trustee of Nevins Memorial for two years.

Water Commissioner

Thomas W. Begen, 37 Sea St.	264	93	134	491
George W. Craig, 7 Pelham	176	90	53	319
Abel Hill, 601 Lowell	353	166	104	623
Blank	52	40	38	130

And Abel Hill was declared elected and was sworn.

Tree Warden

Alfred H. Wagland, 3 Kirk St.	667	299	238	1204
Blank	178	90	91	359

And Alfred H. Wagland was declared elected Tree Warden.

Cemetery Commissioner

Ernest L. Burnham, off Orchard	611	266	226	1103
Blank	234	123	103	460

And Ernest L. Burnham was declared elected Cemetery Commissioner.

Auditor

Frank Sharples, 147 Tenney	618	288	225	1131
Blank	227	101	104	432

And Frank Sharples was declared elected Auditor.

Constables

Thomas F. McCarron, Ridgewood Lane	243	146	140	629
Harry Robinson, 268 Lowell	500	230	161	891
Frank Robinson, 199 Tenney	447	228	165	840
Egbert Taylor, 131 Lowell	472	234	161	867
George S. Tyrie, 240 Hampshire Roads	411	193	157	761
James Walsh, 92 Railroad	397	160	139	696
Edward Wolfendale, 25 Dewey	364	155	151	670
Blank	2136	988	900	4024

And Messrs. Harry Robinson, Frank Robinson (sworn), Egbert Taylor, George S. Tyrie, James Walsh, and Edward Wolfendale were declared elected Constables.

Fence Viewers

Frank Hall, 31 Hampshire	1			1
F. A. Russell, 469 Merrimack			1	1
Charles Hutchins, 38 Pelham	2	1		3
Walter H. Spurr, 6 Brown	1	3		3
John Ostler, 35 Summer	1			1
A. Jones	1			11
Blank	2435	1165	329	3929

And Charles Hutchins and Walter H. Spurr were declared elected Fence Viewers.

License Vote

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

Yes	299	155	140	594
No	424	179	115	718
Blank	122	55	74	251

Methuen, March 9, 1917

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

Record of Business Meeting, March 17, 1917

The Annual Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen for the transaction of business was held at the Town Hall in said Town on Saturday March 17 1917 as specified in the Warrant. The meeting was called to order at one o'clock the Moderator in the chair. This meeting was the first held under the Act of 1916 authorizing limited town meetings. Three per cent of the voters were empowered to do the business of the town. Forty members represented Precinct One and Eighteen each of the other two Precincts, exclusive of ex officio members. The town meeting members occupied the front rows of seats and the rest of the voters the back of the hall.

The first business was the choice of those officers not to be chosen by ballot.

Field Drivers

James H. Lyons	Harold Nelson	Elliot Spooner	Isador Gordon
Milton Speed	B. B. Gordon	Harry Bilney	

Surveyors of Plastering

Walter Winn	Silas K. Nowell	Charles Russell	John W. Moss
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Surveyors of Lumber

Robert W. Dow	Elliot P. Spooner	James H. Lyons	Charles I. Lyons
Charles W. Hutchins			

Surveyors of Wood and Bark

Charles A. Stevens	Herbert Winn	Ben. Hill	Charles E. Russell
Edgar G. Holt			

Pound Keepers

Dennis Connolly	James H. Lyons
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Article 2 **Selectmen's Report**

Laid on table until adjourned meeting.

Article 3 **Estimates 1917**

Voted to consider estimates item by item.

Schools General Control	Thirty six hundred and twenty five	3,625.00
Schools Instruction	Fifty three thousand six hundred and ninety	53,690.00
Schools Evening	Eighteen Hundred	1,800.00
Schools Supplies	Six Thousand	6,000.00
Operation of school plant	Fourteen thousand four hundred thirty five	14,435.00
Maintenance of Schools	Three thousand	3,000.00
Auxiliary Agencies Schools	Nineteen hundred and fifty	1,950.00
Opening Roads and Sanding Walks	Thirty five hundred	3,500.00
Highways and Bridges	Sixty five hundred	6,500.00
Macadam	Fifteen thousand	15,000.00
Tarvia	Two thousand	2,000.00
Sewers	Three thousand	3,000.00
Street sprinkling	Two thousand	2,000.00
Town Teams	Fifty five hundred	5,500.00
Sidewalks	Three Thousand	3,000.00
Highway Surveyor	Eighteen Hundred	1,800.00
Edgestones & Flagging	Twenty five Hundred	2,500.00
Collector of Taxes	Twelve hundred	1,200.00
Health Department	One Thousand	1,000.00
Tree Warden	Five Hundred	500.00
North Department	Blank	
Fire Department	Six Thousand	6,000.00
Police Department	Eighty Five Hundred	8,500.00
Contingencies	Thirty Five Hundred	3,500.00
Street Lights	Sixty Eight Hundred	6,800.00
Outside Poor	Fifteen Hundred	1,500.00
Mothers' Aid	Two Thousand	2,000.00
Soldiers' Relief	Twelve Hundred	1,200.00
Inspector of slaughtering	Six Hundred	600.00
Town officers and Clerk	Laid on table	
Building Inspector	Six Hundred	600.00
Playstead	Three Hundred	300.00
Elmwood Cemetery	Two Hundred	300.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	Three Hundred	200.00
Plumbing Inspector	Four Hundred	400.00
Town Physician	Six Hundred	600.00
Interest on Town Debt	Nine Thousand	9,000.00
Water Bonds	Fifteen Thousand	15,000.00

School House Bonds	Nine thousand	9,000.00
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The Appropriation for Fire Department was laid on table and referred to Engineers jointly, with a Committee of three to be appointed by the chair.

Article 4 Voted that taxes be collected the same as last year.

Article 5 The Committee on Water Board submitted the following Report.

Pursuant to a vote of the town at its Annual Meeting in March 1916 the Town Moderator appointed the undersigned a committee to examine the charter of the Methuen Water Company, and report to the town relative to the advisability of having changes made in the provisions thereof to enable the citizens of the town by vote to require such changes in the financial administration of the Water department as the citizens deemed wise. Your committee has met and examined the said charter and submits the following report.

The charter of the Methuen Water Company, is found in Chapter 310 of the Acts of 1892. It is provided in said charter that the town may take by purchase or otherwise the franchise corporate property and all rights and privileges of the corporation created by the said act and your committee understands that the town has exercised this power. In section 14 of said Act it is provided that if the Town so acquires the corporate rights and franchise "all the authority granted to the said town by this act, and not otherwise specially provided for, shall be vested in a board of water commissioners (elected by town voters) who shall be subject, however, to such instructions, rules and regulations as said town may impose by its vote. It is clear therefore, that the town may impose such rules and regulations regarding the financial administration of the water department as it desires.

Your Committee recommends that the town voters require the Water Commissioners in common with other departments, to submit an estimate each year of the necessary expenditures for the ensuing year and ask for an appropriation for their department. The water rates collected would be paid directly into the town treasury and the water commissioners would confine their expenditure within the limits of the amount appropriated by the town for their department.

Your committee further recommends that instead of appropriating a lump sum to cover all the expenditures of the water commissioners, the town make an appropriation for each class of expenditures which the water commissioners may be called upon to make, that is a certain sum, for the commissioners salary another sum to care for the sinking fund, and a further sum for maintenance and repairs.

Your committee has ascertained that this system has been adopted by other Massachusetts towns and has the sanction and recommendation of Mr. Gettemy, the Director of the State Bureau of Statistics.

Your committee understands that at present the water Commissioners are bonded with some surety company in the sum of five thousand dollars apiece. In view of the fact that the Commissioners in their charge in the sinking fund securities approximating

one hundred thousand dollars in value, your committee recommends that the amount of their surety bonds be increased so that the total bonds of the three commissioners will approximate fifty thousand dollars.

Your committee has been informed that the Water Commissioners have on various occasions removed the securities constituting the sinking fund from the bank to their office in the Town house and have retained said securities in their office for varying periods in some cases overnight.

Your committee condemns this practice as unsafe and unwise and in view of the fact that it is not necessary that the securities be taken from the bank for any purpose recommends the adoption of the following regulations regarding the handling and custody of the securities in the hands of the Commissioners.

1. All bonds notes and securities of whatever description constituting the sinking fund for the Methuen Water loan, shall be kept in the safe deposit vault of the Methuen National Bank.
2. The officials and employees of the Methuen National Bank shall not deliver the box or boxes containing aforesaid bonds notes or securities to anyone unless at least two of the water commissioners and the town auditor are present.
3. The aforesaid bonds, notes, and securities shall not be taken from the premises of the Methuen National Bank.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur Sweeney
Wm. H. Buswell
Edwin J. Castle }Committee
Frank Sharples
Edward Riley

The above report was accepted and it was unanimously voted that the regulations recommended by the Committee be adopted.

A report of the planning board was made by Mr. Huntress and was accepted. The following was the report.

To the citizens of Methuen.

The planning board as elected by you was organized with A. S. Huntress as chairman and Samuel Joy as clerk. Its chief activities have been in connection with the Selectmen as the "Board of Improvements." This board gave several hearings on location of bill boards, viewed sites and suggested changes in locations which would make them less objectionable.

We found on the whole that the advertising companies were ready to cooperate with us in the matter for betterment of conditions. The matter of building line restrictions has been

taken up and established in a few necessary cases. This is a matter the Board expects to give more attention to during the coming year. We would ask the co-operation of land owners contemplating cutting up and developing their land, laying out new streets etc. If more attention had been given to this and the building laws in years past, the town would have fewer of the sore spots than it now has. We have made some inquiries regarding the working of the building laws and find that on the whole they are working as a benefit to the town. The opposition that was expected from the foreign element in the outlaying districts has not materialized, in fact we find that when they know what the law requires they will take as much pride in the better conditions as their neighbors. There has been some dissatisfaction in the Arlington District regarding three deckers and distance to side lines, but as we do not know the facts in particular cases we cannot make recommendations at this time. We would suggest that the articles in the Warrant calling for changes in the building laws be referred to the Board of Improvements for a hearing, and that they recommend a course of action to the adjourned town meeting.

The water supply and the betterment of the service is a vital question at the present time, we think that the solution can only be got at by a friendly co-operation between the water board and the citizens of Methuen. This has been started by the real estate owners association through their executive committee who have met with the water board and suggested a system of publicity for the instruction of the citizens at large on the conditions and problems that confront them. We would suggest that other departments follow up this idea and meet with the planning board, the executive committee of the real estate owners association, the Town Meeting members, or any other body of citizens from time to time for a frank discussion of Town affairs. We feel that the Town meeting members can do much toward bringing the widely scattered districts together on a common ground for the best interest of the Town.

On the annexation questions the board wish to be recorded as opposed to giving up any part of Methuen.

A. S. Huntress - Chairman
Samuel Joy - Secretary
Frank M. Andrew } Committee
Edwin J. Castle
Frederick Russell

The report was accepted.

Mr. Mann desired an expression of opinion on the project of the Navigation of the Merrimack River, and a motion was made and carried that the Town go on record as heartily in favor of the project now on foot for the navigation of the Merrimack River.

The motion was unanimously carried.

Article 6 **Temporary Loans**

Voted unanimously, that the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen be and is hereby authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning Jan. 1st 1917 and to issue a note or notes therefor. Any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of said financial year.

Article 7 **Dog licenses**
Voted to appropriate the sum received for dog licenses to the support of the schools.

Article 8 **Firemens' Pay**
A motion was made that the pay of the firemen be the same as last year but an amendment was offered and carried, that the whole matter of compensation be left to the fire engineers.

Article 9 **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 sum to be expended under the direction of Col. William B. Greene Post No. 100 G. A. R.

Article 10 **Paving for Broadway**
Voted to pass over Article 10 of the Warrant.

Article 11 Voted to pay the Town help two dollars and fifty cents per day.

Article 12 **Pay of laborers**
Motion was made to pass over the Article. After some discussion an amendment was offered that they be paid Five Hundred dollars.
It was voted that the vote be taken by ballot and the amendment was lost Yes 38 No 43. The article was then passed over.

Article 14 **Town Plans**
Voted to have certain work done on the Town records and plans and appropriate one thousand dollars therefor.

Article 15 **Building regulations**
16, 17 Articles 15, 16 & 17 were referred to the Board of Improvement to be reported on at a future meeting.

Article 18 **Building Inspector**
Voted to pass over Article 18 of the Warrant.

Article 19 **Water Board Abolishing**
Voted that the Moderator appoint a Committee of three for the purpose of making

a study of the whole problem of water supply both as to the present condition and its future needs, and that the Board of Water Commissioners are hereby instructed to give said Committee such information and assistance as they may ask. The Moderator appointed the following named persons, Charles W. Mann, Levi W. Taylor, Louis S. Cox.

Article 20 **Loan for Boulevard**

Voted to lay Article 20 on the table until the next meeting.

Article 21 **Jackson St.**

Voted to instruct the Selectmen to petition the County Commissioners to make repairs on Jackson street, and appropriate the sum of four thousand dollars for the Town's share of the expense, the same to be done under contract.

Article 22 **Sinking Fund**

Voted to appropriate twenty five hundred dollars to the Sinking Fund to be taken from the earnings of the Water Board.

Article 23 **Forest St.**

Voted – to widen Forest street from Hill St. to a point northward 1500 feet and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Dollars for that purpose and to top dress with ashes.

Article 24 **Precinct One**

Voted to instruct the Selectmen to make a division of Precinct One.

Article 25 **Hay scales**

Voted to pass over Article 25 of the Warrant.

Article 26 **Cemetery No. Lowell St.**

Voted, - to consent to the use for a cemetery or for burial purposes of a tract of land containing about seventeen acres, situated on the northerly side of North Lowell street opposite the Town Cemetery, and bounded southerly about four hundred sixty five feet by said street; easterly by land of Walter Eaton and wife; northerly by Bartlett's Brook, and westerly by land now or late of Wheeler.

Article 27 **Albion St. Repairs**

Voted to put some cinders on the south side of Albion street from Mr. Bennett's

property to a line opposite the edgestones on the north side of said street and appropriate twenty five dollars for that purpose, to be taken from the regular appropriation.

Voted that the same planning board that served last year, be requested to serve another year.

Article 28 School lot Grosvenor's Corner

Voted to take in fee for school purposes, a certain lot of land belonging to Bertha H. Austin, situated on Hampstead street in said Methuen, bounded and described as follows, namely: Commencing at a point in the easterly line of Hampstead street, which point is the southwesterly corner of the present school lot; thence running southerly on Hampstead street one hundred twenty two and $\frac{50}{100}$ feet; thence turning at an angle 90 degrees and running easterly two hundred ninety three and $\frac{40}{100}$ feet; thence turning at an angle of 90 degrees and running northerly two hundred thirty seven and $\frac{41}{100}$ feet, thence turning at an angle of 84 and 13 degrees and running westerly two hundred sixteen and $\frac{45}{100}$ feet; and to the northeasterly corner of said present school lot; thence turning and running by the easterly boundary of said school lot, ninety one and $\frac{30}{100}$ feet, thence turning and running westerly by the southerly boundary of said school lot 85 and $\frac{90}{100}$ feet to the point of beginning, and appropriate five hundred dollars to pay for said school land.

Article 29 New School House

Voted – to build a two room school building near Grosvenor's corner and appropriate Eight Thousand Dollars for that purpose.

Article 30 Land for School House

Voted to seize and take in fee for school purposes a certain tract of land belonging to Nathaniel Otis, situated near Pelham street and northerly of the present school house lot and land of Willard A Bodwell, in said Methuen bounded and described as follows, namely: Commencing at a point in the northerly boundary of the present school lot, which point is distant from the northeasterly line of Pelham street, 61 and $\frac{40}{100}$ feet; thence running east along the boundary of said present lot 60 and $\frac{40}{100}$ feet; thence running east along the boundary of said present lot 60 and $\frac{60}{100}$ feet; thence turning and running in the southerly along the East boundary of said present of said present school lot, 40 and $\frac{27}{100}$ feet, thence turning and running east 332 feet as the wall now stands and by land of Bodwell; thence turning and running northerly 169 and $\frac{60}{100}$ by other land of said Otis; thence turning and running westerly 414 and $\frac{50}{100}$ feet by other land of said Otis; thence turning and running southerly 133 and $\frac{50}{100}$ feet by land of Hooton to the point of beginning containing 65,340 square feet. And to appropriate the sum of Three hundred and seventy five dollars to pay for said land.

Article 31 Land for School house

Voted, to take in fee for school purposes. A certain tract of land belonging to Willard A. Bodwell, situated on Pelham street in said Methuen, bounded and described as follows, namely: Commencing at a point in the northerly line of Pelham street which point is the southeasterly corner of said land thence running northerly 91 and $\frac{20}{100}$ feet by land of Nathaniel Otis as the wall now stands; thence turning and running westerly 150 feet by land of said Otis as the wall now stands; thence turning and running in the southerly direction 93 and $\frac{65}{100}$ feet by other land of said Bodwell; thence turning and running easterly by Pelham street 150 feet to point of beginning containing 14,031 square feet.

Also voted to appropriate seven hundred and one dollars and fifty five cents to pay for said land.

Article 32 School house

Voted to build a four room school building near Marsh corner and appropriate \$21,000 dollars for the same.

Article 33 Loan

Voted to postpone action on this article to a future meeting.

Article 34 School & Home Garden

Voted to appropriate two hundred dollars for school and home garden work.

Article 35 Voted, to appropriate 376. dollars to buy a new Ford machine for the Police Department and that the chief be instructed to cause the words Methuen Police Department to be painted on the machine.

At this point the meeting was adjourned to Saturday March 24 at 2 o'clock P.M.

Attest, Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

Record of Adjourned Town Meeting, March 24 1917

The Members of the Town Meeting met at two o'clock the Moderator in the chair.

A motion was made and carried, that a Committee of four be appointed to act in conjunction with the School Committee in the erection of the new school houses.

James H. Lyons, Frederick A. Russell, James C. Forbes, and George A. Smith were appointed as that Committee.

The qualification of W^m. Taylor as a Town meeting member being called in question,

the matter was referred to the meeting. He claimed to act as chairman of the playstead commission. But as the playstead commission was abolished a year ago and he was appointed by the Selectmen to take charge of the playstead, the question whether he was eligible arose. The meeting decided that he be allowed to vote in this meeting.

Voted. That Six thousand dollars be appropriated for pay of Town officers and that the salary of the Town Treasurer be Fifteen Hundred Dollars, to be taken therefrom.

Articles 15 16, 17

Articles 15, 16, and 17 which were referred to the Board of Improvement. Mr. Huntress from that Board reported verbally that the Board had not had sufficient time to consider the subject and asked further time. The report was accepted as progressive and Committee granted further time.

The report of the Committee on Fire Alarm was read and accepted and the sum of Eleven Hundred and Eighty five dollars was appropriated therefor as recommended by the committee.

A motion was made to appropriate Seven thousand dollars for the Fire Department, which was carried by a vote of 40 in favor to 26 opposed.

Article 33

School house Loan, 30,000

Voted – unanimously. That for the purpose of raising money to pay for the construction and furnishing of the school houses voted to be built near Grosvenor's corner and near Marsh's corner and for the purchase of land for school purposes, 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 not to exceed four and one half per cent per annum, and payable in annual installments of two thousand dollars each, beginning in one year from the date of said notes or bonds and continuing for fifteen successive years. And the proceeds of the sale of said notes or bonds are hereby appropriated for the purposes aforesaid.

Article 36

Laid on table.

Article 38

Voted:- That the Moderator appoint a committee of Town Meeting members Residents of Precinct Three, the above Committee to act in conjunction with the Board of Fire Engineers to investigate the matter of fire protection in the east end of Methuen, make recommendations and report cost of same to special Town meeting to be called not later than July first 1917.

Article 37

Repairs Fire Station

Voted to appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars for repairs at fire station to be expended by committee consisting of Fire Engineers and Geo. A. Smith.

Article 39 to 44 incl.

Voted that Articles 39 to 44 inclusive be considered together and that Fifteen Hundred Dollars be appropriated for the objects therein specified.

Article 45

Sewer Jackson St. Extension

Voted – to lay a fifteen inch sewer on Jackson St extension, at a point near Longwood drive; thence running northerly in said Jackson St. extension a distance of twelve hundred feet and appropriate two thousand dollars therefor.

Article 46

Sewer Ruskin Ave.

Voted : to lay four hundred feet of eight inch sewer in Ruskin avenue and appropriate four hundred and fifty dollars therefor.

Article 47

Sewer East St.

Voted to install an eight inch sewer on East St., from a point about 50 feet west of the centre line of Prospect St. at the junction of East St., running westerly to Jackson St. and connecting with the sewer which is to be carried to that point a distance of 600 feet and appropriate the sum of seven hundred dollars therefor.

Article 48

Emsley Terrace

Voted to accept a street known as Emsley Terrace as laid out by the Selectmen.

Article 49
to 59

Street Lights

Voted to appropriate Two Hundred Dollars to install street lights as called for in Articles 49 to 59 inclusive.

A motion was made to reconsider the action taken on Article 12 of the Warrant and that the vote be taken by ballot. And the motion was lost. The following resolution was offered and carried without opposition.

Resolved:- that if a person elected a town meeting member is also elected to an office which makes him a town meeting member, ex officio – the person having the next highest number of votes in the class to which he was chosen shall be declared elected.

The Finance Committee that served last year was appointed by the meeting as the finance committee for the current year. The meeting was adjourned sine die.

Attest, Jos. S. Howe Town Clerk

Article 20

It was voted to take Article 20 from the table and it was then
Voted – by unanimous vote

That for the purpose of raising money to pay for the Town's share of construction and land damage on the Lawrence & Lowell Boulevard the Town Treasurer is hereby directed to issue and sell notes or bonds of the Town coupon in form, to the amount

of Sixteen Thousand Dollars bearing interest at a rate not to exceed four and one half per cent per annum and payable in annual installments of four Thousand dollars each beginning in one year from the date of said notes or bonds, and continuing for four successive years; and the proceeds of said notes or bonds are hereby appropriated for the purpose aforesaid.

**Record of Primary – Constitutional Convention
File 15 No. 8
Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

Essex SS:- To Harry Nimmo, one of the Constables of the Town of Methuen.
Greeting:- In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town who are qualified to vote in Primaries to meet in the polling booths in Precincts one, two, and three, on Tuesday, third day of April 1917 at 11 o'clock A.M. for the following purposes: To bring in their votes to the Primary Officers for the nomination of Candidates for Delegates to the Constitutional Convention. 32 Delegates at Large, Four Delegates from Fifth Essex Representative District.

All the above candidates are to be voted for upon one ballot. Each voter may vote only for sixteen candidates at large and two candidates by representative district 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 return of this Warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 22nd day of March A.D. 1917.

Sam'l Rushton Selectmen
Wm. L. Stedman } of
Henry Dean Methuen

A true copy, Attest, Harry Nimmo, Constable
Methuen, March 24, 1917

Methuen, March 24, 1917.

On this day I have posted a true attested copy of the within precept as within directed.

A true copy of Warrant and return,

Harry Nimmo – Constable of Methuen

Jos. S. Howe - Town Clerk

At meetings of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Primaries held in the respective Precincts pursuant to Warrant No. 8 File 15, on April 3rd 1917 the qualified

voters of said Precinct brought in their written votes for candidates for Delegates to the Constitutional Convention and the same were received, sorted, counted, declared and registered, in open Precinct meetings according to law as appears by the certified returns transmitted to me by the election officers of said Precincts, and according to said returns the following appears as the result of the balloting at the election held as aforesaid.

	Pre. 1	Pre. 2	Pre. 3	Total
For Delegates at Large				
Charles Francis Adams, Fairhaven Hill, Concord	323	108	88	519
George W. Anderson, 219 Fisher Avenue, Brookline	55	65	71	291
William E. Andrew, 33 Beacon St., Somerville	124	42	59	225
Albert S. Apsey, 150 Brattle St., Cambridge	162	49	30	241
Charles J. Barton, 85 Meridian St., Melrose	179	57	60	296
John L. Bates, 1537 Beacon St., Brookline	295	94	85	474
Addison P. Beardsley, 3 Copeland St., Boston	68	32	68	138
William H. Brooks, 171 Pine St., Holyoke	190	60	61	311
Walter A. Buie, 11 Hamilton St., Boston	72	26	46	144
Harvey S. Chase, 1033 Beacon St., Brookline	117	40	53	210
Charles F. Choate Jr., Main St., Southborough	222	70	72	364
Charles W. Clifford, 78 Orchard St., New Bedford	194	58	53	305
George W. Coleman, 177 West Brookline St., Boston	157	49	69	275
Louis A. Coolidge, 27 Canton Ave., Milton	281	90	80	451
John W. Cummings, 523 Locust St., Fall River	176	45	80	301
Edwin W. Curtis, 131 Bay State Road, Boston	218	57	59	344
Samuel R. Cutler, 43 Cushman Ave., Revere	74	24	35	133
Arthur W. Degoosh, 224 Newbury St., Boston	25	5	21	51
Daniel E. Denney, 127 West St., Worcester	37	14	18	69
Daniel R. Donovan, 45 Holyoke St., Springfield	60	20	46	126
George H. Doty, Trapelo Road, Waltham	58	4	17	79
Hugh P. Drysdale, 48 Cherry St., No. Adams	39	17	17	73
Frank E. Dunbar, 285 Andover St., Lowell	254	81	70	405
Samuel Y. Elder, Cambridge St., Winchester	190	63	53	306
Wilmot R. Evans Jr., 31 Hancock St., Everett	134	34	31	199
Eugene N. Foss, 11 Revere St., Boston	185	73	75	333
Harry A. Garfield, Williamstown	101	33	36	170
Ralph W. Gloag, 774 East Broadway, Boston	18	5	15	38
Gurdon W. Gordon, 90 Dartmouth St., Springfield	66	25	26	117
Matthew Hale, 9 Charles River Square, Boston	138	71	70	279
Arthur D. Hill, 17 Brimmer St., Boston	109	52	59	220
Walter S. Hutchins, 87 Conway St., Greenfield	87	35	43	165
Patrick H. Jennings, 749 Dorchester Ave., Boston	64	30	46	140
Lewis J. Johnson, 90 Raymond St., Cambridge	81	41	60	182
Abbott Lawrence Lowell, 17 Quincy St., Cambridge	252	79	79	410
Nathan Matthews, 456 Beacon St., Boston	165	47	40	252
James T. Moriarty, 280 Dorchester St., Boston	73	33	48	154
Joseph C. Pelletier, 849 Beacon St., Boston	115	50	68	233
Josiah Quincy, 4 Charles River Square, Boston	203	79	61	343
Clarence W. Rowley, 38 Lexington Road, Boston	36	15	20	71
John Weaver Sherman, 175 Dartmouth St., Boston	46	37	48	171
James A. Stiles, Highland St., Gardner	40	10	19	69
Moorfield Storey, Trapelo Road, Lincoln	74	23	33	130
Charles B. Strecker, 400 Commonwealth Ave., Boston	44	16	49	109
Wendell Phillips Thore, 2 Westland Ave., Boston	49	20	19	88
Whitfield L. Tuck, 9 Winthrop St., Winchester	28	11	20	59

Joseph Walker, 108 Upland Road, Brookline	124	62	71	251
David I. Walsh, Fitchburg	159	62	80	301

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

Methuen, March 8th, 1917

I, Joseph S. Howe of Methuen Mass., as I am the Town Clerk of said Town, hereby Appoint Miss Sylvia P. Leavitt as Assistant Town Clerk as provided by statute. Sworn

Jos. S. Howe Town Clerk

**Warrant for Election, May First, 1917. File 15 No. 9
Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

Essex SS:-

To Harry Nimmo of the Constables of the Town of Methuen,
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, 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 school in precinct Two, and the polling booth on Swan Street in precinct Three, on Tuesday the first day of May next, at 12 Noon, to bring in to the election officers their votes for delegates at large to the Constitutional Convention, 16 to be elected; four delegates to the Constitutional Convention from the 5th Congressional District and two delegates for the fifth Representative District to the Constitutional Convention. All to be voted for on one ballot. The polls may be closed at 8 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 out hands and the seal of the Town of Methuen, this 18th day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

Samuel Rushton	Selectmen
Wm. L. Stedman }	of
Henry Dean	Methuen

Essex SS:-

-Town of Methuen April 20, 1917

By virtue of the within precept I have this day posted attested printed copies of the Warrant at the following places: namely; at the Town house in precinct one, at the school house in precinct two, in the Arlington district, and on the voting booth on Swan street in voting precinct three and also the post office in central place, and caused the same to be printed

in the Methuen Transcript the last publication being one day before said meeting.

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

May First 1917

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. 8 File 15, on Tuesday May first 1917, the qualified voters of said Town brought in their written votes for Delegates to the Constitutional Convention, and the same were received, sorted, counted, declared and registered in open Precinct meetings, as appears from 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
The whole number of ballots cast	522	228	240	990

For Delegates at Large

Charles Francis Adams, Concord	322	130	109	561
George W. Anderson, Brookline	263	126	127	516
Albert S. Apsey, Cambridge	214	81	68	363
Charles J. Barton, Melrose	225	98	68	391
John L. Bates, Brookline	313	132	96	541
William H. Brooks, Holyoke	216	91	64	371
Walter A. Buie, Boston	180	77	99	356
Charles F. Choate Jr., Southborough	257	107	83	447
Charles W. Clifford, New Bedford	217	70	57	344
George W. Coleman,, Boston	229	113	124	466
Louis A. Coolidge, Milton	285	109	84	478
John W. Cummings, Fall River	275	112	117	504
Edwin W. Curtis, Boston	267	103	83	453
Daniel R. Donovan, Springfield	158	67	106	331
Frank E. Dunbar, Lowell	255	100	82	437
Samuel Y. Elder, Winchester	247	87	76	410
Wilmot R. Evans Jr., Everett	190	67	55	312
Eugene N. Foss, Boston	219	117	74	410
Matthew Hale, Boston	252	124	137	513
Arthur D. Hill, Boston	213	101	120	434
Patrick H. Jennings, Boston	149	68	90	307
Abbott Lawrence Lowell, Cambridge	280	118	93	488
Nathan Matthews, Boston	211	78	67	356
James T. Moriarty, Boston	155	64	98	317
Joseph C. Pelletier, Boston	184	84	113	381
Josiah Quincy, Boston	227	103	117	447
Moorfield Stoney, Lincoln	207	85	67	359
Charles B. Strecker, Boston	149	62	110	321
Joseph Walker, Brookline	250	135	130	515
David I. Walsh, Fitchburg	236	106	124	466
Sherman L. Whipple of Brookline	257	116	122	495
George H. Wrenn of Springfield	178	90	118	386

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Delegates for Fifth Congressional District

Chester W. Clark of Wilmington	299	122	110	531
John W. Daly of Lowell	121	55	78	254
Edward Fisher of Westford	231	91	113	435
Hamlet S. Greenwood of Lowell	267	120	104	491
James Wilson Grimes of Reading	257	126	104	487
H. Harding Hale of Hudson	195	84	79	358
William Odlin of Andover	278	131	117	526
Blank	440	183	255	878

Delegates for Fifth Essex Representative District

Archie N. Frost of Lawrence	373	167	114	654
Thomas F. Keegan of Lawrence	73	36	31	140
Albion G. Pierce of Methuen	470	194	167	831
Alfred P. Weigel of Lawrence	68	37	127	232
Blank	60	22	41	123

The foregoing is a true transcript from the Precinct returns.

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe, Town Clerk

Warrant for Special Town Meeting June 4, 1917.

File 15 No. 9

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 directed to notify and warn the Town Meeting Members of the Town of Methuen, qualified to vote in town Meetings, to meet and assemble at the Town Hall in Precinct One, on Monday evening June 4, 1917 next at 7-30 P.M. then and there to act on the following articles, viz:-

- Article 1 To hear the report of the special committee on water supply, and act thereon.
- Article 2 To see if the town will vote to fix the salary of the Chairman of the Selectmen at five hundred dollars and the salaries of the other two members at four hundred dollars each for the year and appropriate the sum of four hundred dollars in addition to amount already appropriated.
- Article 3 To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of ten thousand five hundred dollars for purchasing land, constructing a new fire house, and purchasing apparatus equipment for the east part of the town.
- Article 4 To see if the town will vote to take in fee simple for fire department purposes a certain plot of land owned by Carl S. Lippold; said land being located at the junction of East and Swan

streets in the angle and containing approximately seventy five hundred (7500) square feet.

- Article 5 To see if the town will vote to borrow money to pay for the construction of a fire house, purchase of land, apparatus and equipment and authorize the issue of notes or bonds of the town therefor.
- Article 6 To see if the town will vote to authorize the School Committee to sell the land and building at Marsh corner, now used as a school house, and also the buildings at Howe street and Grosvenor's corner.
- Article 7 To see if the town will vote to authorize the Highway Commissioner to fix the amount that may be paid for double teams for a day's work.
- Article 8 To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty (\$150) dollars for the prevention of forest fires.
- Article 9 To see if the town will vote to install thirty three hundred feet of sewer on Jackson street and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars for the same.
- Article 10 To see if the town will vote to adopt a by law as provided for in section 4 of Chapter 494 of the Acts of 1913 and adopted by the town of 1913, regarding restrictions on laying out plots of land.
- Article 11 To hear the report of the Board of Improvement relating to a hearing held on proposed changes in the Building Ordinance.
- Article 12 To see if the town will vote to accept Westland street, as laid out by the Board of Improvements.
- Article 13 To see if the town will vote to accept Piedmont street as laid out by the Board of Improvements.
- Article 14 To see if the town will vote to accept Section 17, 18, and 19 of Chapter 65 Revised Laws as amended to June 1 1916, and accept By-Laws for licenses for fruit and vegetables and fish.
- Article 15 To see if the Town will vote to lay four hundred and fifty feet of six inch water pipe on Wellington street and appropriate \$575.⁰⁰ for the same.
- Article 16 To see if the town will vote to lay about four hundred and seventy five feet of six inch water pipe on Hampshire roads from present terminus at William H. Tyrie's and appropriate six hundred and fifty dollars for the same.
- Article 17 To see if the town will vote to lay about fifteen hundred feet of water pipe on Merrimack Street and appropriate the sum of twenty two hundred (\$2200) dollars for the same.
- Article 18 To see if the town will vote to issue bonds or notes to pay for the water extensions as voted.

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 out hands and the seal of the Town of Methuen this 24th day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

Samuel Rushton Selectmen
William L. Stedman } of
Henry Dean Methuen

Constable's Return on Warrant No 9. File 15.

Essex SS:- Town of Methuen May 25, 1917

By virtue of the within precept, I have this day posted attested printed copies of this Warrant at the following places, namely, at the Town house in Precinct One, at the school house in Precinct Two, in the Arlington District, at the voting booth on Swan street in Precinct Three, and also at the post office in Central place. I have also caused the same to be printed in the Methuen Transcript for two successive weeks, the last publication being more than one day before the day of meeting.

Harry Nimmo, Constable of Methuen

A true copy of Warrant and return.

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe Town Clerk

I also certify that I caused to be mailed to each of the town meeting members a notice of the above mentioned meeting on Monday, May 28, it being more than four days before the time of said meeting.

Jos. S. Howe Town Clerk

Record of Special Town Meeting held on Monday June 4th 1917

A meeting of the Town Meeting members of the Town of Methuen and also a considerable number of the inhabitants holding no office, was held at the Town House in Monday, June 4, 1917 in pursuance of the foregoing Warrant and notice to Town Meeting members. The meeting was called to order at 7-30 P.M. by the Moderator, sixty town meeting members being present by actual count by the Moderator.

Article 1 Water Supply

The Special Committee on Water Supply reported verbally, the substance of their report being, that for immediate needs a temporary dam might be built across the brook near the pumping station which would probably be sufficient to supply all needs for the present year, but they recommended an investigation of the cost and feasibility of taking water from Island Pond in Hampstead N.H., and any other available source of supply, and that an appropriation

be made to defray the cost of necessary surveys. It was voted to appropriate Three Thousand dollars for the purpose of carrying out the recommendation of the Committee and that the money be expended under their direction.

A vote of thanks was tendered the Committee for their services in the matter.

Article 2 Salary of Selectmen

Voted – to fix the salary of the Chairman of the Selectmen at Five Hundred Dollars per annum, and the salaries of the other two members at four hundred dollars, each, and that four hundred dollars be appropriated in addition to the sum already appropriated for that purpose.

Article 3 Voted – by a unanimous vote, to appropriate the sum of ten thousand five hundred dollars for purchasing land, constructing a new fire house, and purchasing apparatus and equipment for east part of town. Also that a committee consisting of the Fire Engineers and three persons appointed by the Moderator be authorized to carry out this vote. The Chair appointed William Forbes, Frank Sherman, and Edward Riley on committee.

Article 4 Seizure of Land

Voted to take in fee simple, for fire department purposes a certain plot of land owned by Carl S. Lippold and described as follows; - Situated at fork of Swan and East St., from a point at intersection of Swan and East St.; about 140 feet west on Swan street, thence at right angles, to line bisecting angle of two streets; about 58 feet, thence at right angles to East street about 58 feet; thence about 140 feet on East Street to point of beginning, containing 8000 square feet more or less.

Article 5 Loan

Voted by a unanimous vote, that for the purpose of raising money to pay for land and construction of a new fire house in the east part of the town, and for purchasing apparatus and equipment for the same, the Town Treasurer is hereby directed to issue and sell notes or bonds of the Town, coupon in form to the amount of Ten Thousand five hundred dollars, bearing interest at a rate not to exceed five per cent per annum and payable in annual installments of one thousand dollars each, for ten years, beginning in one year from the date of said notes or bonds, and continuing for ten successive years, and five hundred dollars in eleven years, and the proceeds of said notes or bonds are hereby appropriated for the purposes aforesaid.

Article 6 Sale of School Houses

Voted to authorize the Selectmen to sell the land and building of the Marsh corner now used as a school house, and also the building at Howe Street and Grosvenor's Corner.

Article 7 Pay for teams

Voted that the compensation paid for double teams be left to the discretion of the

Highway Surveyor.

Article 8 **Forest Fires**

Voted, to appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars for the prevention of forest fires.

Article 9 Voted, to install 33 hundred feet of sewer on Jackson Street, and appropriate the sum of six thousand dollars for the same.

Article 10 **By Law - Building Lots**

Under the provisions of Chapter 494 of the Acts of 1913 the following By Law is hereby adopted, carried by a unanimous vote.

All persons, corporations, or associations desiring to lay out within the limits of the town, land in lots for dwellings or other purposes shall prior to such layout, submit to the Planning Board plans showing the proposed layout location, number and respective size of lots, location, width, and grade of streets, and sidewalks, to be approved by said Board which is hereby authorized and empowered to specify the minimum size of lots, minimum width and grade of streets and sidewalks, location and construction, including material and style of streets, sidewalks, sewers, water pipes, wires and poles for any purpose.

Any person, corporation or association who shall neglect to submit such plan to said Board, as required by this By-Law, shall forfeit and pay for each and every offense a sum not more than fifty dollars, and any person, corporation or association which shall neglect to comply with any specification or order of said Board, made in accordance with the provisions of this By Law, shall be punished by a fine not more than twenty dollars, for each and every day such neglect to comply therewith shall continue.

(Disapproved by Attorney General)

Article 11 **Building Laws**

The Board of Improvements made the following Report, which was adopted.

Methuen, Mass., May 23, 1917

The Board of Improvements after having heard the arguments of the petitioners, find as follows:-

That under our present ordinance three tenement houses can be built in Methuen by conforming to the requirements, that is by making exterior walls of incombustible materials, and plastering cellar ceiling. This means a slight increase in cost over the ordinary type which we think is warranted by the congestion of the district under discussion.

We find that two buildings can be built on lots 50 x 120, but provided requirements as to yards and distances to lot lines are carried out. This will allow for two buildings with four room tenements, and these may be built three stories high as previously stated. By careful planning it might be possible to put two five room tenements on this lot by building

in a semi detached form. We would recommend that no change be made in distance of the side lines of lot which is now five feet.

The petitions stated that Article 17 to revise the building laws was intended to cover only the previous items and we feel that we are working for the best interests of the Town in recommending that this be passed over.

Article 12 Voted – Not to accept Westland Street.

Article 13 Voted to accept Piedmont Street.

Article 14 Voted to accept Sections 17, 18 and 19 of Chapter 65 of Revised Laws as amended to June 1, 1916. (Laws relating to Pedler's licenses)

Also voted to adopt the following By-Laws relating to Hawkers & peddlers.

Section 1: No person shall go from place to place in this town selling or bartering, or carrying or exposing for sale or barter any fruits or vegetables or fish in or from any cart, wagon, or other vehicle or in any other manner, without a license therefor from the board of health, provided, however, that this section shall not apply to any person who sells only fruits or vegetables raised or produced by himself or his family, or fish which is obtained by his own labor or the labor of his family.

Section 2: The Board of Health shall have authority to grant such license to any person of good repute for morals and integrity who is, or who has declared his intention to become a citizen of the United States. Said licenses unless sooner revoked by the Board of Health, shall expire one year after the granting thereof, and each person so licensed shall pay therefor a fee of twenty one dollars.

Section 3: No hawker or peddler shall sell, or offer or expose for sale, 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 Town Clerk or such other board or office, 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 and fish, shall record his name and residence in like manner with such board or officer.

Section 4: No person hawking or carrying or exposing any articles for sale, shall cry his wares to the disturbance of the peace and comfort of the inhabitants of the town, nor otherwise than in vehicles and receptacles which are neat and clean and do

not leak.

Section 5: Every hawker and pedler licensed by the Board of Health 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 pedler 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 10 of this By-Law.

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 or number plate 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 or measuring devices shall be sufficient cause for the revocation of his license or the cancellation of his registration.

Section 8: Nothing in these by laws shall be construed as conflicting with any license issued under the authority of the Commonwealth.

Section 9: 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 10. Whoever violates any provision of these by-laws shall be punished by a fine not exceeding twenty dollars for each offense.

Section 11: All by laws or parts of by-laws inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved by Attorney General Sept. 7, 1917.

Article 15 Wellington St. Water Pipe

Voted – to lay four hundred and fifty feet of six inch water pipes on Wellington street and to appropriate Five hundred and seventy five (575) dollars for the same.

Article 16 Voted to lay about four hundred and seventy five feet of six inch water pipe on Hampshire roads from present terminus at William H. Tyrie's and appropriate six hundred and fifty dollars for the same.

Article 17 Voted. – to lay about fifteen hundred feet of water pipe on Merrimack street and appropriate the sum of twenty hundred dollars therefor.

Article 18 Voted unanimously, - (53 town meeting members being present.) that for the purpose of paying for the water extensions voted to be made the present year, the Town Treasurer is hereby directed to issue and sell notes or bonds of the town, coupon in form, to the amount of three thousand dollars, bearing interest at a rate not to exceed five per cent per annum, and payable in annual installments of one thousand dollars each for three years, beginning one year from the date of said notes or bonds and continuing for three successive years, and the proceeds of said notes or bonds are hereby appropriated for the purposes aforesaid.

No other business appearing, the meeting was adjourned.

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe, Town Clerk

On the twenty eighth day of May 1917, a notice of which the following is a copy, was mailed to each of the Town Meeting members.

Methuen Mass. May 24 1917.

Mr. -----

You are hereby notified that a special meeting of the Town of Methuen Members of the Town of Methuen will be held at the Town House, in said Town, on Monday June 4, at 7-30 P.M. at which meeting it is expected you will be present.

Yours very truly

Joseph S. Howe, Town Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
File 15 No. 10

To Harry Nimmo, one of the Constables 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 State Primaries to meet and assemble in the various polling booths, namely, the polling booth at the town hall in voting precinct one; the basement of the Arlington school house in voting precinct two, and the polling booth on Swan in voting precinct three, Tuesday the twenty fifth day of September 1917 at 12 o'clock noon for the following purposes: To bring in to the Primary officers for the Nomination of candidates of political parties for the following offices.

Governor for this Commonwealth, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the Commonwealth, Treasurer and Receiver General; Auditor of the Commonwealth; Attorney General; Councillor for the 5th Councillor District; Senator for the 5th Essex Senatorial District; two representatives in General Court for the 5th Essex Representative District; County Commissioner for Essex

County; Clerk of Courts for Essex County, and for the election of the following officers; District member of State Committee of each political party for the fifth Essex Senatorial District, members of the Democratic Town Committee, Members of the Republican Town Committee, delegates to State Convention of Political Parties. All of the above candidates and officers are to be voted for upon one ballot. The polls will 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 at least eight days before the time of said meeting as directed by vote of 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 12th day of September A.D. 1917

Sam'l Rushton } Selectmen
Henry Dean } of Methuen

Essex SS:-

Methuen, Mass, Sept. 15, 1917

Town of Methuen, September 15, 1917

By virtue of the within precept, I have this day posted true attested printed copies of this Warrant at the following places; namely, at the Town House in precinct One, at school house in Precinct Two in Arlington district, and on voting booth on Swan Street, in voting precinct Three, also at the Post Office in Central Square I have caused the same to be printed in the Methuen Transcript for two successive weeks the last publication being three days before said meeting.

Harry Nimmo, Constable of Methuen

A true copy of Warrant and Constable's return

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe, Town Clerk

Record of Primary held Sept. 25, 1917

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, meetings were held this day in the designated polling places on Tuesday Sept. 25, 1917, for the purpose specified in the Warrant, and the following is the result of the balloting as transmitted to me by the Precinct officers:-

Republican Vote

For Governor	Pre. 1	Pre. 2	Pre. 3	Total
Grafton D. Cushing, 20 Chestnut St., Boston	126	58	53	237
Samuel W. McCall, Myopia Road, Winchester	323	164	102	589
Blank	20	6	19	45

Lieutenant Governor

Calvin Coolidge, 21 Massasoit St., No. Hampton	411	204	137	752
Blank	58	24	37	119
Secretary				

Albert P. Langtry, 40 Chestnut St., Springfield	384	187	128	679
Blank	85	41	46	172

Treasurer

Charles L. Burrill, 14 Somerset St., Boston	385	182	125	692
Blank	84	46	49	179

Auditor

Charles Bruce, 8 Forest Avenue, Everett	155	68	59	282
Alonzo B. Cook, 19 Parkview Avenue, Boston	243	164	78	445
Blank	71	36	47	144

Attorney General

Henry C. Attwill, 59 Ocean Avenue, Lynn	391	184	125	700
Conrad W. Crooker, 195 Winthrop Road, Brookline	42	22	18	82
Blank	36	22	31	89

Councillor Fifth District

Frederick H. Tarr, 55 Broadway, Rockport	369	171	115	655
Blank	100	57	59	216

Senator Fifth Essex

James R. Tetler 300 Ames St., Lawrence	409	198	130	737
Blank	60	30	44	134

Representatives in General Court – Fifth Essex

Arthur Bower, 473 High St., Lawrence	295	147	108	550
George Bunting 11 Annis St., Methuen	394	197	105	696
Alfred J. Burckel 30 Milford St., Lawrence	42	18	30	90
William C. Gans 91 Park St., Lawrence	111	47	65	223
Blank	96	47	40	143

County Commissioner

Moody Kimball, 41 Fair St., Newburyport	378	172	127	677
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Blank	91	56	47	194
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Clerk of Courts

J. Joseph Doherty 21 Chase St., Lynn	7	4	5	16
Archie N. Frost 80 Knox St., Lawrence	406	205	139	750
A. Franklin Priest 65 Columbia Park, Haverhill	41	14	13	68
Blank	15	5	17	37

State Committee, Fifth Essex District

Henry D. Rockwell, 74 Prescott St., No. Andover	365	179	124	668
Blank	104	49	50	203

Delegates to State Convention

Robert W. Dow 11 Barker St.	395	186	128	709
Edwin J. Castle 56 Lowell St.	371	162	127	660
John B. Bolton 318 Broadway	355	160	116	631
Lewis E. Barnes Broadway	363	158	120	641
Perley D. Smith 41 Prospect	348	156	118	622
Joseph M. Emsley 94 Ashland Ave.	357	156	113	626
William H. Russell 90 Ashland Ave.	351	152	113	616
Alfred Humphries 3 Carleton St.	372	182	120	674
Henry Dean, 236 Pelham St.	358	169	124	681
Blank	951	571	484	2006

Town Committee

George A. Brown 20 Gage St.	65	73	2	140
Frederick Cuthill 72 Broadway	61	70		131
Robert Bruce Gordon 19 Lowell St.	64	71		135
Frederick Hall 99 Arnold St.	63	70		133
Thomas N. Hubbard 90 Centre St.	64	76		140
Albion G. Pierce 15 Pleasant St.	65	70	1	136
Fred W. Schlieff 53 Lippold	62	64	2	128
Harry Moore 10 Stevens	2			2
Geo. Dudley Peaslee Terrace	1			1
Henry Crompton Lowell St.	2			2
Peter F. Graham Broadway	1			1
Thos. Mahoney 21 Pelham	1			1
J. J. Perkins 118 Railroad	8			8
William Toomey 72 Cross	2			2
W ^m . Russell 70 Ashland Ave.	2			2
Blanks	3285			1387

Notices of election were mailed to Messrs. Brown, Cuthill, Gordon, Hall, Hubbard, Peirce, Schlieff and Perkins. Notices were mailed Sept. 26.

Democratic Vote

For Governor

Frederick W. Mansfield, 15 Elm Hill Ave., Boston	23	8	10	41
Blank	1	1	1	3

Lieutenant Governor

No Votes

Secretary

No Votes

Treasurer

No Votes

Auditor

No Votes

Attorney General

No Votes

Councillor

No Votes

Senator Fifth Essex Dist.

James R. Tetler 300 Annis At. Lawrence	15	2	6	23
Blank	9	7	5	21

Representatives in General Court 5th Essex

Thomas A. Carney 52 Wilmot St., Lawrence	13	8	10	31
John Kavanagh 137 Park St., Lawrence	13	5	9	27
Richard A. McNeice 87 Howard St., Lawrence	6	3	0	9
Blank	16	2	2	20

County Commissioners

No Votes

Clerk of Courts Essex Co.

James F. Carens Jr. 10 Milk St., Newburyport	11	5	7	23
Blank	13	4	4	21

State Committee 5th Essex District

John O'Brien 26 Cross St., Lawrence	12	7	19
Blank	12	4	16

Delegates to State Convention

Edward J. Feeney, 29 Barker St.	1	1
John Quinn, 18 Barker St.	1	1
Blank	118	118

Town Committee

Edward J. Feeney, 29 Barker St.	1	1
John Quinn, 18 Barker St.	1	1
Joseph Tessier 14 Railroad St.	1	1
Blank	141	141

Notices of election were sent to Messrs. Feeney, Quinn, and Tessier Sept. 26, 1917.

Attest, Jos. S. Howe Town Clerk

Warrant for State Election Nov. 6 1917

File 15 No. 11

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Essex SS:-

To Harry Nimmo, 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 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 Tuesday the sixth
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 the General Court, County Commissioner and Clerk of Courts; and also to vote
on the following questions. Acceptance of the following articles of Amendment submitted by the
Constitutional Convention.

Article of Amendment No. 1. The General Court shall have power to provide by law for voting

by qualified voters of the Commonwealth who, at the time of an election are absent from the city or town of which they are inhabitants, in the choice of any officer to be elected, or upon any question submitted at such election.

Article of Amendment No. 2.

Article XVIII. Section II. No law shall be passed prohibiting the free exercise of religion.

Section 2. All moneys raised by taxation in the towns and cities for the support of public schools, and all moneys which may be appropriated by the Commonwealth for the support of common schools shall be applied to, and expended in no other schools than those which are conducted according to law, under the order and superintendence of the authorities of the town or city in which the money is expended; and no grant, appropriation, or use of public money or property or loan of public credit shall be made or authorized by the Commonwealth or any political division thereof, for the purpose of founding, maintaining or aiding any school or institution of learning, whether under public control or otherwise, wherein any denominational doctrine is inculcated, or any other school or any college, infirmary, hospital institution, or educational, charitable, or religious undertaking which is not publicly owned and under the exclusive control, order and superintendence of public officers or public agents authorized by the commonwealth or federal authority or both, except that appropriations may be made for the maintenance and support of the Soldiers' Home in Massachusetts and for free public libraries in any city or town, and to carry out legal obligations, if any, already entered into, and no such grant, appropriation, or use of public money or property or loan of public credit shall be made or authorized for the purpose of founding or aiding any church religious denomination or society.

Section 3. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent the commonwealth, or any political division thereof, from paying to privately controlled hospitals, infirmaries, or institutions for the deaf, dumb, or blind not more than the ordinary and reasonable compensation for care or support actually rendered or furnished by such hospitals, infirmaries, or institutions to such person as may be whole or in part unable to support or care for themselves.

Section 4. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to deprive any inmate of a publicly controlled reformatory penal, or charitable institution, of the opportunity of religious exercises therein of his own faith; but no inmate of such institution shall be compelled to attend religious services, or receive religious instruction against his will, or if a minor without the consent of his parent or guardian.

Section 5. This amendment shall not take effect until the October first next succeeding its ratification and adoption by the people.

Article of Amendment No. 3.

The maintenance and distribution at reasonable rates, during time of war public exigency, emergency or distress, of a sufficient supply of food and other common necessities of life and the providing of shelter, are public functions; and the commonwealth and the cities and towns therein may take and

provide the same for their inhabitants in such manner as the general court shall determine.

Acceptance of Chapter 289, Special Acts of 1917, entitled "An Act to incorporate the City of Methuen."
All to be voted for on one ballot.

The polls may be closed at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

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 23rd day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

Sam'l Rushton Selectmen
Wm. L. Stedman } of
Henry Dean Methuen

Methuen, Mass. October 27, 1917

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Essex SS:-

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I have this day posted an attested printed copy of this Warrant, at the following named places, and caused the same to be printed in the Methuen Transcript for two successive weeks, the last publication more than one day before the day of said meeting; namely, the Town House in voting precinct one, and Arlington School in voting precinct two, and polling booth on Swan St. in voting precinct Three.

A true copy of Warrant and Constables Return. Attest
Harry Nimmo – Constable of Methuen
Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk

Record of State Election, Nov. 6, 1917.

At meetings of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen in the County of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts held in the respective Precincts in said Town, pursuant to Warrant No. 11, File 15 on Tuesday November 6th 1917, the qualified voters of said Town brought in their written votes for the several officers to be balloted for, and "Yes or No" on the acceptance of an Act passed by the General Court in the year Nineteen hundred and Seventeen entitled "An Act to incorporate the city of Methuen," 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
The whole number of ballots cast	805	397	370	1572

For Governor

James Hayes of Plymouth Socialist Labor 10 10 17 37

Chester R. Lawrence of Boston	Prohibition	14	11	10	35
Frederick W. Mansfield	Democratic	141	77	63	281
Samuel W. McCall of Winchester	Republican	604	273	142	1019
John McCarly of Arlington	Socialist	23	23	134	180
Blank		13	3	4	20

Lieut. Governor

Calvin Coolidge of Northampton	R.	607	277	142	1026
Matthew Hale of Boston	D. P. Progressive	129	65	54	248
Sylvester J. McBride of Watertown	S.	27	28	146	201
Fred W. Oelcher of Peabody	S. L.	13	10	16	39
Blank		29	17	12	58

Secretary

Herbert B. Brown of Greenfield	P.	32	27	16	75
Albert P. Langtry of Springfield	R.	581	257	132	970
Ingvar Paulson of Boston	S. L.	14	6	16	26
Arthur B. Reed of Abington	D.	97	43	40	180
Marion E. Sproule of Lowell	S.	40	35	138	213
Blank		51	29	28	108

Treasurer

Charles L. Burrill of Boston	R.	589	266	138	993
Solon Lovett of Beverly	P.	17	17	11	45
Joseph A. Murphy of Lowell	S.	36	26	138	200
Humphrey O'Sullivan of Lowell	D.	106	52	44	202
Mary E. Peterson of Somerville	S. L.	10	11	21	42
Blank		47	25	18	90

For Auditor

Elzear H. Croquette of New Bedford		102	42	37	181
Alonzo B. Cook of Boston		578	265	138	981
David Craig of Milford		8	8	13	29
Walter S. Peck of Stockbridge		39	35	149	223
Henry G. Smith Jr. of Somerville		16	14	12	42
Blank		62	33	21	116

Attorney General

Henry G. Attwill of Lynn		591	236	139	993
Frank Auchter of Belmont		11	12	10	33
William R. Henry of Lynn		40	39	147	226
Thomas J. Maker of Medford		4	7	14	25
Josiah Quincy of Boston		114	46	42	202

Blank	45	30	18	93
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Councillor – Fifth District

Albert E. Clausen of Gloucester	69	59	169	297
Frederick H. Tarr of Rockport	617	279	162	1058
Blank	119	59	39	217

Senator, Fifth Essex District

Samuel Bramhall of Lawrence	74	52	173	299
James R. Tetler of Lawrence	654	314	165	1133
Blank	77	31	32	140

Representatives in General Court Fifth Essex District

Archie Adamson of Methuen	70	52	152	274
Arthur Bower of Lawrence	564	251	153	968
George Bunting of Methuen	610	291	150	1051
Thomas A. Carnet of Lawrence	82	41	35	158
John Kavanagh of Lawrence	71	36	32	139
John Witzgall Jr. of Lawrence	42	28	154	224
Blank	171	95	64	330

County Commissioner

Moody Kimball of Newburyport	638	282	159	1079
Leonard W. Spalding of Newburyport	57	54	159	270
Blank	110	61	52	223

Clerk of Courts

James F. Carens Jr. of Newburyport	68	31	31	130
Archie N. Frost of Lawrence	642	297	162	1101
George W. Wetherbee of Rockport	51	37	152	240
Blank	44	32	25	101

“Shall an Act passed by the General Court in the year nineteen hundred and seventeen, entitled “An Act to incorporate the city of Methuen be accepted?”

Yes	491	224	197	912
No	230	112	108	450
Blank	84	61	65	210

“Shall an Article of Amendment relative to absentee voting submitted by the Constitutional Convention, be approved and ratified?” See record of Warrant.

Yes	460	227	177	864
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No	149	75	81	305
Blank	196	95	112	403

“Shall an article of Amendment relative to appropriations for educational and benevolent purposes submitted by the Constitutional Convention be approved and ratified?” See record of Warrant.

Yes	540	280	281	1041
No	161	75	68	304
Blank	104	42	81	227

Shall an Article of Amendment relative to the taking and distribution by the Commonwealth and its municipalities of the common necessities of life, submitted by the Constitutional Convention, be approved and ratified?”

Yes	571	258	233	1092
No	69	31	44	144
Blank	165	78	93	336

Record of Meeting of City & Town Clerks Nov. 16, 1917.

Precincts	Lawrence						Methuen			Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	
Archie Adamson	256	19	200	18	83	99	70	52	152	949
Arthur Bower	195	57	193	116	97	167	564	251	153	1793
George Bunting	185	57	179	103	110	218	610	291	150	1903
Thomas A. Carney	114	116	111	105	263	321	82	41	35	1188
John Kavanagh	116	93	92	89	215	278	71	36	32	1022
John Witzgall Jr.	288	27	233	25	94	108	42	28	154	999
Blank	92	67	108	88	146	121	171	95	64	952

In accordance with the forgoing 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

A True Copy.

Attest,

Jos. S. Howe – Town Clerk of Methuen

At the State Election on Nov. 6 the following question appeared on the ballot, "Shall an Act passed by the General Court in the year nineteen hundred and seventeen entitled "An Act to incorporate the City of Methuen," "be accepted."

The vote on this question was as follows:-

The number of persons voting "Yes" was Nine hundred and twelve	912
The number of persons voting "No" was Four Hundred and fifty	450

From which it appears that the voters of Methuen voted to become a city.

Under the terms of the charter the first business to be done was to divide the town into wards which was done by the Selectmen as follows:-

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Essex SS:-

Board of Selectmen

Agreeable to the Special Acts of 1917, Chapter 289 an act to incorporate the City of Methuen, the selectmen have divided the territory of Methuen into five wards, a plan and description of which has been filed at the office of the Town Clerk, together with the number and names of the voters of each ward. Description and plans have also been published and placed in public places in each ward, the wards as described by the Selectmen are as follows:-

Ward One. Beginning at the Lawrence and Methuen line at the B & M & R.R. track, thence following said track in a northerly direction to the corner of Oakland Ave, and Railroad St.; thence following along Railroad St. on the easterly side of the Mass N. E. R. R., Town Farm line, to Railroad Sq.; thence continuing along the northerly side of the said Town Farm car line through Pelham St. to the New Hampshire line; thence following said New Hampshire line in an easterly direction to a stone bound in the angle of said New Hampshire line; thence continuing East in a straight line to Marston Corner; thence in a southerly direction through Jackson St. to Brook St; thence through Brook St. across East St. to Berkeley; thence through Berkeley St. to the Lawrence line; thence following said Lawrence line in a westerly direction to the town bound on the land of Daniel Saunders et al; thence north westerly on the land of Daniel Saunders stone bound on the north side of Lawrence St. on the land of George A. and William H. Butters; thence southwesterly to a ditch on the land of Daniel T. Morrison; thence westerly and southwesterly down the Spicket River to the Lawrence line; thence following said Lawrence line west to the B. & M. R. R. track at the point begun at. The same being known as Ward One.

Ward Two: Beginning at the boundary line between Lawrence and Methuen at the Spicket River, thence running up said River on the east side to a ditch by the land of Daniel T. Morrison; thence northeasterly to a street bound on the north side of Lawrence St. on the land of George A. and William

H. Butters; thence east to the town bound on the land of Daniel Saunders et al; thence southwesterly by the Lawrence line to the point of beginning, said Ward to be known as Ward Two.

Ward Three: In the east part of the town beginning at the stone bound near the Merrimac River at the Lawrence line, thence following the Lawrence line to the centre of Berkeley St. through Berkeley St., across East St., to Brook St., through Brook St., to Jackson St., through Jackson St to Marston corner; thence west in a straight line to a stone bound on the New Hampshire state line; thence following said state line to the Haverhill line; thence following the Haverhill line to the Merrimac River; thence following the Merrimac River to the Lawrence line at the point begun at. Said Ward to be known as Ward Three.

Ward Four: beginning at the boundary line between Lawrence and Methuen at the Merrimac River in the west part of the town thence following said boundary line in a northerly direction to the angle in said boundary line near Woodland St., thence continuing from said point to the corner of Lowell and Elm St.; thence westerly in a straight line to the southerly line of the Cole property on Forest St.; thence continuing in a straight line westerly to the southerly line of the Kress property on Myrtle St., to the Dracut line; thence following the Dracut line in a northerly direction to the Pelham N.H. line; thence continuing along said Pelham N.H. line in a northeasterly direction to the car tracks of the Mass N. E. St. R. R.; thence following along the said car track on Pelham St. to Railroad Sq.; thence along the west side of Railroad St. to the corner of Oakland Ave.; thence following the tracks of the B & M R. R. to the point of beginning. Said Ward to be known as Ward Four.

Ward Five: Starting on the west side of the B & M R. R. track at the Methuen and Lawrence line, thence following said line in a southwesterly direction to an angle near Woodland St.; thence northwest in a straight line to the corner of Lowell and Elm Sts.; thence westerly in a straight line to the southerly line of the Cole property on Forest St.; thence westerly in a straight line to the southerly line of the Kress property on Myrtle St.; thence westerly in a straight line to the Dracut line; thence following the Dracut line in a northerly direction to the Pelham N.H. line; thence continuing along said Pelham N.H. line in a northeasterly direction to the car tracks of the Mass. N. E.; thence following along the said track on Pelham St. to Railroad Sq.; thence along the west side of Railroad St. to the corner of Oakland Ave., thence following the tracks of the B & M. R.R. to the point of beginning; said ward to be known as Ward Five.

Sam'l Rushton Selectmen
W. L. Stedman } of
Henry Dean Methuen

Immediately after the acceptance of the city Charter, nomination papers were taken out by the different persons desiring to be candidates for the various officers under the new charter and the papers were filed in accordance with the provisions of the statute. The preliminary election was held on November twenty seventh in accordance with the provisions of the charter and the following was the result of the balloting as reported to me by the election officers of the several wards.

For Mayor	W 1	W 2	W 3	W 4	W 5	Total
Harrison Turner, 22 Gage St.	264	188	223	94	234	1003
Samuel Rushton, 27 Centre St.	148	295	212	78	197	930
Blank	3	2	10	4		19

Councilmen at Large

Fred G. Willis, 20 Maplewood Ave.	144	195	70	40	186	635
Abel Hill 1 st , 601 Lowell St.	135	138	120	80	133	606
Richard H. Harris, 81 Forest St.	45	40	50	39	58	232
Henry Dean, 236 Pelham St.	149	200	176	51	172	748
Arthur W. Whetstone, 46 Oakland Ave.	29	41	32	9	60	171
William L. Stedman, 22 Prospect St.	219	205	333	90	173	1020
Blank	109	51	109	43	80	392

School Committee for one year.

						Women	
Mrs. Elizabeth Schneider	261 Broadway	341	317	320	115	305	42
John N. Thomson,	13 Winthrop Ave.	284	341	313	130	295	36
Blank		205	314	214	109	109	10

School Committee for two years.

William H. Buswell, 21 Central St.	294	343	322	103	313	28	1413
Stephan E. Smith, Smith Lane	28	312	306	147	291	41	1385
Blank	248	327	262	102	258		1197

School Committee for three years.

Robert Stanley, 94 Arnold St.	198	170	283	90	232	9	973
Charles R. Bower, 7 Oakland Ave.	263	300	264	124	275	4	1230
Howard L. Cushman, 70 Broadway	238	302	185	88	216	6	1028
Blank	136	183	194	73	139	1	726

Councilmen for one year, Ward One.

George A. Brown, 20 Gage	207					207	
John W. Rawnsley, 33 Pelham		51					51
Harold S. Pedler, 174 Broadway	146					146	
Blank		11					11

Councilmen for one year Ward Two

Robert Driver, 27 Brown	158					158	
William H. Furneame, 17 Tenney		73					73
Richard Nicholson, 27 Tenney	170					170	
Thomas N. Hubbard, 90 Centre		63					63
Blank		11					11

Councilmen for one year Ward Three

Charles W. Mann 155 Prospect		131				131	
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William Seisig 121 Howe	57	57
Edward Riley 243 Merrimack	156	156
William J. Partlow 25 Milk	83	83
Blank	18	18

Ward Four

James E. Scholefield 8 Mayfield Ave.	77	77
Ernest L. Burnham off Orchard	95	95
Blank	4	4

Ward Five

John H. Harrison, 122 ½ Oakland Ave.	45	45
Allen H. Gammons, 156 Lowell	208	208
William H. Craven, 187 Oakland Ave.	87	87
James W. Riley, 51 Oakland	72	72
Blank	19	19

Record of City Election Dec. 18 1917

At meetings of the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen in the County of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, held in the respective Wards in said Town in conformity with the provisions of the City Charter which was duly accepted by the legal voters of said Town, on Tuesday, the sixth day of November, A.D. 1917, and in pursuance therefor of a notice given by the Selectmen the qualified voters of said Town brought in their written votes for Mayor, Councilmen at Large, School Committee, and one Councilman from each Ward, and also "Yes or No" on the question, "Shall Licenses be granted for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors in this City?" and the votes given in were received, sorted, counted, and declaration thereof made, and registered in open Ward meetings according to law, as appears by the certified returns from said Wards, transmitted to the Town Clerk and examined by him in conjunction with the Registrars of Voters. And according to said returns the following is the result of the election held as aforesaid.

	W 1	W 2	W 3	W 4	W 5	Total
The Whole number of ballots – Men	471	524	529	193	497	2214
The Whole number of ballots – Women	69	24	8	2	2	145

For Mayor

Harrison Turner, 22 Gage St.	300	190	217	95	249	1051
Samuel Rushton, 27 Centre St.	166	327	308	98	246	1145
Blank	5	7	4		2	18

Councilmen at Large

Fred G. Hillis, 20 Maplewood Ave.	223	325	178	79	292	1097
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Abel Hill 1 st , 601 Lowell St.	159	180	132	88	182	741
Henry Dean, 236 Pelham St.	191	200	213	62	215	881
William L. Stedman, 22 Prospect St.	228	232	414	112	192	1178
Blank	141	111	122	45	112	531

Councilmen for one year - Ward One

George A. Brown, 20 Gage	250	250
Harold S. Pedler, 174 Broadway	212	212
Blank	9	9

Councilmen for Ward Two

Richard Nicholson, 27 Tenney	291	291
Robert Driver, 27 Brown	222	222
Blank	11	11

Councilmen Ward Three

Edward Riley, 243 Merrimack	318	318
Charles W. Mann, 155 Prospect	202	202
Blank	9	9

Councilmen Ward Four

James E. Scholefield, 8 Mayfield Ave.	100	100
Ernest L. Burnham, off Orchard	91	91
Blank	2	2

Councilmen Ward Five

Allen H. Gammons, 156 Lowell	309	309
William H. Craven, 187 Oakland Ave.	189	189
Blank	9	9

School Committee – One Year

	Ward 1		Ward 2		Ward 3		Ward 4		Ward 5		Total
	Men	Women									
John N. Thomson, 3 Winthrop Ave.	322	62	367	7	156	4	144	9	356	8	1435
Mrs. Elizabeth Schneider 261 Broadway	370	60	369	9	375	4	136	11	136	11	1715
Blank	250	7	336	8	327		105	2	283	3	1321

School Committee – Two Years

William H. Buswell 21 Central	321	65	367	7	368	4	124	9	356	8	2750
Stephen E. Smith Smith Ave.	330	62	344	8	338	4	155	11	339	9	1600
Blank	291	10	361	9	352		102	2	228	5	1360

School Committee – Three Years

Robert Stanley 94 Arnold	237	53	180	5	287	3	113	8	260	9	1155
Howard L. Cushman 76 Broadway	247	38	346	7	25	13	86	9	271	6	1264
Charles R. Bower 7 Oakland Ave.	290	29	367	7	249	2	122	4	284	6	1360
Blank	174	18	170	5	271		65	1	174	1	879

“Shall Licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this City?

	W1	W2	W3	W4	W5	Total
Yes	145	229	269	68	170	881
No	316	275	236	115	308	1250
Blanc	10	20	24	10	18	82

From which it appears that the following named persons were elected.

For Mayor – Samuel Rushton

Councilmen at Large, Fred G. Hillis and William L. Stedman

Councilmen for one year, George A. Brown – Ward One, Richard Nicholson, Ward Two, Edward Riley, Ward Three, James C. Scholefield, Ward Four, and Allan H. Gammons Ward Five

School Committee for One Year – John N. Thompson and Mrs. Elizabeth Schneider
 For Two Years, William H. Buswell and Stephen E. Smith, and for
 Three Years, Howard L. Cushman and Charles R. Bower.

And the above named persons were severally declared elected to the office for which they were nominated.

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